

# Eligibility & Rules

**Thank you for your interest in the Miss Meadville Area Outstanding Teen Program!**

**2008 Miss Meadville Area Outstanding Teen Competition**

**August 9, 2008**

**Meadville, PA**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: June 25, 2008**

*Contestant requirements are subject to change at the discretion of the Meadville Pageant Association.*

The Miss Meadville Area Outstanding Teen Competition is open only to contestants who reside in Crawford County, Pennsylvania.

Contestants competing in Miss Meadville Area Outstanding Teen Competition will be charged a \$75.00 entry fee. If the contestant wins the local Miss Meadville Area Outstanding Teen Competition, the title holder is then responsible for paying the entry fee to the Miss Pennsylvania Outstanding Teen Competition Finals.

A minimum \$500.00 scholarship and a \$100 cash wardrobe prize will be awarded to the winner of the competition. Contestant Eligibility:

- Born female, never married, never conceived a child, and of good moral character.
- A resident of Crawford County, Pennsylvania at least 6 months prior to the state competition and a citizen of the United States
- Contestants in the Miss Meadville Area Outstanding Teen Competition must meet the following age and grade requirements to be eligible to compete:
  - Teen contestants must be between the ages of 13 and 17 years of age, and no more than an uprising high school senior
  - Must be 13 as of June 25, 2008
  - Must have a high school classification of no more than a Senior in the spring of 2008
  - If a contestant is 16 years of age and a graduating senior, she is eligible for teen level competition.

## **Categories for Local Competition and Scoring Percentages:**

- Talent
- Private Interview
- Evening Wear
- Lifestyle & Fitness in Active Wear
- On-stage question
- Scholastic Achievement
- Community Service

## **Private Interview:**

- Contestants will wear a dress, business suit, or pantsuit which would be suitable for a job interview.
- At the beginning of the interview, the contestant will walk to the podium, and open with a maximum of thirty (30) seconds introduction. The opening statement will be a basic introduction of who she is. She may list some items she would like to discuss during the interview. She may also make a statement based on her chosen Community Service Platform.
- Questions from the judges will be asked "press conference" style-in no particular order.
- Questions from the judges will be seven (7) minutes in length.
- Contestant then has the option of a thirty (30) second closing. If she chooses not to use the thirty second closing she will not be penalized.

## **Talent:**

- Talent presentations may not exceed two minutes (2:00) in length.
- Only the contestant will be permitted on stage during her talent presentation. No other person can be part of her presentation.
- Talent presentations must be performed live.
- Talent routines that are prohibited include the use of fire; fireworks; swords, knives, or machetes; bow and arrow acts; live animals.

## **Evening Wear:**

- Contestants select evening gown, cocktail type pantsuit, etc., appropriate to the individual contestant.

## **Lifestyle & Fitness in Active Wear:**

- Contestant is to wear an outfit that reflects their active lifestyle. (i.e. If she is a cheerleader, she would wear her cheering outfit. If she is a basketball player, she would wear her uniform, etc.)

## **Scholastic Achievement:**

Contestants will be scored according to the following guidelines:

- A separate panel of judges....numbering from 3 to 5. *(The number of scholastic judges is determined by the number of competition judges we have. i.e: Since we have 5 competition judges, you will have 3 scholastic judges. The number of scholastic judges is always 2 less than the number of competition judges.)* Due to the wide age range of the contestants, the judges come from both middle and upper school. (No college) For example, the educators will be from Admissions, Academic Dean, Registrar, Guidance Counselor, and/or faculty members.
- *See the Scholastic Achievement Guidelines for judging criteria.*

## **On Stage Question:**

Contestant will be judged on her ability to respond promptly in conversation and how well composed she is in her answer and interaction with the audience.

