The Miss Monroe County Scholarship Program

Proudly Presents

The Fifth Annual Miss Monroe County Outstanding Teen Pageant

Wednesday, August 18th, 2010 at the La-Z-Boy Center—Meyer Theater

RULES AND REGULATIONS

TALENT COMPETITION—35%

Contestants will be judged on stage presence, talent quality, originality and entertainment value, and age appropriateness of the routine.

1. **The talent time is 2 minutes 00 seconds! It can be shorter, but ABSOLUTELY CANNOT EXCEED 2 MINUTES 00 SECONDS.**
2. **Music must be submitted on (2)-two CD's. CD's can only contain competition music—nothing else!**
3. **CD's must be labeled with Contestant's Name, Music Title and Music Length. *(It is recommended that you also have your own back-up CD.)***
4. **The Judge's Chairman will time talent tapes during the competition, and if longer then allotted time the Contestant's score will be penalized.**

Use and Restriction of Props:

NO PROPS WILL BE PERMITTED UNLESS THEY ARE ABSOLUTELY FUNCTIONAL.

Therefore be advised…

- **No mood setters or background enhancers.**
- **No props that imitate those used in a Broadway or screen version of your music.**
- **No props or set pieces that require excessively large stage areas and complicated set-up.**
- **No use of motion pictures, slides or projection of any kind.**
- **No live animals.**
- **No props involving safety hazards, such as fire batons, sword and/or knife twirling, bow and arrow skills.**

EVENING WEAR—15%

The Evening Wear phase of competition is designed for the judge to assess the Contestant's beauty, poise, grace, and commanding stage presence. These must be projected "across the footlights." The Contestant's total look is considered. Her evening wear (not the value of the evening wear but how the Contestant looks in the evening wear) should compliment the Contestant's individuality. Each evening gown worn in the competition at the 2010 Miss Monroe County Outstanding Teen Pageant must be tasteful and appropriate for a "family-oriented" show.

ON-STAGE QUESTION—5%

The On-Stage Question phase of competition will take place while in your evening gown. The Contestant will be asked a question that will be taken from your personal interview. There is not a right or wrong answer. This is your chance to display your ability to think quickly and speak before an audience. The Contestant will be judged on Stage Presence, Age Appropriateness, Genuineness and Sincerity of Response, and Overall Impression.

PERSONAL INTERVIEW—35%

This is your personal interview with the judges and is your opportunity to let your personality shine. The interviews will take place prior to the on-stage competition. This portion of the Pageant provides you with a great opportunity to learn and develop speaking skills. For this phase of competition, please wear a "dressy casual" outfit that will show your personality and yet not be distracting as you are being interviewed for the job of Miss Monroe County's Outstanding Teen.

- **Will be no longer than 6 minutes in length.**
- **Will be conducted with the Contestant standing at a lectern.**
- **Will commence with the Contestant answering questions from a panel of five judges.**

Predicated Upon:

- **Answering of Questions posed by a panel of five judges**
- **Relevant Issues to Young Women of the 2000's.**
- **State Issues Relevant to the Contestant.**
- **Role and Responsibilities of Miss Monroe County Outstanding Teen, Miss Monroe County, Miss Michigan and Miss America.**
- **Current Events**
- **Personal Goals and Ambitions**
- **Education**
- **Talent Competition**
- **Community Service/Platform**

LIFESTYLE & FITNESS—10%

This phase gives the judge a glimpse of the contestants' daily routine and lifestyle and an opportunity to get to know them on another level. For this phase of competition, she will model fitness wear of her choosing that shows how she stays fit.

Miss Monroe County Outstanding Teen Judging Percentages

Interview	35%
On-Stage Question	5%
Talent	35%
Evening Wear	15%
Lifestyle & Fitness	10%

All competitions are scored on a scale of 1 to 10 using whole numbers with each contestant's high and low score in each category dropped by the auditors.

The five phases of competition will select the Top Five highest scoring Contestants. *[The Top Five will not be announced prior to the crowning.]* Each judge will rank the Top Five Contestants on a Final Ballot. A first place vote is worth ten points, a second place vote is worth five points, a third place vote is worth three points, and fourth place vote is worth two points and a fifth place vote is worth one point. The total of the Final Ballots alone will determine the outcome of the Pageant. The high and low scores on the Final Ballot will NOT be dropped.

GENERAL

- **ALL ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN 04/21/2010—NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- **NO HAND DELIVERED ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
- **Contestants must be between 13 and 17 years of age and be no more than an upcoming Junior in High School for the Fall of 2010.**
- **NO coaching of a contestant is allowed while she is performing. Coaching of a contestant during any portion of the competition will result in the contestant being DISQUALIFIED!**
- **Parent or Guardian should be ready to turn in a *copy* of the Contestant's Birth Certificate and Talent Music at the Parent/Contestant Orientation Meeting.**
- **The order that your daughter competes will be drawn at the Parent/Contestant Orientation Meeting.**
- **The talent that the winner competes with *must* be the talent they entertain with at the Miss Monroe County Scholarship Pageant Week the following August.**
- **At least one parent, guardian or designated representative *must* attend the Orientation Meeting.**