

TX/LA State
(Tot, Miniature Miss, Miss, Teen, Cinderella Woman)
2023 PARTICIPANT HANDBOOK

CONGRATULATIONS:

You can be proud to have earned an invitation to attend the Texas & Louisiana State Cinderella Scholarship Pageant. This is a “once in a lifetime experience” filled with magic and fun that you will never forget. It is a storybook fantasy that is one of the most elaborately staged events of its kind in the state. The pageant offers an outlet for recognition and achievement for beautiful and talented young ladies with ambition; however, the most important aspect of the pageant is not the winning of a crown or trophy, but rather the rewards of participation and the opportunity to make lifetime friendships with other aspiring young ladies from across the state. If these attitudes are foremost during your participation, then you will go home with a sense of personal satisfaction. It is our sincere desire to make the state pageant a worthwhile growing experience for each and every participant.

GENERAL INFORMATION & DEADLINES:

Keep this handbook in your possession throughout the State Finals and study it carefully before filling out your forms. Follow all instructions explicitly. In order to reserve your place in the State pageant you must return the **STATE DEPOSIT FORM** along with your **\$100.00 non-refundable State Pageant Deposit** within 60 days of winning your local title. This will reserve your place in the State finals and will give us an indication of housing needs, etc. The ABSOLUTE DEADLINE for all completed forms and fees is shown on the second page of the official state entry forms. PLEASE READ AND FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY. Anything that is incorrectly executed will be promptly returned....thus causing an unfavorable delay for the participant. ALL FORMS MUST BE TYPEWRITTEN. To maintain a prompt schedule of events, all participants must be registered in the official housing facility with an adult chaperone. This rule is required.

PAYMENTS:

All fees must be submitted in CERTIFIED FUNDS, Business Sponsored Checks, Cash, Credit Card – Visa, Mastercard, AMEX or Discover, Paypal payments (4.25% service charge added), Venmo or Money Orders. All checks and/or money orders are to be made payable to the “**TX Cinderella Pageant**”. If you are sending a paypal – send to my email address – txcindydirector@aol.com. Venmo can be sent with no additional fees to @Kelli-Harvey. Because of the extensive planning for such a large event, no refunds will be made after May 20th. No exceptions will be made for this or any of the other deadlines in this handbook. Entry fees and other State Fees are not transferable to another entrant. It is emphasized that fees for the state pageant are very nominal and maybe BUSINESS SPONSORED. Excessive expenses to attend the state pageant are not necessary. Your attendance at the state pageant makes an exciting and most inexpensive vacation for the participant and her family and the cost is far below the amount that a family would normally spend on food and lodging for a comparable vacation.

SPONSORSHIP PROCEDURES:

A maximum of TWELVE (12) SPONSORS will be listed for each participant in the official state program book. More than 12 will be shown as “Friends & Family” of the participant. These sponsors may aid in helping provide your \$125.00 state entry fee (if not paid by the local pageant committee) and also your state competition fees, housing fees, and meal packages. A special section in the program book has been designated to give recognition to your sponsors. PLEASE BE SURE THAT THE SPONSOR’S NAME IS CORRECTLY SPELLED. Participants needing additional business sponsorship should emphasize the importance of community backing for a worthwhile youth scholarship program of this kind. Being a business sponsor brings recognition to the sponsor as a supporter of youth activities that offer opportunities to young people to help further their education.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - REGISTRATION:

You will find a tentative schedule of events for the state pageant with your official state registration forms. Please read the schedule carefully. Upon arrival, go to the front desk and get checked into your rooms. Then proceed to the pageant registration area where you will receive your official CONTESTANT PACKET and all official badges, etc. Don’t forget to bring your talent music and a sample of your souvenir gift with you to registration. All pageant events have been conveniently scheduled so that the participants and chaperones will have ample time to get to and from each activity. Participants must report to the staging area NO LATER THAN 15 MINUTES prior to the beginning of each competitive event in which they are participating. Ample time has also been allowed for rest and relaxation.

