



“A child with a dream is a child with a future!”

~Wintley Phipps, US Dream Academy

Miss Iowa Princess Manual

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Introducing the “Miss Iowa Princess” Program!

Miss Iowa is excited to announce for the first time ever, a glimpse inside the Miss Iowa (Miss America) pageant! A unique “All- Access Pass” for girls ages 5 through 12! The Miss Iowa Princess Program was developed to bring younger girls into our organization who will hopefully, one day, want to be a part of the Miss America’s Outstanding Teen Program and eventually, the Miss America Program. What better way to learn about the Miss America system than to be mentored by one of the dynamic women competing for the crown!

For years little girls have watched “Miss America” on television with a secret wish that someday, they too would be on THAT stage wearing THAT crown! We urge parents and grandparents to make those dreams come true by sponsoring their “little princess” with an “All- Access Pass” charter membership to the Miss Iowa Princess Program!!

Every Miss America has to begin somewhere, and we believe this program is the place. For starters, every girl receives an “Official MAO” Princess Crown (a Mini Version of the Miss America Crown), and the opportunity to appear on stage during the Miss Iowa finals. But more importantly, the princess gets to be mentored by a young woman who is one of America’s best and brightest young leaders. These are committed women who are intelligent, goal- oriented, talented, dedicated to their communities and country, and positive role models.

Don’t miss this unique opportunity to shape a child’s life in a way that will also give her enjoyment today and inspire confidence tomorrow! We strongly encourage every local preliminary to bring at least one “Princess” to Miss Iowa and let them know what the National Princess Program in Orlando offers. Last year, National Princesses spent hours with Miss America, Miss America’s Outstanding Teen and were the 1st to meet and greet the newly crowned MAO Teen.

Programs like this are a win/win situation for Miss America and for the participants. In addition to making dreams come true, it adds money to our scholarship fund, promotes the National Teen Platform of mentoring, and fuels interest in the “Miss America” system for years to come. We hope that every local titleholder will have at least one “Princess” and the opportunity to shape positive attitudes and behaviors in the children of today...our leaders for tomorrow.

This packet contains all the program details, including the wonderful opportunities and gifts our princesses will receive, a color brochure to share with your friends, guidelines and membership forms. We are looking forward to seeing everyone in Davenport in June 2009 and maybe Orlando, Florida in August should you decide to follow your “Princess Dreams” to the National level!!

If anyone has questions, feel free to call or email me. Remember the deadline is April 30, 2009. Please pass this information on to your favorite little princesses! We believe in the Princess Program, and the great things it can bring to the Miss Iowa Program!

Sincerely,
Michelle Berndt
Miss Iowa Princess Director
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Program Guidelines

Princess opportunities are limited, so apply early to secure your spot!!

★ Selection of Princesses

Young ladies can apply directly to the Miss Iowa Princess Program or apply through a current titleholder. Miss Iowa encourages each Miss contestant and local program to help in the princess selection process. The princesses can be friends, family members or anyone who is interested in participating in the program as long as they meet the age requirements. *Princesses are not required to reside in Iowa.*

★ Who can be a Princess

Any young lady who is at least 5 years of age and no older than 12 by the date of the Miss Iowa Pageant is eligible. If a girl is interested in being a Princess but does not know a contestant personally, they can apply directly to the Miss Iowa Princess Program and the program director will assign a contestant mentor to her.

★ Responsibilities of Miss Iowa Contestants

Contestants will have several opportunities to mentor Princesses during Miss Iowa week. The Princess Program encourages each Miss Iowa contestant to include her Princesses in as many ways as possible during her remaining year of service. She should mentor them in community service and also in the attributes of a future Miss America, which include poise, appearance when in public, manners, kindness, service to others and her community.

★ Applications

Princesses must complete and submit their applications to the Princess Program by the entry deadline, April 30. Contestants and local programs that have selected princesses should follow up and make sure all forms have been submitted by the entry deadline, April 30.

★ “All-Access Pass” Membership

The \$300 membership fee can be paid by the family or the applicant can obtain a sponsorship from businesses, family, friends or a combination of all three. If you are a returning princess and your crown is in good condition, the entry fee is \$250.

