



Miss Stanton Scholarship Pageant

STANTON OLD FASHIONED DAYS

Dear **Jr Miss/Miss Stanton** Contestants & Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the Miss Stanton Scholarship Pageant family! We are looking forward to a successful pageant and another successful year.

Included, you will find information about each phase of competition, along with a master schedule that includes all required meetings, events, and rehearsals that will lead up to the pageant as well as the dates that will need to be reserved for events, parades, and appearances should you receive the title of Queen or Court Member. Attendance at all meetings, events, and rehearsals leading up to the pageant are mandatory. If it is impossible to be present at one of these events, please notify the Pageant Director A.S.A.P. The Queens Committee will then determine if the single absence will be excused; however, additional absences will result in a deduction of points from the contestant's overall score.

Contract

In addition to reading this letter, it is crucial that both contestants and their parents/guardians also take the time to thoroughly read the **Stanton Old Fashioned Days Queen/Court & Parent/Guardian Contract**. This contract describes the detailed requirements, responsibilities, prohibitions and penalties, and includes the Media & Publication Release and Waiver of Liability. Given that these terms and conditions apply to and impact both contestants and parents/guardians, both parties must sign the contract and bring it with them to the informational meeting in order to be eligible to continue moving forward in competition.

Informational Meeting

The date and time of the informational meeting can be found on the enclosed master schedule. It is at this meeting that we will review the contract and the contents that follow in this letter together. Please be prepared by reading these documents carefully, so that you may ask any questions that arise at the time of our first meeting. If a question/issue cannot wait, please call.

* Contestant photos will be taken at this meeting for the newspaper and social media, so be sure to dress accordingly and look your best!

Opening Number

Opening number is the first time our contestants will be seen by the crowd so it is very important that you know the routine and look comfortable on stage. Therefore it is required that you attend all rehearsals, as listed on the enclosed master schedule.

Jr Miss Stanton Candidates:

You will be judged in five (5) categories:

1. Interview, 2. Self Expression Wear, 3. Favorite Quote, 4. Formal Wear, & 5. Final Question.

- ◆ All written materials are due by the date noted on the schedule at the end of this letter
- ◆ Please email all written materials to shankooistra@gmail.com.

Interview

Interviews will be held prior to the pageant on the date listed on the master schedule. You will receive your interview time slot at our informational meeting.

Self Expression Wear

Contestants are to wear an outfit that they feel comfortable in that best describes who they are. Many girls have chosen to wear outfits they have designed and sewn themselves, athletic uniforms, or competition costumes (dance, martial arts, etc), just to name a few.

- ◆ Written Assignment #1: Write a description of your "Self Expression Wear" and email it to me by the date noted on the schedule. Make sure you write out EXACTLY what you want to have read as you are modeling your outfit on stage.

Favorite Quote

After modeling your self expression wear, you will approach the microphone. Each contestant must choose their favorite quote and recite it to the crowd (by memory). You must then explain why this is your favorite/why it means so much to you.

- ◆ Written Assignment #2: Write out your quote and email it by the date noted on the schedule.

Formal Wear and Final Question

The last phase of Jr Miss competition will require you to present yourself on stage wearing a long formal dress. Be sure to choose a dress that is modest, without plunging necklines that reveal cleavage or high slits that reveal the pelvic region.

While on stage, you will model your dress and be asked the final question. All contestants will answer the same final question, which will be randomly drawn by last year's Jr Miss Stanton.

Miss Stanton Candidates

You will be judged in six (6) categories:

1. Interview, 2. Platform, 3. Athletic Wear, 4. Talent, 5. Formal Wear, and 6. Final Question.

- ◆ All written materials are due by the date noted on the schedule at the end of this letter
- ◆ Please email all written materials to shankooistra@gmail.com.

Interview

Interviews will be held prior to the pageant on the date listed on the master schedule. You will receive your interview time slot at our informational meeting. ◆ You will need to have a resume and speech prepared for the judges by the due date. Please read the complete details below.

Platform

A pageant platform is a cause, for which a contestant chooses to volunteer her time to either bring awareness to, raise money for, or implement a program she has created that will help address the issue. Each contestant is to choose a platform and give a 1-3 minute speech on stage. In your speech, you need to explain your platform, why you've chosen it, and how you would use the Miss Stanton title to raise awareness. Have your platform chosen and let me know what it is at the informational meeting. ♦ Writing Assignment #1: Write out your speech and email it for the judges to review by the date noted on the schedule.

Athletic Wear

This IS NOT a swimsuit competition. There are several styles of athletic wear. Show your style! At this time the emcee will describe what you are wearing as well as how it is that you promote healthy living. (Are you in sports? Do you participate in 5K's? Kickboxing? Cycling? Do you exercise at home? Do you belong to a gym?) ♦ Writing Assignment #2: Write a description of your athletic wear and email it by the date noted on the schedule. Make sure you write out EXACTLY what you want to have read as you are modeling your outfit on stage.

