

# *American Natural Beauties National*

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## *Queens of the Crown Beauty Pageant*

### *August 18, 2019*

Welcome to the American Natural Beauties Pageant family. We look forward to an exciting weekend of competition with some fabulous prizes. Please take a few minutes to read through our 2019 pageant information. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call the director at 941-518-8828 or email us at [americannaturalbeautiespageant@gmail.com](mailto:americannaturalbeautiespageant@gmail.com). We are looking forward to crowning you soon!

#### **ANB MANDATORY EVENTS**

##### **Natural Beauty:**

**Judging:** The event is judged on beauty, poise and presence, presenting the outfit.

##### **Clothing:**

We suggest a nice pageant style dress or gown that enhances the contestant's natural beauty. The dress should fit properly and be accompanied with shoes that compliment the dress color. Proper undergarments should be worn for all ages and should not show through the dress. Babies should have on diaper covers.

##### **Stage Entrance/Exit/Modeling:**

**Ages 0 to 4 years.** Parents shall accompany the child on stage. There will be 3 marked X's spots. If the child is walking and able to find the X's or model, parents shall stand on the side of the stage and wait for the child to complete the routine, then walk off the stage. Upbeat music will be provided. If the child is not standing (infants/babies), parents will skip the stage and walk to the front of the judges table.

**Ages 5 years and up.** Contestants shall enter the stage on the side. There will be 3 marked X's spots. Contestants may choose to model however they wish. Upbeat music will be provided.

##### **Appearance/Makeup:**

Suggest fashion forward hairstyles. Hair extensions may be worn if they are already part of your day-to-day wear, for example wearing extensions to school or work.

**Ages 0 to 4 years.** We prefer no make-up at all!

**Ages 5 to 9 years.** We prefer make-up, if worn, should be limited to powder foundation, clear or pink lip gloss, and light or clear mascara. Hair should be styled soft, sweet, and smooth.

**Ages 10 years and up.** We prefer contestants use light makeup. We ask you to remember we are looking for a natural look. Ladies should strive for the "unfiltered" look; however, we recognize that, at a certain age, make-up can be worn and still maintain natural beauty.

##### **Interview:**

**Judging:** The event is judged on beauty, personality, and ability to represent the pageant title in the community.

**Clothing:** Contestants shall wear the dress worn in the natural beauty competition and proceed directly to interview.

##### **Staging/Room:**

Contestants will enter a separate room for the interview. Parents accompanying contestants should also be appropriately dressed for the interview. We suggest all black, khaki, or a non-distracting outfit.

Ages 0 to 4 years: Bring a favorite toy or stuffed animal about which they will be asked a few questions; a **parent will attend the interview** and may also answer the question for contestant. Parent should be encouraging, but not forceful if the child is shy or not ready to talk. The goal here is for us to get to know the child.

Ages 5 - 10 years: Contestant will be asked about their school, what subjects they like and dislike, and fun things they like to do; **parents will not attend the interview** and will wait outside until its done.

Ages 11 years and up: Contestant may prepare an optional 30 second introduction. **It should not feel rehearsed, or like a speech, it should come honestly from the heart.** We suggest that the introduction should contain the following items:

1. Community Involvement - what activities do you participate in outside of pageants
2. Plans for promoting your title - how will you promote your title once you have won the crown

Note to parents/guardians accompanying contestants: All cell phones should be turned off and put away before and during the interview. If you are accompanying your child in line to enter the room, **your focus should be on the child, not your phone.** No photos will be allowed to be taken in the waiting area and ballroom before or during the interviews. Please turn your phone off completely and put it away until after the event.

## **ANB OPTIONAL EVENTS**

**Casual/Boutique Fashion Wear:** Judged on outfit and modeling. Couture or Haute Couture outfit, off-the-rack boutique outfit, custom pageant casual wear, a very dressy casual outfit that you would wear to school; Older girls should think decorated jeans, cocktail or day dresses, or runway fashion show looks. The cost to enter this event is \$25.

**Digital Photogenic:** Judged on quality of photo, overall appeal. Photos taken with cell phones shall be uploaded on the website in advance of the pageant. Photos can be headshots, full body shots, or ¾-length shots. Photos may be enhanced using filters or minimal retouch. The digital photogenic is judged on quality of photo and overall appeal. The cost to enter this event is \$25 for 5 – 8x10 photos.

