

International Good Neighbor Council Del Rio Chapter



2019-2020

Miss Del Rio Texas 18 - under 28
(by January 1, 2020)

Miss Del Rio Texas Teen 14 - under 19
(by January 1, 2020)
Scholarship Pageant

Contestant Handbook

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Wardrobe Requirements:

- 1. WHAT TO WEAR FOR REHEARSALS-** You should look nice at all times. Wear comfortable clothing; however, bring a pair of high heels to every practice.
- 2. EVENING GOWNS-** You will be required to provide your own evening gown. There are no specific requirements regarding your gown other than it should be full length, fit you well, and compliment your own coloring and physical features. A good rule-of-thumb is that if you feel good in your own poise, overall appearance, sense of fashion and style, no single detail of the gown, hair or make-up should garner attention. The overall effect should be elegant and sophisticated.
(A NOTE TO THE TEENS-Remember, you are competing with teen-agers only. Do not overdress and try to take an age far beyond your own. The judges will be looking for **MISS DEL RIO TEXAS TEEN.**)
- 3. IN PERSON INTERVIEW-** For the judges' interview, you should wear a nice daytime outfit...something you might wear to church or job interview. You will be talking to each judge on a one-on-one basis and you should keep him or her interested in your conversation and not in what you are wearing. So, stay away from busy prints and scarves around your neck. They can be distracting to the eye. PLEASE, do not wear any hats or gloves, always keep it professional .
- 4. ACTIVE WEAR (TEEN DIVISION) –** Each teen will be required to wear two-piece active wear with no “bling” The contestant will have the opportunity to show their own individual style. Active wear can be any color of your choice and must be worn with athletic footwear.

SWIMSUIT WEAR (MISS DIVISION) - You will need to purchase your own two-piece swimsuit. **IF, YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS OR QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SWIMSUIT, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR** director. **SANDALS AND OPEN TOE PUMPS ARE ACCEPTABLE.** Wedges and closed toe shoes are **UNACCEPTABLE.** **NO HOSE** can be worn with your swimsuit. Your appearance should reflect health, fitness, and self confidence. We ask that you order your swimsuit from Venus.com. **Miss Division will be required to wear the Aqua Reef color swimsuit.** **The contestants can order the top of their choice except no string bikini and the style of the bottom of swimsuit should be the scoop front bottom.**
- 5. ON-STAGE OPENING NUMBER OUTFIT -**For the on-stage opening number **To be determined at a later date.**
- 6. SASH-** You will be given a sash with your name printed on it. This should be worn all **times DURING the Pageant.** You will only be given one sash and one pin. Take care of it at all times. Sashes **WILL NOT** be replaced.
- 7. SECURITY-**There will always be a chaperon in the dressing room area. **DO NOT** leave any valuables in the dressing room areas at any times. **The pageant is not responsible for any lost or stolen items.**
- 8. JUDGING PROCESS:** The judging process will be divided into three (3) categories: Interview, Swimsuit, and Formal Gown. The judges are looking for an all-around girl in each age group. She may not be the most outstanding in any one category, yet she should score highly in all categories. The winner will have everything: beauty, poise, personality, and intelligence. In

addition to choosing the new Miss Del Rio and Miss Del Rio Teen, other awards to be presented (in each age group) are:

The following will be announced at the Miss Del Rio Pageant but will not receive a scholarship:

**Active Wear (TEEN)
Swimsuit (MISS) Winner
Evening Gown Winner (Teen & Miss)
Fan Favorite Overall**

These awards will be entitled to a scholarship:

Miss Photogenic - to be selected by the judges from official photo shoot picture selected by contestant (Teen & Miss) - \$250 Scholarship each

Miss Congeniality- to be selected by fellow contestants. One individual will be selected from both the Teen & Miss Divisions.

PAGEANTS EVENTS

REHEARSALS-Rehearsals are the key to a truly exciting show and requirements of pageants. Rehearsals take a great amount of time, hard work, and dedication.