SOUVENIR GIFTS:

One of the highlights of the state pageant is the exchanging of souvenir gifts with the other participants. You will need to bring a minimum of 75 gifts for the participants in your age division, staff, judges, and reigning queens. These souvenir gifts are tokens of friendship from you and your area and may be donated by your city, Chamber of Commerce, or the merchants of your area. They do not have to be expensive; however, they may not be brochures or literature of any kind. Simple, small, and thoughtful items are desired and will be treasured. Each gift should be personalized with the participants name, title, and best wishes (NO ADDRESSES PLEASE) and may be printed, embossed, or have a simple nametag. Upon arrival, the gifts should be taken to your room for storage until time for distribution. Please bring a sample of your souvenir gift with you to registration. Gifts will be distributed by the chaperones later in the week. Refer to your schedule for day and time. Use your own imagination in preparing your souvenir gifts. We have found that the ideas are limitless. Some of the most outstanding gifts in the past have actually been made by the participants and their families. Remember, it is not the expense of the gifts that is important; it is the thought behind the gift that really makes it meaningful. Come on and join the fun and help make this year’s souvenir gift bags the most clever and creative in state pageant history. Permission is granted for the participants to use the registered trademark of the Cinderella Scholarship Program in the preparation of their souvenir gifts; however, the use of the Cinderella emblem is restricted for commercial use.

JUDGING:

The adjudication at an official Cinderella Scholarship State Pageant is always of the highest, unexcelled quality with an experienced panel of judges using a point and consultation system. The judge's decision is always final and no posting of the ballots or rating is permitted. **DO NOT ASK THE JUDGES FOR COMMENTS** after the pageant as they are **NOT ALLOWED TO GIVE PERSONAL CRITIQUES**. Personal critiques will be available at the director's discretion following the pageant. All participants will appear in Interview, Party Dress (Formalwear for Teens and Cinderella Women), Casualwear and Talent (onstage interview for the 3-6 age division)...making all participants eligible for the Cinderella Overall Title, Beauty Awards and Talent Awards (Tot Personality Award for the 3-6 age division). All participants will introduce themselves at the microphone during their Casualwear presentation. The judges will **NOT** be searching for a "miniature adult" in the children's divisions. Likewise, the judges will **NOT** be looking for a "college age" prototype in the teen division. The Cinderella Pageant is looking for natural, wholesome representatives to carry the official Cinderella titles. The State Cinderella Beauty, Talent and Tot Personality Winners (selected from preliminary rounds of competition) will not necessarily be one of the Top Five Finalists in their age divisions for the Overall Title. **NOTE:** The judges will be attending the official meal functions and parties with the participants. Good grooming, manners, and attire are important at all times. Your pageant week wardrobe (other than your competition garments) should be casual...but neat! Do **NOT** overdress for informal occasions!

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF A WINNER:

Winners of an official Cinderella title are to conduct themselves with the dignity of the important title they hold. Failure to proceed to the next level of competition (Exception: Illness or an act of God) will cause automatic forfeiture of the title and all rights thereof. The title will not have to be relinquished if reasonable notice is given and the circumstances for not attending the next level pageant are deemed unavoidable by the state director; however, the first alternate will be eligible to fill the position at the next level of competition. Official Cinderella Scholarship Pageant crowned Overall winners may not compete in any other beauty pageant with a "next level" of competition without the permission of their pageant director (unless they are competing for a specific title within a specific field). Local winners may resume competition with their director's permission if they have paid their deposit indicating that they plan to attend the state pageant. Winners who do not fulfill their duties by attending the state pageant will be required to pay their state deposit before entering a preliminary pageant the subsequent year. State winners (with the approval of the state director) may resume competition after they have participated in the international finals. Those state winners who do not attend the international finals forfeit all scholarships and awards. International winners may not compete in any other pageant until they have crowned their successors and must agree to abide by all rules and regulations as stipulated in this handbook. State Overall winners will be required to sign an official contract for the year that lists 6 mandatory appearances.

