



Miss Apple Blossom

Madison Marchant Miss Apple Blossom 2024

AGE: 20

HOMETOWN/LOCAL TITLE: Lebanon, Virginia (Miss Apple Blossom Festival)

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT OR SCHOOLING: An upcoming junior at Appalachian State University after graduating with my associate's degree at South West Virginia Community College in May 2024.

SCHOLASTIC/CAREER AMBITION: After graduating from Appalachian State University in 2025 with a bachelor's degree in pre-law and political science, I will be attending the Appalachian School of Law to obtain my law degree. I then will practice civil law for a minimum of 5 years, and begin a judicial campaign to become a judge in the state of Virginia.

COMMUNITY SERVICE INITIATIVE (CSI): M.A.D.D.I.E's Crown, Making Awareness of Disabilities and Disorders Invisible to the Eye

PERFORMANCE TALENT OR HERSTORY™ DESCRIPTION: COMPETITIVE CHEERLEADING ROUTINE.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: While having a part time job all throughout high school starting at 14 years old, I maintained a 4.0 GPA and was a proud member of the National Honors Society. I was placed on the A honor roll all 13 years of school, and received nearly a dozen perfect scores on SOL testing. I graduated with honors and as an early college scholar, and was an avid member of several clubs and sports teams including FBLA, MGA, the 'Buddy Club' that assisted special needs teens at my high school, the scholastic bowl, cheerleading, and tennis. I have had the honor of representing many counties as their fair queen, including Russell County Fair, Virginia-Kentucky District Fair, Tazewell County Fair, and Scott County Fair.

Through these pageants, I have gained an incredible amount of scholarship prizes, completely paying for my associate's degree and all materials needed. In addition to the community service related to my platform, M.A.D.D.I.E's Crown, I have passion for animal related community service as well; I was able to raise over \$3000 dollars in a fundraiser for my local animal shelter in memory of my beloved cat that passed away in 2021, and I funded hundreds of meals for the animals homed there.





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INTERESTING FACTS: At 18 years old I started my own business, Glam by Maddie; Professional makeup artistry for weddings, proms, and pageants. I have been competing in pageants since I was 8 months old, and I am going on my 21 year of pageantry. In March, I have the incredible opportunity to study abroad in Paris and Barcelona, and I will be meeting with international lawyers and business leaders to learn more about my future in the government.

DESCRIBE YOUR PERSONAL HEALTH INITIATIVES AND ALIGNMENT WITH #MISSAMERICAFIT: Physical fitness is incredibly important to me because staying fit not only improves my physical health, but my mental health as well. I have a strict workout regimen that helps me to maintain my fitness goals, and my morning workouts start my day with positive energy and plans for success. The goals of #MissAmericaFit are to better the lives of young women by encouraging healthy habits and improving their relationships with physical fitness; that is exactly what my views are on personal health as well.

WHAT SOCIAL ISSUE, OTHER THAN YOUR CSI, WILL HAVE THE GREATEST IMPACT ON YOUR GENERATION AND WHY? The biggest social issue today is the lack of education in today's youth. As the child of two former educators, I have seen the decline in passion and dedication that teachers require to properly educate our youth.

This is all due to underfunding of our country's public-school systems. My generation will certainly see a vast change in nearly all aspects of society because of this unfortunate situation.

NAME THREE ITEMS ON YOUR 'BUCKET LIST' IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS: My top three bucket list items for the next 5 years are to succeed in all of my scholastic and career goals, win Miss Virginia, and then win Miss America!