

Miss Rapid City Scholarship Program

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Dear Parents of Little Sisters,

This letter contains a lot of information for the upcoming Miss Rapid City Pageant on Saturday, January 7 at the Performing Arts Center (former Dakota Middle School). Please read through the entire letter carefully. I hope this letter will answer many of your questions.

First of all, thanks for sharing your daughters with us! We hope this will be a fun and educational opportunity for them. We hope to have approximately 20+ Little Sisters participating this year.

WHO WE ARE

Miss Rapid City is a local non-profit affiliate of the Miss South Dakota Organization, which is a feeder into the Miss America Pageant. We are run entirely by volunteers. The Miss America Organization is the largest source of scholarship dollars for women in the world. While the Little Sisters are an “unofficial” portion of the program, the local organization is run by a group of volunteers committed to the Miss America ideals of: 1) Service, 2) Scholarship, 3) Style, and 4) Success. Our hope is that some of our Little Sisters will enjoy participating so much that we will see them someday competing for the titles of Miss Rapid City, Miss South Dakota and ultimately, Miss America.

WHAT LITTLE SISTERS DO

The Little Sisters will come out on stage in the opening number and will be introduced by their “Big Sister”. The Big Sisters will be the teen and Miss contestants, as well as possibly reigning titleholders, depending on the number of contestants compared to the number of Little Sisters. The big and little girls will have some time to get to know each other during the afternoon rehearsal. During the evening gown competition, the Little Sisters will walk out and hand their Big Sister a long-stem rose. Somewhere in the show, the Little Sisters will be awarded their own tiara and banner. The girls will be given some basic instruction in poise, carriage and stage presence.

During the show, the Little Sisters will sit as a group in the theater or with their parents to watch most of the pageant. We ask families of Little Sisters to sit near us in the theater (most likely in the balcony) to aid in the runs to the restroom during the show. We will have some tables set up behind stage where we will have a few activities (decorating crowns and coloring) available while we wait our turn to go on stage. Immediately after the Little Sisters are done on stage, we will ask families to meet us back-stage so we can return your daughter to you (this will be prior to crowning, so you may return to watch the very end if you choose).

Little Sisters will receive a small goodie bag, which will have a few candies and/or animal crackers or pretzels in it. Please indicate on the Application form if your daughter has any allergies we need to know about.

DRESS

Little Sisters can dress comfortably for rehearsal on Saturday afternoon. They should plan to wear any nice dress on Saturday evening. This can be a Sunday or Holiday dress of their choice.

PROGRAMS

Programs will be available for purchase at the Pageant for a nominal donation. We feature the photos of the Little Sisters in the program book, along with all the older contestants. Some girls like to get these programs signed by other pageant participants as a keepsake. We will need a photo of your daughter, preferably an electronic version, emailed to us at littleistersrc@hotmail.com prior to November 28.

TICKETS

Tickets for the show will be available in the theatre one hour prior to the pageant. All seats will be general admission. Little Sisters do NOT need a ticket, but family members who come to watch will need a ticket. Please remember that ticket sales are one of the primary ways Miss Rapid City Organization raises funds for their scholarship awards for the winners, so we appreciate your involvement.

FUNDRAISERS

We have a number of expenses to put the pageant on each year and therefore, we rely on some successful fundraisers. In the past, we have done a silent auction as well as a 50/50 game. We hope you will consider participating at the pageant.

REHEARSALS – Little Sisters

On Saturday, January 7 rehearsal begins at 2:00 pm for the Little Sisters at the Performing Arts Center in the first-floor theater. Please arrive early and find the group in the lobby of the Theater, where we will spend a little time learning how to walk and stand before going backstage as a group. We should be done around 4:00pm, at which time Little Sisters are free to go. Plan to return with Little Sisters in their fancy dress to the Stage Door ready to go no later than **5:30pm so there is time for everyone to get a photograph with Miss South Dakota, Julia Olson, as well as a group photo** (these photos will be posted on the Miss Rapid City Facebook page).

So, in conclusion, here is what we need from you so that we know your daughter is participating (and to make sure we have enough crowns, banners, etc):

- 1) Application
- 2) Photo of your daughter emailed to: littleistersrc@hotmail.com
- 3) \$25 check made to Miss Rapid City Scholarship Program

We will need these items either mailed to: Brandy Renville, 2848 Shad Street, RC 57703 or scanned to littleistersrc@hotmail.com prior to November 28.

THANK YOU!

Thanks so much for being part of the Miss Rapid City Scholarship Program. I am sure you will find this experience to be not only a personal growing experience but also a fun and exciting night! We appreciate your support of this program.

If you have any questions, please contact Brandy at (605) 484-6967 or email us at littleistersrc@hotmail.com.

See you soon!

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