



*2013*

*Queen of Charities Pageant*

*Guidelines and Registration*

### ***What is the Queen of Charities Pageant?***

We are looking for contestants, ages 2-4 (Toddler Miss) 5-8 (Little Miss) and 9-12 (Jr. Miss), 13-17 (Teen Miss), 18-25 (Miss Queen of Charities) and 25+ (Mrs. Queen of Charities) to partake in a fundraiser to promote improving the lives of the less fortunate through charitable works.

Contestants will be showcasing their poise, grace and character while gaining confidence and making life-long friends. All proceeds go directly to servicing families in Allen County through The Salvation Army. DATE OF THE PAGEANT: SUNDAY APRIL 28, 2013.

This year we are also adding a "Kings of Charity" category for boys only. Age ranges will depend on the entries we receive.

***\*Age Categories are subject to change dependant on the number of entries in each division.***

### ***What are contestants judged on?***

Judging is based on several criteria, including:

- \*Poise
- \*Character
- \*Presentation



*Arianna Vowles,  
2012 Junior Miss QOC*

### ***Is there a swimsuit competition?***

No. As we are a Christian organization, we do not feel this is something we should ask of our contestants.

### ***Do I need to have new clothing for each event?***

No. If you have something appropriate for each category, there is no need to purchase new clothing for each event. Each contestant will need an outfit for:

- \*Pageant Intro (Outfit of Choice)
- \*Costume or Theme Wear
- \*Active Wear (For Boys Only)
- \*Formal Wear
- \*Interview (Business/Business Casual, for MISS and MRS QUEEN ONLY)



*Little Miss QOC 2012,  
Elizabeth Martin*

***What do contestants receive for participating?***

Everyone that competes in our competition will take home certificates and gifts!  
No child will go home empty handed, ever. WE ARE ALL WINNERS!!

***In what areas can a contestant place?***

There are several categories that a contestant can win:

- **Miss Photogenic**

- **Miss Social Princess**

Online voting through our Facebook sites.

- **Most Sponsors**

The contestant who raises the highest dollar amount from area businesses.

- **Director's Choice Award**

- **Audience Choice Award**

Voted by audience members during the event.

- **Second Runner Up**

- **First Runner Up**

- **Queen or King of Charity**



*Toddler Miss QOC 2012,  
Aaliyah Rowlett*

***How much time do I need to commit to the pageant?***

We realize your time is valuable and the only pageant related events that must be attended are the pageant rehearsal, and the pageant itself.

***What are the rules of the pageant?***

Included is a list of rules as well as duties for the pageant winner. Please look them over carefully and submit the agreement no later than **April 1, 2013**.

***Is there an entry fee?***

To cover the cost of your photographer, pageant expenses, fees, etc. we do require a one-time, non-refundable entry fee of \$50.00 for all categories.

***Are there any additional fees?***

No. We are aware that other pageants ask for anywhere from \$500-\$1500 to enter. We strive to maintain a cost effective pageant available for ladies of all economical situations.

***Are there any options if I do not have the money to cover the entry fee?***

Sponsorship is available, and you will find in your packet the info to go about obtaining sponsors.

***Do I need a sponsor? How much do people usually raise in sponsorship?***

It is not mandatory, but 25% of your score is fundraising to help the community. Every \$10 takes care of a child at Christmas. Every \$25 feeds a family of four from our food pantry, so we encourage you to aim high!

(Never underestimate that small parts can make a big picture. We often have contestants that score high in the sponsorship category just by having several small donations.)

*\*For those of you over-achievers, the record for a single contestant is \$1,065.*

## **Categories for Queen of Charities Pageant**

### **Sponsorship (25% of Score)**

As Queen of Charities is a fundraiser to raise money for the needy in the community, a quarter of the scoring will be based on the amount raised by the contestant.

### **Theme Wear: Old Hollywood or Active Wear (25% of Score)**

The theme wear phase of the competition will count for 25% of your overall score. General guidelines are as follows:

- Old Hollywood (GIRLS) is glamour, red carpet, a Hollywood icon, etc.
- Active wear (BOYS) should reflect sports or extra curricular activity wear.
- Costume should reflect the contestant's personality while incorporating the theme. Use your imagination! Props are not necessary but encouraged.
- Please be aware, that this pageant is being held in a church. If you are unsure of your costume, please ask the pageant coordinators.

### **Formal wear (25% of Score)**

The Formal Wear portion of the competition will count for 25% of your overall score. General guidelines are as follows:

- Length of dress is up to the discretion of the guardian of the contestant.
- For this portion of the contest, the expectations of the formalwear are dressy, but avoid clothing that out does the contestant.
- If you are unsure of the formal wear, please ask the pageant coordinators.

### **Fun Question, Little Miss (25% of Score)**

The Fun Question portion of the competition will count for 25% of your overall score.

Each contestant is expected to come out on stage and answer a simple question such as "What is your favorite food?" This allows the judges to get to know the contestant a little better, as well as gives the contestant stage presence experience.

### **Peer Question, Junior Miss and Teen Miss (25% of Score)**

The Peer Question will have each contestant answering a question written by a fellow contestant in their age group.

### **Interview, Miss and Mrs (25% of Score)**

The interview session will take place the Saturday before the pageant where a series of questions will take place between the contestant and the judges panel.

**WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO CHECK ALL CONTESTANTS BEFORE THEY ENTER THE STAGE.**



*2012 Mrs Queen of Charities,  
Alece Porter*

## Photogenic

For those who wish to compete for Photogenic, they will need to submit a photo. General guidelines are as follows:

- Pictures will be judged by head shot.
- Photo can be 4x6 or 5x7 in black and white or color.
- Judging criteria will be based on presentation of the subject.

## Ad Sales (Optional)

Although ad sales are not mandatory to enter the pageant, they provide a way to earn your entry fee, compete in the photogenic competition, earn exposure in the program and compete for ad sales winner. Enclosed is an ad sales information sheet for you to present to potential advertisers. Ad sales are a great way for businesses, organizations, and individuals to advertise and/or show their support for their favorite contestant. General guidelines are as follows:

- The contestant who raises the most money in ad sales will win the Most Sponsored Award.
- Deadline for ad sales is April 15th, 2013.
- All checks must be made out to The Salvation Army.
- Tip: Don't know any businesses? Create a good luck page for all your family and friends. What a great way for them to show their support!

## Audience Choice (Optional)

Each contestant's picture from her photo shoot will be displayed on the evening of the pageant at our Audience Choice Table. Spectators will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite contestant by dollar votes. Contestants can get an early start on their audience choice by finding a location to sponsor their kettle. General guidelines are as follows:

- Contestants must have the written consent from the business who will be promoting their kettle.
- Contestants are responsible for decorating their own kettle.
- Only ONE KETTLE per contestant
- Kettles must be turned in by April 22, 2013.



*Miss Queen of Charities 2012,  
Holly Fox*

## **Queen of Charities Pageant Rules and Contract**

1. Contestants participating must attend all pageant rehearsals and pageant events unless excused in advance, by one of the pageant directors.
2. Contestants or chaperones cannot drink alcoholic beverages, use illegal drugs or smoke during any pageant practices, rehearsals or other events they may attend as a contestant of the Queen of Charities Pageant. If any contestant breaks this rule, they will immediately be disqualified from the competition.
3. Contestants can be of no relation, natural or through marriage, to a judge.
4. All contestants agree that the decision of the judges is final. The Little/Junior Miss Queen of Charities pageant directors will settle any rule disputes.
5. Any contestant, family member or guest of a contestant who exhibits unsportsmanlike behavior may cause the contestant to be disqualified with no refund of entry fee.
6. Participants are responsible for their own make-up, clothes etc.
7. Participants may be placed in different age ranges if we do not have enough contestants to fill a category.
8. The Salvation Army and the Queen of Charities Pageant Committee are not responsible for any lost or damaged items before, during or after the pageant.
9. The Salvation Army and the Queen of Charities Pageant Committee are not liable for any injuries before, during or after the pageant.
10. The Salvation Army and the Queen of Charities Pageant Committee reserve the right to cancel any events or change the schedule.



11. The Salvation Army and the Queen of Charities Pageant Committee reserve the right to change the guidelines and rules set by The Salvation Army and the Queens of Charities Pageant Committee.
12. By submitting the pageant application, each participant agrees to abide by the guidelines and rules set forth by the Salvation Army and the Queen of Charities Pageant Committee.
13. Should the winning contestant be unable to fulfill their obligations, all prizes and monies paid shall be returned in full to The Salvation Army. The Salvation Army and the Queen of Charities Pageant Committee therefore have the right to reallocate all gifts to the runners up.
14. Winning contestants must provide their own transportation to and from all activities.
15. The Salvation Army and the Queen of Charities Pageant Committee reserve the right to use the contestant's first name, and photo for future pageants without further compensation.
16. The Salvation Army and the Queen of Charities Pageant Committee ask for proof of guardianship of the contestant, i.e. birth certificate, custody papers, etc.

***By signing this application, I agree that I meet each requirement and will fulfill all duties as described above, plus any others agreed upon by the pageant coordinators and myself.***

This form needs to be returned to the pageant coordinator by April 1, 2013. Please keep the two pages of this document for reference.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Contestant Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**QUEEN OF CHARITIES PAGEANT  
REGISTRATION FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

Address, City, State and Zip:

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies/Interests:

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Likes: \_\_\_\_\_

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Dislikes \_\_\_\_\_

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Family info: \_\_\_\_\_

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The person you admire most is \_\_\_\_\_

Because \_\_\_\_\_

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(Toddler and Little Miss Only) What do you want to be when you grow up?

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(Teen and Junior Miss Only) What is something you aspire to do?

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Previous Pageants: \_\_\_\_\_

(FOR MRS AND MRS CONTESTANTS ONLY)

Why do you want to be Miss/Mrs Queen of Charities?

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**EVENT PROGRAM ADVERTISEMENT ORDER FORM**

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

**Ad Size (circle)**

Platinum	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Friends and Family
\$500	\$250	\$100	\$50	\$25
Full page	Half page	Quarter	Business card	Message to contestant

**Amount Paid**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Please include logo, message or graphic art)

Signature of Purchaser: \_\_\_\_\_

*Your advertisement will appear in the Miss Queen of Charities 2013 program. In order to ensure proper placement, we request that you respond no later than **April 15, 2013.***

*Please include this form and make checks payable to:*

***The Salvation Army  
ATTN: Queen of Charities  
2901 N Clinton  
Fort Wayne, IN 46805.***

*Thank you!*