

The most prestigious scholarship pageant system of its kind, Cinderella is the pageant for those individuals who "dare to dream" and who have the courage and determination to make their dreams come true.

Cinderella....your journey begins here!! This contains all the information needed to find out what is involved in making your decision to be a part of one of the most recognized scholarship pageants in the world!!! This information is used for current and potential participants and their chaperones.

# **AGE DIVISIONS**

Cinderella's Pageant Year begins on September 1st and ends on August 31st

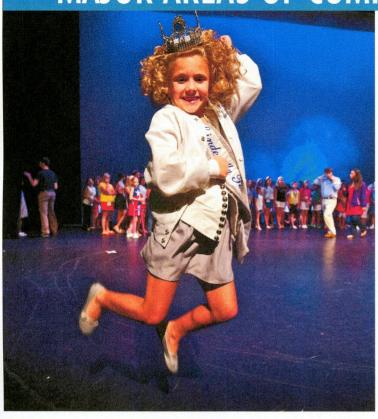
Your age division in which you will be eligible to compete is established on September 1st. In the event that a participant's age changes before the first pageant she enters, she may elect to compete in the older age division. However, once she has selected that older division, she must remain in that age division for the remainder of the Pageant year.

### **Cinderella Age Divisions**

Infant Division - 0-11 months
Baby Division - 12-23 months
Tiny Tot Division - 24-35 months
Tot Division - 3-6 years
Miniature Miss Division - 7-9 years
Miss Division - 10-12 years
Teen Division - 13-17 years
Woman Division - 18-29 years

Check with your Director to determine which divisions are offered at their pageant.

# **MAJOR AREAS OF COMPETITION**



In Cinderella, the areas of competition are:

### Beauty

All age divisions - Interview, Casualwear Modeling, Partydress/Formalwear Modeling

Baby Personality

Infant, Baby, Tiny Tot divisions - Close-up Appraisal with Judges

Tot Personality

Tot division - Onstage Interview with Emcee

Talent

Miniature Miss, Miss, Teen & Woman divisions - Talent presentation not longer than 2 minutes and 30 seconds

Photogenic

All age divisions - Photographic award based on participant submitted photo.

**OVERALL WINNER** - Selected in each age division from scores in Beauty, Talent and Personality competitions

## **BEAUTY TITLE**

In General, garment selection in Cinderella should be age appropriate and something that the participant would be able to wear to a function other than a pageant. For our younger divisions our motto is, "Real Kids in Real Clothes".

### TOT, MINIATURE MISS, MISS, TEEN & WOMAN

• Interview - An interview with the judges consisting of brief, simple age appropriate questions. This is NOT and intelligence test. It is designed to be a brief "conversation" between the judge and the participant. Additionally, it is an opportunity for the judges to observe grooming, garment choice, communicative skills, alertness, self-confidence, manners and personality. In the Tot thru Miss divisions, contestants will enter the interview room in groups of 5 and have a group interview with their panel of judges. Teen and Woman participants will have individual interviews.

Appropriate attire: tailored street length dress, or tailored business attire for Teen and Woman divisions. Please note that makeup is not allowed in the Tot and Miniature Miss divisions for Interview. NOTE: At Local pageants it is at the discretion of the Local Director if they wish to include the Interview segment of competition. While optional at a Local Pageant is required at State and International Pageants.

• Casualwear Modeling - Contestants model on stage in casual attire. Modeling presentations will include a brief selfintroduction at center stage (name, age, hometown). Appropriate Attire: Slacks and blouse, shorts, tailored sportswear. NO SWIMWEAR.

• Partywear / Formalwear - Contestants model

on stage in a party dress for Tot, Miniature Miss

and Miss divisions and a Formal Gown for Teen

and Woman divisions. For the Tot thru Miss

divisions, any length dress is accepted EXCEPT

**INFANT, BABY & TINY TOT** 

Please note that an adult chaperone is required to accompany the participant onstage during her

formal length.

Casualwear and Partywear modeling. While the chaperone is not officially judged, the appearance and grooming of the chaperone will be considered in the overall presentation of the participant.

• Casualwear - Participant must appear on stage with their Chaperone. The Chaperone should be prepared to give a simple introduction of the participant (name, age, hometown). Appropriate attire: Should be dressy causal garment that the participant might wear to an event such as a friend's birthday party or a festive holiday occasion.

## CINDERELLA MODELING MUSIC

• Partywear - Participant must appear on stage with their Chaperone. No introduction is required. Appropriate Attire: This may be a dress of any length that the participant might wear to a family wedding, a Easter religious service or any other formal/dressy occasion.

