

Welcome to the 2010 Colorado State Finals!

COLORADO STATE MINI HANDBOOK and SPECIAL INFORMATION AND ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS

Please keep this information for reference. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call or email your local director or State director. Any question you have is important-so please call!

You will be pleased to know that we have done everything possible to help all participants attend the state pageant by holding the cost down for this year's state event and still maintaining the high production standards that makes Cinderella Girl a meaningful experience for our participants. You will enjoy competition in the beautiful DL Parsons theatre, quality food, and professional staging – what a way to enjoy a family vacation.

All entries (forms, fees, photos, ads) must be sent in no later than May 15, 2010. Personal checks will be accepted for outstanding balances up to this deadline. After that you must submit certified funds, money orders, or cash.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. Keep your schedule with you at all times and refer to it often. Check in with a Cindy Girl at least 15 minutes prior to your scheduled event. Be on Time. We can't wait for you!

2. Please remind your family and friends, Colorado Cinderella is a non-smoking event.

3. **Official Photographer**...They have exclusive rights to shoot pictures during competition—NO OTHER PICTURE TAKING will be allowed during onstage competition! You can also purchase them at Registration but it is best to preorder them. You can take pictures in and around the competition area, at the parties and meal functions, etc., just not of the competition itself. If you are discovered taking pictures, during the onstage competition, you will be asked to leave the theatre and **your participant could be disqualified**. If you are going to be tempted please leave your cameras in your room or car.

4. **Official Video Production**...Creative Digital Images is our official Videographer. No other Video Taping will be allowed during onstage competition. This is a serious liability and safety issue. I am sure you will appreciate that we want to protect all of the children involved in our program. You can take videos yourself at the parties and extra events, just not of the onstage competition. One DVD is included in your registration fee.

5. **Semi-formal/Business attire** is mandatory at the Grand Finals

6. **The Cinderella Gift Shop** will be located at the Ramada Plaza hotel. Admission Tickets and Program Books will be on sale there along with lots of fun things.

7. **Host Facility** the Ramada Plaza Denver North, 10 East 120th Avenue, Thornton Colorado 80233. If you are planning on staying at the hotel, you must contact them at 1.800.2RAMADA or 303.452.4100. Tell them that you are with the Cinderella Pageant Group to receive our discounted rate. Breakfast is included in the price! Rooms will go fast, so book today. . You are not required to stay at the hotel but it is highly recommended. All of the judges, staff, and royalty will be staying at the hotel. Check in time is 3:00.

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, 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 on the castle property. This rule is enforced throughout the pageant and includes parents, staff, and guest viewing the events. SMOKING BY PARTICIPANTS IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED. Male visitors, other than family or guests registered with our program may not visit any female participant's room during the pageant. Young ladies, chaperones, and guests are asked to use common sense and are reminded that this is a youth development program. Remember; do unto others, as you would have them do unto you. Those who cannot observe the rules of Cinderella are asked not to attend.

9. **Lost & Found/Personal Care** Colorado Cinderella Pageant 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 & found articles will be turned into the Cinderella Gift Shop.

10. **Cinderella Standards: Neither false hair nor artificial eyelashes are allowed in the Cinderella Tot, Miniature Miss, and Miss competition (this does not apply to talent presentations)**. Cosmetic dentistry is permissible. The use of makeup MUST be appropriate for the participant's age category. Tots and Miniature Miss' may not wear any makeup during their interview competition. Heavier makeup may be worn under strong stage lights. A standard of modesty and good grooming must be maintained throughout the event by both chaperone and contestant (includes casual wear, talent, and party dress competition as well as clothing throughout the two day event). Shorts may be worn at rehearsals and during the day, and we recommend clean, crisp looking outfits at all times. Props such as tennis rackets, sunglasses, hats, purses, etc. are NOT allowed in competition; gloves are not recommended.