- ★ **Program Book/Website Photo Requirements**
Each Princess must submit a 3 x 5 photo (color or black & white, photo appearing in the program book will be b/w). There will be a section devoted to the Miss Iowa Princess Program. Please include the Princess' name exactly as it should appear in the program book. The photo and all forms must be submitted by the entry deadline, April 30, to appear in the program book.
- ★ **Dress Requirements and Activities**
Each Princess is to provide her own dress for the eveningwear production number. The dress can be any color and the length of the dress should fall below the knee and above the ankle so it is easy for the Princess to walk in. Additional wardrobe suggestions will be given at a later date.
- ★ **Crowns and T-Shirts**
The Miss Iowa Princess Program, contestant mentors and local programs should explain to the princess and their families that the crown is not a toy and should be handled with care. It should only be worn during official appearances as a Miss Iowa Princess. If the crown is broken it is the responsibility of the Princess and her family to replace it at a cost of \$80.00. One t-shirt will be provided to each princess. Additional t-shirts may be purchased at \$12.00 each.
- ★ **Accommodations, Transportation and Meals**
All Miss Iowa Princesses, their family and friends are responsible for their housing, transportation and meals during their stay in Davenport. Information regarding the Pageant Host Hotel with Miss Iowa rates will be forwarded at a later date.
- ★ **Backstage General Rules**
No one is permitted backstage at any time, except security, stage personnel and pageant officials. No one may enter the Miss Iowa Princess area at any time, except authorized personnel.
- ★ **Arrival & Departure**
Princesses will need to arrive Friday, June 12, check in, attend orientation and then their fun begins. They will have scheduled activities beginning Friday and ending Saturday evening. A detailed schedule will be sent at a later date.

Miss Iowa Princess Program Application Process and Member Benefits

To become a member of the Miss Iowa Princess Program, the following steps must be followed:

- ★ Complete the Official Application Form
- ★ Complete and sign the Statement of Understanding
- ★ Complete and sign the Website & Photo Release Form
- ★ Send a 3 x 5 photo (color or black & white) for program book
- ★ Mail the completed forms, photo AND \$300 membership fee to:

Michelle Berndt
Miss Iowa Princess Program
5629 N Gaines St
Davenport, IA 52806

Princess “All-Access Pass” \$300 Charter Membership Includes:

- ★ Mentored by a Miss Iowa Contestant
- ★ Official Princess Crown
- ★ Official Princess T- Shirt
- ★ Miss Iowa Backpack/Goody Bag
- ★ Rehearse with the Miss Iowa Contestants
- ★ Appear on stage in the Miss Iowa pageant production!!
- ★ Ticket for *Princess only* to attend the Miss Iowa Pageant’s Preliminaries & Finals. (Value \$45.00). This ticket is nontransferable (Each Princess must be accompanied by a chaperone)
- ★ Dinner with current Miss Iowa and Miss Iowa contestants (meal will be provided for *Princesses only*, guest are welcome, but will be responsible for their own meals) (Each Princess must be accompanied by a chaperone)
- ★ Group photo with current Miss Iowa
- ★ Autograph session with current Miss Iowa & Contestants
- ★ Photo and name in the Official Miss Iowa Program Book
- ★ 1 Complimentary copy of the Official Miss Iowa Program Book

Miss Iowa Princess Program

Official Application Form

Princess Name, (As you wish it to appear in program book):

_____ (First) _____ (Middle) _____ (Last)

Age: _____ Birth date: _____

School: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Parents E- mail: _____

Home Phone () _____ Parents Cell () _____

Mother's Name: _____ Father's Name: _____

Princess Sponsor(s) (if applicable) _____

Miss Iowa Contestant Mentor Choice:

Name: _____ Title: _____

(Mentor choice is only guaranteed if you were selected by a Miss Iowa Contestant or local program and included the mentor name when the application was submitted. Participants without a mentor choice will receive their mentor during Princess Check- In at Miss Iowa)

T-Shirt Size (Please Circle Size)

Youth Size: S M L Adult Size: S M L XL

(Contestants receive one free t-shirt. Additional t-shirts may be purchased for \$12 each)

Miss Iowa Princess Program Statement of Understanding

As parents of _____ we are submitting her application for approval. We agree to conduct ourselves at all times in a professional manner. We will ensure that our daughter will conduct herself in a proper manner at all times and will be prompt to all Miss Iowa Pageant activities. We understand that this is NOT a competition, but a mentoring and learning experience conducted by the Miss Iowa Pageant and agree to all decisions made by the Miss Iowa Management Corporation relative to the Miss Iowa Princess Program.

