

# Welcome to the Arizona State Finals!!

## ARIZONA STATE HANDBOOK

### SPECIAL INFORMATION AND ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS

Please keep this cover sheet for reference. If you have any questions in regard to any of the below, please refer to the number when calling the state office or your local director so we can answer your questions quickly. Any question you have is important - so don't hesitate to call!

#### GENERAL INFORMATION...

1. Keep your schedule with you at ALL TIMES, and refer to it often. Check in with your Group Leader at least 15 minutes prior to your scheduled event. **BE ON TIME!!** We won't wait for you!
2. Please remind your family and friends, Arizona Cinderella is a **NON-SMOKING CONVENTION**. Absolutely NO SMOKING in the Ballrooms or event areas at anytime.
3. **OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER AND VIDEO PRODUCTION** This year we once again welcome back Video Producer -Wayne Lundeberg of LC-Fotografia, and are excited to also have him serving as our pageant photographer! Please note, in today's world of technology, it's tempting to use your cell phones to capture video and photos of your daughters on stage. However, NO VIDEOGRAPHY or PHOTOGRAPHY is allowed in the Turquoise Ballroom during competitions. We expect that all chaperones will set good examples and abide by this rule. Mr. Wayne and his company do a wonderful job capturing high quality video and photo of your participants, so make sure to purchase your video and photo packages directly from Mr. Wayne during the week. You can email Wayne at wayne@lc-fotografia with all your questions.
4. Crowns and banners (current titles), may be worn ONLY at our CINDERELLA BALL on Thursday. Crowns and banners from your highest honors achieved in Cinderella may be worn then - no other time. NOTE: Formal/semi formal attire is mandatory at Welcome Banquet, Cinderella Ball & Awards Breakfast for everyone.
5. The **Cinderella Gift Shop** will be in the Coronado Ballroom, making it more convenient for our guests. Gift shop's hours will be posted on the door.
6. All participants must be registered in the official housing with an adult chaperone. All participants and chaperones MUST be registered at the Hilton El Conquistador throughout pageant week. No Exceptions!
7. **ARIZONA CINDERELLA WOMAN:** Must also be registered at the hotel Sunday thru Friday. Participants CANNOT be a chaperone for other Cinderella participants.  
**NOTE: Overall Cinderella Women prizes and cash award are based on the number of participants. A minimum of 8 participants are needed to award any scholarship money.**
8. **CONDUCT:** At all official Cinderella events, the emphasis is placed on the participants and adults displaying good manners and grooming. Also, listening to and acknowledging instructions, adjusting to conditions, maintaining discipline and dependability, and MOST IMPORTANT...displaying excellent sportsmanship AT ALL TIMES! Any parent, director, coach, teacher, guest or participant who conducts themselves in an unsportsmanlike or unladylike manner (before, during or after any pageant or event) will be subject to **immediate dismissal** from the Cinderella Scholarship Program. NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES will be allowed in or around the staging areas or meal functions. SMOKING BY PARTICIPANTS IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED. Young ladies, chaperones and guests are asked to use common sense and are reminded that we are a youth development program.
9. **LOST & FOUND / PERSONAL CARE:** Arizona Cinderella will not assume responsibility for lost articles, tickets or personal property and is not responsible for accidents or personal care of the participants. This is the responsibility of the official chaperone. Although the Cinderella Pageant official insurance coverage does cover medical expenses of accidents (not illness), during the state pageant, the pageant does not assume the liability of such responsibility beyond the limitations of the insurance program. All lost and found articles will be turned into the Cinderella Gift Shop/Ticket Person or El Conquistador Security.
10. **SOUVENIR GIFTS:** One of the many highlights of pageant week is the "Souvenir Gift Exchange". Each contestant needs to bring souvenir gifts to share with other participants in YOUR age division, JUDGES, STAFF and STATE ROYALTY. This is a special fun part of the pageant. Gifts should be a small token, donated to you or hand-made, simple, inexpensive and thoughtful (key chains, pens, pencils, note pads, candy, hair barrettes, etc.). Each gift should be personalized with a tag including the name, city, and best wishes. Gifts will be distributed by chaperones during INTERVIEWS on MONDAY, and the girls receive their goodie bags as they leave the Prince Gilbert Party!  
Tots, Mini, Miss & Teen need approximately 80 Gifts / Arizona Women need approximately 50.

