

# 2019

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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](mailto: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 TEEN

### Private Interview (25%)

Each contestant participates in a **6 minute** interview with a panel of judges. Interview begins with the introduction of the contestant and there will be no opening or closing statement from the contestant. 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. Pageant suits are not recommended.

### Lifestyle and Fitness (15%)

Each contestant briefly appears on stage modeling sportswear. Attire should be black shorts, solid color tank top, white socks and white sneakers. Scoring is based on overall “first impression”, statement of strong physical fitness and health, display of energy, charisma and expression, sense of confidence and composure. The fitness of the teen, by the shape of her body, is not being judged. Instead her level of pursuit and dedication to maintain a healthy lifestyle is being evaluated.

### Talent (35%)

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/On-Stage Question (25%)

Each contestant appears on stage in a gown of her choosing. Gowns should be age appropriate and could be similar to what she would wear to prom or a formal event. After modeling her evening gown, she will then be presented with a question about her platform. Scoring is based on overall “first impression”, sense of confidence; personality and stage presence; walk, carriage, posture, and beauty; sense of style and age-appropriateness of attire; 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. You are more than welcome to help your teen get ready before she is dropped off.
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 6 minutes. This will be with a panel of 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!

### Artistic Expression in Talent (35% )

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 and Onstage Question (25% )

1. Contestant should wear age appropriate attire that makes her feel beautiful and special.
2. Age appropriate full-length gowns are appropriate. Shorter attire may be worn but must be age appropriate and non-revealing when worn on a stage.
3. Contestant will be asked a question about her platform.

Active Wear (15%)

1. The Contestant will wear an outfit that showcases her physical fitness. We recommend a pair of black workout shorts and a solid color tank top of the contestant's choosing. This should be something that you would wear to the gym. Athletic shoes will complete the look.