CONDUCT:

At all official Cinderella Pageants the emphasis is placed on the participants and adults displaying good manners and grooming, listening to and acknowledging instructions, adjusting to conditions, maintaining discipline and dependability, and above all, displaying excellent sportsmanship at all times. Any parent, teacher, guest, director or participant who conducts themselves in an unsportsmanlike/unladylike manner (before, during, or after an official Cinderella Pageant) will be subject to immediate dismissal from the pageant system. Such conduct on the part of the participant will mean automatic forfeiture of all awards and no refunds will be given.

NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES will be allowed in or around the staging area or public areas of the staging facility. This rule is enforced throughout the Cinderella Pageant System and includes participants, parents, and guests viewing the event. Any violation of this rule will mean immediate disqualification from the pageant system. All participants, chaperones, and guests **MUST** observe housing rules and curfews imposed by the pageant. Smoking by participants is strictly prohibited. Young ladies, chaperones, and guests who cannot observe the rules of the pageant are asked not to attend.

NOTE: Disqualification from an official Cinderella event is a serious matter. If a participant is disqualified, she will not be eligible for a refund.

PAGEANT STANDARDS:

ARTIFICIAL HAIR AND FALSE EYELASHES ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE Cinderella 3-12 age divisions, unless it is the result of a medical necessity (i.e. illness, chemotherapy, etc.) This does not apply to talent presentations. Please note that the judges have been instructed to use discretion in determining whether a participant has violated this rule and if such artifices are immediately discernible to the judges' panel, the contestant may be disqualified. Cosmetic dentistry is permissible. The use of cosmetics is allowed in all age brackets; however makeup **MUST** be appropriate for the participant's age category. Heavier makeup may be worn under strong stage lights. **NOTE:** While Tots and Miniature Miss Participants may wear appropriate makeup during Party-wear, Casual-wear and Tot Personality, due to the staging lights, they may **not** wear makeup during their Interview competition with the Judges. Again, this rule will be discussed with the judges and will be subject to their discretion. A "standard of modesty" must be maintained throughout the pageant (includes interview attire, casual wear, talent, and party dress attire along with your every day wear around the pageant facility). Garment removal is not allowed on stage in modeling. Props, such as tennis rackets, hats, purses, etc. are not allowed in modeling presentations, but are acceptable in talent presentations if the item is **necessary** for the talent being presented. In Talent, the prop must be **USED** in the routine and **CANNOT** simply be a piece of decoration or scenery.

LIMITATIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY:

The pageant will **NOT** assume the responsibility for lost articles or personal property and is **NOT** responsible for accidents, mishaps, or the personal care of the participants. This is the sole responsibility of the chaperone. Although the pageant's official insurance coverage does cover medical expense for accidents (**NOT ILLNESS**) during the pageant, the pageant does not assume any liability or responsibility beyond the limitations of the Cinderella Registration & Insurance Program. Each participant's parents or official guardian **MUST** sign the official liability release form which is included on the state entry forms.

PRIZES & SCHOLARSHIPS:

Naturally the greatest prize of all at the state finals are the titles and the honor and recognition that goes with them and the right to represent the state of Texas at the fabulous International Finals to be held in July. The scholarships will be administered under the rules and regulations of the Cinderella Pageant Scholarship Foundation upon the completion of their reigns as "Cinderella" winners in good standing. All scholarships are prorated over a four (4) year period and payments are made at the beginning of each FALL semester. The scholarship recipients will become eligible for their scholarships upon registration at any approved and accredited college or university of their choice. The use of the scholarship must begin within six (6) months after graduation from an accredited high school and if a period of six (6) months elapses at any time during the use of the scholarship, the balance of the scholarship is automatically cancelled. The use of the scholarship must be continuous with the exception of summer sessions and must be completed within four (4) years from the date of enrollment in the college or university. Any unused portion of the scholarship will be forfeited at the end of the four (4) year period. Although only a passing grade average is required to keep the scholarship in force, the recipient is expected to remain a "student in good standing" at all times. All unused scholarship funds will revert back to the scholarship general account fund for special awards on the International Pageant level. For our Cinderella Woman participants, if the Overall winner is not in college, then a cash prize will be awarded equivalent to the scholarship earned.

