

Detailed information regarding Personal Interview, Speech & Communication Skills, Fun Fashion, Crown Bowl Questions and Stage Presence:

PERSONAL INTERVIEWS (30%) are timed events – four (4) minutes for each contestant to present yourself and your personality. There are no wrong answers. The judges will be especially interested in your mental alertness, sincerity and general knowledge. They may ask personal opinion questions, but there will be no current event questions that you need to “study” for unless you “open the door” by inclusion on your application or in your response to a question. You will be seated across from the panel. Sit up and do not cross your feet. Check to be certain your clothing fits correctly when seated and your skirt is not too tight or short. Be aware of your appearance, vocabulary and manners. Those who are confident and appear relaxed have always done well.

SPEECH & COMMUNICATION SKILLS (20%): As queen you may be called upon to speak to groups or individuals throughout your reign. You must be comfortable speaking and be able to express yourself naturally. You will give a speech that is 30 – 60 seconds – we do not time but they do at the State Miss Competition and do deduct points. You will be using a hand-held microphone, no podium. We will practice during a specific rehearsal to become comfortable on stage.

Your subject may be any event, any person, or anything that is important to you, as long as it is not immoral, political or controversial. This is your brief opportunity to tell the judges about something that may not be covered in the regular interview process. Your topic should be one you know well and that you are comfortable speaking on, but a little research is a good way to gather material. Make your speech stand out by using specific facts that create pictures in the listener’s mind. When preparing for this part of the competition, remember that;

- *Singing, poems and sign language as part of your presentation is not allowed.
- *Props of any kind are not allowed. Remember, this is an opportunity for the judges to see how you will speak before and respond to a crowd. It is not to be a memorized one women show.

FUN FASHION (20%): Contestants will model an outfit of their choice in this upbeat competition. Contestants should choose an outfit that expresses their personality and should be from your list of Hobbies/Activities on the application you submitted. Props such as sunglasses, purses, umbrellas, jackets, hats, etc. may be used, and outfits may have a theme. Swimsuits will not be allowed. A “Fun Fashion” form will be provided to you to fill out using complete sentences and will be read on-stage while the contestant models her Fun Fashion Outfit! You will follow a set modeling pattern but can add your own little specialties. We will practice during a specific rehearsal to become comfortable on stage.

CROWN BOWL QUESTIONS (15%): These questions are usually more difficult than general interview questions and may refer to general current events or issues.

STAGE PRESENCE/FORMAL (15%): This competition is designed for the contestant to make an on-stage statement of her personality, gracefully moving with poise and confidence. Choose a dress that reflects your own individual style. Choose one in your best color that compliments you and makes you feel like a queen; but follow these rules:

- It must be floor or tea length.
- Splits in skirts must be no further than 4 inches above the middle of the knee and will be checked by pageant director.
- Hoop skirts are not recommended as the stage is crowded.
- Strapless dresses will be required to have straps added (NO STRAPLESS).
- Choose accessories to enhance your look, not overwhelm you. Larger earrings draw attention to your face. Unless they definitely make the dress, we suggest that you do not wear gloves.
- DO NOT wear powder or lotion that has glitter in it. The intense lighting will make you look like a Christmas tree on stage.
- There are many pretty formal shoes available; however, you do not want to draw attention to your feet rather than your face. Please choose a small heel, sandal or flat that fits properly and that you are able to walk in gracefully.

To avoid surprises, it is wise to try your interview suit/dress, fun fashion and formal on the week before the Pageant for a final fitting and to get the total look.

****Approval** of Interview Suit/dress, Speech, fun fashion and formal is required and photo taken by the Pageant Director no later than 7/18/18. If anyone is having problems finding the appropriate attire, please notify the Pageant Director for assistance.**

****Attendance and responsibility** will be looked at by the Judges. Please see the rehearsal schedule for the attendance policy. Along with attendance, the judges will also see if contestants were responsible in getting their attire and speech approved on time or if other arrangements were made.**

****A \$75.00 sponsorship (entry) fee** is required from each contestant and due on the registration deadline (or at the latest the first rehearsal on Wednesday, June 20, 2018 unless authorized by the Pageant Director). Contestants may have up to 3 sponsors; each sponsor will receive a business card size ad in the pageant program and receipts are available to give your sponsors for tax deductions. If a business card is not provided there will not be an ad placed in the pageant program for them but their name will still be read.**

****A typed application** is due by the second rehearsal on Wednesday, June 27, 2018 unless authorized by the Pageant Director.**

There is also a **VIP Dinner on Monday, 8/13/18 in which up to 2 of your sponsors plus one guest each are invited to attend, in gratitude for their support. Invitations will be provided to you to give to the 2 sponsors of your choice during one of the rehearsals. Contestants will get up on stage (with their Miss of the same #) and introduce themselves with Contestant # and Name and then will thank all of their sponsors. This is a **REQUIRED** event unless authorized by the Pageant Director.**

Thank you for your interest and I hope to see you at the Information Meeting on Tuesday, June 5, 2018 in Moss Hall at the Winnebago County Fairgrounds at 7:00pm. If you cannot attend this meeting, please contact me to get a rehearsal schedule and be sure to make the first rehearsal on Wednesday, June 20, 2018 also in Moss Hall at 6:00pm. Please feel free to contact me with any questions regarding the pageant or rehearsals. I can be flexible but also need to be fair to all and commitment from all of our contestants. Our most important goal is to have fun, so come join us!

I, _____ (Printed Contestant Name), have read all of the above and agree to abide as a contestant of the WCFQ Pageant.

I, _____ (Printed Parent/Legal Guardian Name) have read all of the above and agree that _____ (Printed Contestant Name) will abide as a contestant of the WCFQ Pageant.

_____, Contestant Signature _____ Date

_____, Parent/Legal Guardian Signature _____ Date

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