LISTEN! BE COOPERATIVE! FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS!

BE ON TIME!

This is a ticket event and opened to the paying public. The Special Awards Winners: Photogenic, Swimsuit and Miss Congeniality will be announced during the show. **NO CELL PHONES WILL BE ALLOWED DURING PRACTICE.** For emergencies please have individuals contact the Codirectors.

FINAL SHOW- This is a very entertaining and exciting event. The show will begin with the Opening Production and the introduction of each contestant to the audience. All of the contestants will compete in swimsuit and evening gown. The top 5 of each age group will be announced. The final question will be asked to each of the top 5 contestants of each category, leading up to the announcement of the runner up and winner. Winners for Most Photogenic, Best Swimsuit, Evening Gown, Fan Favorite, Miss Congeniality, and Award of Merit will be announced during the show. If for some reason we do not have more than 6 contestants in each division all the contestants will compete in swimsuit, evening gown, and on-stage question

FEES: The entire balance of \$ 250.00 (\$150.00 entry fee and \$100.00 ½ page picture) is due in our office no later than Monday, August 26, 2019. If you have any questions, please contact your Codirectors.

REQUIRED PHOTOS: Each contestant will be scheduled to take pictures the weekend of September 21st – September 22nd. Texas Pageant Scene will provide hair, make-up and photo shoot with 2 retouched images of the contestant's choice. Cost of services will be as follows: photos \$100 and \$100 for hair and make-up by the official photographer and hair/makeup artist. Wardrobe for the photoshoot will be determined later. All chosen pictures for the program are due by **Tuesday, September 24, 2019.**

FIESTA MAGAZINE/PROGRAM BOOK: Each contestant will have a ½ page in the program. The Fiesta Magazine will be distributed in Southwest Texas to promote Fiesta de Amistad 2019 activities, as well as the Miss Del Rio Pageant.

Each contestant has the option to buy additional full pages as “Good Luck” pages or Sponsor Advertisement. These pages are great tools for you to use when recruiting sponsors. They can be laid with whatever picture(s) and information you would like on them.

You can purchase an additional full color pages for \$100.00 or ½ a page for \$50.00. These are due Tuesday, September 24, 2019. Please electronically email to igncmisdelrio@yahoo.com

Rules to remember:

NOTICE: Failure to adhere to these RULES can result in the disqualification of the contestant and removal from the pageant. Read these rules, tear off and signs the bottom. **These rules remaining effect once a contestant has been selected as an official member of the court and or as the reigning Miss Del Rio/Miss Del Rio Teen.**

1. Courtesy and proper language is required when dealing with contestants, pageant and production staff.
2. Contestants must meet the age requirements and must be a U.S. citizen and be a resident of Val Verde County for at least 6 months prior to pageant. To compete in the teen division contestants must be home schooled, attending a local or Comstock high school, charter school or and have a GPA of 2.00. Contestants competing in the miss division must be a U.S. citizen and resident of Val Verde County for 6 months prior to pageant and provide proof of graduating from high school.
3. All contestants should provide Certificate of Birth as proof of legal U.S. Citizenship. Proof must be given at the first scheduled practice.
4. All Miss Del Rio contestants must be of excellent moral character. A contestant must never have been married, nor have children. During pageant participation all contestants are discouraged from functions that can involve consumption of alcohol, i.e., nightclubs and bars whether located in Mexico or United States. The rules also apply to those that win the titles and serve on the official courts. Contestants and winners may not engage in what the board deems inappropriate behavior or pictures on any social media outlets. Anyone found in violation of this regulation will face removal from the title and/or court and would forfeit their scholarship.
5. No public display of affection with boyfriends will be acceptable. This includes kissing, constant prolonged hugging, handholding, or walking arm in arm. If in doubt choose caution. You never know when you may be setting an example. Make sure it is a good one.
6. Miss Del Rio & Miss Del Rio Teen and her official court will not be allowed to attend functions that involve the consumption of alcohol without a chaperone or informing the pageant director of such activity. Miss Del Rio & Miss Del Rio Teen and her official court must attend all appearances that are requested by the organization. **Any member of the court found to be in violation of this regulation would face removal from the court and forfeit their scholarship.**
7. All contestants must refrain from using Social Media such as Twitter, Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram, etc....INAPPROPRIATELY (i.e., indecent exposure, use of hookah or vaping, use of alcohol or the use of legal cigarettes or illegal drugs. **No inappropriate pictures are allowed.** At no time will these be excusable...all contestants and winners must be of good moral character and conduct themselves in such a manner or YOU will forfeit your title and your scholarship. Please provide below your username of any form of social media you may have:

Twitter: _____

Facebook: _____

Snapchat: _____

Instagram: _____

The pageant staff will monitor all social media activity.

8. CONTESTANTS MAY NOT LEAVE THE THEATRE **AT ANY TIME** DURING REHEARSAL AND EVENT UNTIL THEY ARE DISMISSED. THIS INCLUDES GOING TO THE PARKING LOT AND /OR LEAVING WITH FAMILY AND/OR FRIENDS.
9. **CONTESTANTS must be on time to all schedule events.** This includes but is not limited to rehearsal, reporting to the dressing rooms, meeting, etc.
10. To leave the group (for example: restrooms breaks) contestants must advise staff members.
11. Contestant and their family will be responsible for any medical expense incurred during the pageant. If taking any medication, have your physician write us a note. Please advise us of any medical problems. This will have no affect of the competition. SEE ENCLOSED MEDICAL FORM.
12. No family, friends, makeup artist, hairdresser, coaches, personal trainers, etc. will be allowed backstage. NO ONE EXCEPT CONTESTANTS & ASSISTANTS WILL BE ALLOWED BACKSTAGE.
13. Outside of the competition contestants, parents, friends, relatives, etc. **SHOULD NOT APPROACH ANY JUDGE(S), THE JUDGE'S COORDINATOR, or AUDITORS** at any time for any questions!!!
14. **NO FOOD OR DRINKS IN DRESSING ROOMS** (other than that provided by pageant)! **PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE**, girls, clean up after yourselves. This includes food trays, food wrappers, water bottles, spills, etc. You want to make a good impression on everyone that attends our meetings, rehearsals, etc..
15. **NO CELL PHONES, PAGERS OR ELECTRONIC DEVICES. They are not allowed during rehearsals, meetings, and events. If confiscated they will be returned after the event or you will have to have it picked up the following day at the pageant office. Cellphones must be out of site at all times. If your parents/guardians need to in contact with you please have the contact the Codirectors.**
16. NO FULL WIGS; HAIR PIECES ARE ALLOWED.
17. Scholarships will be awarded to both the Teen & Miss Division as follows: Miss Del Rio will receive a \$2,000.00 scholarship, 1st Runner-Up a \$500.00 scholarship, 2nd Runner-Up a \$300.00 scholarship. The winner of Miss Congeniality will be awarded a scholarship sponsored by Brown Automotive in the amount of \$500.00. Contingent on sponsorship, Miss Photogenic will win a \$250.00 scholarship. All Teen scholarships MUST be used within ONE year from their high school graduation. Scholarships will be contingent on an acceptance letter from the college/university of the contestant's choice. All participants in the Miss Division will receive their scholarship with proof of attendance at a technical school, junior college or university. Scholarships are awarded after the title holder and court complete their one your reign. The winners of the Miss Del Rio and Miss Del Rio Teen titles **MUST compete at the state level pageant under the direction of Laredo Pageant Productions.** Otherwise the selected ambassador forfeits their title.

RULES TO REMEMBER: I swear that I have read and fully understand the rules.

Contestant Print Name: _____

Date: _____

Contestant Sign Name: _____

Date: _____

Parent Print Name: _____

Date: _____

Parent Sign Name: _____

Date: _____