

INFORMATION ON THE 2010 MISS CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT

GENERAL--The Miss Central Pennsylvania Scholarship Pageant is a preliminary to Miss Pennsylvania and Miss America. The winners of the Miss Central Pennsylvania Pageant (Miss Central Pennsylvania, Miss Greater Juniata Valley & Miss Freedom Forge) will participate in the Miss Pennsylvania Pageant. Competition consists of Talent (35%), Interview (25%), Evening Wear (20%), Lifestyle and Fitness in Swimsuit (15%), and On-Stage Interview (5%). In addition, there is a "final ballot" of the Top 5 contestants. Swimsuits may be either one or two piece but must be in good taste. Talent presentations are limited to a maximum of **2 minutes** and must again be in good taste. If you have any doubts about the appropriateness of your talent please check with the pageant before submitting your entry application. Any contestant who comes to rehearsal with a talent deemed by the Miss Central Pennsylvania Pageant organizers to be in poor taste will have to change her talent or will not be permitted to participate in the pageant. Also, since no "live" accompaniment by a second person is permitted, you should plan to use a CD for your accompaniment, if any. Two copies of this CD should be brought with you to rehearsal on the day of the pageant, Saturday, February 13, 2010.

COST--There are no entry fees, required sponsors nor required ads for entry into the Miss Central Pennsylvania Scholarship Pageant. You are, however, required to raise \$100 in donations for the Children's Miracle Network. Please see our website for information. We also strongly encourage our contestants to sell ads for our Program Book and offer an incentive program for those doing so.

AWARDS--Scholarships and other awards are still being determined. In 2009 approximately \$4000 in scholarships, prizes and awards were given to contestants in the Miss Central Pennsylvania and Miss Central Pennsylvania Outstanding Teen Pageants. In addition all winning contestants will advance to the Miss Pennsylvania Pageant.

LOCATION--The Miss Central Pennsylvania Scholarship Pageant will be held at the Lewistown Area High School in Lewistown, PA. Lewistown is located 60 miles northwest of Harrisburg and 30 miles southeast of State College on U.S. route 322.

ELIGIBILITY--The Miss Central Pennsylvania Scholarship Pageant is open to unmarried 17 to 24 year old women residing, attending school or working in Pennsylvania. Phone, write or email for additional eligibility information. To be eligible for the Miss Freedom Forge title you must be a resident, student, or work in Mifflin or Juniata Counties.

ENTRIES DEADLINE--Applications for entry into the Miss Central Pennsylvania Scholarship Pageant will be accepted between **Monday, August 3, 2009 and Monday, January 18, 2010**. Fact Sheets and Critical Issue Essays must accompany the Applications. **Entry into the pageant is limited to a total of 25 "Miss" and "Teen contestants. Should that number be exceeded the additional applicants will be placed on a "waiting list."**

ORIENTATION—No Orientation will be held. However, please feel free to contact us with your questions.

ON-STAGE REHEARSALS—All on-stage rehearsals will take place on the day of the pageant – Saturday, February 13, 2010. You will be required to be present from early Saturday morning through the end of the pageant on Saturday evening.

INTERVIEWS--Interviews with the judges will take place during the day on Saturday, February 13, 2010.

PAGEANT DATE--The Miss Central Pennsylvania Pageant will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 13, 2010 at the Lewistown Area High School.

PLATFORM--The platform is an issue about which you have strong feelings which you want to communicate to others. All Miss America contestants are required to have such a "platform." Begin doing community service work related to the platform. The Platform (Critical Issue) Essay is required with your Fact Sheet and Application by January 18, 2010.

ADDITIONAL PAPERWORK—A "Contestant Handbook" will be made available in October. This will contain additional information and paperwork. It will be vital for you to meet the paperwork deadlines because, although these materials will not be seen by the judges, they will be necessary for our preparations for the pageant.

QUESTIONS? -- Please Phone or Email Executive Director John R. Metzger (717) 248-5576