

2019

Miss Northern Suburbs

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Dear Contestant,

We would like to welcome you as a participant in the 2019 Miss Northern Suburbs Pageant. The pageant will be held on October 20, 2018 at the Gorton Community Center Auditorium 400 E. Illinois Road, Lake Forest, IL 60045. We are thrilled to have the Gorton Community Center sponsor our organization this year.

We will provide more information closer to the pageant date in regards to the schedule for the day of the pageant. There will be a mandatory closed rehearsal (contestants only) at 6:30pm on October 19, 2018 with location TBD. This rehearsal is when we will go through the modeling patterns for each category and the opening number. The opening number will be a simple dance routine with walking patterns to introduce the contestants. The outfit will be a black dress and heels for Miss contestants and red dress and black heels for Teen contestants. Talent tech will be conducted on Saturday before the pageant at noon. Included with this letter are some guidelines to help you prepare in each category.

We would like to thank you again for participating in the 2019 Miss Northern Suburbs Pageant. If you have any questions, please contact us at missnorthernsuburbs@gmail.com. We look forward to meeting you!

Sincerely,

Kristen Hadap

Robin Ruchti

Co-Executive Directors

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AREAS OF COMPETITION AND GUIDELINES FOR MISS

Private Interview (25%)

Each contestant participates in a **10 minute** interview with a panel of judges. Judges will question the contestant for 9 ½ minutes and then the contestant has 30 seconds to wrap up the interview and tell the judges something that was not covered during the interview. Contestants are questioned in a variety of areas including their background as presented on their resume, platform, social issues, current events, educational and career goals, interests, hobbies and extracurricular activities. Scoring is based on communication skills, personality, intelligence, knowledge of platform, personal appearance and overall “first impression”. Interview attire should be age appropriate. Attire could include dress, skirt or slacks and a blouse or nice top. Business or pageant suits are not recommended.

Lifestyle and Fitness in Swimsuit (10%)

Lifestyle and Fitness in Swimsuit is designed to see how well the contestant maintains a lifestyle of good physical health. Each contestant will model a swimsuit of her choice, either a one or two-piece. Swimsuit should be in good taste (no thong or string bikinis). Scoring is based on overall “first impression”, confidence, personality, stage presence and whether the contestant is able to “connect with the audience”.

Talent (30%)

The maximum time limit for the talent presentation is **90 seconds**. Some possible talents include all types of singing, dancing, instrumental music, gymnastics, baton twirling, and dramatic or comedic monologues. Scoring is based on overall “first impression”; technical skill level; entertainment value; interpretive ability; stage presence and on stage personality; totality of all elements including music, costume, props, voice and choreography will be evaluated.

Evening Wear (15%)

Each contestant appears on stage in a gown of her choosing. Scoring is based on overall “first impression”, sense of confidence; personality and stage presence; walk, carriage, posture, and beauty; sense of style (not the value of the evening wear).

On-Stage Question (20%)

Questions will be of a general nature. The objective is to evaluate the contestant’s ability to be a spokeswoman and answer a question of general interest, including, but not limited to, local, state, and national current events. Scoring is based on the contestant’s ability to handle pressure of speaking on stage and answering the question in the context in which it was asked.

COMPETITION RULES

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.
2. Hostesses will be available to assist the contestants with their clothing, etc. backstage and in the interview waiting rooms.

Presentation in Interview (25%)

1. Interviews will be a total of 10 minutes. This will be with a panel of judges. Judges will question the contestant for 9 ½ minutes and 30 seconds will be given to make a closing statement to wrap up the interview.
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!

Artistic Expression in Talent (30%)

1. Contestant's talent must not be longer than 90 seconds. Only CD accompaniment is acceptable. Make sure the contestant's name and title are on both the CD and the CD case. Please make sure only one track on CD.
2. There is to be no duplication of talent performances. All talent selections are on a first come first served basis.
3. "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.
4. Talent must be performed live with the judges; pantomime and lip-sync are not permitted.
5. No props. Any article brought on stage must actually be needed.
6. Tap dancers may not have accompaniment CDs with pre-recorded taps or tap sounds.
7. 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.
8. No other tracks may be included on the accompaniment CD.
9. Background tracks will be approved by the Pageant.
10. 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%)

1. Contestant should wear age appropriate attire that makes her feel beautiful and special.
2. Age appropriate full-length gowns are appropriate.

On-Stage Question (20%)

1. Contestant will be asked 1 question on stage. Questions may cover any topic.
2. Contestant will wear black dress from opening number.

Lifestyle and Fitness in Swimsuit (10%)

1. Contestant will wear a swimsuit of her choice, either a one or two-piece.
2. No thong or string bikinis.