SPECIAL AWARDS:

These awards are given carefully and thoughtfully to those who show a significant accomplishment in a particular area of competition throughout the pageant week. Those who receive an Overall, Beauty, Talent, Photogenic, and the alternates to those titles, semifinalist and finalist awards are not eligible to receive special awards. All awards are custom designed with the official Cinderella emblem.

PRELIMINARY & FINAL STAGINGS:

The fabulous state finals of the Cinderella Scholarship Pageant will be a "thrill of a lifetime" for every participant and certainly many people will want to share these marvelous memories. The parents, friends, relatives, and special guests of the participants are cordially invited to attend any and all of the official state pageant functions. All preliminary events, parties, the grand finals staging, Fiesta Welcome Banquet, Prince Gilbert's Beach Club Party and the Awards Banquet will be open to the public. The top five finalists in each age division will be announced at the grand final show and only these finalists will compete again in the various categories during the grand finals; however all participants, dressed in their State Pageant Preliminary Party Dress Competition garments, will be featured in the colorful grand final production. If your friends and relatives have never seen a Cinderella state finals, invite them to schedule their vacations during the state pageant to help support you and your hometown. The competition is fantastic and we know they will enjoy seeing the state's finest young talent. NOTE: Ample dressing facilities will be provided for the Top 5 Finalists. Each contestant is solely responsible for her own garments and personal articles such as mirrors, hair dryers, cosmetics, etc. **ONLY ONE PERSON WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE DRESSING ROOM TO ASSIST EACH PARTICIPANT.**

AWARDS BANQUET:

One of the highlights and the climax of the fabulous state pageant is the Awards Banquet. This is the time when the participant's family and friends may enjoy the new friendships she has made during the state pageant and participate in the presentation of the Beauty, Talent and Photogenic Awards as well as Special Category Awards. These very important awards will be judged during the preliminary rounds of competition **ONLY** and will not be announced until the Awards Banquet. Award Banquet tickets for families and guests should be purchased in advance on the Awards Banquet Ticket Order Form. Additional tickets will be sold at the pageant during registration if available. A sell out is expected, so it is in your best interest to reserve your tickets early. Official chaperones and participants receive their tickets as part of the food/housing plan. Dress for this event is your Partywear or Sunday Best.

TALENT: (Mini Miss, Miss, Teen and Women Divisions Only)

NOTE: We are asking that participants email your music in mp3 format for your talent selection to txcindymusic@gmail.com. Also be sure to bring a "thumb drive" of your music, in mp3 format and turn in at registration as a backup. **WE NO LONGER ARE ACCEPTING COMPACT DISCS AND NO CELL PHONES WILL BE ALLOWED.** The Talent Competition is required of all participants in the Miniature Miss through Women divisions. Please read the following instructions carefully!

GENERAL GUIDELINES:

The main stage will not be available for individual talent rehearsals prior to competition. There will be a practice area for anyone to use during pageant week, but it will not be on the actual stage. Talent presentations or costumes of a suggestive nature will mean automatic disqualification from competition. Discretion should be used in selecting talent material that is too mature or "adult" for the participants' age division. This includes song lyrics, costumes, dance choreography, etc.

There will be no curtain on the state stage, however a crew member will be on hand to help with props. No special colored lighting will be allowed during preliminary talent competition. Participants are responsible for providing their own piano accompanist if needed.

