



Miss Chicago Scholarship Pageant *Miss Chicago's Outstanding Teen*

“Promoting scholastic achievement, creative accomplishments, healthy living, and community involvement for America’s teens.”

The Miss Chicago Scholarship Program is excited to bring you our second annual Miss Chicago's Outstanding Teen pageant. Young ladies vying for the title of Miss Chicago's Outstanding Teen will compete February 27th, 2010 at Herald Washington Library. The winner of the competition will represent Chicago at the 6th annual Miss Illinois' Outstanding Teen Pageant in May, in Springfield, IL. The winner of the Miss Illinois' Outstanding Teen pageant will go on to compete at the national level for the title of Miss America's Outstanding Teen in Orlando, Florida.

To become **Miss America's Outstanding Teen**, a contestant must first win a local competition and then compete to represent her state, a process requiring personal commitment, hard work, and talent. To compete in the Miss America's Outstanding Teen program, you need commitment, perseverance, talent and ambition.

To compete you must –

- Be a young lady between the ages of 13 and 17 (graduating seniors are not eligible for Outstanding Teen, but ARE eligible to be a Miss contestant)
- Be a United States citizen.
- Be a permanent resident of or go to school full time in the state of Illinois.
- Meet character criteria as set forth by the Miss America's Outstanding Teen Organization.
- Be in reasonably good health.
- Be able to meet the time commitment and responsibilities as set forth by the local program.
- Be ineligible to compete in the Miss America Competition.

Competition Rules

Eligibility

1. Contestant must be at least 13 by the first day of the local competition.
2. Contestant must not be older than 17 by August 31, 2009.
3. Contestant will not graduate high school before the national finals (tentatively 08/2009).
4. Contestant must be a citizen of the United States and reside in the state of Illinois.
5. Contestant must be a young lady of high moral character, integrity and standards.
6. Contestant must execute the Contestant Contract and abide by all agreements and representations contained therein.

Backstage

1. Contestants must do their own hair and make-up and dress themselves when backstage. Parents, make-up artists, hair stylists, etc. will not be allowed backstage or in the interview waiting rooms. You are more than welcome to help your teen get ready before she is dropped off. Miss Chicago may provide stylists, but nothing is finalized.
2. Hostesses will be available to assist contestants with their clothing, etc. backstage and in the interview waiting rooms.

Presentation in Interview (35%)

The ladies are questioned about their background, goals, interests, hobbies, and extracurricular activities. A community service platform is required, and can be the contestant's choice. Scoring is based on communications skills, personal appearance, and overall impression.

1. Interviews will be a total of 6 minutes. This will be with a panel of five judges. There will be no opening or closing comments just questions and answers.
2. Questions will come from a variety of areas, including but not limited to the contestant's application and fact sheet, moral/ethical issues, current events, etc. Contestants should be prepared to answer any type of question asked.

3. Contestant's wardrobe should be age appropriate. Examples of acceptable interview attire include a dress, skirt and blouse or sweater, or slacks and a nice top. No jeans please!

_On-Stage Question (5%)

1. Contestant will be asked 1 question on stage. Questions may cover any topic and will be general in nature. The objective is to evaluate the contestant's ability to think on her feet and answer a question of general interest to people her age, including, but not limited, to current events. Scoring is based on overall first impression, contestant's ability to answer the question presented, extemporaneous response, and if young people see her as a role model who is reflective of today's generation.

Artistic Expression in Talent (35%)

Some possible talents include all types of singing, dancing, instrumental music, gymnastics, baton twirling, and dramatic or comedic monologues. Scoring is based on the contestant's skill and personality, interpretive ability, technical skill level, stage presence, and the totality of all elements, including costumes, props, voice, use of body and choreography.

1. Contestant's talent must not be longer than 2 minutes (talent of your choice). Only CD accompaniment is acceptable. Make sure the contestant's name/title are on both the CD and the CD case. Please make sure only one track on CD.
2. "Live" accompaniment is not permitted. Only the contestant is permitted on-stage. No other person may be a part of her presentation though background vocals will be allowed as long as they don't overpower the contestant.
3. Talent must be performed live; pantomime and lip-sync are not permitted.
4. Tap dancers may not have accompaniment CDs with pre-recorded taps or tap sounds.
5. The sound engineer will not stop and re-start an accompaniment CD as a part of the Contestant's performance. If Contestant needs a ten second delay in her performance, then the CD should include a ten second silent spot.
6. No other tracks may be included on the accompaniment CD.
7. Background tracks will be approved by the Pageant.
8. Fire (fire ropes, fire batons, etc.), pyrotechnics, swords, knives or machetes, bow and arrow acts, and the use of live animals are strictly prohibited.

Presence and Poise in Evening Wear (15%)

Each contestant appears on-stage in an outfit of her own choosing, representative of what she would wear to a prom or other formal event. You should be dressed appropriately for a teen. Scoring is based on overall first impression, sense of confidence, personality and stage presence, posture, carriage, and grace as well as appropriateness of attire and sense of style, sense of attractiveness, beauty and charm.

1. Contestant should wear age appropriate attire that makes her feel beautiful and special.
2. Age appropriate full-length gowns or full-length pantsuits are appropriate. Shorter attire may be worn, but must be age appropriate and non-revealing when worn on a stage.

Lifestyle and Fitness (10%)

Each contestant appears briefly on stage modeling sportswear (in character) of her choosing that represents something she does to stay fit (no swimsuits). In character means that if contestant wears a jogging outfit, she would jog a few steps, etc. Scoring is based on overall first impression, display of energy, charisma, and expression, and sense of confidence and composure. The fitness of the teen, by shape of her body is not being judged. Instead her commitment to maintaining a healthy lifestyle is being evaluated.



Miss Chicago Scholarship Pageant
Outstanding Teen Application
(Please type or complete with Black Ink)

Name:

Mailing Address:

City: Zip Code:

Home Phone: Cell Phone:

E-mail:

Date of Birth: Age:

School: Grade Level:

School Mailing Address:

City: Zip Code:

Phone Number:

Talent: Vocal __ Dance __ Twirl __ Gymnastics __ Instrumental __ Monologue __ Other __

Title of Selection for Talent:

Give a Brief Description of your Talent:

Parent Signature *Required*: _____

Contestant Signature: _____

* If you are submitting this via email, your typed name on the above line is considered your signature

Complete the above application and provide the entry fee of \$150.00.
Return this page no later than January 27th, 2010 to:

look@misschicago.org or by mail to:
Cara Kokenes Samson
PO Box 5171
Bloomington, IL 61702-5171

*When your entry form has been received, you will be sent all local and state forms needed for competition.

**Please make checks payable to the Miss Chicago Scholarship Association.

***Competition paperwork will be sent as soon as completed application on this page is received.