**Portfolio:** Judged on variety of photos and overall appeal. Portfolios should be a collection of 8 to 12 photographs. Photos must be submitted in a portfolio photo album. On the photo album there should be a label with the contestant's first and last name. Please no digital artwork. The portfolio shall be turned in at registration. The cost to enter this event is \$25.

**Social Media Star:** Judged on internet presence and promotion of personal style and brand. The contestant will be judged on the quality of content and connection as well as the promotion of their American Natural Beauties pageant journey before they arrive and how well they present on social media channels: Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. We are looking for genuine positive posts about the pageant or pageantry in general. We are not looking for just simple shares or tags.

Number of likes, and number of followers is not considered in this event. The cost to enter this event is FREE. The hashtag is #ANB2019. All posts should contain this hashtag.

**Personal Essay:** Judged on originality and overall appeal. The personal essay shares the contestant's story of their journey within the pageant community and local community. Personal Essay should be an honest interpretation about overcoming any personal struggles and show the heart of service we seek in all our contestants. The personal essay shall be turned in at registration. The cost to enter this event is FREE.

### **REQUIRED - ENCOURAGEMENT BOX**

All Contestants are required to bring one (1) nice decorated box or gift bag of encouraging items for their age group. The box must contain the following items at minimum:

An interesting coffee mug, or something unique from your local area. Example: Georgia peanuts.

A pair of funny socks (size appropriate for age group) OR small safe and age appropriate toy.

A wrapped candy bar or movie theatre-size candy box.

A note to the other contestant wishing her good luck!

If you forget to bring your box or write your note, we will have a limited number of thank you cards (\$5), and boxes (\$20) for purchase available on pageant day. These items will be turned in at registration.

### **REQUIRED - THANK YOU NOTE**

We believe in a grateful, thankful heart at American Natural Beauties. Therefore, at least one (1) thank you note should be brought, preferably written by the contestant to give to judge(s) after tabulation, but before crowning. Please do not address the thank you card or seal it in the envelope. We will read the most interesting ones aloud before crowning.

Example: Dear Pageant Judges, I have had a great time this weekend. I realize your time is very valuable and I appreciate that you have taken the time to be here. I hope you have a very safe trip home. Warmly, Contestant.

### **Queens of the Crown Entry (Optional, Not Required)**

**Queens of the Crown is a locally-titled pageant designed just for fun! There are reigning requirements or restrictions regarding the title. It's a "one and done" event. All Queens of the Crown contestants receive, at a minimum, a crown and sash. Winners receive a crown, sash and trophy. All contestants that enter American Natural Beauties will get a very special deal on their entry to the Queens of the Crown Pageant (see QOTC Pageant Sign in Sheet for additional information). A separate set of judges will judge the Queens of the Crown pageant.**



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**PAGEANT TITLES and PRIZES**



**2019 Highpoint Winner**

The Highpoint winner is a member of the ANB family that **receives awards all year!** This is the highest esteemed award. Only one contestant will be chosen as a Highpoint Winner. Winner is the highest total score from all the mandatory categories **and** all the optional categories and one free category: Personal Essay or Social Media Star. The highpoint winner is eligible for double awards in other categories except the royalty titles.

**HIGHPOINT WINNER PRIZE PACKAGE:**

**On Pageant Day**

Highpoint receives a \$400 bond – ½ awarded at pageant; ½ awarded at 2020 crowning

Official 2019 Rhinestone Crown

Embroidered and Rhinestoned Sash

22 Inch Trophy

1 tablet computer

\$50 in pageant cash to share with a friend to attend any local pageant or sister pageant

Travel suitcase

**During the Year**

\$50 compensation and roundtrip airline ticket for appearances at a director-approved ANB and/or QOTC preliminary pageant plus lunch (by invitation)

Flights originate from these airports: FLL, MCO, ATL, LAS, SDO, DFW

Children ages 0-18 years who wish to join us out of state must be accompanied by a parent who must travel at their own expense. We will make every effort to keep accompanying parent's costs to a minimum and help arrange travel.