RECORDED MUSIC:

We no longer accept music on CD. Music should be emailed to the State Office in mp3 format before the deadline. You must turn in a "thumb drive" at registration with an mp3 file of your music....**MAKE SURE THAT THIS IS THE ONLY FILE ON THE THUMB DRIVE!** You must keep your own copy of your performance music to rehearse with. The judges will consider the quality of recordings in talent judging. **Our sound technician cannot "stop" the recorded audio for dialogue, etc.** Dialogue/vocal may be timed to a continuously playing audio track that has a "blank" space in the recording to allow for a void in the musical accompaniment if the talent requires such. Music should be edited to stop at the end of the talent presentation.

LENGTH OF PERFORMANCE:

TALENT PRESENTATIONS MUST NOT EXCEED 2:30 MINUTES IN LENGTH. PLEASE KEEP THEM TO AN AVERAGE OF 2:00 MINUTES. Overtime talents will automatically be disqualified from receiving any talent award and the participant will **NOT** be eligible for the Overall Award, Top-Five Finalist Award or Top 10 Semi-Finalist award.

MICROPHONES:

Both a handheld and a headset microphone will be available for use during your talent presentation for vocal performances. All talent presentations which include a singing or speaking part **MUST** use a microphone. For participants using instruments, direct plugs will be provided, but must be

approved in advance of the pageant with our sound technician. Additionally, an external mic can be used to amplify instruments. No outside microphones will be allowed.

PROPS:

1. Props are discouraged as they tend to remove focus from the participant and her performance and should it malfunction, the prop could negatively impact the score of the participant. Props are only allowed if the prop is necessary for the talent to be performed (i.e. a working prop). Scenery props are not allowed.
2. Props (other than musical instruments) must be self contained and require no electricity.
3. All props must be small enough to be carried onto the stage by no more than one (1) person making one trip onstage to place the prop. Only official Cinderella Staff will be allowed onstage to place the prop. In advance of the performance, either the participant or a chaperone should speak to one of our staff backstage to explain the placement of the prop.
4. All equipment necessary for a performance, other than a piano, sound equipment and microphones will be the sole responsibility of the performer. Due to building regulations, the use of fire, sharp juggling knives or water is strictly prohibited. Additionally, any act that is considered dangerous to the performer, staff or audience will be prohibited.
5. Acrobatic mats are limited to one (1) regulation size mat. The runway (if applicable) may not be used for talent presentations.
6. The pageant does not assume any responsibility for loss or damage to props during the event

PRESS INFORMATION:

The Cinderella Scholarship Pageants are newsworthy events and should garner excellent coverage from your local news media. In order to get the best coverage you should alert your friends and family across the state to request information about the state pageant (before, during and after) from their local news sources. This should begin now. If the media is alerted that a local participant is representing your community at the official state pageant and they have been contacted beforehand, they should offer excellent publicity. Ask your director for a press release.

OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER AND VIDEOGRAPHER:

At the Cinderella State Finals only members of the press and the state pageant's own official photographer and videographer may take photos and videos of any participant during the actual competitions. This includes all of the preliminary pageant competition events and grand finals. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** If you would like to have photographs or a video to remember this spectacular event, you may order packages at registration. Prices and samples will be displayed. Year after year our photographer and videographer produce wonderful keepsakes of our Cinderella participants...don't miss out on this opportunity!

PHOTOGENIC GIRL:

All participants compete for the "Photogenic Girl" award for their age division. Photogenic is included in the competition fees. Each participant will be required to submit **AT REGISTRATION** one 4 X 6 head and shoulders photograph, color OR black and white, and must be current of the pageant contestant for the Photogenic competition. In addition, participants **MUST** email a black and white roster photo by May 10th for the participant roster photo in the program book. This can be a different photo than the Photogenic submission. Black & White makes for a better reproduction in our official program book. The photograph becomes the property of the Cinderella Scholarship Pageant and will be used by the judge's panel for their reference and for publicity before, during and after the pageant, **AND MAY NOT BE RETURNED**. When emailing your Roster Photo - please put the name of the participant, age division, and **ROSTER** in the subject line and email to txstatecindy@pix@gmail.com.

