

THE 2007 MISS DEAF TEEN MICHIGAN PAGEANT ELIGIBILITY RULES

1. A contestant must be single, never have been married, nor had a marriage annulled and must not be and never have been childbearing.
2. A contestant must be a female, whose age shall not be less than thirteen nor more than seventeen years old, on July 28, 2007.
3. A contestant must have an average hearing loss of 65 decibels or more (ANSI) in the better ear. She must submit an audiogram signed by a certified audiologist. The hearing evaluation must be done after December 1, 2006.
4. A contestant must be a citizen of the United States of America at any time before the deadline for submitting the application to enter the Miss Deaf Teen Michigan Pageant.
5. A contestant must be a Michigan resident for more than a year before the deadline for submitting the application to enter the Miss Deaf Teen Michigan Pageant.
6. A contestant must never have willingly participated in and been convicted of any crimes.
7. A contestant shall possess talent, poise, charm, intelligence, inner beauty, social ability and maturity.
8. A contestant must be of a good moral character and must conduct herself above reproach before and during the Miss Deaf Teen America Pageant. She must continue to maintain exemplary conduct while she is Miss Deaf Teen Michigan.
9. Each contestant in the Miss Deaf Teen Michigan Pageant shall participate in all competitions for judging: platform, talent, evening gown, and private interview. The judging is counted on point systems: 35% private interview, 25% platform presentation, 25% talent, and 15% evening gown.
10. A contestant must be able to present her talent routine or performance within four minutes. If the talent is longer than four minutes, the judges will disqualify it. She must present it, live and in person. She shall not use any musical instrument as part of her talent with the exception of a tape recorder or CD player to play background music. She must furnish her own props and prompter for her performance.
11. A contestant in the Miss Deaf Teen Michigan Pageant must become an individual member of both the Miss Deaf Michigan Pageant Association and the Michigan Deaf Association.

12. A contestant must bring her own wardrobe, which consists of a list of clothing: casual wear, evening gown, dress for private interview, cocktail dress for the Michigan Deaf Association banquet, and a costume (if needed) for her talent performance.
13. Contestants attending MSSD in Washington D.C. may enter the Miss Deaf Teen Michigan Pageant, providing that their home address is in Michigan .
14. A contestant must submit an application, an essay (see note)***, a current audiogram, and a 5 x 7 (waist up) color photograph. All must be sent to the Miss Deaf Teen Michigan Pageant co-directors on or before **February 1, 2007**.
Note: The essay may be written or filmed using ASL. Send 5 x 7 (waist up) color photograph to photoresa@yahoo.com in PDF format on or before Feb 1.
15. An entry fee of **\$500.00** paid by her sponsor is due on or before **May 1, 2007**.
16. Failure to adhere to any of these rules above will automatically disqualify the applicant from competing in the Miss Deaf Teen Michigan Pageant.
17. The winner of the Miss Deaf Teen Michigan Pageant will relinquish the title to the first runner up in the case of marriage, child bearing or violation of any rules associated with her being the titleholder.

I hereby acknowledge that I have read the official rules and regulations and that I am complying with them in every way; and that the enclosed personal data as herein set forth is correct.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Witness: _____