**On Crowning Day, 2020**

One-night paid hotel stay at the 2020 pageant for crowning the next winner

Official 2019 Hoodie Sweatshirt with name custom embroidered

Paid ballroom entry tickets for 2020 crowning for up to 4 family members.

Jumbo Framed Photograph to be presented at the 2020 crowning

**American Natural Beauties Royalty Titles:**

**Tiny Miss; 0-24 months.**

**Dainty Miss; 2-4 years.**

**Little Miss; 5-7 years.**

**Young Miss; 8-10 years.**

**Junior Teen Miss; 11-13 years.**

**Teen Miss; 14-17 years.**

**Miss; 18 years and up**

**Optional Event Titles (may be double-awarded, selected from all entrants in the category):**

**Photogenic Star – Digital Photogenic Winner**

**Model Star – Portfolio Winner**

**Casual Style Star – Casual Wear Winner**

**Free Optional Event Titles (may be double-awarded, selected from all entrants in the category):**

**Social Media Star – Social Media Winner**

**ANB Rockstar – Personal Essay Winner**

**2019 Royalty Winners:** The ANB Royalty Title winners are members of the ANB family that receive awards all year! Only one contestant will be chosen from each age division. Royalty Title winners are the highest total score in each age group, from all the mandatory events listed above.

## **ANB ROYALTY WINNER PACKAGE**

### **On Pageant Day**

Official 2019 Rhinestone Crown

Embroidered and Rhinestoned Sash

22 Inch Trophy

\$50 in pageant cash to share with a friend to attend any local pageant or sister pageant

### **After three months:**

1 tablet computer; awarded to royalty in good standing.

### **During the year:**

\$25 compensation for an appearance at a director-approved ANB or QOTC preliminary pageant plus box lunch (by invitation)

### **On Crowning Day, 2020**

Official 2019 Hoodie Sweatshirt with name custom embroidered

Paid ballroom entry tickets for 2020 crowning for up to 4 family members.

Jumbo Framed Photograph to be presented at the 2020 crowning

### **OPTIONAL WINNER AND REQUIRED EVENTS PACKAGE:**

All optional winners will be awarded a trophy and gift. Optional Winners are also eligible to win ANB Royalty Winner Titles and Highpoint Title and may be double crowned.

### **ADDITIONAL TALENT SHOW (Ages 5 & up)**

Contestants will be judged on technique and ability for their age. Suggested talents are singing, dancing, monologue, comedy, ventriloquism, magic, comedy, juggling, etc. Contestants are responsible for providing any items required to do their talent (musical instruments, music, etc.) Please no acts utilizing fire or unwieldy props. Please no suggestive lyrics or dance moves. All talent acts are limited to 2 minutes. You may provide the music. However, the music should be cut to the proper length of time and should have no swear words or suggestive lyrics. If you are doing a song, please find a karaoke track. They are available on YouTube or we can help you find one! We want you to be successful and look amazing. If you need advice, please reach out to us! The cost to enter this event is \$25.

### **RULES AND CONTESTANT GUIDELINES**

At all times, ANB titleholders are required to have the upmost care and concern for their title, remembering that they won a title that someone else may have equally wanted to win but did not receive that day. For these reasons, we take the treatment of the crown and sash very seriously. Failure to adhere to these guidelines will mean an immediate forfeiture of all subsequent rewards.

