

2026 International Cinderella Pageant

Participant Handbook



Congratulations on being invited to attend Cinderella Internationals!

WE WELCOME YOU!

You can be proud to have earned an invitation to attend the Cinderella Scholarship Pageant's International Finals. This is a once in a lifetime experience that you will never forget. International Finals Week is one of excitement, fun and fantasy... all wrapped into the most elaborately staged pageant event of its kind in the world. Cinderella is an outlet for recognition and achievement for young ladies who have the desire to become their best selves. Perhaps the most important aspect of the pageant is not the winning of the crown but the making of friendships with girls from around the world... friendships that will last a lifetime! We know that you will enjoy your experience and our staff stands ready to make this a memorable occasion for you and your family.

WHAT THIS HANDBOOK CONTAINS

This Participant Handbook is an important part of your International Pageant Paperwork. You will find the Rules and Regulations regarding your International Pageant Competition

as well as information on prizes and awards. Please make every effort to read through these pages carefully as they will answer many of the questions you might have about the Pageant.

INTERNATIONAL DEPOSIT FORM & ENTRY FORM

Immediately following your state or national pageant it is necessary to fill out the "Deposit Form" (or the full Entry Form) and return it with a \$250 Deposit in order for us to reserve your place at the International Pageant. Additionally, if you return your Deposit promptly, you are eligible for a \$150 Discount. If you neglect to send in your deposit in a timely fashion, you will forfeit this Discount. Instead of the Deposit Form you may send in your Entry Form with the \$250 Deposit.

Additionally, please have your Entry Forms, talent music, Photo Roster photo and advertising in our office no later than the deadline listed on the Entry Forms.

**These
things
are
important!**

1. Payment - Payments made before the deadline date on the Entry Forms can be by credit or debit card only. **Payments made at the International Pageant must be made in Cash or Credit/Debit Card... no checks will be accepted.**

2. Hotel Incidental Charges- Cinderella will have your Hotel paid for you upon your arrival. **HOWEVER, it is the general practice of Hotels to require guests to submit a Credit Card as a deposit against any incidental charges that you may place on your room (food, beverage, etc.) Be prepared to have a "hold" of \$150.00 or more placed on your card. This money will only be used if you make charges to your hotel room.**

2. Miniature Miss thru Woman Divisions Talent Music - Email your music or recordings that you will use for your Talent presentation. Also, you must turn in at Registration a "thumb drive" with your music in .mp3 format. **MAKE SURE** that your Talent Presentation is no longer than 2 minutes 30 seconds! (2:30)

Forms Included on our Website for download:

- **Entry Forms** – The official Entry Forms for the International Pageant.
- **Participant Handbook** – (this document) Contains information concerning pageant Rules and Regulations. Read Carefully!
- **Schedule** – A Tentative Schedule of Events... be aware that there might be some minor changes made to this schedule. Pick up a copy of the Final Schedule of Events at Registration.
- **Guest Housing Form** – A guest may use this Form to reserve a room and receive our special “event rates” with the hotel. It can be used for food and event tickets as well.
- **Photo Order Form** – Photographer’s Photo Package
- **Video Order Form** – Video Order Form.
- **AAMTC or Cameo Girl Entry Form** – These fun competitions take place in the days immediately before the International Pageant. The judges are different than those for Cinderella, so the outcome of these events have no effect on the outcome of Cinderella. Come a few days early and get in on the fun and excitement!

Did You Know?

Cover Girl Winners are selected from girls who have purchased Additional Advertising in the Souvenir Program Book. Also, past and present Cover Girl Winners are permanently listed in our Cover Girl Hall of Fame, which is seen in all State, National and International Program Books. Another great thing about purchasing an Ad Page is that if you should win the Overall Title for your age division you will win an extra \$500.00 Cash Award!



MEAL FUNCTIONS & PARTIES

(The Meal Functions and Parties listed below are included for the participant & her chaperone. They may be purchased separately for Guests.)

It is important that participants and chaperones attend all official meal functions and parties. Judges are allowed to attend these events. Proper attire is listed for participants for each of these events:

Welcome Banquet -

One of the most impressive events of the International Finals is the glamorous Welcome Banquet held on the opening day of the pageant. A highlight of the evening is the introduction of the International pageant staff, judges panel and special guest stars and the grand entrance of the reigning Cinderella International Royalty. Extra tickets **MUST** be ordered in advance... they **WILL NOT** be sold at the Pageant. In order to attend **ALL** individuals must have a ticket! *Attire: Sunday Dress/Cocktail Dress.*

Cinderella Fair Luncheon -

A favorite part of pageant week is the Cinderella Fair Luncheon... its a meal with a carnival atmosphere! A great time for participants to take their minds off of competition and enjoy a hotdogs and corn dogs as well as a cake walk with prizes! It's fun for both children and parents alike. For Guests, a Food Package Plan is required. No separate tickets are available. *Attire: wear your Cinderella T-Shirt and shorts!*

Cinderella Souvenir Party

This is the party where you pick up your “Goody Bag” and see what special gifts your Cinderella sisters have given you. No need to dress up... if you don't already know the Disco Cindy dance you are about to learn! For Guests, a Food Package Plan is required. No separate tickets are available. *Attire: Cinderella T-Shirt and shorts!*

Prince Gilbert Party

Cinderella's own Prince Charming, His Royal Majesty, Prince Gilbert, has been turned into a Frog! Will your kiss be the one that turns him back into a handsome Prince? You will have to kiss him to find out! *Attire: Cinderella T-Shirt and shorts!*

