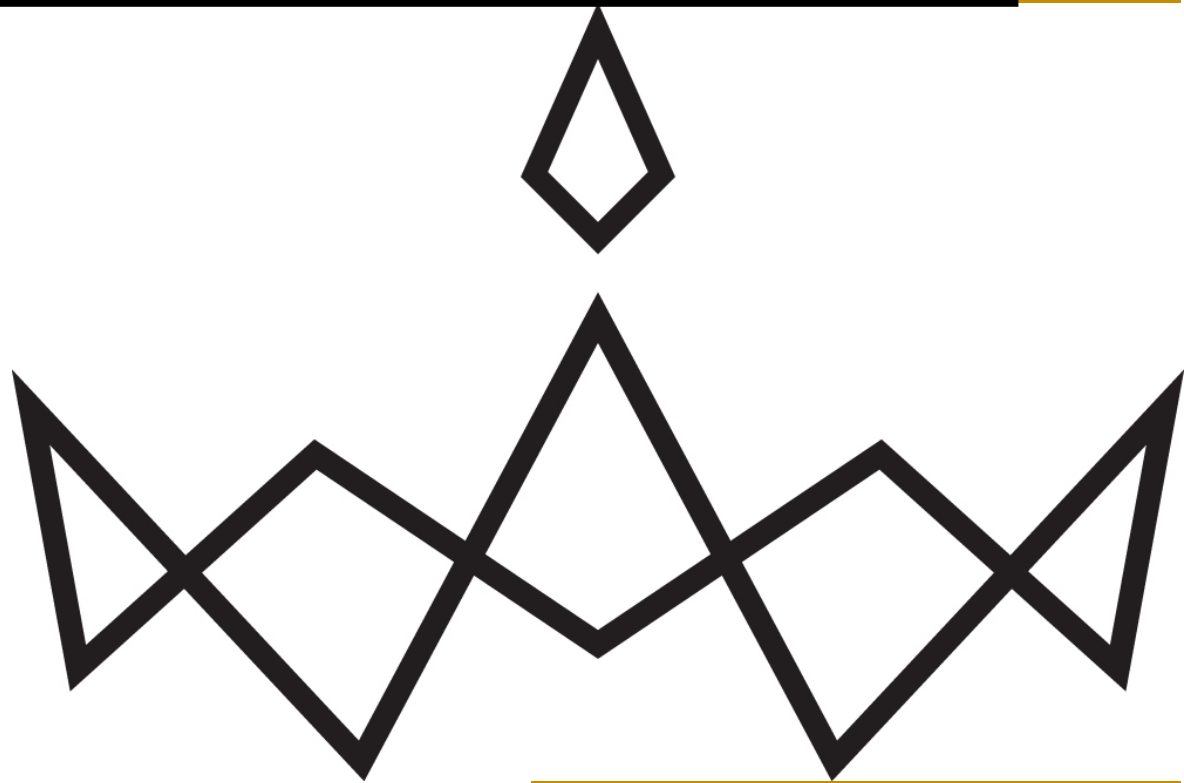


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Dear Candidate,

We would like to welcome you as a participant in the 2020 Miss Northern Suburbs Competition. The competition will be held on October 19, 2019 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 competition date in regard to the schedule for the day of the competition. There will be a mandatory closed rehearsal (candidates only) at 6:30pm on October 18, 2019 at the Gorton Community Center Auditorium. 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 black 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 2020 Miss Northern Suburbs Competition. 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 TEEN

Private Interview (25%)

Each candidate participates in a **6-minute** interview with a panel of judges. Interview begins with the introduction of the candidate and there will be no opening or closing statement from the candidate. Candidates 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 candidate 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 candidate 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; candidate’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. 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. You are more than welcome to help your teen get ready before she is dropped off.
2. Hostesses will be available to assist the candidates 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 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!

Artistic Expression in 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.

Presence and Poise in Evening Wear and Onstage Question (25%)

1. Candidate 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. Candidate will be asked a question about her platform.

Active Wear (15%)

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