11. **Cinderella Girl Insurance:** All official participants and chaperones must be covered by the Cinderella Girl Insurance. The Cinderella Girl Insurance coverage includes 24 hours a day coverage during the activities for accidents as stipulated in the official rules & regulations. Participants who have registered and paid their fees at the local level are covered through the

International Finals for 2010. Those who are attending the Colorado State Finals under the “Winners Circle/Honor Roll” will be required to pay the \$4.00 insurance fees and all chaperones are required to pay the \$8.00 fee, which is NOT included in the Entry Fee.

12. Judging The judging at an official Cinderella Girl/Woman Program is always of the highest unexcelled quality with an experienced panel of judges using a point and consultation system. The judges’ decision is always final and no position of ballots or rating is permitted. **DO NOT ASK THE JUDGES** for personal comments after the Finals, as they are **NOT ALLOWED TO GIVE PERSONAL CRITIQUES**. The judges will not be searching for the “miniature adult” in the children’s divisions. Likewise, the judges will not be looking for a “college-age” prototype in the teen division. The Cinderella Girl Program is looking for the natural, wholesome type of winner to carry the official titles. Please consult with your local director and read, “What the judges are to consider” in the Judges Manual. The State Cinderella Beauty, Talent Winners and Tot Personality Winner (will be selected from the preliminary competitions) and may not necessarily be one of the top 5 finalists in their age division.

MEALS, PARTIES, TICKETS....

1. Semi Formal Event: Grand Finals is a semi formal event. Party dress should be worn – absolutely no jeans or casual wear (applies to family & friends too!).

2. Parties & Clothing The **Welcome Party at Boondocks** please wear a Cinderella or your Local pageant T-shirt with bottoms of your choice but please be aware that you will get wet on the bumper boats. The **Pool Pizza Party** wear an age appropriate swimsuit. This is also a time when all of the contestants will receive their souvenir bags. Each contestant must bring a small gift for all of the Royalty, Staff, and Contestants if they would like to receive a bag. This can be something you make or purchase and doesn’t have to be very expensive. The **Prince Gilbert Fair** wear either a Cinderella or Frog T-shirt or Frog outfit. Participants and Chaperones can **pre-order their Prince Gilbert T-shirt** on their Entry Forms or at the gift shop if they so choose or you can wear a garment of your choice with a frog theme. You take the chance of your size not being available if you do not pre-order. These shirts will also be worn at the International Pageant by all of the Colorado representatives. All of the Food/Parties are covered for the Cinderella contestants and one chaperone in their Registration Fee. It is best to attend all meals and parties because the judges will be at every event. Additional guests will NOT be admitted without a meal ticket or badge.

3. Meal Tickets are required for every meal function. **DON’T FORGET YOUR TICKETS!** You must have a meal ticket or badge to be admitted into the meal function. **NO EXCEPTIONS**. Your registration fee includes all parties. If you are planning on additional guests, plan early and purchase these tickets prior to state. There is no limit to the number of Ticket Package Plans that may be purchased by an individual attending the State Finals for guests.

4. Preliminary Events and Grand Final Tickets: For chaperones and guests on the meal/event package plan, your name badge is your ticket and admission to all competitions and parties. You may purchase additional preliminary and Grand Final tickets during the pageant at the Gift Shop or order them in advance. **Baby contestant chaperones can purchase meal tickets on the additional tickets page.**

TALENT COMPETITION & TOT PERSONALITY

1. Music: **NO TAPES- ONLY CD’s.** Label with your name and age division. Bring a minimum of two copies, one for competition and a back up (practice). Make sure that you have good quality recordings (buy a professional accompaniment or use a professional recording studio). The quality of your cd can affect the way the judges view your talent. CDs must be mailed in with your forms or emailed to info@coloradocinderella.com. Your CD will be returned in your registration packet. **ABSOLUTE TIME LIMIT IS 2 MINUTES 30 SECONDS.** Any talent exceeding 2 minutes 30 seconds will be **disqualified** from talent and overall awards. If there are any special instructions for your music, please be sure to discuss these at registration.