Wild West Party

Having the International Pageant in Texas wouldn't be complete without a trip to the Cinderella Ranch and having an old fashioned western hoe-down. So come on and have a rip-roaring good time with all of your favorite Cinderella Cowgirls! For Guests, a Food Package Plan is required. No separate tickets are available. *Attire: Cinderella T-Shirt and shorts!*

Royalty Reception

A formal “farewell” reception that is hosted by the reigning royalty. Wear your Crowns, Banners and favorite Royalty dress/gown and come wish a fond “adieu” to our International Royalty. Additionally, Contestants-At-Large will be crowned to represent Cinderella in their areas for the upcoming year. For Guests, a Food Package Plan is required. No separate tickets are available. *Attire: Crowns, Banners & Royalty Dress/gown!*

Awards Dinner Banquet

The climax of the International Pageant is this Official meal and awards ceremony. It is the time when the participant's family and friends may applaud her accomplishments and those of her new friends! The highlight of this event is the presentation of the Photogenic Girl,



Talent and Cinderella Beauty awards and their alternates. In addition, Judges' Special Recognition Awards are also given out. Tickets for family, friends and guests can be purchased in advance or no later than Registration for this meal. Attire: Sunday Dress/ Cocktail Dress/ Competition Partywear or Formalwear.

GUEST FOOD & HOUSING PLANS

Guests may reserve their hotel accommodations thru Cinderella and receive the benefits of our reduced convention rates. Additionally, Food Tickets or Competition Tickets may also be purchased by using the (optional) Guest Food & Housing Form that can be downloaded on Cinderella's Official Website cinderellapageant.com

All Food Package Plans MUST be ordered in advance of Registration!

SOUVENIR GIFTS

A memorable part of the International Finals is the exchanging of souvenir gifts with other participants. You will need to bring a minimum of 100 gifts for the participants in your age division, staff, judges and the reigning queens. These souvenir gifts are tokens of friendship from you and your area and may be donated to you by your city, state, Chamber of Commerce or the merchants of your area. They **SHOULD NOT** be expensive; however, they may not be brochures or literature of any kind. Simple, small, and thoughtful items are desired and will be treasured. Each gift should be personalized with your name, title and best wishes (NO ADDRESSES, PLEASE).

Upon arrival, the gifts should be taken to your room for storage until time for distribution. Bring a sample souvenir gift with you to be turned in during registration. Gifts will be distributed by the chaperones prior to the special "Souvenir Party" listed on the schedule.

Use your imagination in preparing your souvenir gifts. We have found that the ideas are limitless. Some of the best gifts in the past have actually been made by the participants and their families. Remember, it is not the expense of the gift that is important, but rather the thought behind the gift that really makes it meaningful. Come on and join in the fun and help make this year's souvenir gift bags the most clever and creative in our history. Your souvenir gift is **NOT** a scored part of the competition.

JUDGING

The adjudication at the Cinderella International Finals is always of the highest quality with an experienced panel of judges using a point and consultation system. The judges' decision is always final and no posting of ballots or rating is permitted. We do not provide score sheets or comments. Please do not ask the Judges for personal comments after the pageant as they are **NOT ALLOWED TO GIVE PERSONAL CRITIQUES**.

All participants compete in Interview, Party dress (formalwear for Cinderella Teen and Cinderella Woman participants) and Casualwear... thus making them eligible for all Cinderella Beauty awards. Those participants who also compete in Talent (onstage interview for the 3-6 age division) will also be eligible for the Overall Titles and Talent Awards (Tot Personality Award for the 3-6 age division). All participants will introduce themselves at the microphone during their Casualwear presentation.

The judges will **NOT** be searching for a "miniature adult" in the children's divisions. Likewise, the judges will **NOT** be looking for a "college-age" prototype in the teen division. The Cinderella Scholarship Program is looking for a natural, wholesome type of winner to

carry the official Cinderella international title. The International Talent Winner, Tot Personality Winner and Beauty winners will be selected from the preliminary rounds of competition and do not have to be one of the top Ten Semi-finalists. The judges will select a Top Five in each age division to re-compete in the final night show for the selection of the Int'l Overall Winners.

NOTE: Grooming, manners, and interaction with other contestants are important at all times. Your pageant week wardrobe (other than your presentation garments) should be casual... but neat! **DO NOT** over dress for informal occasions... **HAVE FUN!**

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF A REIGNING STATE OVERALL WINNER

Winners of a State Cinderella title are to conduct themselves with the dignity of the important title they hold. Additionally, they **MUST** attend the International Pageant the year they win their State Title. The failure of a State Overall Winner to proceed to the International Pageant will cause automatic forfeiture of the State title and all rights thereof. If an Overall Winner does not represent her State at the International Pageant the first alternate will be eligible to fill the position and will assume the Overall Title. A State Overall Winner who does not attend the International Pageant, will not only forfeit her State Title, but will be banned from further competition in the Cinderella Program on any level... Local, State or International. International Overall Winners may not compete in other pageants until they have crowned their successor and must agree to abide by all rules and regulations governing official pageant winners.

CONDUCT

At Cinderella Pageants the emphasis is placed on participants and adults displaying good manners and grooming, listening to instructions, adjusting to conditions, maintaining discipline and dependability, and above all, displaying excellent sportsmanship at all times. A parent, guest or participant who conducts themselves in an unsportsmanlike / unladylike manner (either before, during, or after an official Cinderella Pageant) will be subject to immediate dismissal from the pageant system. Such conduct by the participant will mean forfeiture of all awards and titles.