1. There will be NO online negativity or inappropriate online behavior after the pageant. This is not your chance to leave a review. There is an only one winner in pageantry - some families will be disappointed after crowning. It's the nature of the competition. This is not your chance to air your grievance. We take internet bullying very seriously. Failure to adhere to this policy may result in referral to proper local authorities.
2. If you have a direct complaint or positive comment about your hotel room or hotel stay, please talk to the hotel or choose to stay at a different venue. We are not responsible for your hotel stay. Please do not use photos of the pageant with any posts on hotel review websites such as Yelp or TripAdvisor. We have selected what we believe is a clean and safe location. It is your responsibility to research the hotel in advance.
3. If you have a complaint about the event, please let us know. A complaint about contestant placement is not a legitimate complaint and won't be answered. For all other issues, we have an open door and will investigate any legitimate complaint or concern. We will not hold it against you, so feel free to reach out with legitimate concerns.
4. There will be NO competition at other systems for (3) months after the pageant for Highpoint and Royalty Winners. That is known as your reigning term of service. During that time, you may be offered the chance to make appearances and promote the title and your community or perform community service. Once the (3) months reign is complete, the term of service is over, and you are welcome to compete in other pageant systems.
5. There will be NO negative comments or actions to ANY other titleholder before, during or after the competition. This is especially relevant for contestants with special needs, or who are new to pageantry. People come to our pageants as a safe haven, not to be bullied. We don't take this lightly.
6. At no time should a pageant contestant's family "sneak" into the ballroom to avoid paying for tickets. We consider this a form of theft and a poor support of the system. We post all our fees upfront, so families can plan for the event. Please budget accordingly.
7. GoFundMe or similar sites should not be used as a source to finance your pageant entry. This pageant, while participating in community service, is an entertainment and social event, not a charity.
8. In the event of severe inclement weather, we reserve the right to cancel and reschedule the date of the pageant and carry forward all \$50 deposits.
9. We reserve the right to refuse entry to anyone into the ballroom.
10. This is a weapon-free zone. No concealed weapons are allowed.

**AGE GROUPS:** Determined as of August 18, 2019. There are no fallbacks. Contestants may choose to move up one age group.

**ENTRIES:** Please do not call or email to ask how many contestants are in a group or if a certain child is registered. This information changes frequently and we do not want to give out inaccurate information.

**BALLROOM ENTRY TICKETS:** Seating in the ballroom is general admission. Everyone must purchase a \$15 door entry ticket to enter the ballroom at anytime for both (ANB and QOTC) pageants on Sunday. Ages 2 and under are free. Contestant passes are free! (Note: if entering QOTC only, the cost is \$9 and only covers the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the day). Families purchase a photo pass for \$5 per contestant (which covers the entire family all day for both pageants).

**ENTRY:** (First 20 only!) Enter on or before July 31, 2016 and pay in full you will and get:

- Mandatory events only for \$179
- Free optional events included: Essay, Social Media
- Special crowns!
- Free entry to Queens of the Crown pageant (held the same day); does not include door & photo badges, or Overall Entries
- Contestant box lunch and ballroom entry tickets are mandatory and extra. Optional ANB events and extra events at QOTC are extra.
- You may pay with PayPal (please include 4% handling fee), money order, or by credit card.

Enter after July 31, 2019 on or before August 10<sup>th</sup>

- Mandatory events only for \$219
- Free optional events included: Essay, Social Media
- Free entry to Queens of the Crown pageant events; does not include door & photo badges, or Overall Entries
- Contestant box lunch and ballroom entry tickets are mandatory and extra. Optional ANB events and extra events at QOTC are extra.
- You may pay with PayPal (please include 4% handling fee), money order, or by credit card.

Enter at the door and get:

- Mandatory events only for \$269.
- Free optional events: Essay, Social Media cannot be entered at the door
- Free entry to Queens of the Crown pageant events; does not include photo and door badges or Overall Entries
- Ballroom entry tickets are mandatory and extra. Optional ANB events and extra events at QOTC are extra. Box lunch is not offered.
- You may pay in by Visa/MC/AMEX card or with cash. No PayPal accepted at the door.

To enter, please fill out the emcee form and mail it with your \$50 deposit (money order, please do not mail cash) to: American Natural Beauties Attention: Amber Gribbins, 828 NE 70<sup>th</sup> Ave, Hillsboro, OR 97124. Alternatively, you may email your emcee form and photograph (in jpeg format) and PayPal the \$50 deposit to [gribbins@gmail.com](mailto:gribbins@gmail.com) (include 4% handling fee).

To take advantage of any of our entry specials, you must make your deposit by the date indicated. Please make checks, money orders, cashier's checks, and certified funds payable to "Kings and Queens Pageantry LLC". We also take credit/debit cards over the phone (Visa/MC/Amex). Deposits are non-refundable. Once we receive your deposit, we will email or call you to confirm that we received it. Balance of fees is due at registration or you may take advantage of our early registration option. If you win multiple "fees off" in a contest or other discounts, you may only use one "fees off" or discount towards your fees.

