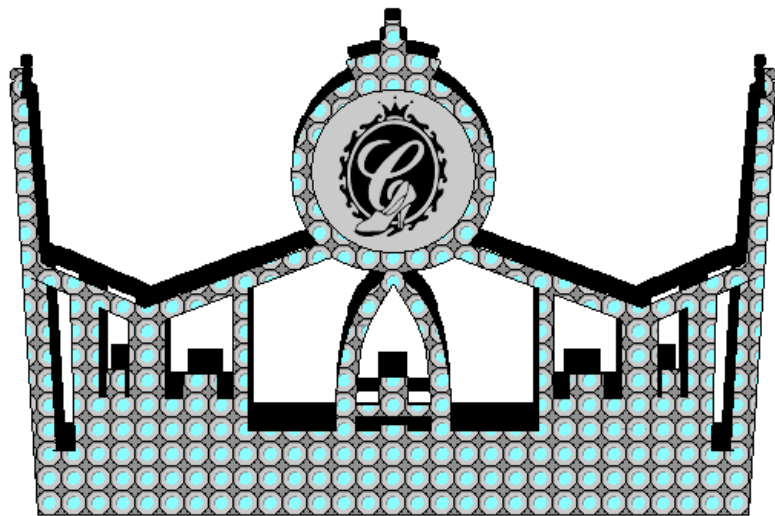


# Cinderella Scholarship Pageant

## *Royalty Handbook*



*Official Guide for  
Cinderella Overall Titleholders*

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CONGRATULATIONS!

You have won one of the most prestigious titles in the pageant industry. You now join an exclusive sisterhood that stretches back over 30 years and includes literally hundreds of young women who have held Cinderella titles before you. Welcome to this remarkable group of women, and the international sisterhood of Cinderella Overall Winners!

While we are proud to have you as a member of this special group, we want to make you aware of some of the special responsibilities and obligations that come with the honor of wearing the Cinderella Overall Crown for your age division. We have prepared this special "Royalty Handbook" for your use. It contains some of the traditions and "rules" that Cinderella royalty have adhered to for over two decades.

Please take a moment to read through these guidelines and commit them to memory. Please know that these rules are designed to uphold the dignity and prestige of the Cinderella Crown you wear. In reality, this handbook is your "helping hand" so that you are always presented in a complimentary light.

Again, please let me be among the first to congratulate you on your remarkable achievement, and know that we are so very happy to have you as a special member of our Cinderella family. I sincerely hope that you will enjoy your year's reign and that it will be the start, or perhaps the continuation, of a long-standing relationship with our international program.

Please know that both myself and my office stand ready to assist you in any way possible!

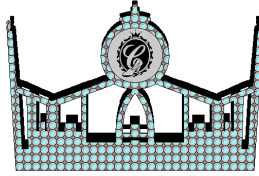
My personal best to you,



Fred Vollman, President

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*A few words concerning this Guide for Official Overall Titleholders... Please understand that these guidelines have been established so that you may always be presented in a respectful and professional manner and that you are seen by the public as the embodiment of the high ideals and standards of the Cinderella Scholarship Program. We ask that you faithfully follow these rules at all times.*

### **1. Presentation Attire**

In formal presentations, Cinderella Overall Royalty are asked to wear a white dress. Naturally, we caution you to select a dress that is in keeping with Cinderella's standards of age appropriateness and good taste. Additionally, when you are wearing your "presentation white dress" we ask that our Tot, Miniature Miss and Miss royalty wear a white, closed toe shoe.

### **2. Proper use of the Cinderella Crown, Banner, Scepter and Robe**

- a) These items are only worn at official Cinderella functions or at functions sanctioned by your director.
- b) Crown and Banner: May be worn with either formal or casual clothes.
- c) Scepter and Robe: May only be used in formal presentations on stage while wearing your "royalty white" presentation dress. (The robe and scepter are NEVER used while wearing casual clothing.)
- d) Banners (Sashes): Cinderella winners are required to wear only official Cinderella banners. Either the official Satin Ribbon Banner or the official Embroidered Banner may be used. **NO OTHER BANNER MAY BE WORN BY CINDERELLA WINNERS!**
- e) Banner Adornments: The following must be observed: Local Banners may not have a row of rhinestones added. State Banners may have a maximum of 1 row of rhinestones added. International banners may have a maximum of 2 rows of rhinestones added. The addition of rhinestone pins, etc. to the banner should be limited so as to keep the banner elegant and unblemished.
- f) Additional Jewelry: No additional jewelry other than a wrist watch and earrings may be worn while wearing crown and banner. (Tot, Miniature Miss and Miss wear stud earrings. Teen and Woman may wear studs or drop earrings.)
- g) Hair accessories: When wearing the crown, no other hair accessory may be worn (bows, decorative hair pins, barrettes, etc.)
- h) Nails: Only clear or pearl nail polish should be worn while representing Cinderella.

