

PAGEANT
GUIDELINES FOR
THE OKLAHOMA STATE YOUTH CONFERENCE

REGISTRATION

1. No past winner may compete again in the same division. If age of a winner in DIVISION-B changes to qualify youth to move into DIVISION-A, this youth may compete again ONLY in DIVISION-A.
2. A youth must compete and win on the congregational level before competing at the State Conference (unless there is only one contestant). Only one representative per congregation per division is allowed.

I. AGE

A. The age qualification is from 13 to 20 years of age. There will be two divisions:

- Division-A (ages 16 to 20), Division-B (ages 13 to 15)

Division-A: Miss Oklahoma State Youth Conference

Division-A: Mr. Oklahoma State Youth Conference

Division-A: Miss Oklahoma State Congeniality

Division-B: Mr. Oklahoma State Congeniality

B. MARRIED YOUTH Are Not Qualified (cannot run)

C. NO YOUTH who is a PARENT of A CHILD is Qualified To Run

II. DRESS

- A. If a contestant desires to wear a special outfit for his or her talent competition or performance, this is allowable. Youth should be dressed in said outfit when time to go on stage. After performance, there will be time to change into formal attire. Judges will be notified that costumes or special dress are part of the performance. **Dress should not be too extreme, lewd, or offensive.**
- B. Formal wear can be worn throughout performance if desired. When winners are announced, contestants should already be dressed in formal wear to accept awards. We recommend that all young men wear ties with formal dress.

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III. REIGN OF WINNERS

- A. Reign of winners in a Division will be for one (1) year. Those who do not win in the Oklahoma State Miss and Mr. Oklahoma State Youth Conference may compete again ONLY IN THIS DIVISION UNTIL HE OR SHE EITHER WINS OR EXCEEDS AGE LIMIT.
- B. Reign of winners in Miss and Mr. Oklahoma State Congeniality will be for one (1) year. Youth may compete again in the same Division ONLY UNTIL ONE WINS OR EXCEEDS THE AGE LIMIT. Youth may then aspire for the next Division (Mr. and Miss Oklahoma State Youth Conference) upon reaching qualifying age.

IV. JUDGING

Each contestant will be judged on the following:

- 1) Personal Appearance
- 2) Speech, Content, Delivery, Originality
- 3) Poise
- 4) Personality
- 5) Special Talent Displayed

A Point System will be used by which a contestant may receive from one (1) to five (5) points in each category:

- 1 Point – Poor
- 2 Points – Fair
- 3 Points – Good
- 4 Points – Very Good
- 5 Points – Outstanding

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V. CONTESTANTS PERFORMANCE

- A. Contestants **MUST** compete by presenting a **SPEECH ON THE CONFERENCE THEME AND A TALENT**. **NOTE:** Speech may be on any of the subtopics as well. Talent: Music, Dramatic Reading; Compositions, Crafts, etc.; Judges will allow contestants six minutes to present his or her talent and speech using the time to contestants' best advantage. Contestants, however, will be penalized points for going over the time limit. One point will be subtracted from a contestant's score for each minute over the limit his or her performance lasts. **NOTE:** Each second will count for overtime.
- B. Contestants should strive to have as much individual performance as possible. No other person(s) may vocalize in said performance or have an active part to lend additional performance credit to the contestant competing. Only one person is competing as an individual and not as a group, partners, etc. Check with Pageant Coordinator. if there is doubt as to how another person(s) may be used. All extras must be silent and active as little as possible.
- C. **PROPS:** A voice recording on tape recorder, music background recorded may be used in moderation. Props should be kept to a bare minimum, if any at all. Youth should not have to decorate the stage with props in an attempt to impress the audience and judges. If a youth does use props in performing, then the following will apply to said youth: There will be only one (1) minute allowed for set-up of props and there will only be one (1) minute allowed for removal of props. The removal must be done smoothly and quietly, and handled cooperatively. We cannot afford any more time for this than one (1) minute, and anyone exceeding one minute for setup or removal will lose one (1) point every 30 seconds of overtime. **NO EXCEPTIONS** unless otherwise deemed by the Director of the pageant. Props should be cleared with Pageant Coordinator prior to July 1st, by sending information to his mailing address.

Failure to register a contestant on time with ALL information could lead to his/her disqualification from competition at the Oklahoma State Conference. All letters and registration forms (next page) must be sent in prior to March 15th **"NO EXCEPTIONS"**

NO LETTERS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE OKLAHOMA STATE CONFERENCE
WE WISH TO BE FAIR AND HONEST WITH ALL

PAGEANT REGISTRATION FORM

(Please TYPE or PRINT ONLY)

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State & Zip code: _____

Phone number with area code: () _____

Age: _____

School (now attending/graduated from): _____

Position Competing For: _____

State Position Now Holding: _____

Future Endeavors: _____

Interest/Hobbies: _____

PHOTO: Please send a 4 x 6 photo of contestant. Black and White preferred, but Color is okay.