

Miss Cinderella Pageant Northwestern Oklahoma State University RULES & GUIDELINES

1. A contestant must be a true high school senior female, single, and at least 16 years of age by September 1, 2026. 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. A contestant must be in good moral character. She must never have been convicted of any crime and does not have any criminal charges pending. She must never have been engaged in activity which could be characterized as dishonest, immoral, immodest, or indecent. She cannot be pregnant and must be in reasonably good health.
3. 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.
4. If the contestant attends a **public-school system**, the school principal or superintendent must certify their contestant on the designated form. It is the public school's responsibility to determine a process to select an individual to compete in the 2026 Miss Cinderella Pageant. In addition, If the contestant is **home-schooled**, they must be affiliated with a local home-school support group, such as FICHE (Fellowship of Independent Christian Home Educators). A representative of the home-school affiliate must certify their contestant on the designated form and the contestant will enter under the organization's name. It is the organization's responsibility to determine a process to select an individual to compete in the 2026 Miss Cinderella Pageant. Contestants must be selected to represent their school and the **Certification of Local Winner** form returned to Lisa Cline by **Friday, September 18, 2026.**
5. **All documents for the Miss Cinderella Pageant are available at the following link:**
<https://www.nwosu.edu/homecoming/miss-cinderella>
6. **Each contestant must complete and submit: Miss Cinderella Contestant Information Sheet (online form) and Contestant Data Sheet.** Documents must be submitted by **Friday, September 18, 2026.**
7. Each contestant is **required** to attend Miss Cinderella Orientation, **Sunday, September 27, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.** She is also required to participate in the Talent Show on Thursday, October 8, 2026; Pageant/Coronation on Friday, October 9, 2026; and the Homecoming Parade on Saturday, October 10, 2026.
8. Each Miss Cinderella Pageant 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 Director, Lisa Cline.
9. Scholarships to Northwestern Oklahoma State University-Alva campus will be given as outlined in the Miss Cinderella Scholarship Information sheet.
10. Contestants 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. 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.

11. Talent acts **cannot** be changed after Orientation unless 2 talent acts are identical. Pageant officials will communicate with the 2 contestants regarding this situation at Orientation. Talent time limit is 1½ minutes or 90 seconds. Talent Music (if applicable) – Flash Drive with two (2) high definition audio copies of your accompaniment or background music. Please **do not** get music from Spotify as that format often is not compatible.
12. 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.
13. Each contestant will have a scheduled interview with pageant judges. If a contestant misses her scheduled time, she will be placed at the end of interviews and may interview at a later time, at the discretion of the Pageant Committee.
14. Contestants will ride in antique classic cars in the Homecoming parade, The Homecoming Committee will provide the cars and signs.
15. **Wardrobe Guideline** are provided to each contestant. Appropriate dress for each activity is required. Selection of pageant wardrobe should be age appropriate. We know you will use good judgment in selecting your wardrobe for the pageant; however, please know that the Production Committee and/or Pageant Officials have the right to decide if an outfit, costume, and/or gown is inappropriate for the situation.
16. If the contestant plans to stay in Alva during the contest, she should make her own arrangements for accommodations. A list of lodging options may be obtained from the Alva Chamber of Commerce.
17. The University and the Pageant Committee **will not** provide transportation for the contestant during the pageant.
18. 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.
19. **ALL Contestants, parents/sponsors/guardians are expected to abide by the Rules and Regulations and all documentation established by the Miss Cinderella Pageant Director and Committee. No one is allowed backstage other than pageant officials and contestants.**
20. **DEADLINE for Required Contestant Documents/Materials: Friday, September 18, 2026**

**Submit to: Lisa Cline - Miss Cinderella Pageant Director
730 Locust St. - Alva, OK 73717**

****You may also scan and email any documents to lifranz@nwosu.edu****

REQUIRED Documents/Materials:

- Miss Cinderella Certification of Local Winner
- Miss Cinderella Contestant Information Sheet (online form)
- Miss Cinderella Contestant Data Sheet
- Talent Music (if applicable)

REQUIRED Contestant Pre-Pageant Event:

- Miss Cinderella Contestant Orientation, September 27, 2026 @ 2:00 p.m.