Talent

During this portion of the pageant, you will have up to 5 minutes to perform or exhibit a particular talent or skill that you have. Traditional displays of musical talent or dance are fine, but feel free to think outside the box as well. This is a chance to be creative, entertaining, and interesting! However, remember that this is a public event for an audience of all ages, so your act needs to be appropriate.

Have your talent chosen and let me know what it is at the informational meeting.

❁ Be prepared to demonstrate your act at the first pageant rehearsal for committee approval.

Formal Wear and Final Question

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Resume

All Miss Stanton candidates will be required to turn in a resume. This document should follow a traditional resume format and NOT be in the form of an essay. The following should be included:

- Name, Age
- Platform (Briefly state what your platform is and why you chose it)
- School attending (attended), grade (if applicable), You may include your GPA
- School Activities, Clubs, Sports (list any awards received in these categories)
- Community Activities, Clubs, Volunteer Work, Sports (list any awards received in these categories)
- Talents or Hobbies
- Future plans/Career Plans

♦ Writing Assignment #3: Resumes should be emailed by the date noted on the schedule.

The judges will review your resume and may refer to it when asking questions at the interview.

Miss Congeniality

The title of Jr Miss/Miss Congeniality is voted on by Jr Miss/Miss contestants on pageant night.

People's Choice

The People's Choice honor is selected by the public. It is your responsibility to decorate a coffee can or a Pringles can. It should have your name and the title you are competing for (Jr Miss Stanton or Miss Stanton). Anything else that the can is decorated with should be appropriate and is subject to SOFD Board approval. Cans will be placed at the White Pine District Library to collect cash donations, along with a form for each participant on the SOFD website, where anyone may donate online for the contestant of their choosing. The winner of the People's Choice Award is the contestant who raises the most money. The funds raised will go into the SOFD Queens Fund to help provide for the pageant's scholarship awards.

❁ Text us a photo of your can and drop it off at the library by the date noted on the schedule.

It is our hope that all contestants and parents/guardians will enjoy the experience of participating in the Stanton Old Fashioned Days/Miss Stanton Scholarship Pageant Program. Every effort has been made to make your commitment memorable and enjoyable.

We look forward to seeing you soon and answering any questions you may have about this letter, schedule, or contract at our informational meeting. Please call if your concern is more urgent.

Thank you and good luck!

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Queens Master Schedule

- 2025 -

JULY

- 15 Application Postmark Deadline
- 22 Junior Miss and Miss Stanton Informational Meeting, D. Hale Brake Park, 8:00 P.M.
 - * Contestant Photos Taken for Newspapers/Media

AUGUST

- 01 Due Date for All Written Materials (Send via Email)
 - ◆ Jr Miss: Quote and Self Expression Wear
 - ◆ Miss: Speech, Athletic Wear, and Resume
 - ✿ People's Choice Canister Due (Drop off at Library)
- 03 Pageant Rehearsal, D. Hale Brake Park, 6:00 P.M.
 - ✿ Perform Talent for Approval
- 05 Contestant Interviews, Location TBD, 6:00 P.M.
- 07 Pageant Dress Rehearsal on Stage, Main St., 6:00 P.M.
- 08-10 **STANTON OLD FASHIONED DAYS FESTIVAL**
(Schedule for court will be announced)
- 08 Miss Stanton Scholarship Pageant, 6:00 P.M.
- 09 Stanton Old Fashioned Days Grand Parade, 1:00 P.M.
- 16 Greenville Danish Festival Grand Dansk Parade, 10 A.M. (Red Dress Required)
- 30 Trufant Jubilee
Queen's Tea, 11:30 A.M., Parade, 1:00 P.M.

SEPTEMBER

- 01 Belding Labor Day Celebration
Queen's Tea, 9:00 A.M.
Parade, 11:00 A.M., Lineup on High St.
- 20 Edmore Potato Festival
Queen's Tea and Parade, Time TBD
- ?? Central Montcalm Homecoming, Parade

OCTOBER

- ?? Girls Day Out Event, Downtown Stanton, Time TBD
- ?? Halloween Event at MCC Heritage Village, Time TBD

DECEMBER

- ?? Stanton Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony
- ?? Christmas Party for Miss Stanton & Court

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MAY

- 25 Sheridan Springfest Parade, Time TBD,
Lineup at Corner of Egan St & Main St (M-66);
Veterans Ceremony to Follow Parade

JUNE

- 06 Carson City Frontier Days Parade, Time TBD
- 20 Lakeview Summerfest Parade, Time TBD

JULY

- 04 Crystal 4th of July Celebration Parade, Time TBD

JULY/AUGUST

- ?? Queen's Recognition Banquet for Outgoing Queens & Court Members, Stanton American Legion

Schedule and event details are subject to change; some dates are to be determined (??).
Always check the private Facebook group that will be created each year for new queens, court members & parents/guardians for updates!