Because the Cinderella Scholarship Pageant is a youth development program and a "family affair", the following rules and regulations will be enforced throughout the event. No Alcoholic

Beverages will be allowed in or around the staging area. This rule is enforced at every level of the pageant system and includes participants, parents, staff and guests viewing the event. Any violation of this rule will mean immediate disqualification from the Cinderella Program. All participants, chaperones and guests MUST observe housing rules and curfews imposed by the pageant.

SMOKING BY PARTICIPANTS IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED. Likewise, the NO SMOKING rule will be enforced in and around the staging area for the health and well-being of the participants and those who do not smoke. Smoking will be permitted only in designated areas. Participants, chaperones and guests who cannot observe the rules of the pageant are asked not to attend.

NOTE: Disqualification from the Cinderella Pageant is a serious matter. If a participant is disqualified, she will not be eligible for a refund.

PAGEANT STANDARDS

Artificial hair and false eyelashes are not allowed in the Cinderella 3-12 age divisions, unless it is the result of a medical necessity (i.e. illness, chemotherapy, etc.). This does not apply to talent presentations. Please note the judges have been instructed to use discretion in determining whether a participant has violated this rule and if such artifices are immediately discernible to the judges' panel, the contestant may be disqualified. Cosmetic dentistry is permissible. The use of cosmetics is allowed in all age brackets; however, makeup MUST be appropriate for the participant's age category. PLEASE NOTE: Tots MAY NOT wear makeup for Interview! Heavier makeup may be worn under strong stage lights. A "standard of modesty" must be maintained throughout the pageant (includes casualwear, talent and party dress / formalwear competition and casual wear around the event). Garment removal is not allowed on stage in modeling. Props, such as tennis rackets, hats, purses, etc., are not allowed in modeling presentations, but are acceptable in talent presentations if the item is **necessary** for the talent being presented. In Talent, the prop must be USED in the routine and CANNOT simply be a piece of decoration or scenery.

LIMITATIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY

The pageant will NOT assume the responsibility for lost articles or personal property and is NOT responsible for accidents, mishaps or the personal care or supervision of participants. This is the sole responsibility of the chaperone. Although the pageant's official registration/insurance coverage does cover medical expense of accidents (NOT ILLNESS) during the pageant, the pageant does NOT assume any liability or responsibility beyond the limitations of the Cinderella Registration & Insurance Program. Each participant's parents or official guardian MUST sign the liability release form attached to Entry Forms.

PHOTOGENIC GIRL

All participants compete for the "Photogenic Girl" award for their age division. The photo may not be larger than an 8x10. The original photo MUST be turned in at registration (**Do Not Mail Photo To Office**). Please note that the submitted photo becomes the property of the Cinderella Scholarship Program and will be used by the judges panel for reference and judging and may be used for publicity before, during and after the pageant. Don't write directly on the photo! These photos will in no way affect the adjudication for the Overall, Talent or Beauty titles; however, the photo should be as attractive as possible.

The Photogenic Girl competition is an important part of the Cinderella International Finals. It was designed to give recognition to those young ladies with special photographic qualities and creativity and has become a valuable asset to those participants seeking careers in the modeling industry. The Photogenic Girl in each age division will be selected on the following basis: Photographic beauty, captured personality or mood, composition and the technical quality of the photograph.

Photographs should not include trophies, crowns or banners won at a previous pageant. Also, the participant should take care that the photo is a recent one and that it closely resembles the participant as she will look during her International Pageant competition (i.e. age, hair style/color, etc) Please remember that the judges use these photos not only for the Photogenic Competition but also as a reference tool during their deliberations. While Cinderella makes every effort to return the Photogenic Photos before the end of the pageant, the pageant cannot be held responsible for any photo that is lost or damaged.

The Participant is responsible for getting any releases necessary for the submitted photograph to be reprinted in the program book and other Cinderella promotions. It will be assumed that these necessary permissions and releases have been obtained on any photo submitted to Cinderella.

PROGRAM BOOK PHOTO ROSTER PHOTOS

Photos that are featured in the Program Book in the Photo Roster section must be in digital format and emailed with your forms to the International Cinderella Office. Do not mail these photos.

TALENT (Cinderella Miniature Miss, Cinderella Miss, Cinderella Teen and Cinderella Woman age divisions only)

NOTE: We ask you to email Talent Music (.mp3 file format) to: entries@cinderellapageant.com . ALSO, BRING A THUMB DRIVE OF YOUR MUSIC AND HAND IN AT REGISTRATION.

The Talent Competition is required if the participant wishes to vie for the Cinderella Overall Title in her age division. Please read the following instructions and rules carefully!



Did You Know?

All participants who attend the International Pageant compete on an equal basis. What this means to you is that the judges are not informed of past awards received in the program... this allows State Overall Winners, Beauty Winners, Talent Winners, Photogenic Winners, Special Award Winners and even Contestants-At-Large to compete as equals. Anyone is eligible to win awards at the International Pageant without regard to the other titles and awards the participant may have received in the past! Cinderella prides itself on its emphasis on fairness and integrity!

General Guidelines -

The main stage will not be available for individual talent rehearsals prior to competition. However, the pageant will provide a room at the host hotel where talent rehearsals may take place. This rehearsal room will have a piano available. Please note that this is NOT the piano that will be used at the Theater.