All official Cinderella Pageants are required to use the official runway modeling music which is available for purchase from the International Cinderella Office. This is an invaluable aid to the participant in preparing for the pageant as it will allow her to practice at home using the actual music that she will be modeling at the Cinderella Pageant. This same music is used on the Local, State and International levels of competition. This revolutionary idea of having "official" modeling music for Cinderella serves a two-fold purpose: 1) It ensures that each participant will have an equal amount of time

in which to be adjudicated since each musical

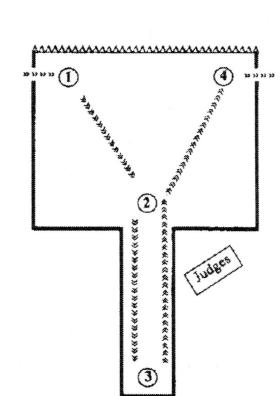
The music contains electronic tones embedded in the musical score that serves to act as a audio guide for the participant as she executes her modeling presentation. You may contact the International Office to purchase the official modeling music and instruction sheet. • cinderellapageant@me.com • (225) 344-7628

selection is designed to be equal in length. 2)

## **MODELING GUIDELINES**The judges at an official Cinderella Pageant are

judging the OVERALL appearance of the participant and not her ability to model in an exaggerated way. As this is not a high fashion modeling competition, affected hand motions, footwork and facial expressions are discouraged. The participant should only need to know how to stand attractively, walk gracefully to each "X" (stopping point) and then to exit the stage at the conclusion of her modeling presentation. Additionally, props, such as tennis rackets, sunglasses, hats, purses, flowers, etc. are not allowed in Cinderella modeling presentations

Diagram of a typical Cinderella Stage for Casual and Partywear/Formal wear modeling:



## **PERSONALITY TITLE**

### **INFANT, BABY & TINY TOT DIVISIONS**

• Playtime / Close-up Appraisal - Participants may bring a toy of their choice to interact with while the judges observe their personality, alertness and demeanor. Appropriate Attire: A play garment of the participant's choice. It should allow freedom of movement and be comfortable for the child. Chaperones will remain with their participants during this phase of competition.

#### **TOT DIVISION**

• Tot Personality - An onstage interview by the pageant Emcee and takes the place of Talent for this age division. The judges panel will be looking for the poise, personality, appearance, self-confidence and the ability to speak with her Emcee in an pleasing and understandable manner. The participant will begin by stating

their name, age and hometown. The Emcee will then ask her a few questions relating to the information provided on her Entry Form. This interview is designed to be brief but lighthearted and focuses on the communicative skills of the participant.



International Pageant Top 5 Tots in Tot Personality

## TALENT TITLE

### **MINIATURE MISS, MISS, TEEN & WOMAN**

Participants perform a talent of their choice. Cinderella defines "talent" as any creative performance that entertains an audience (humorous skits, dramatics, pantomime, dancing, singing, musical instruments and baton are some, though not all, of what may be showcased). Showmanship, stage presence, preparation, the level of accomplishment, proficiency, staging, transitions, composition of routine and costume will all be considered. The judges are not to be swayed by "beauty" in judging talent.

The rules governing this portion of competition are as follows:

- Talent may NOT exceed 2:30 in length. This begins with the first sound or movement on stage and ends with the last sound or movement on stage (this excludes moving onstage to start position at beginning of act and departing stage after end of act). The 2:30 time limit is STRICTLY observed and any performance that exceeds this time will be disqualified from any Talent award and therefore unable to receive the Overall winner award or alternate to the Overall Winner.
- Participant must furnish her own music or accompanist. Special attention should be given to the quality of recorded music as this factors into the final score.
- Participants may not use runway during their performance.

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- Props are discouraged. If used, it must be a "working" part of the performance and not just for scenery. Only 1 prop may be used and must be set up off-stage prior to the performance and carried on/off stage by 1 person.
- Performances that require fire or other types of dangerous components are not allowed. Additionally, special lighting is also prohibited. Participants should be prepared to perform with a spotlight.
- Acrobats and gymnasts are restricted to the use of 1 mat no larger than 6' x 12' x 1". Mats are discouraged for stage performances.

- An additional person may be used in a talent presentation if the talent cannot be performed alone. (Example: Adagio, musical accompanist, ballroom dance, etc.) The judges will consider only the participant's talent and her ability to work with her accompanist or partner.
- A participant has only one chance to perform her talent. If a mistake is made, she should complete her performance. In the event of a technical malfunction during a performance, the director may let the participant re-perform her talent.