Transportation, Housing & Meals

I further understand that I will furnish transportation while participating in the Miss Iowa Princess Program. All Miss Iowa Princesses and their families are responsible for their own housing and meals during Miss Iowa Pageant week.

Membership Fee \$300.00 Make checks payable to:
Miss Iowa Management Corporation

Mail Forms, photo, and fee to:

Michelle Berndt
Miss Iowa Princess Program
5629 N Gaines St
Davenport, IA 52806
515- 681- 1827
missjoco2005@hotmail.com
www.missiowa.com

Parent Signature _____

Date _____

Miss Iowa Princess Program Website & Photographer Release

I hereby grant permission to the Miss Iowa Management Corporation to use my photograph on their respective website or in other official printed publications without further consideration, and I acknowledge the board's right to crop or treat the photo at its discretion.

I also understand that once my image is posted on the Miss Iowa website, any computer user can download the image. Therefore, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless from any claims the following:

- Miss Iowa Management Corporation and it's Board of Directors

WEBSITE RELEASE

PRINCESS NAME <small>Please Print</small>	
NAME OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN	
DATE	
ADDRESS	
PHONE	
PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE	

PERMISSION TO USE COPYRIGHT NEGATIVE OR PRINT

PHOTOGRAPHER NAME <small>Please Print</small>	
PHOTOGRAPHER ADDRESS	
PHOTOGRAPHER PHONE	
<p>As photographer and copyright owner of the attached negative(s) or print(s), I grant permission for my negative(s) or print(s) to be used for the purpose of producing photo cards, invitations, announcements or miscellaneous social or commercial stationary items as selected by one or more of the principals in the photograph(s). The negative(s) or print(s) are to be used solely for the purpose of publicity for all activities sponsored by the Miss Iowa Management Corporation.</p>	
PHOTOGRAPHER SIGNATURE	
DATE	

Miss Iowa Princess Program

“Future” Princess Referral Form

Do you have family or friends that would love to be a Miss Iowa Princess next year? If so, please complete this form so we can include them in our mailings! A *trophy* will be awarded to the Princess submitting the most verified referrals (12 referral minimum for award consideration). It could be you!! All referrals must be submitted with your Princess Application.

Future Princess Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Address City State Zip

Parents Names: _____

E- mail Address: _____

Future Princess Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Address City State Zip

Parents Names: _____

E- mail Address: _____

Future Princess Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Address City State Zip

Parents Names: _____

E- mail Address: _____

Miss America's Outstanding Teen Princess Program Orlando, Florida

Two years ago, the Miss America's Outstanding Teen program was created as a little sister organization to the Miss America Program. It provides scholarship opportunities to America's teens.

The MAO Teen *Princess Program* is a fund raising endeavor to increase scholarship dollars paid to the young women who compete in the teen program. The *Princess Program* enables girls, ages 6- 12 years, to be mentored by one of the state titleholders that will be competing for the title of Miss America's Outstanding Teen...an organization that represents the best of the best across our nation! The teens that compete in this program must study hard, live healthy lifestyles, have an appreciation for the arts, develop their talents, and be community minded and service oriented.

These are the role models who can make a difference in your daughter's life.

Every young woman who participates in the Miss America Organization becomes the best she can be...a winner in life! We want that for your child too!

Last year, MAO Teen Princesses spent a fun filled week in Orlando, Florida where they were a major part of the Miss America's Outstanding Teen production. They also spent time with Miss America, the outgoing Miss America's Outstanding Teen and were the first to meet and greet the newly crowned Miss America's Outstanding Teen!

Your princess is invited to be a part of the MAO Teen *Princess Program* held in August. If you are interested in taking the family to Orlando next year, please contact me for additional information, or visit www.maoteen.org.

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