

RAPID CITY'S RISING STARS LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

PARTICIPANT GUIDE

Welcome to the Miss Rapid City Pageant! The Rising Stars Leadership Program is designed to give girls a non-competitive opportunity to be involved in pageantry before they reach the age of official teen competition. Primary focuses of the program are encouraging self-confidence, lasting friendships, community involvement and development of strong leadership qualities.

Eligibility

Rising Stars is open to female South Dakota residents that are 9 to 12 years of age.

If you are older or younger than these ages, please ask us about participating in our Little Sister (ages 5-8) or Teen programs (ages 13-17)

What is the Rising Stars Program?

- The Rising Stars Program is designed to prepare girls to compete as a teen with confidence and experience.
- Participation will start the Friday before the pageant when the girls will introduce themselves and learn a fun dance that will be performed onstage. The girls will also be able to introduce themselves onstage and perform their dance at the pageant which will take place Saturday. The girls will also vote for a Miss Congeniality who will be announced Saturday night.
- Girls are encouraged to participate as Rising Stars for multiple years between the ages of 9 and 12. All participants will receive a "Rising Star" sash and a crown. They can wear this at any public appearances they wish to make with Miss Rapid City and Miss Central States Fair.

The Leadership Workshop will be centered towards the areas in which the Teen competition is judged, as outlined below.

Scoring and Judging as a Teen

The judging system for the Teen competition is designed to promote diversity, individuality, and overall achievement among all contestants. Judges will score the individual contestant immediately following each phase of competition. Contestants are scored on a full point scale within each category. All judges are educated on the judging system and represent a variety of professional sectors within their communities.



Private Interview (30% of total score)



Evening wear/On-Stage Question (20% of total score)



Lifestyle and Fitness (10% of total score)



Talent (35% of Total Score)



Scholastic Achievement (5% of total score)

Our Rising Stars Leadership Camp will provide tips for effective interviewing, on-stage presence, talent performances, as well as, discuss the importance of scholastic achievement with a special focus on the four points of the Miss America Crown (style, success, service, scholarship.) Throughout the year, the Rising Stars will be invited to get involved in a number of community events and asked to make

appearances wearing their sashes and pins. You may decide which events you would like to attend. We require you do at least one event.

Important dates and information will be sent via email prior to the Friday before the pageant–Exact dates for the pageant are announced on the Miss Rapid City website- <https://www.facebook.com/MissRapidCityPageant/>



Additional information

- Specific call times, clothing requirements, and additional information will be emailed to you before the pageant. Of course, if you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Fischer.

Becoming a Rising Star is as simple as 1, 2, 3!

1. **Mail** the following items to the address below by **December 31st**



Contestant Fact Sheet



Signed Parent / Guardian Consent Form



\$100.00 Entry Fee (Please make checks payable to: Miss Rapid City Organization)

Address: Rapid City's Rising Stars Leadership
Program

3006 E Minnesota St #103
Rapid City, SD 57703

2. **E-mail** the following item to sfisch9311@gmail.com by December 31st



A clear, color, head-and-shoulder photo (school photo is perfect)
(Photos will be used in the program and also possibly in the newspaper and posters.)

3. **Get ready** to have fun and make memories to last a lifetime.

When your official participant paperwork is fully completed and received, you will be considered a Rising Star in this local pageant. Official paperwork includes the fact sheet, consent form and entry fee. Phone calls, e-mails requests, etc., WILL NOT be considered as official entries.

I look forward to meeting you!!

Rising Stars Director,

Stephanie Fischer

Email: sfisch9311@gmail.com

Website: www.MissRapidCity.org

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/RCRisingStars/>

RISING STAR FACT SHEET

Name: _____
(As you would like it listed in the Pageant Program)

Birthdate: _____ Age: _____

Parent(s) / Guardian(s): _____

(As you would like the name(s) listed in the Pageant Program)

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

My family members are: _____

Interesting facts about myself would be: _____

List any activities you are involved with: _____

Awards I have earned include: _____

RISING STAR

PARENTAL / GUARDIAN CONSENT FORM

As a parent/guardian of _____, I (we) give permission for her to participate in the Rising Stars Leadership Program. I (we) release and hold harmless sponsors and their consigns from any loss or injury the above-named child may sustain as a participant in the Miss Rapid City pageant and Rising Stars Program.

I (we) give consent for the use of any/all photographs taken for publicity/advertising in conjunction with the pageant.

Parent/Guardian: _____
Printed name

Signature

Date _____