



# *2011 Illinois International Pageants*

## *August 20-22, 2010*

### *2011 Pageant Information*

**WELCOME to the 2011 Illinois International Pageant!** We are planning a lot of exciting things this year to make your experience with us memorable and helpful, especially if you join early! Everything you need to start your journey to becoming an Illinois title holder is here! Make sure you read through this information and updates as they come.

**TO REGISTER**, you will need to download and the rules, registration form, and contestant agreement from our web site. Fill out and sign the registration form and the contestant agreement. These will NOT be used in judging. Mail the agreement and registration with a check for \$100.00 USD (Registration Fee), made out to *Illinois International Pageants, LLC*, to the address below. If you did not compete in the 2010 pageant, please include a recent photo (not to be used in any judged event) or send one by email. Once received, you will be contacted to confirm your acceptance, approve your platform, your division and your city or area title.

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#### **CONTESTANT FEES**

Registration Fee (Initial Commitment)	\$100.00
Final Contestant Fee (meals are covered, no specials)	<u>475.00</u>
<b>TOTAL FEES DUE AUGUST 13, 2010</b>	<b>\$575.00</b>

Some of our contestants receive several hundred dollars back because they had so many sponsors and sold ads. ***It is possible to compete without spending a dime of your own!***

**CONTESTANT ROOMS** – Each contestant is responsible for making a room reservation and the expense of her accommodations. If you want a roommate, I will share your name with other contestants wanting the same. The official hotel is the **Holiday Inn Express, 3031 Finley Rd., Downer's Grove, 60515, (630) 810-9500**. Although you are not required to stay at the hotel, this is where breakfast is served. You will need to make other arrangements for that meal at your own expense if you choose not to stay there. They are holding a block of rooms for \$77.00 per night. **You should make a reservation right away for the evenings of August 20 and 21!**

**\*\*\*ALL CONTESTANTS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 WILL NEED TO \*\*\***  
**\*\*\*STAY WITH A PARENT OR AN ADULT IN THE ROOM!!!\*\*\***



## 2011 APPLICATION AND AREAS OF COMPETITION CLOTHING NEEDS

**Official Application** – YOU MUST USE THE APPLICATION FROM THE OFFICIAL INTERNATIONAL WEB SITE OF YOUR DIVISION! Make sure to print and sign the second page that acknowledges rules of your division. All applications and fees must be postmarked by **August 13, 2010**. YOU WILL NEED TO PRINT AND SUBMIT 7 COPIES! All applications are available on our website.

**OPTIONAL Platform page** – This page is where you can express yourself and your platform, a cause or charity you wish to support during your reign. Contact the director if you need an example. ***We are most interested in content!*** This page is not required, but it is recommended to help you express and explain your platform to the judges.

***The winners will be able to update their application before the International pageant.***

### CLOTHING NEEDS

- Business suit or appropriate dress for Personal Interviews.
- Aerobic Wear – an outfit of your choice. *All contestants can choose to wear a sport bra, tank top or T-shirt.* Bottoms MUST have at least a 3 inch inseam, MEASURED WHILE BEING WORN! No bathing suit bottom or trunks allowed! Biker shorts are a good option. Yoga pants are permitted. NO LOW RISE BOTTOMS! You may submit a picture if you have concerns. We will have a check your aerobic wear at the pageant for suitability. The official aerobic wear worn at the International Pageant is available for purchase. Contact the Illinois director for details.
- Evening Gown – No cut outs permitted
- Fun Fashion Wear – Miss and Teen divisions compete in this event. Mrs. will need this as well since we open the show in this outfit. Fun Fashion is a chance to show your sense of modern style and fun in cocktail attire, so no jeans. Mrs. can wear any cocktail dress.
- On Stage Interview – You may wear your Interview suit or choose a different outfit.

### IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

- JULY 1: End of EARLY BIRD entries.
- JULY 4: **INDEPENDENCE DAY** and our **EARLY BIRD DRAWING FOR PRIZE!**
- JULY 17: Mrs. International Finals (Attendance not required).
- JULY 24: Miss and Miss Teen International Finals (Attendance not required).
- EARLY AUGUST: PAGEANT WORKSHOP/SEMINAR, This workshop most likely take place on a Sunday from 3:00-6:00 PM at my home. ***This event is for contestants only!*** We will demonstrate and discuss all areas of competition and answer questions. Attendance not required, but recommended for contestants new to this pageant.
- AUGUST 13: FINAL DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS, ADS, AND FEES!
- **AUGUST 20-22, 2010: ILLINOIS INTERNATIONAL PAGEANT WEEKEND!!!**



## WHAT TO DO AFTER YOU REGISTER

**Go find sponsors!** You can have as many sponsors as you can find too. **Many ladies compete without having to spend any of their own money.** Here are some helpful hints:

- Beg and Borrow Clothing! There is no need for you to buy new clothes if you know someone your size with style. Just borrow! You can also look on Ebay or PageantResale for more used items.
- You and your family have most likely been consistently customers of several businesses that would be glad to support you so that you will stay their customer. Your hairdresser may give you a free cut and style saving you that money. Your local nail salon can do your nails saving you more.
- Checks from sponsors should be made out to you as they are not tax deductible as a donation. If a sponsor wishes make a check out to *Illinois International Pageants, LLC*, that is fine. After it has cleared the bank, I will send you a reimbursement for any amount in excess of your fees. It's your money at that point. If you buy an ad to thank your sponsors, they can check with their tax advisors about an advertising write-off.
- You will receive 25% of the fee for all ads you sell for our program book (personal ads not eligible for this rebate). A form for ad purchases is on our web site.

***\*You do not HAVE to get financial support and are welcome to self-sponsor your entry\****

## WHY ENTER NOW?

- Only a contestant can reserve a title. This will happen on a first paid basis. More than one woman can compete from a city. However, after a city title has been awarded, subsequent contestants will have to have a county, township or other local title. Titles will be confirmed by the director. ***Be first to have your choice of title!***
- Contestant will receive a \$25.00 rebate for every new fully paid contestant they refer to the pageant in any division. ***This is a great way to get your contestant fees paid!*** Each contestant can name only one person as their one who referred them. Two contestants cannot refer each other. ***The referred contestant must be new to the International system!***
- Only a contestant will have the opportunity to attend special contestant events and be entered in our prize drawings!

If you have any questions, I will be happy to answer. I will include your questions on the Q&A section on the web site. It is important that you check the site often for updates, information and changes.

I thank you for your interest in this pageant and hope you will join us!

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