## PHOTOGENIC TITLE

### **ALL AGE DIVISIONS**

All age divisions participate in this area of competition. Participants submit a photo of their choice for judging. Photographs are judged on the ability of the participant to portray their beauty, personality and charm through the photographic medium. Photos may be color or black and white and should

not be larger than an 8 x 10. Judges are instructed to look for a "natural", unaffected look. The photograph should portray the participant in an age appropriate way as regards hair, makeup, attire and photographic composition. Participant may be dressed in either partydress, formalwear or appropriate casualwear.

# **PAGEANT STANDARDS - GENERAL GUIDELINES**

Cinderella is searching for a natural, wholesome young lady to represent the pageant. She should be charming and personable; well groomed and poised; self-confident; and above all have the character, humility and inner beauty that sets her apart as a leader. A Cinderella winner is at ease in a crowd and is respectful of those around her. Her manners and behavior are age appropriate.

The winner must typify the age division in which she is participating. In the 3-6 and 7-9 age brackets we are not looking for a teenager;

in the 10-12 age bracket we are looking for a pre-teen look; likewise, in the 13-17 age bracket we are not looking for an adult as we are in the 18-29 age group.

### A FEW NOTES....

- 1. A "standard of modesty" is required of all participants and chaperones throughout the pageant (while both on and off stage).
- 2. The use of cosmetics when on **stage** is allowed in all age brackets; however, makeup MUST be appropriate for the participant's age group. (Note: NO make-up is allowed in

Interview for Tot and Miniature Miss Division Participants and for Babies in Playtime/ Close-up Appraisal)

- 3. Participants are encouraged to steer away from using false hair pieces, eyelashes, etc. as it often can take away from a natural look.
- 4. Cosmetic dentistry is acceptable. . Consideration is given for "braces" as being a normal part of growing up or improving one's oral health.
- 5. Caution: Talent presentations or costumes of a suggestive nature will be disqualified. The judges' decision is final.

### WHAT IS EXPECTED OF A WINNER

There are important responsibilities that go with winning an official Cinderella title. Representing your area at the state finals and through the year is an honor and an obligation that you will not want to take lightly.

The following rules are for all official Cinderella winners:

- 1. Winners are to conduct themselves with the dignity of the titles they hold. Any winner, chaperone or guest who displays unladylike or unsportsmanlike conduct will be subject to dismissal from the pageant.
- 2. Failure to attend the next level pageant will mean automatic forfeiture of the title and all rights thereof. In rare cases, her title will not have to be relinquished if advance notice is given and the reasons for not attending are excused by the director of the next level pageant. The title is passed to the next highest ranking participant who attended the next level pageant.
- 3. State Overall Winners not attending the International Pageant will have their title taken away and will be banned from future participation in the Cinderella Scholarship

Program. Exceptions are very rare and can only be made by the Executive Director of the International Cinderella Scholarship Program.

- 3. Local winners may compete in pageants other than Cinderella. However, we ask that you clear any conflicting dates with your director.
- 4. Local overall winners may not compete in another Cinderella local pageant during the pageant year in which they have won their title; however, they may enter another local pageant in subsequent years within the same age division if they have fulfilled their duties to their previous crown by attending the state pageant.
- 5. Prior to entering another pageant, reigning State overall winners are asked to check with their State Director to determine what their policy is in this regard.
- 6. Overall international winners may not enter another pageant until they have crowned their successors. An exception is sometimes given for Miss USA and Miss America competitions if they do not conflict with their obligations to their Cinderella Title. Permission must be obtained in advance from the International Office.
- 7. Participants may not win an overall state or international title more than once in an age group.
- 8. Winners are to release no publicity without the express permission of the pageant director.
- 9. Winners of Cinderella titles (all levels) agree upon entering the pageant that they will abide by all rules, regulations and stipulations for winners as set forth by the Cinderella Scholarship Pageant.

#### CONDUCT

At all official Cinderella events emphasis is placed on participants and adults displaying good manners and grooming, listening to and following instructions, adjusting to conditions, maintaining discipline and, above all, displaying excellent sportsmanship at all times. Any parent, teacher, guest or participant who conducts themselves in an unsportsmanlike or unladylike manner (either before, during or after an official event) will be subject to dismissal from the pageant system. Such conduct by a participant will mean automatic forfeiture of her title and all rights thereof.

