

INFORMATION ON THE 2010 MISS MIDSTATE SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT

GENERAL--The Miss MidState Scholarship Pageant is a preliminary to Miss Pennsylvania and Miss America. The winners of the Miss MidState Pageant (Miss MidState & Miss State Capitol) will participate in the Miss Pennsylvania Pageant. Competition consists of Talent (35%), Interview (25%), Evening Wear (20%), Lifestyle and Fitness in Swimsuit (15%), and On-Stage Interview (5%). In addition, there is a "final ballot" of the Top 5 contestants. Swimsuits may be either one or two piece but must be in good taste. Talent presentations are limited to a maximum of **2 minutes** and must again be in good taste. If you have any doubts about the appropriateness of your talent please check with the pageant before submitting your entry application. Any contestant who comes to rehearsal with a talent deemed by the Miss MidState Pageant organizers to be in poor taste will have to change her talent or will not be permitted to participate in the pageant. Also, since no "live" accompaniment by a second person is permitted, you should plan to use a CD for your accompaniment, if any. Two copies of this CD should be brought with you to rehearsal on the day of the pageant, Sunday, January 17, 2010.

COST--There are no entry fees, required sponsors nor required ads for entry into the Miss MidState Scholarship Pageant. You are, however, required to raise \$100 in donations for the Children's Miracle Network. Please see our website for information.

AWARDS--Scholarships and other awards are still being determined. In addition all winning contestants will advance to the Miss Pennsylvania Pageant.

LOCATION--The Miss MidState Scholarship Pageant will be held at the Hershey Area Playhouse in Hershey, PA. Hershey is located near Harrisburg.

ELIGIBILITY--The Miss MidState Scholarship Pageant is open to unmarried 17 to 24 year old women residing, attending school or working in Pennsylvania. Phone, write or email for additional eligibility information.

ENTRIES DEADLINE--Applications for entry into the Miss MidState Scholarship Pageant will be accepted between **October 12, 2009 and December 15, 2009**. Fact Sheets and Critical Issue Essays must accompany the Applications. **Entry into the pageant is limited to a total of 25 "Miss" and "Teen contestants. Should that number be exceeded the additional applicants will be placed on a "waiting list."**

ORIENTATION—No Orientation will be held. However, please feel free to contact us with your questions.

ON-STAGE REHEARSALS—All on-stage rehearsals will take place on the day of the pageant – Sunday, January 17, 2010. You will be required to be present from early Sunday morning through the end of the pageant early Sunday evening.

INTERVIEWS--Interviews with the judges will take place during the day on Sunday, January 17, 2010.

PAGEANT DATE--The Miss MidState Pageant will take place at in the late afternoon on Sunday, January 17, 2010 at the Hershey Area Playhouse..

PLATFORM--The platform is an issue about which you have strong feelings which you want to communicate to others. All Miss America contestants are required to have such a "platform." Begin doing community service work related to the platform. The Platform (Critical Issue) Essay is required with your Fact Sheet and Application by December 15, 2009.

QUESTIONS? -- Please Phone or Email Executive Director Lisa Metzger (717) 612-1912