When submitting your Photogenic Photo at registration, please include a label with the participants name, age, and age division. **DO NOT WRITE DIRECTLY ON THE PHOTOGRAPH**. Make sure all emailed photographs be sent in a jpeg or pdf format in high resolution. The Photogenic Girl division is an important part of the Cinderella Pageant. It was designed to give recognition to those young ladies with special photographic qualities and creativity and has become a valuable asset to those participants seeking careers in the modeling industry. The "Photogenic Girl" in each age division will be selected on the following basis: photographic beauty, captured personality or mood, composition, and the technical quality of the photograph. Photographs may not include trophies, crowns, or banners won at a previous pageant. All participants compete on an equal basis and the judges will not know the placement or titles of the participants at previous preliminary pageants. The pageant reserves the right to "crop" photos when necessary. The "Photogenic Girl" winner in each age division will receive a round crown, banner, trophy and her pre-paid \$150.00 entry fee and \$125.00 photogenic entry fee to the International Finals where she will compete on an equal basis with the Overall State winner, Beauty winner and Talent/Tot Personality winner.

SELECTING YOUR WARDROBE:

The Cinderella Pageant was not designed to be a "clothes show" and your pageant wardrobe should be kept simple and appropriate for your age group. The judges will be judging the participants and **NOT** their wardrobes. Flaunting an overly expensive wardrobe is often detrimental to the participant's image as a wholesome, unaffected, all-American girl. Your wardrobe should include several fresh, casual garments for meal functions and rehearsals. The judges often see the participants between judging sessions, so having a neat appearance at all times is important. Every participant will have garments in her own wardrobe that are appropriate for the state pageant (having all "new" clothes is not necessary). Shorts may be worn as "casual wear" for parties and luncheons.

Your **competition** wardrobe should consist of one (1) presentation party dress to be worn during Party Dress competition and the Glamorous State Finals opening production number. Ages 3-12 must wear a short, knee length/mid-calf length dress. Ages 13-26 should wear full length formals. You should have one (1) presentation casual wear outfit that is casual and useful (may include slacks, shorts..BUT NO SWIMSUITS OR COSTUMES.) Props such as tennis rackets, sunglasses, hats, purses, etc. are **NOT** allowed during Cinderella modeling presentations. You will also need an interview dress that should be tailored and simple. Ankle length dresses, dressy shorts or mini skirts are not acceptable for party wear competition. In order that the judges will not be aware of title or placement at the previous pageant level, crowns and banners are **NOT** to be worn at any time during the pageant. **ALL CONTESTANTS COMPETE ON AN EQUAL BASIS IN STATE COMPETITION!!**

MODELING PROCEDURE:

The official CINDERELLA RUNWAY/MODELING MUSIC will be used at the state finals for all modeling divisions. The music is precisely timed so that each participant has approximately the same amount of time on the runway. The music contains electronic tones, rhythmic voids, and chimes that signal the start, stops, turns, and finish of the modeling presentation. A mp3 email of the official modeling music is available at a nominal cost so that the participant may practice with the music before attending the state pageant. The music includes ten (10) casualwear and ten (10) party wear selections with all the electronic tones and signals. Also included is a musical “collective judging” segment with entrance music, timed quarter turns, and exit music and an instruction sheet on “How to Model” at an official Cinderella Pageant. Every participant will feel “at home” on the Cinderella runway with the music she has practiced modeling to at home. **TO ORDER:** Contact the State Cinderella Pageant Office at **(713) 702-2307**. Music is **\$10.95**. Credit card, Venmo & paypal payments will be accepted.