### **3. Participation In Pageants (other than Cinderella Pageants)**

During her reigning year, girls are encouraged to only participate in official Cinderella pageants. While this is only a suggestion for Local and State Pageant Overall Winners, International Overall Titleholders are prohibited from participating in any pageant during their reigning year. Local and State overall winners are asked to check with the policy established by their directors.

### **4. Personal Grooming**

- a) Royalty: Royalty are asked to always be properly attired when in public. Complete all dressing, hair styling and makeup application before you arrive at your destination. (Please note that it is inappropriate for hair rollers to be worn in public.) Also, the correct undergarments should be worn.
- b) Chaperones: Our Cinderella Royalty Chaperones are an important part of our program. As such, we ask that they are well groomed and that they refrain from wearing jeans (and similar clothing) at official pageant functions. It is important that your grooming and attire be appropriate for the Cinderella event you are attending... in a very real way, you represent the program as well as the girl you have the honor to chaperone!

### **5. Personal Conduct**

When in public - Always be kind and personable to each Cinderella Girl that you meet. Always make a special effort to speak to your Cinderella sisters, especially those girls who you may not have met. Remember, they look up to you and admire you for your position and achievements. Please put yourself in their position and remember how great it feels to be included and noticed by people who you respect and admire.

When attending a pageant - When not preparing for a talent, or helping the pageant director, Overall Royalty and their chaperones are expected to take seats in the front of the audience and support their fellow Cinderella sisters by attentively watching and applauding each contestant as she goes through her competition. Our royalty sets the example for the audience by their attention and applause!

### **6. Talent Presentations**

Cinderella Miniature Miss, Miss, Teen and Woman Royalty should always have a minimum of 2 talents prepared for each pageant or event that they attend (if talent is a part of the program). While there is no strict time limit for your talent presentations, we ask that you guard against making it overly long. Cinderella Tot Royalty should always be prepared to join the Emcee on stage to speak about her year's reign and other activities... much like a "mini" Tot Personality segment. Tot royalty may choose to have a talent prepared but are not required to do so, as their division does not require talent. Also, directors are not required to have reigning Tot winners perform a talent, and the chaperone and the child should not take offense.

### **7. Stage Introductions**

Royalty is introduced in the following sequence... Cinderella Tot, Cinderella Miniature Miss, Cinderella Miss, Cinderella Teen and Cinderella Woman. Please speak with the director about your formal introduction and rehearse it if necessary. The introduction should be "smooth and elegant" and royalty should be positioned so as to make a beautiful "picture" to the audience. Likewise, your exit should be coordinated so that it appears poised and graceful. The proper sequence of introductions is as follows: First to be introduced are visiting Local Royalty; Second to be introduced are

visiting State Royalty; Third to be introduced are visiting International Royalty. After the stage is cleared, the Reigning Royalty of that event is introduced. Please note that ONLY the reigning royalty of that event are allowed to walk the runway.

### **8. Award Presentations**

During the presentation of awards at the conclusion of the pageant, the following should be observed:

- a.) The awards should be presented by that pageant's reigning royalty.
- b.) The winner should be crowned by the outgoing winner of her age division. (The Tot may be assisted with the attachment of the crown on the winner's head, and should be instructed in how to "place" the crown on the head of her successor.)

### **9. Final Walk**

On the State and International level, we ask that the immediate family of the reigning royalty be on hand during the final night competition to participate in this important occasion in our Cinderella Girl's reign. The "final walk" is the opportunity for the outgoing royalty to receive applause for a "job well done" from her Cinderella family and she is generally met by her parents and siblings on stage with a presentation bouquet... symbolizing the importance of family love and unity to the Cinderella Scholarship Program. Light blue carnations are the official flower of the Cinderella Scholarship Program and we suggest that presentation bouquets to newly crowned overall winners use this flower. If the director would like, they may include white roses along with the carnations in the bouquet. After you have made your Final Walk, and have exited the stage, we ask that you make yourself immediately available to the Emcee staff so that you can crown your successor and assist with the presentation of awards. At this time you are required to remove your robe and set aside your scepter. Your crown & banner may remain on. Please note that the "passing of the crown" is one of the most solemn occasions in the life of an overall titleholder. It symbolizes the unbreakable bond you share with a long and distinguished history of previous winners and should be executed with grace and poise. Please make sure you have spoken with your state director concerning the "correct" way to present the crown to your successor.