2. Costumes and Props: Costumes should not be suggestive in nature and should be appropriate for the age division. Two-piece costumes are permissible, however, as always in Cinderella; we stress good taste and a standard of modesty. If you feel the costume might be questioned, don’t use it. Props must be an integral part of the talent presentation and used by the participant during the performance.

3. Tot Personality: Simple party dress or interview type dresses are appropriate, Practice sitting still, feet crossed at the ankles and hands in lap. Spontaneous, natural answers are best. Also practice speaking clearly – not too fast. Practice speaking loudly but not yelling! The judges are looking for poise, personality, appearance, self-confidence and the ability to express themselves in a pleasing and intelligent manner.

MODELING COMPETITION...

1. Clothing: No hats or props will be allowed for any Cinderella Girl Modeling. Cinderella is NOT a “clothes show”. Your clothing should be appropriate for your age division. Flaunting an overly expensive wardrobe is not what we look for. The judges are judging the participant and NOT their wardrobe. We look for a natural, unaffected, wholesome, polite, personable girl (All American Girl) to represent our program and her particular age division. Your wardrobe should include several fresh, clean, and crisp looking garments. The judges often see the participants between judging sessions, so having a neat appearance at all times is important. Your main competition wardrobe should consist of 4 items: **Interview dress or suit.** The interview dress should be crisp, clean, a classy look. In the teen and woman divisions appropriate for a job interview...**Party dress.** 3-12 age groups wear a short party dress (NOT a costume) and should be acceptable attire for a wedding or tea at the White House. 13-17 age group wear a long party dress/formal (NOT a costume) it should be acceptable attire for a debutante ball or conservative prom. **DO NOT OVERDO.** 18-26 age group wear a dress similar to a Miss America Dress. All dresses must be modest and appropriate for the age division...**Sportswear/Casual wear.** A casual wear outfit such as a tailored short outfit, skirt outfit, sundress, jumpsuits, and 2 piece pantsuits are appropriate attire. **NO SWIMSUITS or COSTUMES ARE ALLOWED FOR COMPETITION. Talent costume** appropriate apparel.

2. **Modeling:** Cinderella is not a modeling competition, however, party dress and sportswear presentations give a girl the opportunity to demonstrate her poise, self-confidence, grace and ability to follow directions (stage presence). Judges are advised to note whether or not girls move to the paced modeling music when the dings indicate for her to continue to the next place on stage. Each modeling presentation starts and ends with a harp sweep. **During sportswear, each girl will introduce herself giving her name, age, and hometown at the second "x". Teen and Woman participants will state their name, age, hometown and ambition only (recommended no longer than 15 seconds). Overtime speeches will be grounds for disqualification from that portion of the Modeling Competition. Teen and Woman participants must be to the last X by the ding at the end of the harp sweep.** The contestant is judged on their ability to communicate on stage. There are no introductions in party dress modeling. The Woman contestants will be asked an extemporaneous question on stage during the formal wear presentations. The official Cinderella Girl Runway/Modeling Music will be used for modeling competitions. The music is precisely timed so that each participant has approximately the same amount of time on the runway. This is the same music used at the local level. Check with you local director for modeling workshop in your area.

PHOTOGENIC ON THE STATE LEVEL...

1. **Photogenic** is mandatory on the State level and will be judged separately and prior to interview. **YOU MUST SUBMIT a 4" X 6" Black and White Photo with your state paperwork.** It can also email a digital copy of your photo to info@coloradocinderella.com it reproduces much better in the program book. If you can't email your photo, we will scan your hard copy. The picture will be reduced to 1 ½" x 2" in the official program book. Photogenic will be judged by the original photos. Photos will be disqualified from judging if they are smaller or larger than specified. Make sure to carefully label your photo with your name and division (put a label on the back). The photogenic judging in no way affects the overall adjudication, however, they should be as attractive and professional as possible as they will be used to select the State Photogenic Winners. Remember they are the first impression the judges see and a small 1 ½" x 2" will be stapled to each judge's notation sheet for easy reference. The picture should look like the participant and be appropriate for the age division. **Photogenic Winners will be selected on the following basis: photographic beauty & captured personality or mood, and composition, and the technical quality of the photograph.** Photographs may not include trophies, crowns, or banners. All pictures are to be from the current pageant year. All photos will be returned.