## MEAL PARTIES... TICKETS...

1. **WELCOME BANQUET** and **CINDERELLA BALL - AWARDS BANQUET**  
are semi-formal events for not just our Cinderella Girls, but for their family and friends as well. Chaperones and guests should also dress nice. Slacks and nice tops are also acceptable for adults. Please NO jeans or shorts.
2. Meal parties call for casual dress or casualwear...Each meal party allows for OPTIONAL theme dress. For Example: Western Hoe Down - western wear, jeans, cowboy hats, etc. Cindy Fair, - the 2019 Cindy Fair will have a 50s theme! Come dressed in your poodle skirts and scarves! Prince Gilbert Autograph Party and Show - pink or green attire or pajamas with frogs or Cindy T-Shirts.
3. You **MUST** have your dinner ticket or name badge to get into the meal parties. Additional dinner tickets are limited. If you are planning on any additional guests, you must plan early and purchase meal tickets at least two days prior to the meal party. Children 2 and under may sit on a lap and eat off an adult's plate. Children 3 and up will need their own meal tickets. NO ONE is admitted into meal parties without a ticket... NO EXCEPTIONS!!
4. Chaperones and guests: Your name badge is **YOUR TICKET**. You must wear it to get into the preliminary events and Final Night. You may purchase additional preliminary and final night tickets during the week or at the door. All seats for preliminary events are \$10.00 Grand Finals \$25.00  
The best value is to purchase a TICKET PLAN for \$50.00.
5. At the **Prince Gilbert Autograph Party**, bring your autograph poster ( T-shirt, hat, autograph book or whatever you want signed by your friends - also, bring a pen!! Afterwards, hang your posters in your room! NO duct tape, tacky putty, pins, glue sticks, etc... please use only masking tape!

## TALENT COMPETITION - TOT PERSONALITY...

1. **MUSIC**: - We will accept talent music via email ([AZCinderellaTalent@gmail.com](mailto:AZCinderellaTalent@gmail.com)), on a USB (must be .mp3 format) or on CD. Make sure to label with your name and age division. You can submit music with your registration packet or at pageant check-in. Make sure it is the ONLY TRACK submitted. CD's will be returned in your garment bag after Final Night. ABSOLUTE TIME LIMIT is 2 1/2 MINUTES. RECOMMENDED TIME is 2 MINUTES! Any talent exceeding the time limit will be disqualified from talent awards and Top 5. All talents are timed.
2. **COSTUMES and PROPS**: Costumes should be befitting of the age division and not be suggestive in nature. Two-piece costumes are permissible; however, as always in Cinderella, we stress good taste and a standard of modesty. Props must be an **integral part** of the talent presentation and **used** by the participant during the performance. Props must be small enough to be carried on stage by 2 stage hands.
3. **TOT PERSONALITY**: Simple partywear or interview type dresses are appropriate. Practice sitting still, feet crossed at ankles and hands in lap. Spontaneous, natural answers are best. Also practice speaking clearly--not too fast, and loud-- however not yelling! Practice with wooden spoons, they make good "pretend" microphones!

## MODELING COMPETITION...

1. No hats or props will be allowed for any Cinderella girl Modeling. Cinderella is NOT a "clothes show." Flaunting an overly expensive wardrobe is not what we look for. Clothes must be age appropriate. We look for a natural, unaffected, wholesome, polite, personable girl to represent our program.
2. Cinderella is not a modeling competition; however, partydress and casualwear presentations give a girl the opportunity to demonstrate her poise, confidence, grace and ability to follow directions. Judges are advised to note girls should move to the paced modeling music when the "dings" indicate her to continue to the next place on stage. Each modeling presentation starts and ends with a "harp sweep." During casualwear, each girl will introduce herself by giving her name, age and hometown at the second "x". Teen and Arizona Woman participants give an in-depth self introduction, including their interests, aspirations, accomplishments, etc. Check with your local director for modeling workshops in your area as well as what to say during casualwear introductions. Modeling music is available from the Cinderella International HQ (225-344-7631).

## PHOTOGENIC ON THE STATE LEVEL...

1. PHOTOGENIC is **mandatory** on the State level and will be judged separately and prior to interviews. YOU MUST SUBMIT a **8" x 10" PHOTO**. Black & white or color. The picture will be reduced to 1 1/2" x 2" in the official program book. Photogenic will be judged by the original photos. Pictures may be of the head & face or head & shoulders. Pictures **MUST** be vertical. Photos will be disqualified if they are larger than specified or horizontal. Make sure to carefully label your photo with your name and division. Hats are allowed, but not recommended. Hands on the face are also not recommended.

## COVER GIRL INFORMATION and ADVERTISING INCENTIVE. . .

1. Additional Advertising is NOT mandatory; however, you might want to take advantage of this special recognition and gift incentive. Girls selling 3 pages of ads receive an embroidered Cinderella Satin Jacket. Any girl selling a minimum of a half-page ad (\$80.00) is eligible for the COVER GIRL title and award in her age division.
2. Anyone from your community, local businesses and merchants, family and friends may place ads in the State program book. Advertisers may be congratulating their winner, wishing her luck or whatever they desire for advertising. Advertisers should submit their own ad copy and artwork.
3. **INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS** may appear on a full page or half page ad only. Full page ads are \$150. Half page \$80, quarter page \$50. See Page 6, Advertising Form, in your State Packet for details. Please when submitting ads, please **DO NOT** tape, glue or staple photos to ad work.