### **10. MySpace, Facebook, Personal Web Pages, etc.**

Social networking sites such as MySpace and Facebook are popular ways for people to interact socially using the world wide web. However, it is important that you are mindful of the image of yourself that you present on these sites. Remember, a "photo is worth a thousand words"... make certain that the images of yourself that you use on this site reflects positively on yourself as well as the Cinderella Program. Make sure that the photos and the writing on the site upholds the values of our Cinderella Program.

### **11. Following Your Reign**

There is a tradition in Cinderella that says, "Once a winner, always a winner." Because you are a special, unique part of our program, we want you to always cherish the title you've won in our program. Therefore, in the years following your reign we do allow you to wear your official Cinderella Banner when attending Cinderella Events. To alleviate confusion, we ask that your banner have the year of your reign embroidered on it. For example, your Banner might read: **2003-2004 Louisiana Cinderella Tot, with the "2003-2004 Louisiana" designation embroidered in the upper section of the banner.** Please note that following the year of your reign you may no longer wear the crown you were awarded as that is reserved for "reigning" winners only.

### **11. Miscellaneous**

- Always show appreciation for all that is done for you and, unless it is unavoidable, do not ask for special favors or privileges. Remember that "Please" and "Thank you" are always welcomed and appreciated.
- Never chew gum while in public.
- Use of alcoholic beverages or other mind-altering drugs is prohibited. This includes royalty, their parents, chaperones or guests.
- Smoking by Royalty is prohibited.
- Always arrive at your destination ON TIME. Director's are encouraged NOT to delay a program or a show because of the tardy arrival of Cinderella Royalty. Should you be late for a scheduled appearance, do not become upset if you have not been included in the show. The Emcee and Director need to have you present BEFORE the show begins in order to communicate to you your position in the show as well as (if applicable) collect your performance CD. Once written, a show script cannot easily be changed.

• **SPECIAL NOTE: If you are given information that conflicts with or adds to the information contained in this handbook regarding the expectations of Cinderella Royalty, please call the International Office at (225) 344-7628 for clarification.**

# *Additional Guidelines For International Cinderella Royalty*

In Cinderella, our International Royalty has the advantage of having their own International Royalty Coordinator, Mrs. Joy Linn. Joy has been associated with the Cinderella Program for many years and is very knowledgeable and experienced in what is expected of our International Royalty. We ask that you defer to her during your reign when questions arise. Additionally, she will serve as the liaison between staff, emcees and the royal party while at pageants and other events. Also, we ask that parents defer to Joy's judgment regarding your daughter's role and appropriate activities during her reign.

Often our International Royalty wish to coordinate matching outfits for the International Pageant and for their other appearances, trips and activities. While we encourage your creativity and suggestions when developing your wardrobe, please know that all "group outfits" should be approved by Mrs. Joy. Additionally, please be sensitive to the different financial circumstances and financial obligations of your fellow royalty and do not let these outfits create financial hardship for another member of your court. During your reigning year you might be informed of items that need to be purchased. Mrs Joy will know if these may be more economical than having them custom made. When custom made garments are needed, Mrs. Joy will send you patterns and material for these so that you may use your local seamstress.

Regarding your Talent presentations for both State and International Pageants; please have Joy review your selections. She will then consult with the International Office and receive the "ok" for these performances. It is important that your talent presentations be polished, in good taste and representative of the title you hold. We encourage you to make your talent selections early and begin perfecting them as soon as possible. Royalty will perform at least one time during the following activities: International Baby Pageant; Cinderella Casualwear Competition; Cinderella Party Dress/Formalwear Competition; Final Night Show. While there are 4 events at which you may perform, only 3 talents must be prepared, as the audience for the Baby Pageant will be a different audience from the other 3 events. However, you are welcome to prepare a different talent for each of these performance opportunities.

Please note that our reigning Tot winner will not be performing a talent during the International Pageant's Final Night Show. However, she will be featured during the Final Night Production when she has a song sung to her by one of our Master's of Ceremonies. Additionally, our Reigning Tot will be asked to escort girls on stage during Tot Personality competition.

If you have questions pertaining to these rules, your duties and responsibilities as International Royalty or concerning the Cinderella Program in general, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Joy Linn at (205) 837-8329 • joylinncinderella@hotmail.com. Should she be unavailable, feel free to call the International Office at (225) 344-7628 and we will be happy to assist you with your needs.

**HAVE A WONDERFUL YEAR!**

*And remember...*

*One Shoe Can Change Your Life!*