**HOTEL:** Our host hotel is the Avanti Palms Resort. Mention "American Natural Beauties" when calling to get the special rate.

Avanti Palms Resort  
6515 International Dr  
Orlando, Florida 32819 | 866.994.3157

**PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO TAPING:** To avoid distracting the contestants or blocking the view for parents, we ask that you utilize the space provided to do this. Additionally, a banner will be set up inside the ballroom for parents to take photos. We ask you use discretion for social media posts with #ANB2019. Any negative or poor sportsmanship may result in forfeiture of all awards.

**REGISTRATION:** There are two options for registration:

- (1) Register in advance by paying your balance in full by August 10, 2019 using certified funds or PayPal (add 4% for PayPal fees). Please do not mail cash. You can also include payment for your ballroom entry tickets, photo badges, extra photos, optional events, and box lunch and any other fees with your advance registration. At the pageant, you can drop off your portfolios, personal essays and encouragement boxes. Then you can pick up your contestant number, ballroom entry tickets on Saturday, August 17, from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. or Sunday, August 18, from 8 to 9 a.m.
- (2) Register at the pageant on Saturday, August 17, from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. You must register on Saturday night if you do not register in advance. Cash or Credit/Debit Card Only.

**SCHEDULE (TENTATIVE):** The tentative schedule below includes events from Queens of the Crown pageant (paperwork below):

<i>Saturday</i>	3:00-10:00 p.m.	Registration
<i>Sunday</i>	8:00 a.m.	Registration (if paid in advance)
	9:00 a.m.	Natural Beauty & Interview Proceed to Interview directly after Natural Beauty
	11:30 a.m.	Box Lunch Delivered
	1:00 p.m.	QOTC Ages 0-4 ANB & QOTC Optionals Crowning ages 0-4
	5:00 p.m.	QOTC Ages 5 and up ANB & QOTC Optionals Talent Show Crowning ages 5 and up

**SCORES:** Contestant scores and judges' comments will not be handed out at the Pageant; they will be mailed upon request approximately two weeks after the Pageant. Please do not call or email asking for scores. We are not responsible for scores lost in the mail. You may purchase postal delivery confirmation for \$5 at the door, otherwise hard copies of scores will be mailed first class mail without confirmation. We will not answer questions about the scoring! Please do not be offended or take personally any comments in the scoring. Remember, there can be only one winner in some events. Judges base their opinion on pageant knowledge and personal preferences.

**SIBLING DISCOUNT:** Any sibling entered after the first sibling will receive a 30% discount off the regularly-priced entry fee for mandatory and optional events. Discount does not apply to the special items (ballroom entry tickets, box lunches) We encourage all parents that enter only one child to have a special gift or prize available for any child not entering the pageant. Please make sure your children have something to do, as the day can be a long one.

**BOX LUNCH:** In addition to entry fees, contestants must purchase a box lunch for \$20. A menu available with several food options will be available in advance. Parents may also choose to purchase a box lunch for \$20 each. We are providing box lunches as a convenient way for everyone to get lunch and stay in the action of the event, avoiding getting stuck in traffic or in lines at restaurants and being late to the afternoon events. We are providing these at cost, without additional markup.

## Entry Form

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If you are entering any optional events in addition to mandatory events, please circle the events you are entering:

Casual/Boutique Fashion      Talent      Photogenic      Portfolio      Social Media      Personal Essay

Contestant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_ Age (as of August 18, 2019): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Hair Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Eye Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_ Boy or Girl: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT NOTE – ONCE YOUR ENTRY IS COMPLETED PLEASE EMAIL DIRECTOR AT GRIBBINS@GMAIL.COM**

**FOR YOUR SPECIAL SIGN IN FORM FOR QUEENS OF THE CROWN (ALL EVENTS FREE EXCEPT OVERALLS!!!) A \$83 VALUE**

# of box lunches \_\_\_\_\_

# ballroom entry tickets \_\_\_\_\_

# of photo badges \_\_\_\_\_

Scores delivered with postal confirmation? \_\_\_\_\_ YES      \_\_\_\_\_ NO

General: I have read and fully understand the rules and regulations of the American Natural Beauties Pageant) and agree to abide by them. I hereby release the directors of the Pageant, staff of the Pageant and the facility where the Pageant is being held from any accidents, theft, injury, or loss of property, before, during, or after the Pageant. **I understand that there are no refunds of any deposits or entry fees paid at the pageant for any reason.** I also agree to allow any pictures taken during the Pageant to be used for promotional use.

