

## **INFORMATION ON THE 2010 MISS CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA OUTSTANDING TEEN PAGEANT**

**GENERAL** - The Miss Central Pennsylvania Outstanding Teen Pageant is a preliminary to Miss Pennsylvania's Outstanding Teen America and Miss America's Outstanding Teen Pageants. The winners of the Miss Central Pennsylvania Pageant (Miss Central Pennsylvania Outstanding Teen and Miss Greater Juniata Valley Outstanding Teen) will participate in Miss Pennsylvania's Outstanding Teen America Pageant. Competition consists of Talent (35%), Interview (35%), Evening Wear (15%), Lifestyle and Fitness in Sports Wear (10%), and On-Stage Interview (5%). In addition, there is a "final ballot" of the Top 5 contestants. 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** - The entry fee for the Outstanding Teen Pageant is \$100 (\$150 if also entering the Miss MidState Outstanding Teen Pageant). If entering both the Miss Central Pennsylvania and Miss MidState Outstanding Teen Programs at the discounted rate, we must receive your \$150 check when you enter the Miss MidState Outstanding Teen Pageant. If you are the winner of a title at the Miss MidState Outstanding Teen Pageant, the additional money submitted for participation in the Miss Central Pennsylvania Pageant will be refunded to you. Other refunds will be granted only if the pageant is cancelled or if you win another local title leading to Miss America's Outstanding Teen Pageant prior to your participation in the Miss MidState and/or Miss Central Pennsylvania Outstanding Teen Pageants. 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 each teen winner received \$400 in Savings Bonds as well as other prizes and awards. In addition both winning contestants will advance to Miss Pennsylvania's Outstanding Teen America Pageant with the entry fees being paid by the Miss Central Pennsylvania Scholarship 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 13 to 17 year old girls who have not yet entered their senior year in high school and who reside, attend school or work in Pennsylvania. Phone or write for additional eligibility information.

**ENTRIES DEADLINE** - Applications for entry into the Miss Central Pennsylvania Outstanding Teen Pageant will be accepted between **Monday, August 4, 2009 and Monday, January 18, 2010**. Fact Sheets and Critical Issue Essays as well as the Entry Fee 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** - On-stage rehearsals will be held the day of the pageant - February 13, 2010. You will need to be present all day on February 13 since we will be rehearsing and doing interviews during the day and the pageant will take place in the evening. If you have questions, please email or phone.

**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's Outstanding Teen state contestants are required to have such a "platform" and we want you to be ready when you compete at Miss Pennsylvania's Outstanding Teen. Begin doing community service work related to the platform. The Platform (Critical Issue) Essay is required with your Fact Sheet and Application January 18, 2010.

**ADDITIONAL PAPERWORK** - A "Contestant Handbook" will be made available at a later time. 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**