

Miss Cinderella Pageant 2017
Northwestern Oklahoma State University
RULES

1. A contestant must be a true high school senior female, single, and at least 16 years of age by September 1, 2017. She must never have previously entered the Miss Cinderella Pageant. Entry in the pageant will be by invitation to the school only. The Miss Cinderella Pageant is not affiliated with the Miss Oklahoma Pageant.
2. If the contestant attends a public school system, the school principal or superintendent must certify their contestant on the designated form and the contestant will enter under the school name. It is the public schools responsibility to determine a process to select an individual to compete in the 2017 Miss Cinderella Pageant. Contestants must be selected and the "Certification of Local Winner" form returned to Ms. Lisa Franz by **Wednesday, September 6, 2017.**
3. If the contestant is home schooled, they must be affiliated with the Oklahoma Christian Home Educators' Consociation, Inc., and should contact them for information regarding the selection process. An official representative of OCHEC must certify their contestant on the designated form and the contestant will enter under the organization's name. It is the organizations responsibility to determine a process to select an individual to compete in the 2017 Miss Cinderella Pageant. Contestants must be selected and the "Certification of Local Winner" form returned to Ms. Lisa Franz by **Wednesday, September 6, 2017.**
4. Each contestant must submit a completed data sheet and media release to Ms. Lisa Franz by **Wednesday, September 6, 2017.**
5. The selection process for the school's entrant is a local decision and not determined by the Miss Cinderella Pageant. She may be chosen by the school, community, panel of judges or by the process determined most appropriate by the school or local pageant sponsor. The local contestant must meet the guidelines and adhere to the pageant rules to enter the Miss Cinderella Pageant.
6. Each contestant is required to attend Orientation for all contestants, accompanied by her parent/guardian or sponsor on **Sunday, September 10, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.,** in the NWOSU Student Center. She will also participate in the Talent Show on Thursday, September 28; Pageant/Coronation on Friday, September 29; and the Homecoming Parade on Saturday, September 30.
7. **Talent acts cannot be changed after Orientation unless two talent acts are identical. Pageant officials will communicate with the two contestants regarding this situation at Orientation. If the two contestants choose to change their talent acts due to this situation, the pageant director must be notified by the following Wednesday after Orientation. Talent time limit is 1½ minutes or 90 seconds.**
8. A wardrobe guideline is provided to each contestant. Appropriate dress for each activity is required. Selection of talent costume and evening gown should be age appropriate. We feel you will use good judgment in selecting your wardrobe for Pageant week. However, please know the Production Committee and/or Pageant Officials have the right to decide if a dress, costume, or gown is out-dated, too low cut, and/or not in good taste.

9. The contestant will be judged equally in three categories: (1) talent, (2) interview, and (3) poise/appearance to determine the Top 5 Miss Cinderella finalists. These finalists will answer an on-stage question to determine the winners. Winners will be selected in the following manner: (1) Miss Congeniality will be selected by her fellow contestants; (2) Talent Winner will be selected by the pageant judges; (3) Interview Winner will be selected by the pageant judges; (4) Miss Cinderella will be selected by the pageant judges at the conclusion of the pageant on Friday night. In addition, a fourth runner-up, third runner-up, second runner-up and first runner-up to Miss Cinderella will be selected by the judges. Each of these winners will receive additional scholarships.

10. Scholarships to Northwestern Oklahoma State University-Alva will be given as outlined in the 2017 Miss Cinderella Scholarships document.

Note: Additional scholarship information/rules will be provided to the contestants at Orientation. NWOSU will distribute official scholarship applications at this meeting. Scholarship recipients must meet entrance requirements to Northwestern Oklahoma State University.

11. Contestants will ride in antique classic cars in the Homecoming parade on Saturday, September 30. The Homecoming Committee will provide the cars and signs.

12. If the contestant plans to stay in Alva during the contest, she should make her own arrangements for accommodations. A list of motels is provided at Orientation. A list of motels can also be obtained from the Alva Chamber of Commerce.

13. The University and the Pageant Committee will not provide transportation for the contestant during the pageant.

14. The contestant or her school must assume any financial cost of participation in this event. The Homecoming Association is unable to offer any expense payments because doing so would jeopardize the contestant's privilege of participating in any other interscholastic contest of any type. The school itself could be severely penalized in this respect.

15. The contestant's and her parent's/guardian's/sponsor's conduct must be impeccable and their cooperation is required by the producers and directors of the contest and pageant. No one is allowed backstage other than pageant officials and contestants. Cell phones are not allowed by the contestants during pageant activities including Orientation, Talent Rehearsal, Talent Show, luncheon and dinners, interviews, coronation, and during the parade.

16. While limited props are allowed for a talent act, it is the responsibility of the contestant to keep up with them. Although the Pageant Committee does everything they can to ensure the safety and security of props and other property, they are not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged items.

17. Contestants will be scheduled for interviews the morning of Friday, September 29. If a contestant misses her scheduled time, she will be placed at the end of interviews and may interview at the later time, at the discretion of the Pageant Committee and Pageant Judges.

18. Once entered in the contest, each contestant should make every effort to uphold her responsibility to continue as a contestant. Any conflicts regarding pageant responsibilities must be addressed with the Pageant Directors.

- 19.** A contestant must be of good moral character and have never been pregnant and is not now pregnant and has not been involved at any time in any act of moral turpitude. She must never have been convicted of any crime and does not have any criminal charges pending. She must never have been engaged in any activity which is or could be characterized as dishonest, immoral, immodest, indecent or in bad taste; is in reasonably good health.
- 20.** Documents for the 2017 Miss Cinderella Pageant are available at <http://www.nwsu.edu/cinderella>. It is required that each contestant and her sponsor/parent/guardian read and abide by these documents.