Sportsmanship: I understand that the Pageant is designed to promote an environment of sportsmanship. I understand that each contestant is being scored based on the judges' opinions on Pageant day, which do not reflect in any way the directors' personal opinions. I also understand the judges' decisions are final. I pledge not to gossip or perpetuate secondhand information and negativity to a minimum before, during, and after the Pageant. **I will attempt to have fun with my family, win or lose. I understand that I may be asked to leave the ballroom during the Pageant if my behavior is unsportsmanlike.** I understand that any act of bad sportsmanship may also result in disqualification of the contestant, without refund. Please direct any concerns to the director and not to any of our volunteers or judges.

Schedule: I understand that I am expected to devote the entire day of competition to the Pageant. I understand that the Pageant director and staff will make every attempt to run on the Pageant on schedule. I pledge to be patient with the Pageant director and staff if, for some reason, the Pageant is running late. I understand that if my contestant is late to an event (due to any circumstances), the Pageant staff may choose to continue the Pageant without him/her. In this case, my contestant may be allowed to take the stage at a later time in the Pageant. Judges will be instructed not to deduct points in this situation. Serious lateness however, over 30 minutes, may be cause for point deduction or disqualification.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## *Queens of the Crown Beauty Pageant*



*Queens of the Crown On-Stage Events Info! These suggestions are not rules! Let's keep this fun and friendly!*

Contestants entering American Natural Beauties get a FREE bonus entry into the events at Queens of the Crown! Please email me at [gribbins@gmail.com](mailto:gribbins@gmail.com) for your special sign in form for this amazing event!

### **BEAUTY WEAR**

#### **HOW DOES THE BEAUTY EVENT WORK?**

*Contestants will enter the stage or stage area as directed by the emcee. Contestants will then walk the stage, think "runway" basic walk across. Modeling is not scored in this event. We suggest you smile and make eye contact with the judges. If you are new to modeling, we suggest you do internet research to get an idea of what to do or visit the pageant an hour or two early to watch other contestants. Here is a helpful video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yEPTalw6e9E>*

#### **WHAT SHOULD THE CONTESTANT**

*WEAR? Young Ladies: Christening dress, babydoll dress, flower girl dress, bridesmaids dress, heirloom dress, off-the-rack formal dress, glitz or glamour pageant dress (moderate stones), prom dress, homecoming dress, cocktail dress, or classy pantsuit.*

*Young Gentlemen: Christening suit, suit, tuxedo, shirt and dress slacks, polo style shirt and long dress shorts, or dark or khaki pants with dressy shirt and nice shoes.*

**CAN MY DAUGHTER WEAR A HAIRPIECE AND OR MAKE-UP?** *Your daughter may wear*

*a hairpiece or hair extensions if they look like her hair. If they become overpowering, judges will score appropriately. Keep the hair soft and sweet. NO HUGE UPDOS! We are usually in a room that has basic lighting (no stage lighting). Dark eye shadows and heavy mascara are not recommended for ages under 6 years old.*

#### **DO I NEED A HAIR AND MAKE-UP**

**ARTIST?** *If mom/dad/or family member can help your daughter get ready, then go for it. It is your responsibility to locate and secure your hair and make-up artist if you choose to have one. We are not responsible for any liability where this is concerned. We are looking for current, fashion-forward looks. Please make sure styles are up-to-date!*

#### **WHAT DO I DO WITH A BABY OR SMALL**

**CHILD ON STAGE?** *Parents of small children should plan to accompany their children on stage. We suggest that for babies, the parent wear a neutral or black outfit and carry the child on stage and present them to the judges. Parents taking children on stage are still responsible for spectator fees.*

## CASUAL WEAR

**DO I HAVE TO HAVE A ROUTINE?** Ages 0 to 4 and outfit and modeling for Ages 5 and up. There are no rules for modeling style. We suggest an upbeat walk or age appropriate runway walk.