COVER GIRL INFORMATION AND ADVERTISING INCENTIVE...

1. **Additional Advertising** is NOT mandatory; however, you might want to take advantage of this special recognition. Any girl selling a minimum of a whole page (\$150.00) is eligible for the **"CINDERELLA COVER GIRL" Award.** Only the pictures used in the additional advertising pages determine the Cover Girl Winner.

2. **Advertisers** 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 may submit their own ad copy and artwork.

3. **Individual Advertising Photos** may appear on a full page only to qualify for Cover Girl. No other ads can have a contestant's photograph. Please when submitting ad, DO NOT tape or glue pictures to ad work. Photos may be full body, head & shoulders, etc. They may even have crowns & banners. They may be black & white or color. All photographs will be returned.

4. **Advertising Incentive** You could earn your way to State by selling advertising for the program book. You will receive \$50.00; off of your total fees due, for every full page of advertising you sell (any variation). Sell 4 or more full pages and receive all of your required fees waived!!

5. **The "COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARD"** will be awarded to the contestant submitting the most advertising sells, minimum of 5 pages. (Receives: \$100 CASH, Crown, and Banner)

AWARDS AND PRIZES

1. **Overall Tot, Mini Miss, Miss, and Teen** \$1,000 Savings Bond (\$500 Savings Bond if 69 contestants or less)* \$150.00 International Entry Fee * \$125.00 International Photogenic Fee * Use of the traditional Cinderella Robe * Cinderella Scepter * Birthday trip to Build A Bear * Official Cinderella Round Crown * Trophy * Embroidered Banner * Queen's Trip * 2011 Colorado State Finals Room & Meal Plans * Beautiful Arm Bouquets * The opportunity to represent the Cinderella Program throughout Colorado * and many more surprises throughout the year.

2. **Overall Colorado Cinderella Woman** \$1,000 CASH (\$500 CASH if less than 10) * \$150.00 International Entry Fee * Cinderella Scepter * Official Cinderella Round Crown * Trophy * Embroidered Banner * 2011 Colorado State Finals Room & Meal Plans * Beautiful Arm Bouquets * The opportunity to represent the Cinderella Program throughout Colorado * and many more surprises throughout the year.

3. **Overall Alternates** Trophy * \$150 International Entry Fee

4. **Cinderella Beauty** \$150.00 International Entry Fee * \$125.00 International Photogenic Fee * Official Cinderella Round Crown * Trophy * Embroidered Banner * Beautiful Arm Bouquets.

5. **Talent/Tot Personality** \$150.00 International Entry Fee * \$125.00 International Photogenic Fee * Official Cinderella Round Crown * Trophy * Banner.

6. **Photogenic** \$150.00 International Entry Fee * \$125.00 International Photogenic Fee * Trophy * Banner.

7. **Cover Girl** \$150.00 International Entry Fee * \$125.00 International Photogenic Fee * Official Cinderella Crown * Trophy * Banner * Photo featured in Program Book.

8. **Community Spirit Award** \$100 CASH, Crown, and Banner

9. **Special Award Recognition** will be awarded to NON FINALIST. These awards are for those who demonstrate outstanding performance in talent (Best Tap, Best Ballet, etc.) and in beauty (Best Party Dress, Best Sportswear, Best Interview, etc.) These awards will be presented at the judges' discretion and all categories will not necessarily be represented.