

“What is Cinderella?”

Answers to your questions!

Cinderella is a Development Program for our youth. We run the program in a “pageant format” – but place no emphasis on physical beauty or the cost of the contestants’ clothes. Instead, we concentrate on the development of poise and inner beauty.

Q. What are the age divisions?

- A.** Infant Division – Girls – 0 – 11 months
- Baby Division - Girls – 12 months – 23 months
- Tiny Tot – 24 months – 35 months
- Tot – 3 years – 6 years
- Miniature Miss – 7 years – 9 years
- Miss – 10 years – 12 years
- Teen – 13 years – 17 years
- Woman – 18 years – 26 years (married or single)
- Prince Charming – Boys – 0 – 6 years

Q. What are the areas of competition?

- A.** 35 months and under - casualwear and partywear are the two main categories. (Chaperone/or one parent accompanies contestant during competition.)
The other category is group playtime.
 - Tot, Miniature Miss & Miss – Casualwear – Outfit of choice, Capri outfit, business suit, slacks & shirt, nothing too trendy. No makeup for those under 9 years. Partywear – Easter type, party dress – not floor length. Ankle socks for 3 – 6; some 7 – 9 wear ankle socks or a white tights; 10 – 12 wear a white nylon or tight. No makeup for those under 9 years. (Others – age appropriate.) **“REAL KIDS IN REAL CLOTHES.”**
 - Teen – floor length formal gown, something you would wear to the prom. We try to encourage simple, flowing gowns rather than form fitting gowns for this division. Casualwear.
 - Woman – Floor length, formal gown, Miss America style. Casualwear.
- Tot Personality – On stage questions by the emcee, age appropriate.
- 7 years – 26 years – Talent – age appropriate. See participant handbook for rules and suggestions. Time limit 2 and ½ min.
- Interview – Tots through Teens – group interviews with a panel of judges.
Woman – One on one individual interviews with the judges.

Q. How does one “model?”

- A.** There is official Cinderella music (which can be obtained through the International office and the State Director) which is timed, and therefore affords each contestant the same amount of time on stage. This music is used for the Prelims, State and International Pageants. (See official Pageant Handbook)

Q. How much does it cost?

A. The cost is \$125.00 for a preliminary, which can be business sponsored or paid by family and friends. The cost for State is \$275.00, which can be business sponsored or paid by family and friends.

Q. What is required for photogenic?

A. The photo should be an 8x10 black and white or color photo, unframed, which captures the contestant's personality. **(Eye contact is very important!)** There is a nominal entry fee in the photogenic category.

Q. What does one win?

A. On the preliminary level, scholarship of entry fee to the State Finals, plus trophies, tiaras and banners. The State level awards entry fee and photogenic scholarships to the International Pageant, plus trophies, tiaras and banners. (Depending upon the number of contestants, per age division, travel vouchers towards the International pageant or other items will be awarded.)

Q. If I don't win the preliminary I enter, can I still go to State?

A. You may enter another preliminary pageant, or you can go directly to the State Pageant as an at-large contestant.

Q. If I win a preliminary pageant, may I enter another one in the State?

A. You may not enter another prelim if you are an overall winner, however, you may attend other New York State prelims, for practice, at a nominal cost of \$25.00.

Q. What is the International Cinderella Pageant?

A. This Pageant/Program has been in existence for 36 years. The New York State Director will answer any of your questions should you email or call the office number. The New York State overall winners, in each age division, must attend the International Pageant at the end of July or forfeit their crown and title.

Q. What is "Prince Charming?"

A. It is a Pageant for young boys' 1 month to 6 years. They also do similar competition as the young ladies, the awards are similar – depending upon the number of participants in their age division, and the boys also compete at Internationals.