

### **INFORMATION ON THE 2010 MISS MIDSTATE OUTSTANDING TEEN PAGEANT**

**GENERAL** - The Miss MidState Outstanding Teen Pageant is a preliminary to Miss Pennsylvania's Outstanding Teen America and Miss America's Outstanding Teen Pageants. The winners of the Miss MidState Outstanding Teen Pageant (Miss MidState Outstanding Teen and Miss State Capitol Outstanding Teen) will participate in Miss Pennsylvania's Outstanding Teen America Pageant. Competition consists of Talent (35%), Interview (35%), Evening Wear (15%), Lifestyle and Fitness in Sports Wear (10%), and On-Stage Interview (5%). In addition, there is a "final ballot" of the Top 5 contestants. 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, Saturday, February 13, 2010.

**COST** - The entry fee for the Outstanding Teen Pageant is \$100 (\$150 if also entering the Miss Central Pennsylvania Outstanding Teen Pageant). If entering both the Miss Central Pennsylvania and Miss MidState Outstanding Teen Programs at the discounted rate, we must receive your \$150 check when you enter the Miss MidState Outstanding Teen Pageant. If you are the winner of a title at the Miss MidState Outstanding Teen Pageant, the additional money submitted for participation in the Miss Central Pennsylvania Pageant will be refunded to you. Other refunds will be granted only if the pageant is cancelled or if you win another local title leading to Miss America's Outstanding Teen Pageant prior to your participation in the Miss MidState and/or Miss Central Pennsylvania Outstanding Teen Pageants.

**AWARDS** - Scholarships and other awards are still being determined

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

**ELIGIBILITY** - The Miss MidState Outstanding Teen Pageant is open to unmarried 13 to 17 year old girls who have not yet entered their senior year in high school and who reside, attend school or work in Pennsylvania. Phone or write for additional eligibility information.

**ENTRIES DEADLINE** - Applications for entry into the Miss MidState Outstanding Teen Pageant will be accepted between **October 12, 2009 and December 15, 2009**. Fact Sheets and Critical Issue Essays as well as the Entry Fee 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** - On-stage rehearsals will be held the day of the pageant - January 17, 2010. You will need to be present all day on January 17 since we will be rehearsing and doing interviews during the day and the pageant will take place in the late afternoon. If you have questions, please email or phone.

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

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

**PLATFORM** - The platform is an issue about which you have strong feelings which you want to communicate to others. All Miss America's Outstanding Teen state contestants are required to have such a "platform" and we want you to be ready when you compete at Miss Pennsylvania's Outstanding Teen. Begin doing community service work related to the platform. The Platform (Critical Issue) Essay is required with your Fact Sheet and Application December 15, 2009.

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