TEEN & CINDERELLA WOMAN CONGENIALITY:

One of the most important awards in the Cinderella Teen division (ages 13-17) and the Cinderella Woman division (ages 18-29) is the special “Teen & Woman Congeniality” award. Teen & Woman Congeniality, selected by her fellow participants as the friendliest and most cooperative throughout pageant week, will receive a special trophy at the Awards Dinner. The voting will take place at the rehearsal for the Final night show. The Teen and Woman participants should begin working for this all-important title from the moment they arrive at the pageant and become part of the goodwill that has become a tradition at every Cinderella Pageant. It is this spirit of love and sharing that makes Cinderella a unique pageant experience.

CINDERELLA REGISTRATION / INSURANCE PROGRAM:

All official participants, chaperones, and staff members must be covered by the Cinderella Pageant System Registration & Insurance Program. Cinderella insurance coverage includes 24 hours a day coverage during the pageant for accidents (illnesses not included). Participants who have registered with the Cinderella insurance program at an official local or district pageant during the current pageant year **WILL NOT** be required to register again since the prior insurance coverage extends through the International Finals; however, their chaperones must register. Note: All entrants and chaperones who have not previously registered will be required to register to participate in the state finals and **MUST** pay the Registration & Insurance Fee (participant - \$3.00 / chaperone - \$4.00) Benefits include: \$5000 accidental death and dismemberment and \$1000 blanket accident medical expense (for accidents only). The aggregate limit with respect to any single accident is \$25,000. Not covered: war, suicide, and act of armed forces.

TICKETS:

Everyone (except the participants) attending the preliminary events and Grand Finals will be required to purchase tickets for each day or the special Ticket Package Plan. The Ticket Package Plan will consist of an official badge which will allow “come and go” admittance to all events and official parties without having to show a ticket stub at the door. The package plan will be made available only to relatives and guests of the participants and **MUST** be purchased during pageant registration or in advance on the official state entry forms. There is no limit to the number of Ticket Package Plans that may be purchased by the party attending the pageant with a participant. The Ticket Package Plan does **NOT** include entrance to any official meal functions including the Welcome Banquet, Gilbert's Beach Club and the Awards Banquet. All meal tickets must be purchased separately and in advance. All official chaperones will be required to purchase a Ticket Package Plan badge (included in required fees) which must be worn at all times for identification purposes. There are options to purchase a complete meal/ticket badge for those family members wanting to attend everything. Please refer to your state paperwork to determine which package will work best for you.

MORE THAN ONE FAMILY MEMBER:

The Cinderella Scholarship Pageant is a wholesome “family affair” where we encourage sisters to participate in the state finals by not requiring the second family member to have an additional chaperone. Sisters competing in the same age division will be separated in their order of appearance by taking one of the sisters out of the alphabetical order and moving her to another position in the lineup so they will not be appearing back to back in any phase of the pageant. Please note on your forms that you have a sister competing in the pageant so that we can make the necessary adjustments in the participant lineup. Participating siblings can also take advantage of additional savings by only needing one hotel room at the official pageant facility and one meal ticket. Ask the State Director for more information regarding sibling discounts or refer to the state paperwork for more information regarding the sibling discount.

CINDERELLA BEAUTY JUDGING CRITERIA:

The “Cinderella Beauty” and her alternates are selected from their ranking in close-up appraisal (interview), party dress and casualwear only. Cinderella is more than just a “beauty” pageant and the judges will be asked to consider the “total contestant” and not just the physical appearance. Inner beauty, grooming, poise, stage presence and self-confidence are an important part of the criteria to select the “Cinderella Beauty” winners. All participants are eligible and compete on an equal basis for the “Cinderella Beauty” awards.