Talent presentations or costumes of a suggestive nature will mean automatic disqualification from competition. Discretion should be used in selecting talent material that is too mature or "adult" for the participant's age division. This includes song lyrics, costumes, dance choreography, etc.

The curtain will remain open during the entire preliminary talent competition and a stage crew member will be on hand to help with props. No special colored lighting will be allowed during preliminary talent competition.

Participants are responsible for providing their own piano accompanist if needed.

Recorded Music -

We no longer accept music on CD (Compact Disk). Music emailed in .mp3 format before deadline. You must turn in a "thumb drive" at registration with an .mp3 file of your music **MAKE SURE THAT THIS IS THE ONLY FILE ON THE THUMB DRIVE!** You must keep your own copy of your performance music to rehearse with.

The judges will consider the quality of recordings in talent judging. **Our sound technician cannot "stop" the recorded audio for dialogue, etc.** Dialogue/vocal may be timed to a continuously playing audio track that has a "blank" space in the recording to allow for a void in the musical accompaniment if the talent requires such. Music should be edited to stop at the end of the talent presentation.

Length of Performance -

Talent presentations should average about two (2) minutes in length and CANNOT EXCEED TWO AND ONE HALF (2:30) MINUTES. Overtime talents will be automatically disqualified from receiving any talent award and the participant will NOT be eligible for the Overall Award, Top-Five Finalist Award or Top 10 Semi-Finalist Award.

Microphones -

Both a handheld and a headset ("countryman") microphone will be available for use during your talent presentation for vocal performances. All talent presentations which include a singing or speaking part **MUST** use a microphone. For participants using instruments, direct plugs will be provided, but must be approved in advance of the pageant. Additionally, an external mic can be used to amplify instruments. No outside microphones will be allowed.

Props -

Props are discouraged as they tend to remove focus from the participant and her performance and should it malfunction, the prop could negatively impact the score of the participant. Props are only allowed if the prop is necessary for the talent to be performed (i.e. a working prop). Scenery props are not allowed.

2. Props (other than musical instruments) must be self-contained and require no electricity.

3. All props must be small enough to be carried onto the stage by no more than one (1) person making one trip onstage to place

the prop. Only Official Cinderella Staff will be allowed onstage to place the prop. In advance of the performance, either the participant or a chaperone should speak to one of our staff backstage to explain placement of the prop.

4. All equipment necessary for a performance, other than a piano, sound equipment and microphones will be the sole responsibility of the performer. Due to building regulations, the use of fire, sharp juggling knives or water is strictly prohibited. Additionally, any act that is considered dangerous to the performer, staff or audience will be prohibited. This includes routines that include "silks" or other acrobatic equipment that would place the performer at risk of serious injury.

5. Acrobatic mats are limited to one (1) regulation size mat. The runway may NOT be used for talent presentation.

6. Nothing may be used in a performance that would result in the stage having to "go dark" for cleaning. This includes but is not limited to, glitter, items thrown out or spread across stage, paint, etc. If you have questions regarding this, do not hesitate to contact our office.

6. The pageant does not assume any responsibility for loss or damage to props.

Props MUST be retrieved immediately following the Grand Finals on Friday evening. Report back stage to pick up your prop. (Props will NOT be available for pickup during the show.) Once the theater has been closed and locked for the evening, there will be no opportunity to pick up props, as the Cinderella Organization will have no access to re-enter the theater complex. All props not picked up immediately following the show will be discarded by theater staff. Cinderella accepts no responsibility for props left at the theater.

TOT PERSONALITY

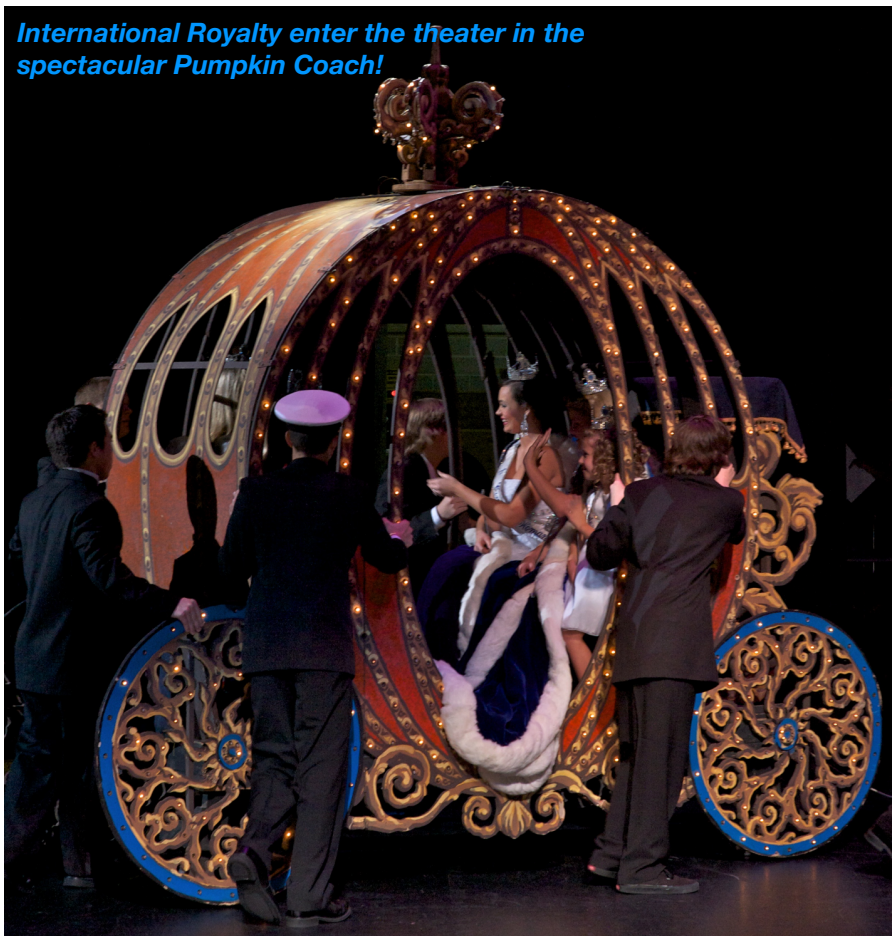
(Cinderella Tot age division only)

