



MISS TEEN PHILIPPINES-AMERICA PAGEANT

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MISS TEEN PHILIPPINES-AMERICA PAGEANT GUIDELINES

- I. Each contestant must be a student of at least ¼ Filipino descent, between 14 and 19 years of age and may come from any of the 50 states or the District of Columbia. There are no entry fees nor ballots to sell to participate in the Ilocano Society of America’s Scholarship Pageant. All candidates are trained by experts, **free- of-charge**, to prepare them for the pageant night. This is a Pageant based on fair judging by a distinguished Board of Judges and not on popularity (but special awards are given to the Most Popular).

- II. Judging is based on the following competitive categories:
 - A. **Personal Interview (25% of total score).** The interview is conducted on a day to be scheduled by the Committee.
 1. The contestant is expected to dress as if going to a job interview or college interview. The outfit the contestant chooses should reflect her personality and should present the contestant in a tasteful manner.
 2. Questions for interviews will be generated from the contestant’s individual bio sheet. Some questions will also be very general in nature and could be answered by all contestants.
 3. Interview phase of competition will be judged accordingly:
 - (a). Personal Appearance: Attention is given to overall image that is conveyed to the judges by the contestant.
 - (b). Personality & Poise: Attention is given to the contestant’s poise, charm and carriage. Is the contestant relaxed and at ease in the conversation?
 - (c). Confidence & Eye Contact: Attention is given to the contestant’s confidence by which she carries herself in the conversation. Does she look at the judges when answering the questions?
 - (d). Responsiveness To Questions: Attention is given to the contestant’s communication skills and the substance of her answers.
 - B. **Talent Presentation (30 % of total score)**
 1. Talent will be judged accordingly:
 - (a). Entertainment Value: Attention is given to the overall entertaining quality of the performance.
 - (b). Totality of All Elements: Attention is given to the use of costume, props, voice, etc.
 - (c). Use of Body in Choreography: Attention is given to the appropriate blocking of the piece. For instrumental entries, it is the stance in which the contestant takes to her instrument.
 - (d). Technical Skill Level: Attention is given to the contestant’s ability at age level and the execution of the piece.
 - (e). Interpretive Ability: Attention is given to the contestant’s creative element in expressing her own personality in the selection.
 2. **Talent presentation must not exceed 3.5 minutes**

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C. Beauty/Poise/Evening Gown Presentation (30% of total score)

1. Evening Gown phase of the competition will be judged accordingly:
 - (a). Dress Suits the Contestant: Attention is given to appropriateness for age.
Does the contestant wear the dress or the dress wear the contestant?
 - (b). Stage Presentation: Walk, posture, carriage, grace.
 - (c). Personality, Stage Presence: Attention is given to natural smile, eye contact and projection.
 - (d). Modeling Ability: Attention is given to turns and runway pattern.
 - (e). Overall Appearance: Attention is given to the overall image the contestant is portraying, personal style, beauty and grooming.
2. **At no time will comparison judging be used. Each contestant is accredited a score based upon her individual merits.**

N.B. All contestants will be trained for the competition, FREE-OF-CHARGE, on designated dates of dance rehearsals (Ramp modeling, walking with grace and confidence, self-introduction, gearing for the interview and answering questions.) A pictorial/photo shoot day is usually scheduled on the last weekend of April or 1st weekend of May and this will require the presence of the escorts. For out-of-state (DMV) candidates, a minimum of 2 rehearsals and attendance at the Photoshoot are required to be in the pageant.

D. Question/Answer (15 % of total score)

1. Question/Answer phase of the competition will be judged accordingly:
 - (a). Relevance of Response.
 - (b). Imagination/Creativity.
 - (c). Clarity of Expression.

III. ILOCANO SOCIETY OF AMERICA SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

- A. ISA Miss Teen Philippines-America Winner.....\$ 500.00 Scholarship Cash
(plus crown, trophy, sash, scepter, plane ticket, MACY's gift and other prizes)
- B. First Runner-up.....\$ 350.00 Scholarship Cash
(plus crown, trophy, sash)
- C. Second Runner-up.....\$ 300.00 Scholarship Cash
(plus crown, trophy, sash)
- C. Finalists.....\$ 250.00 Scholarship Cash
(plus crown, trophy, sash)

IV. SPECIAL AWARDS

A. MISS CHARITY

1. This award is given to the candidate who has solicited the most advertisements. Two half-page (1/2) ads equal a full-page; four quarter-page (1/4) ads equal a full-page. The front inside cover and the back inside cover equal three full-page ads each.
2. **Only ads paid 3 days before before the Pageant shall be considered for the total count.**

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3. All candidates are required **to submit at least four (4) full page ads** (or a combination of different sizes as long as it totals 4 full pages) **to qualify for the cash prize.**

B. MISS POPULARITY

1. This award is given to the candidate who has sold the most dinner tickets.
2. **Only dinner tickets paid by 12:00 noon two (2) days before the Pageant shall be considered for the total count.**
3. Contestants are enjoined to invite at least **2 tables (or 20 pax)** of guests **to qualify for the cash prize.** If a contestant is able to invite 42 guests, two will be complimentary hence only 40 guests (4 tables) will pay.

C. MISS CONGENIALITY

1. This is the only award that is decided by the candidates. They elect among themselves the one who they think is the most amiable and charming.

D. MISS PHOTOGENIC

1. This award is decided by the judges. Each candidate shall choose a photo from the photo shoot session and submit to the judges for review.

E. BEST IN GOWN – Decided by judges on the actual pageant night.

NOTE : Special Awards do not have any bearing whatsoever in the final tallying of scores nor final decision of the Panel of Judges.

E. SPECIAL TITLES

1. The **winner Miss Teen Philippines-America** also automatically bears the title of **Miss Ilocano Society of America (ISA)** since she officially represents ISA in community events that require her presence. Special titles will also be given to the

First and Second Runners-up and the Finalists as follows:

First Runner-up: Miss Teen Philippines-Washington D.C.

Second Runner-up: Miss Teen Philippines-Maharlika

Finalists: (The titles for the Finalists will not be in any order since all finalists are to be considered on equal footing/and the titles also depend on the total number of finalists/contestants)

Miss Teen Ambassador

Miss Teen Sampaguita

Miss Teen Maria Clara

Miss Teen Luzon

Miss Teen Visayas

Miss Teen Mindanao

Miss Teen Virginia

Miss Teen Maryland



F. Qualified Miss Teen candidates will be nominated as **Migrant Heritage Commission's (MHC) Youth Envoy for Unity and Service** and form part of the MHC Youth/Fil-Am delegation to the International Youth Assembly at the United Nations (UN) in New York in August.

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