

Cinderella Scholarship Pageant

Royalty Handbook



Cinderella

Official Guide for All Cinderella Titleholders



CONGRATULATIONS!

You have won one of the most prestigious titles in the pageant industry. You now join an exclusive sisterhood that stretches back over 47 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 FOUR decades.

Please take a moment to read through these guidelines and commit them to memory. 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.

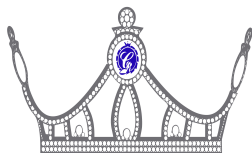
Please know that both myself and my office stand ready to assist you in any way possible!

My personal best to you,

Fred Vollman, President

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A few words concerning this Guide for Official Cinderella 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. We ask that Royalty look as "uniform" as possible. Therefore we ask that watches not be worn and that additional jewelry is both age appropriate and modest in size and appearance. This will help our Royalty, Tot thru Woman, look consistent across all age groups. 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

Overall Winners on the Local or State Level must participate in the next (higher) level pageant in order to represent their title and area at that event. If you do not participate in the next level pageant you will forfeit your title and in the case of Overall State Titleholders, you will also be banned from further participation in Cinderella at any level. The International Pageant is mandatory for State Overall Winners the year they are crowned.

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 events. To alleviate confusion, we ask that your banner have the year of your reign included on it. For example, your Banner might read: **2021-2022 Louisiana Cinderella Tot, with the "2021-2022 Louisiana" designation located 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.**

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!

Additional Guidelines For International Cinderella Royalty

In Cinderella, our International Royalty has the advantage of having their own International Royalty Coordinator, Candace Bienz. Candace 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 Candace's judgment regarding your daughter's role and appropriate activities during her reign.

WHAT TO EXPECT FROM CINDERELLA INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

The Cinderella Scholarship Program maintains an office that is open Monday thru Friday every week, excluding holidays. We are always willing and anxious to help our Cinderella Girls and their families with any questions and concerns they might have. Candace is your first point of contact, but in the event that there is a question/situation/problem that you have and Candace is not available, feel free to call our office (225) 344-7628.

International Pageant:

Travel: As you may know, the International Office will be paying for your transportation and hotel expenses for International Pageant Week. While you are free to make your own travel arrangements, you must clear all travel expenses with our office. If you wish us to make the appropriate arrangements we will be happy to do so.

Hotel: Your hotel expenses will likewise be paid by the International Cinderella Office. Please understand that each Queen and her (female) Chaperone will be housed with one of her Queen sisters and Chaperone. This is a long held tradition, and we require the royalty to room together in this manner. After over 40 years of experience, we have found that this arrangements builds strong and lasting bonds between families and girls... we want to encourage this. During Pageant Week, we pay for Friday (immediately preceding the International Baby Pageant) through Friday, a total of 8 nights. Additional nights may be reserved through our office at your own expense)

Food: Some, but not all, of your meals will be provided. Please be prepared to provide some meals for yourself during the week. Naturally all of our major food functions are covered for you and your Chaperone. Welcome Banquet, Cindy Fair and Awards Banquet tickets for immediate family members and additional guest can be purchased at a discounted rate. (Also, a discounted Meal Plan is available for additional family members and friends which will allow them to attend official meals and parties.)

Competitions: Both Royalty and Chaperone will have admission to all events. Family members who attend International Pageant week will receive complimentary passes to all competitions. Please make advance reservations with the International Office.

International Royalty Trips:

There are a couple of planned trips for Royalty and their Chaperones. Some of these are paid for by the International Office, and some are made available with certain expenses paid for. We encourage you to make every effort to attend each of these trips as they are always lots of fun and provide a unique "bonding time" for the Royalty as well as their Chaperones and our International Royalty Coordinator, Candace Bienz. The main trip planned for Royalty each year is held over the Easter Holiday Weekend. The destination has changed through the years. No matter where we go, the International Office will pay for the transportation costs of the Queen and the accommodations of both the Royalty and her Chaperone. On this trip, the Chaperone will be responsible for her own transportation. Again, we ask that the Chaperone be female.

INTERNATIONAL PAGEANT WARDROBE & GROUP OUTFITS

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" must be approved by Candace and the International Office. 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. A standard of modesty should be the rule for all group outfits selected and this wardrobe should be suitable for the broad age range included in the International Royalty. Only approved wardrobe will be permitted at official Cinderella events or while representing the Cinderella program.

STATE AND INTERNATIONAL TALENT PRESENTATIONS

As regards your Talent presentations for both State and International Pageants, please have Candace 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. NO SPECIAL talents or group talents are allowed during the Final Night Show.

CHAPERONES & FUNCTIONS

As regards Chaperones... Traditionally, Cinderella has been an opportunity for moms and their daughter's to spend time together in a special way... creating experiences that will draw them ever more closely together while creating memories that will be looked back upon fondly in the years to come. While we honor the participation of Fathers, Grandparents, Siblings and Husbands of the International royalty, our program is designed to cater to our female winners and their female chaperones during official royalty trips, the International Pageant, etc. For the any official Royalty trip, we ask that only the royalty and their female chaperone make plans to attend.

INTERNATIONAL CROWN, BANNER, SCEPTER AND ROBE

Naturally, how you represent yourself when appearing as International Royalty is always important. You must always be kind, humble, gracious and outgoing when you act as a Cinderella International Winner. Along with the positive attitude and lady-like behavior that we expect, we also expect that you are dressed appropriately for your age and for the title you hold. It is also important that the symbols of your position, your International Crown, Banner, Scepter and Robe are always worn with pride and are always in good repair. As you know, the Crown, Banner and Scepter are given as gifts when you won your title. If any of them become damaged in such a way as to make them unpresentable, it is your responsibility to obtain replacements at your own expense (the International Office can assist you in ordering these items). Other than your official Cinderella Overall Crown, the Cinderella International Robe is one of the most important symbols of your achievement. It is not a gift but is "on loan" to you for the length of your reign. Also, it is the single most expensive item that represents your title. Each Robe costs in excess of \$600.00. It is important that each of the 5 International Robes look identical in design, material and color, for the sake of group presentations... so when one has to be replaced, all five must be replaced!! As you can see, proper care of this garment is VERY IMPORTANT. As such, we ask our Royalty to take special care of their Robe and use it as it was intended... only for official presentations when wearing your traditional presentation garments of white Formalwear or white PartyDress. Please do not use the Robe as a blanket... this is not its intended use and places it under unusual wear and tear. Also, please keep the Robe out of direct sunlight when not being worn as it may fade and become a different color than the other robes. We ask that you use a separate garment bag for storage and transportation of the Robe and only use it for official, formal presentations. Naturally, in the course of the year the robe may require a small amount of maintenance and we ask that our Royalty take care of this so that the Robe maintains its good condition. If something happens to the Robe that makes it un-wearable, please contact the International Office immediately so that we can determine the best course of action in having it repaired. REMEMBER, should the Robe become damaged it is your responsibility to have it repaired, but only after consultation with the International Office!

You will notice that there is a removable panel on the inside of the Robe where previous winners have embroidered their names. This is a wonderful tradition and we encourage you to have your name embroidered as well. You will join the long list of young women who have worn this unique garment! As you prepare for your journey to the International Pageant, we ask that you make sure the Robe is properly cleaned and maintained so that it will be in beautiful condition for you to hand over to your successor during the Final Night Crowning. Presenting a lovingly maintained robe to the next girl that will carry on this special tradition of the outgoing Royalty.

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 Candace Bienz at (480) 241-2412 • candacebienz@gmail.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.

Enjoy your Year!

And Always Remember...