Instead of performing a talent, the Cinderella Tot participants compete in an onstage interview. During the onstage interview the participant will be required to make a personal statement about herself giving her name, age and hometown. The master-of-ceremonies will then ask her a few questions relating to the information on her biographical sketch. The onstage interview was designed to encourage participants to develop their skills in communication and personality projection. This is not meant to be an intelligence test, but rather, it is designed to display the communication skills and the personality of the Cinderella Tot being interviewed. The participant with the best onstage interview will be named the International Tot Personality Winner.

CINDERELLA BEAUTY WINNERS

The Cinderella Beauty is a very important part of the pageant system. The Cinderella Beauty winners and alternates are selected from their ranking in Interview, Partydress/Formalwear and Casualwear. The Cinderella Beauty Title is about more than just physical "beauty". Judges will be asked to consider the "total contestant" and not just physical appearance. Inner beauty, grooming, poise, stage presence and self-confidence are important parts of the judging criteria to select a Cinderella Beauty Winner. Garment choice also plays a role in the score. As mentioned throughout this handbook, age appropriate attire is required and expected. The garment selected should also be

International Royalty enter the theater in the spectacular Pumpkin Coach!



visually appealing in cut, color and style. Also, the garment selected should be able to be confidently worn to a “real life” event. The participant should ask herself the following, “Is this something I can wear to a place other than a pageant”. If the answer is “Yes”, then it should be appropriate for Cinderella.

MODELING PROCEDURE

The official CINDERELLA RUNWAY/MODELING MUSIC will be used at the International Finals for all the Casualwear and Partydress/Formalwear modeling competitions. The music is precisely timed so that each participant has approximately the same amount of time on the runway. The music contains electronic tones, rhythm voids, and chimes that signal the start, stops, turns and finish of the modeling presentation. Official modeling music is available at a nominal cost so that the participant may practice with the music before attending the International Finals. The music includes ten Casualwear and ten Partydress/Formalwear selections with electronic tones and signals. Also included is a musical "collective judging" segment with entrance music, timed quarter turns and exit music. Also included is an instruction sheet on "How To Model" at an official Cinderella Pageant.

The music contains twenty-one professionally produced songs recorded in stereo with a full orchestra. Every participant will feel comfortable on the Cinderella stage with the music she has practiced to at home. Cinderella modeling music can be ordered on Page 2 of entry forms or send \$15.00 to Cinderella's International Headquarters and music will be sent to you via email in digital format.

TEEN & CINDERELLA WOMAN CONGENIALITY

One of the most sought-after awards given in the Cinderella Teen and Cinderella Woman divisions is the Congeniality Award. The Congeniality Winner is selected by the other contestants in her division as the friendliest and most cooperative participant during pageant week. Voting will take place immediately following the last rehearsal for the final night show. Both awards will be announced at the Awards Banquet.

Other Wardrobe

Welcome Banquet – Should be a nice dress. Teen and Woman participants may wear formal or cocktail length dresses. This should NOT be your competition dress.

Evening Parties – These are very casual events and we suggest shorts and T-Shirts or other casual attire. T-Shirts and fun Cinderella branded items can be found at the Gift Shop and are perfect for these events.

Cindy Fair – Very casual clothing. Shorts and T-shirts are great! Again, the Gift Shop is a great way to spice up your Cinderella Themed wardrobe!

Farewell Reception – You may wear your Cinderella Crown and Banner to this event. A white dress is preferable, but any color is acceptable.

Awards Banquet – You may wear the dress you wore at the Welcome Banquet or any other nice dress of your choice. The Banquet will immediately follow the Final Night Show so you can even wear your Competition dress or partydress.



PRIZES & SCHOLARSHIPS

CINDERELLA TOT THRU TEEN AGE DIVISIONS

Overall Cinderella Winners - International trophy, banner, round crown, robe, scepter, flowers and wardrobe gifts, \$4000 Cash College Scholarship, Cinderella Diamond Pendant, a fantastic International Royalty Trip, a paid trip back to reign at the following year's International Pageant... the trip includes transportation, hotel and food for both the International Royalty and her female chaperone. \$500.00 Cash Bonus for each overall winner selling one page of additional "Cover Girl" advertising • **Semi-Finalists** - Official Cinderella International Semi-finalist trophies • **Top Five Finalists** - Cinderella International trophy • • **Cinderella Talent & Tot Personality Winners** - Int'l trophy, banner, round crown, flowers, \$1,000 educational scholarship • **Cinderella Beauty Winners** - Int'l trophy, banner, round crown, flowers, \$1,000 educational scholarship • **Cinderella "Cover Girl" Winners** - International Trophy, Banner and Crown. **Photogenic Girl Winners** - International crown, trophy, banner, \$500 educational scholarship • **Teen Congeniality** - International trophy; Banner and \$100.00 cash award.