**HOW MUCH TIME DO I HAVE ON STAGE?** We suggest about 1:30 of runway time. After this, judges have generally placed their scores.

**MAY I BRING MY OWN MUSIC?** Absolutely, please put it on your iPhone, iPod, or Android phone in an mp3 format. We will use an aux cord to connect to your phone or iPod. There are no guarantees with music. We will do our best to play it. If your music does not play, we will try to find a song that best represents your age group. Please prepare to

*be flexible if this happens. WE NO LONGER SUPPORT CDs!!*

**MAY I BRING PROPS?** Props are not suggested for this event. However, you are welcome to bring a small one if it assists the contestant on stage.

### WHAT SHOULD I WEAR?

**Young Ladies:** Couture or Haute Couture outfit, off-the-rack boutique outfit, custom pageant casual wear, a very dressy casual outfit that you would wear to school. **Older girls:** Think decorated jeans, cocktail or day dresses, or runway fashion show looks. **Young Gentlemen:** Polo shirts, khaki or very dark denim pants or shorts (no cargos; think golf/brunch, family reunion attire), cowboy style clean jeans, boots, and shirts.

## THEME WEAR

**WHAT SHOULD I WEAR?** Please reference your age block for guidelines on the Theme Wear.

**Age Block 1, 2, & 3 -** Cute theme costume or themed fabric outfit.

**Age Block 4 -** Cute themed shirt referencing the colors or style of the event; along with nice jeans, nice pants, or shorts, or a nice skirt.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** During the Halloween/Christmas season, we suggest costumes in all age blocks including Block 4. You **DO NOT HAVE TO FOLLOW** the theme to participate in theme wear, however it does make it fun to recognize the season!

**MAY I BRING PROPS?** Props are allowed. However, please do not bring unwieldy props.

### MAY I BRING MY OWN MUSIC?

Absolutely, please put it on your iPhone, iPod, or Android Phone in an mp3 format. We will use an aux cord to connect to your phone or iPod. There are no guarantees with music. We will do our best to play it. If your music does not play, we will try to find a song that best represents your age group. Please prepare to be flexible if this happens. WE NO LONGER SUPPORT CDs!!

At the end of the Theme Wear event, all Hair/Smile/Eyes contestants are invited group to line up by age group and compete in Hair/Smile/Eyes contest. Everyone will be on stage together, take a step forward, and turn around once so that judges can see the back of their hair. Follow instructions from the Emcee

## *Letter from the Director*

*Dear Contestants,*

*I would like to take a moment to thank you for coming out to our event. I hope you enjoy your special time with family and friends.*

*I'm going to use this moment to share a few things I'm very passionate about:*

*Investment in your community. Use your experience here to be a springboard for volunteerism in your community. Volunteering is a great way to make a difference in our country. You don't need a crown and a sash to jump in and help where it is needed. Not only do you have the joy of doing for others, but you gain marketable skills and experiences that can assist you in your career development. This is a handy website: <http://www.volunteermatch.org/>*

*Investment in your future. Using present value calculations, a dollar saved for education today has an exponential return in the future. I realize that pageants are a huge investment in funds. I urge you to keep that in perspective and also invest in your and your children's knowledge and education. This is a handy website: <http://www.savingforcollege.com/>*

*Investment in yourself. Never stop working to improve yourself mentally, physically, or emotionally. Reading, exercise, and healthy emotional relationships with mentors and family can build you into the change-maker of your generation. I encourage you to read, challenge yourself every day, and seek others who improve your accountability and challenge you. Get out of your comfort zone and never stop improving. Learn to love to learn. You can do anything you set your mind to doing!*

*Finally, this goes out to the parents and sponsors, no matter how your contestant places today, do not do anything but praise and embrace your contestants experience, do not look for reasons why, do not complain about placement. There are only a limited number of awards and while we embrace and encourage competition, you must understand that not everyone can go home with some of the awards.*

*We consider it a privilege and a responsibility to show you an amazing time this weekend and share this magical moment in your life!*

*Warmly,  
Amber Gribbins*