No alcoholic beverages or other mind altering drugs will be allowed in or around the staging area of an official event. This rule is strictly enforced and includes the participants, parents, staff and guests. Smoking by participants during the pageant is prohibited and may result in disqualification. If you cannot abide by the rules of the pageant please do not participate.

### **HOLD HARMLESS CLAUSE**

Participants and parents must agree to hold IPPI, Cinderella Scholarship Pageant and its directors harmless of any damages or liabilities due to theft, accident or injury during or resulting from participation in the pageant.

### **CINDERELLA GIRL PLEDGE**

On my honor I promise to do my best to live up to the high standards of the Cinderella Scholarship Pageant; to honor my God and country; to always conduct myself in a manner that is becoming to a young lady; to keep myself morally straight; to respect my mother and father; to recognize the rights of others; to keep the competitive spirit and be a good loser as well as a good winner; and dedicate myself to a world united in peace through love, mutual trust and understanding among the peoples of all nations, races and creeds.

## OFFICIAL THEME SONG CINDERELLA GIRL®

Cinderella Girl, Cinderella Girl,
You're the fairest girl in all the world.
Once upon a time you dared to dream that fairy
tales come true;

A dream, a wish, a hope, a quest;

Dreams will come true for you.

Cinderella Girl, Cinderella Girl,

Close your eyes and dream of bright new worlds.

A place where love is overflowing

That's the place that you'll be going,

At the rainbow's end you've caught (you'll catch)

the star you've dreamed about;

Now you're (You'll be) our (my) dream come true,

Our (my) Cinderella Girl!

For More Information: <u>www.cinderellapageant.com</u> • <u>cinderellapageant@me.com</u> (225)344-7628 • Facebook - @cinderellapageant



## Additional Information for Nevada Participants in the Cinderella & Baby & Prince Charming Divisions

There are "FREE" Modeling & Interview WORKSHOPS prior to each preliminary Check the website for dates, times & places Or check the preliminary information handout provided by each director

or contact the Nevada State Cinderella Office Ms. Gwendolyn CinderellaNevada@Gmail.com or text/call 702-308-4004 www.CinderellaNevada.com

<u>Prince Charming</u> - In Nevada we are still holding the Prince Charming Division. The divisions are: Young Prince Charming 0-35 months and Prince Charming 3-6 years - Note on the local level, these divisions are usually combined together.

<u>Optional Categories</u> are a lot of fun! They give you or your child another chance to take home extra awards! \*Note that optionals are judged by a separate judge and have no bearing on the pag eant-strictly an extra way to be recognized. There are optionals for babys, cinderellas, Cover Baby/Cover Girl, and for Winter Cameo - Again, just another opportunity to win an award. \*\*Honor Roll participants may enter optionals and win awards.

<u>Awards</u> - There are four crowns winners (medallions for boys) and banners awarded in each age division: Every participant will receive an official Cinderella Trophy.

<u>Baby/P. Charming Division</u> has: Overall, Most Beautiful or Handsome, Personality & Photogenic and a total of "20" \$35.00 State Entry Fee Scholarships.

<u>Cinderella Girl Division</u> has: Overall, Beauty, Talent/Tot Personality & Photogenic for a total of "20" \$75.00 State Entry Fee Scholarships.

**Honor Roll participants** do not qualify for overall awards but will be recognized onstage.

<u>Winter Cameo</u> participants will receive trophies and the Overall Winner in each age group will receive an additional \$75 entry fee scholarship to the state pageant in June.

<u>iCinderella participants</u> - will receive the same awards as in the Baby/Prince Charming and Cinderella Pageants. - Awards will be mailed to the participants since this is an online pageant.

<u>Chi Gamma Cinderella Sorority</u> (service projects) We here in Nevada have carried on the tradition of the Cinderella Sorority originally started in 1976 by our Founder - Carl David Dunn. One our most know Service projects is our TWO Special Needs Pageants (Jan 22 in Reno and Jan 29th in LV)— We need ads sold and bought to help pay for the event and volunteers to help with makeup, modeling, the show – email: cinderellanevada@Gmail.com.

Payment for the Pageant - you can click and fill out the online entry form, or print the fillable form out and mail it or fax (702-877-6434) it to either to the Individual Preliminary Director (See in dividual Poster/Flyer for the particular pageant you are entering) or send to: Nevada Cinderella Girl, 6212 W Charleston #100, LV, NV 89146 -- PAYPAL(account # cinderellanevada@gmail. com) -- VENMO (acct # @Gwendolyn-Hansen) Or Credit Card or Cash at the door.