CINDERELLA WOMAN AGE DIVISION AWARDS

Overall Winner - \$5,000 Cash Award*, Round Crown, Trophy, Banner, Robe, Scepter, Flowers and Wardrobe Gifts, Cinderella Diamond Pendant, a fantastic International Royalty Trip, a paid trip back to reign at the following year's International Pageant... the trip includes transportation, hotel and food for both the International Royalty and her female chaperone. \$500.00 Cash Bonus for each overall winner selling one page of additional "Cover Girl" advertising. *NOTE: Cash Prizes are based on the following: 30 or more participants - \$5,000; 20-29 participants - \$4,000; 15-19 participants - \$3,000; 10 - 14 participants - \$2,000; 5-9 participants - \$1,000 • **Semi-Finalists** - Official Cinderella International Semi-finalist trophy **Top 5 Finalists** - Official Cinderella trophy • **Beauty Winner** - Round Crown, Trophy and Banner • **Talent Winner** - Round Crown, Trophy and Banner • **Photogenic Winner** - Round Crown, Trophy and Banner • **Cover Girl Winner** - Round Crown, Trophy and Banner • **Cinderella Woman Congeniality** - International trophy and Banner and \$100.00 cash award.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT AWARD

Community Support Award - ONE (1) \$500.00 Cash Community Support Award will be given to the participant from the Tot through Woman Divisions The Winner is determined by the participant who has the most in Advertising Sales. This is determined by the dollar amount of the Ads sold by that individual. In the event of a tie, the Cover Girl Judge will select the winner. The Judge will base their decision on who, in the Judge's opinion, had the most unique and creative Ads submitted. In addition, she will receive an International Trophy, Round Crown and Banner.

CINDERELLA COVER GIRL

One of the most exciting and innovative features of the International Finals is the special Cinderella Cover Girl contest. This award was designed to give special recognition to participants whose photos appear on additional advertising pages. A separate panel of judges will select a winner in each age division prior to the pageant. Judging will be based on the participant's photogenic beauty and personality, photographic creativity and the quality of the photograph. Participants may enter as many photos as they desire so long as they appear on an additional full page or 1/2 page of advertising that they have purchased in the souvenir program book. The winning photograph in each age division will appear on the special Cover Girl page in the front section of the program book. These winners, along with the other contestants who are also vying for the Cinderella Cover Girl title, will also be eligible to win the Community Support Award for the participant selling the most advertising (see "Additional Advertising").

AMATEUR MODEL & TALENT COMPETITION (AAMTC) and CAMEO GIRL PAGEANT

A highlight of the International Finals will be AAMTC and the Cameo Girl Pageant which is scheduled on the Saturday and Sunday directly preceding the International Cinderella Pageant. An AAMTC/Cameo Girl Pageant entry blank is included on our website for your use.

Housing for participants during these competitions is found on the Entry Form. If you are also a Cinderella Participant, please include the additional housing needs on your Cinderella Forms. Often, parents find that they can save enough to pay for their AAMTC entry fees and the extra night lodging by arriving on Friday or Saturday which is a DISCOUNT DAY for most airlines. Don't miss this chance to win big prizes and awards! For practice, purchase the AAMTC Modeling Music: \$15.00.

SELECTING YOUR WARDROBE

Cinderella stresses "real clothes on real people". In other words, your party dress, should be something that a person your age would ACTUALLY WEAR to a formal event.... NOT a dress that could only be worn to a pageant (the same thing applies to Interview and Casualwear garments). Garments chosen should be in good taste and appropriate for the participant's age.

Cinderella Pageants were not designed to be a "clothes show" and your pageant wardrobe should be kept simple and appropriate for your age group. The judges will be

JUDGE'S SPECIAL AWARDS

Of great significance are the Judge's Special Awards for each age division at the International Finals. These awards are given to those participants who may not have received any of the major awards at the International Pageant but who, in the Judges' opinions, deserve special recognition. These awards are drawn from performances in Interview, Casualwear Modeling, Partywear/Formalwear Modeling, Talent and Tot Personality as well as from the Judges' personal observations of the participants throughout pageant week. These awards are treasured by the recipients as they represent some of the outstanding qualities of the individual participant and the express recognition for a "job well done" at the International level.

judging the participants and NOT their wardrobes. Flaunting an OVERLY EXPENSIVE WARDROBE is often detrimental to the participant's image as a wholesome, unaffected and "natural" girl. The judges often see the participants between judging sessions, so having a neat appearance at all times is important. Every participant will have garments in her own wardrobe that are appropriate for the International Pageant (having all new clothes is not necessary). Shorts and Cinderella T-shirts are an excellent choice of wardrobe for our casual parties

COMPETITION WARDROBE:

Please note that Cinderella stresses "real clothes on real people", therefore the wardrobe that you select should reflect current trends in clothing for your particular age group. Naturally, good taste and a sense of modesty should be a part of selecting the wardrobe. The garments selected should be something that the participant could wear again to an actual "real life" function.

Interview with Judges -

Tot, Miniature Miss and Miss Age divisions: A casual garment of your choice. The garment might be a casual skirt and blouse, a casual dress or pants and blouse.

