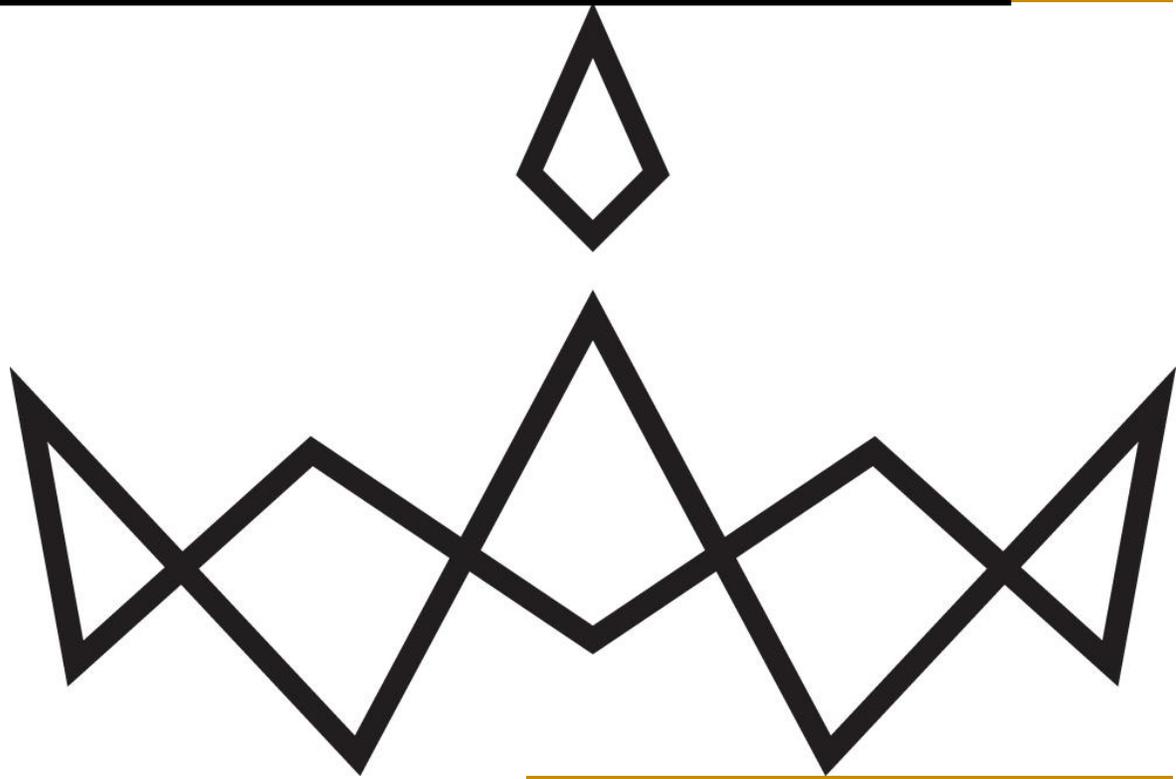


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Miss Northern Suburbs



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Dear Candidate,

We would like to welcome you as a participant in the 2023 Miss Northern Suburbs Competition. The competition will be held on October 29, 2022 at the Gorton Community Center 400 East Illinois Rd., Lake Forest, IL 60045. We thank the Gorton Center for sponsoring our venue this year.

We will provide more information closer to the competition date regarding the schedule for the day of the competition. Please reserve the entire day for the competition. There will be a mandatory closed rehearsal (candidates only) Friday, October 28, 2022 at 6:30pm at the Gorton Center. This rehearsal is when we will go through the modeling patterns for each category, opening number and talent tech. The opening number will be a simple dance routine with walking patterns to introduce the candidates. The outfit will be a black dress and heels for Miss candidates and red dress and heels for Teen candidates. 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 2023 Miss Northern Suburbs Competition. If you have any questions, please contact us at missnorthernsuburbs@gmail.com. We look forward to meeting you!

Sincerely,

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Areas of Competition and Guidelines for Miss Candidates

Private Interview (35%)

Each candidate participates in a **10 minute** interview with a panel of judges. Judges will question the candidate for 9 ½ minutes and then the candidate has 30 seconds to wrap up the interview and tell the judges something that was not covered during the interview. The private interview provides the opportunity to learn as much as possible about the candidate's qualities and attributes to fulfill the titleholder position. Candidates are questioned in a variety of areas including their background as presented on their resume, social impact initiative, social issues, current events, educational and career goals, interests, hobbies and extracurricular activities. Scoring is based on communication skills, personality, intelligence, knowledge of social impact initiative, 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.

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, voice and choreography will be evaluated.

Red Carpet (15%)

Each candidate appears on stage in a gown of her choosing. This category allows a look into how the candidate exhibits her own personal style, grace, stage presence and confidence. Scoring is based on overall "first impression", sense of confidence; personality and stage presence; walk, carriage, posture, and sense of style (not the value of the evening wear).

On-Stage Interview/Social Impact (15%)

On-Stage Interview is a continuation of the private interview. Questions will be of a general nature. The objective is to evaluate the candidate's ability to be a spokeswoman and answer a question of general interest, including, but not limited to, local, state, and national current events. The candidate will also provide a brief 30 second statement about her social impact initiative. Scoring is based on the candidate's ability to handle pressure of speaking on stage, stage presence, commanding presence, relatability and answering the question in the context in which it was asked.

Competition Rules

Backstage

1. Candidates 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 candidates with their clothing, etc. backstage and in the interview waiting rooms.

Presentation in Interview (35%)

1. Interviews will be a total of 10 minutes. This will be with a panel of judges. Judges will question the candidate 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 candidate's application and fact sheet, moral/ethical issues, current events, etc. Candidates should be prepared to answer any type of question asked.
3. Candidate'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!

Talent (35%)

1. Candidate's talent must not be longer than 90 seconds. Only music track accompaniment is acceptable. Make sure the candidate's name is in the title of the mp3 file before sending to the Miss Northern Suburbs Organization.
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 candidate 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 candidate.
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 music with pre-recorded taps or tap sounds.

7. The sound engineer will not stop and re-start music track as a part of the candidate's performance. If candidate needs a ten second delay in her performance, then the music should include a ten second silent spot.
8. Background tracks will be approved by the Miss Northern Suburbs Organization.
9. Fire (fire ropes, fire batons, etc.), pyrotechnics, swords, knives or machetes, bow and arrow acts, and the use of live animals are strictly prohibited.

Evening Wear/("Red Carpet") (15%)

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

On-Stage Interview/Social Impact (15%)

1. Candidate will be asked 1 question on stage. Questions may cover any topic.
2. Candidate will then provide a brief 30 second statement about her social impact initiative.
3. Candidate will wear black dress from opening number.