ADDITIONAL ADVERTISING & COVER GIRL:

Additional sponsors can be obtained by anyone and we would like to see EVERY PARTICIPANT’S PHOTO appear on at least one additional page of advertising. You may place your photo on every full page or ½ page of advertising that you sell and if you sell several pages you will have the opportunity to show several different sides of your personality and increase your chances of being selected as the state pageant “Cover Girl” for your age division. Remember, each photo you submit will be judged for the prestigious “Cinderella Cover Girl” award. Communities and businesses are anxious to show their support of a worthwhile youth activity like Cinderella. Ad copy may include “Best Wishes” or any other ad copy desired. An advertising form must be submitted with each ad (additional copies may be reproduced). **NO MORE THAN 8 ADVERTISERS** may appear on a page.

EARN YOUR STATE FEES PAID:

You can become the Cinderella Cover Girl for your age division and earn money to pay your Cinderella State and/or International Fees by selling additional pages in the official program book. Increase your opportunity to win the State Cover Girl title and awards by participating in this fund raising program. A portion of the advertising sales for Full and Half Page ads will be applied to your Cinderella Participant Account. Advertisers may submit their own ad copy and artwork if it is to the specified size of the ad. Ads submitted without artwork or layout will be set in standard type selected by our printer and an additional \$10.00 typesetting fee per ad will be charged. Photos on full page ads are usually "bled" from edge to edge of the sheet with an "over-burn" of ad copy. Photos may be head and shoulders or full length. Business cards, letterhead, or an ad from another program book can be reproduced if the copy fits the ad space (copy will not be reduced). Copy submitted in light colored ink will not reproduce. Photos may appear on full length or ½ page ads only and may include city or state officials or the advertiser with or without the participant. Some advertisers prefer having the participant photographed in front of their business or with their product (EX: The participant with an automobile from a car dealership, or wearing a garment from a department store). We know that your imagination will far surpass ours! Note: An additional \$10.00 fee will be charged for each additional photo appearing on an ad. Please see entry form for more specifics regarding submission of ads.

OFFICIAL PARTIES & MEAL FUNCTIONS:

Keeping with the rule that "simple is best", you do not have to overdress for the official meals and parties. The Fiesta Welcome Banquet is a "themed" dinner. Wear your favorite "fiesta" attire and get ready to party and get the week started. Chaperones should take this into consideration when selecting their wardrobes as well. The "Prince Gilbert" Beach Club is going to be held outside on the hotel grounds near the pool area, where everyone should come dressed in your delegation outfit, where beach attire is appropriate. No two piece swimsuits are allowed during this party and cover ups are mandatory if wearing a bathing suit. Keep in mind the hot Texas heat, so dress cool and get ready to see who our Hula Hoop champion will be this year. Delegation photos will be taken during this party! The "Under the Big Top" Souvenir Party is a popular dance party where our participants are asked to dress in their favorite Circus themed costume and accessories! Make sure you bring your autograph books...its a great way to get your new Cindy Sisters autographs! Souvenir Bags will also be given. Also this year will be our Royalty Parties with the Judges. Attire is your "official" t shirt given out at registration along with white bottoms. No embellishments of any kind on this tshirt. This event will take place after Talent and it is an opportunity for the judges to get to know our participants in an informal setting. Sorry Parents - you are not allowed to attend! Simple earrings, minimal hair styling, and makeup on Miss thru Women only. The Awards Banquet is our final event and dress is Sunday best or your Partywear. It's your choice! Official Award Photos will be taken at this event, so please keep that in mind when selecting your garment.

GIFT TABLE / GIFT SHOP:

One of the highlights of the week for all participants is the exchanging of good luck gifts for those special friends you have made during the pageant week. A special table for each age division will be available in the TX/LA State Gift Shop where gifts will be delivered. Make sure you tag each gift showing who it is for and who it is from. Chaperones and Family members may also deliver gifts for their very own Cinderella girl. This is a wonderful way to show the participant how proud you are of them and what a great job they have done during the week. A complete gift shop will be available where numerous Cinderella items will be sold. Gifts are certainly not mandatory in order to participate at the Cinderella State Finals.

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