Teen & Woman Age Divisions: A tailored business suit or dress is appropriate.

Casualwear Modeling -

All age divisions: The garment can be "dresy casual" and may include pants, blouse, casual dress, casual jackets. (No purses or handbags.)

Partywear/Formalwear Modeling -

Tot, Miniature Miss and Miss Age divisions: The hemline may be above or below the knee, but may NOT be formal (full) length. Some examples might be an Easter Sunday or First Communion dress for the youngest division. For older divisions, a dress that she might wear to a family wedding would be appropriate. Any color is acceptable.

Teen & Woman Age divisions: The hemline must be formal (full) length. Additionally, it should be age appropriate. Teens should not look like the older participants in the , Woman Division.

Tot Personality: The garment can be any garment of your choice. However, it should be stylish, age appropriate and comfortable to sit in. Also, it should enhance the personality of the child.

Talent Competition:

Miniature Miss, Miss, Teen & Woman Age divisions: The garment chosen should be appropriate for the talent being performed. It may be a costume. As always, it should be stylish but age appropriate.

CINDERELLA REGISTRATION INSURANCE PROGRAM

All participants, chaperones and staff members must be covered by the Cinderella Registration & Insurance Program. The Cinderella Insurance Coverage includes coverage during the pageant for accidents (illness is not included) as stipulated in the official rules and regulations. Participants and chaperones who have registered with the insurance program at an official local,

district or state pageant during the current pageant year will NOT be required to register again since the coverage extends throughout the International Finals. NOTE: Participants and chaperones who have not previously registered will be required to register to participate in the International Finals and MUST pay the Registration & Insurance Fee (see entry forms.). Benefits include: \$5,000 accidental death and dismemberment and \$1,000 blanket accident medical expense (accidents only). Not covered: War, suicide, act of terrorism, natural disaster, an act of armed forces or an act of God.

SCHOLARSHIP RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Scholarship certificates are not presented and Scholarships do not become available until the end of the recipient's reign and after she has fulfilled all of the obligations to her International title. If any of the rules listed below are not followed, the scholarship will be forfeited.

2. Any winner that does not fulfill the obligations to her title or has not followed the rules and regulations as stipulated in the official *Participant Rules and Regulations* document under the section, "What Is Expected Of A Winner," is subject to the cancellation of her scholarship.

3. Scholarship recipients become eligible for their scholarships upon registration at any Cinderella approved state accredited college or university. The Cinderella Scholarship recipient should notify Cinderella International Headquarters of their registration and request an official claim form. Please note that the approval of a college or university for scholarship disbursement is based on their accreditation by one of the six regional associations of schools and colleges (Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, New England Association of Schools and Colleges, North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, Northwest Accreditation Commission, Western Association of Schools and Colleges and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools), each of which is responsible for accrediting institutions of higher learning in a specified portion of the United States and its territories. Your college or university MUST currently maintain accreditation with one of the associations listed above in order for money to be paid to them by the Cinderella Scholarship Program. For recipients not attending a College or University in the United States or if a recipient is unsure if the college or university you plan to attend meets the criteria above, please contact the Cinderella International Office. Correspondence/Internet Study is not covered by this scholarship!

4. Within six (6) months from the date of receiving this Scholarship or her graduation from an accredited high school, the scholarship recipient must be enrolled as a full time student and attending an accredited College or University.

Additionally, she must apply for the first scholarship payment within this six (6) month window. If she fails to submit a COMPLETE Scholarship Application within this time frame, or if she fails to enroll and attend said College or University during this time frame, the scholarship will be forfeited.

5. During the use of the scholarship, if a period of six (6) months should elapse with the scholarship recipient not enrolled as a full time student at an accredited university, the balance of scholarship will be forfeited.

6. The recipient must be registered as a full time student (12 hours per semester for Fall and Spring semesters) and maintain this status during the entire use of the scholarship or the scholarship will be forfeited.

7. The use of the scholarship must be continuous with the exception of summer sessions and must be completed within four (4) years from the date of enrollment in a college or university. Any unused portion of the scholarship will be forfeited at the end of the four (4) year period.

8. All scholarships will be prorated over a four (4) year period and will be administered during the fall semester. Scholarship Claim Forms will be accepted between September 15th and October 15th of each year. Scholarship payments will be made after October 15th.

9. To activate your scholarship and to receive your 1st scholarship payment you must call (225) 344-7628 and request an Official Claim Form be mailed to you (only original Claim Forms may be used). You are required to submit the following items to the Cinderella International Office (P. O. Box 3689; Baton Rouge, LA 70821) on or before September 15th of the year in which you are eligible to begin receiving the scholarship:

- A copy of your high school diploma.
- A letter from the college or university stating that you are enrolled as a FULL TIME student.
- A completed Scholarship Claim Form.
- A copy of your Scholarship Certificate(s) if available.

(NOTE: A COMPLETE Scholarship Application must contain all of the documentation listed in a, b and c and must be made within 6 months of graduation from High School. Incomplete documentation or documentation received after 6 months from High School graduation will result in forfeiture of the entire Scholarship.)

