

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

We are looking for contestants, ages 2-4 (Toddler Miss) 5-8 (Little Miss) and 9-13 (Jr. Miss) and 14+ (Miss 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.

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

Judging is based on several criteria, including:

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

### ***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)
- \*Charitable Works (Outfit from one of our family stores, for MISS QUEEN ONLY)
- \*Formal Wear
- \*Interview (Business/Business Casual, for MISS QUEEN ONLY)
- \*Theme Wear (For Toddler, Little and Junior Miss ONLY)

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

Everyone that competes in our competition will take home prizes 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**

- **Most Sponsors**

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

- **Audience Choice Award**

Voted by audience members during the event.

- **Second Runner Up**

- **First Runner Up**

- **Toddler/Little/Junior or Miss Queen of Charities**

***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 are a list of rules as well as duties for the pageant winner. Please look them over carefully and submit the agreement no later than **March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012**.

***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?***

It is not mandatory.

# Categories for Toddler, Little Miss and Junior Miss Queen of Charities

## **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: Candy Land (25% of Score)**

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

- Costume should reflect the contestant's personality while incorporating any sweet or treat. 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 (25% of Score)**

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

## **Interview, Queen (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.**

## **Photogenic**

All contestants will take part in the pageant photo shoot in their formal wear. General guidelines are as follows:

- Pictures will be judged by head shot.
- Photo will be in black and white.
- Judging criteria will be based on presentation of the subject.
- We reserve the right to choose the photo for the contestant.

## **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 13th, 2011.
- 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.
- Kettles must be turned in by April 28, 2011.

## **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 must have been born female and always have been female.
4. Contestants can be of no relation, natural or through marriage, to a judge.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. Participants are responsible for their own make-up, clothes etc.
8. Participants may be placed in different age ranges if we do not have enough contestants to fill a category.
9. 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.

10. The Salvation Army and the Queen of Charities Pageant Committee are not liable for any injuries before, during or after the pageant.
11. The Salvation Army and the Queen of Charities Pageant Committee reserve the right to cancel any events or change the schedule.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. Winning contestants must provide their own transportation to and from all activities.
16. 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.
17. 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 March 30, 2012. Please keep the two pages of this document for reference.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_



**LITTLE /JUNIOR MISS 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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What do you want to be when you grow up?

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

EVENT PROGRAM ADVERTISEMENT ORDER FORM

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

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

**Ad Size (circle)**

Platinum  
\$500

Gold  
\$250

Silver  
\$100

Bronze  
\$50

Friends and Family  
\$25

Amount Paid

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

*Your advertisement will appear in the Miss Queen of Charities  
2010 Pageant Event Program on April 29, 2012. In order to  
ensure proper placement, we request that you respond no later  
than **April 13, 2012.***

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

***The Salvation Army  
2901 N Clinton  
Fort Wayne, IN 46805.***

*Thank you!*