## AWARDS and PRIZES...

1. **OVERALL TOT, MINI MISS, MISS and TEEN** receive: \$1,000 Cash Scholarship, \$500 College Scholarship, Educational Tour to include Disneyland-California Adventure and Cruise, Luggage, Traditional Robe, \$150 Int'l Entry Fee, \$125 International Photogenic Fee, Custom Embroidered Satin Jacket, 11" x 14" Color Portrait, Custom Embroidered Cinderella Banner, Rhinestone Crown Pin, Cinderella Round State Crown, Three-foot tall official trophy, Custom Cinderella Scepter, Bouquet of Flowers, Lodging for the 2019-2020 Cinderella Tour, 2020 Arizona Finals Room & Meal Plans for winner & chaperone and many more surprises throughout the year.
2. **OVERALL ALTERNATES** receive: \$150 International Entry Fee, Custom Cinderella Trophy and College Scholarships as follows: **1st Alternate - \$400: 2nd Alternate - \$300: 3rd Alternate - \$200: and 4th Alternate - \$100**
3. **TALENT / TOT PERSONALITY and CINDERELLA GIRLS** receive: \$150 Int'l Entry Fee; \$125 Photogenic Fee, Custom Cinderella Trophy, Custom Round Crown, Custom Embroidered Banner, Bouquet of Flowers.  
1st and 2nd ALTERNATES to these titles receive: \$150 International Entry Fee and Cinderella Trophy.
4. **PHOTOGENIC & COVER GIRLS** receive: \$150 Int'l Entry Fee; \$125 Photogenic Fee, Custom Cinderella Trophy, Custom Round Crown, Custom Embroidered Banner, Bouquet of Flowers.  
1st and 2nd ALTERNATES to Photogenic receive: \$150 International Entry Fee and Cinderella Trophy.
5. **CONGENIALITY** - Good sportsmanship, friendliness and cooperation are essential during any competition. This award is one of the most important given by the pageant and is a tribute to the high ideals of the girls who participate in the state pageant. Voting will take place at the rehearsal for Final Night. This award is awarded in the Mini Miss through Woman divisions only. Judges award a "Miss Manners" in the Tot division. All girls receive: Trophy, Tiara & flowers. The Teen division award is in memory of BONA KUCIA and the teen winner will also receive a \$100 College Scholarship.
6. **SPIRIT OF CINDERELLA** - This award is in the memory of Cinderella Tot, JONNA SURATT and will be awarded in all age divisions at the judges' discretion. The judges are to seek out the special Cinderellas that have the inner beauty and the true meaning, or "spirit" of our program.  
All girls receive a Tiara, Trophy, and Flowers.
7. **ARIZONA AMBASSADOR** - In memory of KRISTIN KAY SMITH. The Ambassador program is an award that carries the special message of what "Cinderella" really means. The Cinderella Ambassador is selected from the Cinderella Teen or Woman division. The girl selected will receive Round Crown, Traditional Robe, Trophy and \$100 College Scholarship & the honor of "being Arizona Royalty."
8. **OVERALL PHOTOGENIC** - In memory of Denise's niece, ANGELA MARGARITE STAATS One photo will be selected from all divisions. The winning photo, submitted from the head shots, will be awarded Round Crown, Banner, Trophy, and Flowers.
9. **ARIZONA SPIRIT OF CINDERELLA** - The Overall Spirit Award is in loving memory LORILEE ROBERTS, former Editor of Cinderella's Glass Slipper. Lorilee was a true Cinderella and we will never forget her love and passion for the Cinderella Program. The winner receives a Round Crown, Banner, Trophy and Flowers.
10. **SPECIAL AWARD RECOGNITION:** Of special significance will be the NON FINALIST AWARDS. These awards are for those who demonstrate outstanding performance in talent (Best Tap, Best Ballet, Best Jazz, Best Vocalist, etc.). In addition to special talent recognition, there are also awards in each age division for Best Partywear, Best Casualwear, Best Interview, Best Model, etc. These awards are at the sole discretion of the judges and all categories will not necessarily be represented. The above awards will be presented at the AWARDS BANQUET.

## OVERALL WINNER Commitments and Expectations

1. **Attend the International Finals** in Dallas, TX in July. If any overall winner is unable to represent Arizona at the International Finals, the title will be passed down to the 1st Runner Up, or next highest alternate who is able to represent Arizona. The Arizona Ambassador is encouraged but not required to attend as well.
2. **Attend at least 8 local preliminary pageants** across the state, as well as other trips and photoshoots throughout the year.
3. **Overall winners and the Ambassador may not compete in other pageant systems after they've been crowned.** If an overall winner is a current titleholder for another pageant system at the time of Cinderella crowning, that must be disclosed and approved by Arizona Cinderella. All Cinderella commitments mentioned above must still be honored.
4. Abide by additional decorum expectations to be discussed at time of contract signing.