10. For individuals who are requesting the 2nd, 3rd or 4th payments of their scholarship, the information listed below must be sent to the Cinderella International Office no later than September 15th of each year that they are eligible for scholarship payments. **ALL information requested below must be received between September 15th and**

October 15th or the balance of the scholarship will be forfeited. Payments will be sent to Universities after October 15th.

a) An official copy of grades and/or transcript for the previous 2 semesters (Fall & Spring) or the previous 3 Quarters (if on the Quarter System). If Summer sessions were attended, these grades must be submitted as well. This must be an original "official" transcript and must bear the name of the scholarship recipient including her grades for each of the previous two semesters, hours attempted, hours earned, grades achieved and her cumulative grade point average.

b) A completed Scholarship Claim Form. It is the responsibility of the scholarship recipient to request an original current year Scholarship Claim Form from the Cinderella International Office for each year she is eligible.

11. A cumulative grade point average of no less than 2.0 quality points must be maintained throughout the use of the scholarship. If, at any time, the scholarship recipient's cumulative grade point average falls below 2.0 quality points, the scholarship will be automatically forfeited.

12. All recipients must agree to cooperate and participate in the endorsement, publicity and promotion of the Cinderella Pageant throughout their reign and until the use of their scholarship has been terminated and to give permission for the use of their names, photographs and statements in such promotions.

13. All scholarship checks are made payable to both the scholarship recipient and the college or university, and are sent directly to the Financial Aid Office of the University. Any balance left after the payment of all college/university tuition and fees will be rebated to the student by the University.

14. A forfeited scholarship means that all payments of the scholarships will cease and that the Cinderella Scholarship Program will no longer be responsible for honoring payment of said scholarship.

OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER & VIDEOGRAPHER

Only the official videographer and photographer may take photographs of any participant during the stagings. NO EXCEPTIONS! Order Forms can be downloaded from our website.

ADDITIONAL ADVERTISING & COVER GIRL

It would be great to see each participant have at least one additional page of advertising in the Official International Pageant Program Book! You may place your photo on every full page or 1/2 page of advertising that you purchase or that is purchased for you by supporters, businesses, friends or family members. If you sell several pages you will have the opportunity to show several different sides of your personality and increase your chances of being selected as the International Pageant's "Cover Girl" for your age division. Each photo on your Ads will be judged for the Cover Girl Award in your age division! In creating your Ads for the Cover Girl award the following should be taken into consideration: a) Composition of the Ad Layout. b) The professionalism exhibited in the photography of the participant. b) The "look" of the participant achieved in the photograph. In a nutshell, it should be a polished representation of you, the participant, that is interesting, creative and shows your unique photogenic qualities

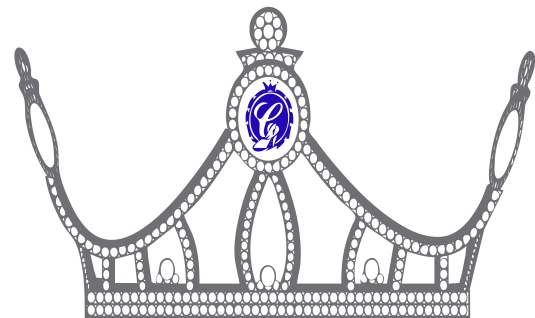
The participant with the most AD sales (in dollars) will be awarded the "Community Support Award" and will receive a beautiful trophy, crown and banner and a \$500.00 CASH Award (must have sold five or more pages to be eligible). In the event

of a tie, the Cover Girl Judge will select the winner based upon the attributes listed above.

Participants or Businesses may submit their own camera ready art work to Cinderella. This allows you to use your own creativity in creating your ad. Please note that the program book is **NOW PRINTED IN COLOR!!** Your camera ready Ads should be the the following sizes: Full page - 7" X 10". Half Page - 7" x 5 1/2".

If you are unable to create your own Ad copy, Cinderella will be happy to do it for you. Simply sketch out the way you want your Ad to look and submit any photos or art you would like to include. We will do our best to create a beautiful Ad for you. Ads submitted without artwork or layout will be set in a typestyle selected by our staff. *(Please note: Ads that are laid out by our staff cannot be reviewed before publication and Cinderella will assume no responsibilities for the outcome/content of the final Ad page.)*

Please note that Full Page Ads cannot be "bled" from edge-to-edge of page. Photos may be "head and shoulders" or "full length" but should showcase the facial features of the participant. Please make sure that the artwork submitted is as "clean" as possible and is of high quality. Photos may appear on full page or 1/2 page ads and may include city or state officials or the advertiser with or without the participant. Some advertisers prefer having the participant photographed in front of their business or with their product. We know that your imagination will far surpass ours!



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International Cinderella Scholarship Pageant

Deadline Dates!!

Please do not forget that the deadline for Entry Forms and Deposit is July 1st. Any late submissions will be accepted but will incur a \$200.00 late fee!

Please do not let the July 1st deadline slip by!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

PROGRAM BOOK PHOTOS

This does not have to be your Photogenic Photo (although it can be). The Roster Photograph must be emailed or mailed to us BEFORE the deadline in order to be included in the Program Book. This section is printed in COLOR so the photo submitted can be a color photo!

ADVERTISING

Ads that are already laid out must be in “.jpg” or “.pdf” file format ONLY. You must get any permissions necessary for us to reprint photos

MUSIC

Please email music in .mp3 format. Also, bring a “thumb drive” of your music to Pageant Registration (thumb drive cannot be returned).

CD (Compact Disc) are no longer accepted!

For a complete list of the Official Rules and Regulations governing participation in the Cinderella Scholarship Pageant, please request them from your Director or the Cinderella International Office.

**EMAIL
FORMS
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