

2008 MISS CHICAGO CHINATOWN PAGEANT RULES AND REGULATION

Please read the following carefully before completing the official entry form. The Pageant will be held at the Holiday Inn Mart Plaza in Chicago, Illinois on August 16, 2008. The deadline for your entry form and all other required enclosures is JUNE 23, 2008.

QUALIFICATIONS

1. Your Father must be Chinese.
 2. Application should include the endorsement of a parent or guardian if under 18.
 3. You must be:
 - ❖ At least 17 years old and not over 25 on the date of the Pageant.
 - ❖ A single female, never married, and never had a marriage annulled.
 - ❖ A citizen or a permanent resident of the U.S.A.
 - ❖ A permanent resident of Chicago or residing within a 150 mile radius of Chicago.

Proof of the above must be presented with your application. These can be copies of:

 - ❖ Birth Certificate
 - ❖ Alien Registration or Citizenship Papers (not required if born in U. S.)
 - ❖ A Driver's License, RECENT Utility or Credit Card Bill with your current Address.
 4. You can be a former contestant of the Miss Chicago Chinatown Pageant, but not a "Queen" titleholder. You may not be a "Queen" titleholder of any other previous beauty pageant.
 5. Contestants should not be or have ever been a "professional" entertainer or model. You are deemed "professional" if:
 - ❖ Your federal income tax return states your occupation as an entertainer, a model, or singer, etc.
 - ❖ More than half of your working time is spent as a performer.
 - ❖ More than half of your income is derived from performing as an actress, dancer, or a singer, etc.
 6. You must be available for:
 - ❖ Professional Photo Shoot, Make-up and Hair Session (exact date to be advised).
 - ❖ Rehearsal dates on Saturdays at 10:00am at Chinese Community Center, 250 W. 22nd Place, Chicago.
 - June 28, July 12, July 19, July 26, and August 2
 - Dress Rehearsal is on Friday, August 9 (location TBD)
 - Run through dress rehearsal on Saturday, August 16 at 1:00pm
 7. You must have a talent presentation for the talent competition phase of the Pageant.
 8. The Winners of this Pageant (Queen, First and Second Princess) must be available for the following functions:
 - Chinese American Civic Council Lunar New Year Celebration
 - Lunar New Year Parade & Sunny Ridge Chinese New Year Celebration
 - Chinatown Summer Fair and Parades
 - Double Ten Parade
 - Crowning of Miss Chicago Chinatown 2010
- Note: Should the Queen relocate outside of the 150-mile radius of Chicago she will forfeit her title and be replaced by the First Princess, forfeiture of the crown AND REQUIRED TO return ALL cash awards.
9. The Queen and members of her Court ARE NOT allowed to make public appearances without obtaining

prior approval from the Chinese American Civic Council. All requests for public appearances of Miss Chicago Chinatown and/or members of her court must be submitted in writing to the Chinese American Civic Council.

10. Sponsorship of choice may be arranged before or after the applicant has qualified as a contestant. The Pageant Committee will obtain sponsors for contestants. Should you obtain your own sponsor, it will be with the understanding that you will be responsible for collecting and submitting the sponsor's fee of \$500. A completed Sponsorship Form, and camera-ready artwork (PREFERRED) for the program book must be submitted at the same time.
11. Decisions made by the CACC in all matters relating to qualification standards, selection of candidates and winners shall be deemed final.
12. All photographs taken of contestants by the Miss Chicago Chinatown Pageant Committee shall remain the exclusive property of CACC. The Miss Chicago Chinatown Pageant Committee shall have the authority to take photographs of contestants for such purpose as may be deemed necessary.
13. The Miss Chicago Chinatown Pageant Committee reserves the right to disqualify any applicant for not adhering to all contest rules and regulations at any time.
14. In the event a winner is disqualified, the title, trophy, and all issued prizes/awards, or portions thereof, shall pass on to the next runner-up or contestant in succession, and there shall be no further obligation of any kind whatsoever on the part of the Miss Chicago Chinatown Pageant Committee, its Sponsors, Directors, or Officials toward such disqualified contestants.
15. The Queen will receive a Cash Prize of \$1,000 (\$500 will be withheld and paid at the end of the queen's reign), round-trip airfare to the 2009 Miss Chinatown USA Competition and gifts. The First Princess will receive a Cash Prize \$500.00, round-trip airfare to the 2010 Miss Chinatown USA Competition and gifts. The Second Princess will receive Cash Prize \$300.00 and gifts. All other contestants will receive \$100 Cash and gifts.

If the Queen does not participate in the Miss Chinatown USA competition, she will relinquish the designated airfare ticket to the First Princess.

16. Contestants will be served a Buffet dinner separately preceding the Pageant.
17. All Pageant attendees other than contestant must purchase a ticket.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Complete the enclosed entry form (please print or type) and return to Chinese American Civic Council, P. O. Box 166082, Chicago, Illinois 60616-6082, ATTN: Pageant Committee by June 23, 2008 or as soon as possible.
2. Enclose a copy of your birth certificate, proofs of residency and citizenship/alien registration.
3. Enclose a recent good quality portrait photo of yourself, black and white size 5" x 7".
4. If you have a sponsor, please provide us with the sponsor's name, address and contact person. Sponsor fee: \$500 payable to "Chinese American Civic Council."

NOTE: If you qualify to participate in the Pageant, you will be notified.

***FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CALL:
Chinese American Civic Council
Helen Moy 312.451-2487 or
Jean Ng 630.598.8589 or 312/842-2374 (evenings)***