

MR. & MS. TEEN DESTINY CHANGER INTERNATIONAL PAGEANT



WELCOME NEW PARTICIPANT!

May you have a life changing experience !

Hi and welcome to the Mr. & Ms. Teen Destiny Changer International Pageant community! Thank you for making this commitment to yourself, your family and to society. The expectation for you to balance the responsibilities of your reign along with all the your other obligations can be overwhelming. In this packet, we provide you with information to make this process manageable and to ensure you have a fabulous reign



Mr. & Ms. Teen Destiny Changer NYC

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Mr. & Ms. Teen Destiny Changer NYC

Young women and men in underserved NYC communities need to be empowered! Through the Mr. & Ms. Teen Destiny Changer NYC Pageant, you will recognize that your beauty goes beyond the surface, teaching you to appreciate the richness of self-worth and self-confidence. Ultimately, we expect you to become an ambassador and leader with good moral values in your communities.

Our program begins in February 2024. We usually meet on Saturdays between 1pm- 5pm, but there may be times when sessions may be held on weekdays. Our sessions are in most cases 1-2 hrs long. For approximately 6 months, you will be engaged in various educational, fun, and interactive workshops focusing on financial literacy, sex education, entrepreneurship/leadership, skills training, and personal development, all planned to help you to develop a positive self-image. Additionally, we will provide mentorship, education-based scholarships for prospective college students, and opportunities for volunteerism. Furthermore, we would like to take all participants on a retreat to Frost Valley YMCA/ the Ashokan Center or a similar retreat destination to experience a different way of life and to build team working skills. To close out the program, on Saturday, July 13, 2024, you will walk the runway, showcase your talent, receive scholarships, sectional prizes and display your intellect. Your reign is for one full year.

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Tips for a successful reign



WHATTTTT???????

Figure out what you **REALLY** want to accomplish from this experience. Don't think about short term, think beyond this experience, like 5-10 years later. This will help you to use your reign to make connections that will benefit you for years to come.



READ PARTICIPANT BOOKLET CAREFULLY!!!

Read through the participant booklet carefully so that you clearly understand what is required of you



PINPOINT YOUR PASSION

Think about what you are passionate about. This is something that you want to bring awareness about and talk about **SOLUTIONS**. This will become your platform. For example, your platform could be domestic violence, drug abuse, homelessness, etc. Reaching out to organizations that champion your cause is a great way to build your platform.



CREATE A SCHEDULE AND A PROPER SUPPORT SYSTEM

Set aside time to keep up with current issues/events and to rehearse your talent piece. Also, ensure that you surround yourself with positive, supportive and reliable individuals who will help you throughout this process.



GET ADEQUATE REST

Many opportunities will present itself, but you cannot do everything all at once. Be mindful of your schedule so that you don't experience a burnout. At the end of this process you still have a pageant to compete in. You need to be refreshed, energized and alert for the pageant.

Program Timeline

FEB 2024

CAPACITY BUILDING

participants will participate in workshops geared toward boosting their self esteem, self confidence and teaching self worth

APR 2024

FINANCIAL LITERACY

Participants will learn about setting SMART Goals, Budgeting, Accounts, etc

JUN 2024

REHEARSALS/ FITTINGS

For this month, participants will rehearse their talent piece and do fittings for their pageant outfits

AUG- DEC 2024

VOLUNTEERISM

- Aug 31st- Annual Back to School Giveaway
- Nov 27th- Annual Nourish Your Community
- Dec. 21st- Annual Winter Wonderland

MAR 2024

HEALTH & WELLNESS

participants will have sex education, nutrition and mental health workshops

MAY 2024

SKILLS TRAINING

participants will do cooking, coding, skincare, etc workshops


JUL 2024

PAGEANT

Sat. July 13, 2024



Helpful Articles



PREPARATION
IS THE KEY

How to prepare for a pageant

To be successful in pageantry one must prepare mentally and physically. One must also get a coach to assist with learning how to walk on stage. Lastly, one must consider their body shape in order to pick clothes that compliment them. See the article linked above for more details.



How to use your platform to win the crown

1. Choose an issue that you have a personal connection with
 2. Know everything about the issue
 3. Make your platform statement active not passive
 4. Be engaging when discussing your platform
 5. Have a plan for once you're crowned
- See article linked above for more details



How to answer on stage interview questions

1. State your answer (be consider and do not repeat the question)
 2. Use 1-3 sentences to explain your answer
 3. Maintain eye contact with judges
- See article linked above

Beauty Pageant Checklist

Many different pageants exist, but they all have one thing in common, you must be super organized. Backstage is very fast paced and can be overwhelming if you are not prepared. Creating a checklist can help to alleviate last minute wardrobe malfunctions. Likewise, you must label everything! Most importantly don't forget to smile and have fun! Please click the link to see an example of a [categorized detailed checklist](#).

Clothing

- Arrival outfit, shoes, jewelry, and accessories
- Formal outfit, shoes, jewelry, and accessories
- Interview outfit, shoes, jewelry, and accessories
- Optional competition outfits, shoes, and accessories (talent, actress, speech, sportswear)
- Rehearsal/fun casual outfits, shoes, and accessories
- Cut of your dance music
- Swimsuit, cover-up, and sandals (if hotel has a pool)
- Pajamas
- Bathrobe and slippers
- Under-garments
- Jacket/sweatshirt/hoodie
- Purse/tote
- Garment bags

The Beauty Pageant Emergency Kit

- safety pins in various sizes
- Breath mints, Listerine strips, toothpicks
- Tylenol, antacids, cough drops, medications
- Feminine products
- Snacks
- Bobby pins
- Deodorant (make sure it is the clear type)
- double-sided tape
- Steamer



Participant Eligibility Requirements

Competition Requirements

1. Each participant in the female division MUST be born a female.
2. Each participant in the male division MUST be born a male.
3. Each participant must be between the ages of 13-19 years old
4. Age is determined by July 1, 2011, of the 2024 program year
5. Participants may represent the borough they live in, were born in, or attended school in once approved by Destiny Helpers Outreach Inc.
6. All Returning participants are subject to a waiting period as determined by The Mr. & Ms. Teen Destiny Changer International Pageant Committee
7. Each participant MUST have a talent (singing, dancing, playing an instrument, etc.)
8. Each participant under the age of 18 years MUST have a responsible parent/guardian who fully supports them and responds in a timely manner when communication from the Mr. & Ms. Teen Destiny Changer International Pageant Committee goes out
9. Each participant MUST be available on Saturdays for workshops during the February – July 2024 period
10. Each participant MUST be available to volunteer at Destiny Helpers Outreach Inc. and other community events for the entirety of the program and their reign.
11. Each participant MUST sell at least 20 tickets for the pageant to be held on Saturday, July 13, 2024.
11. Each participant MUST be available, along with their parent/ guardian to complete a 30-minute zoom interview
12. Destiny Helpers Outreach Inc. reserves the right to refuse entry to any applicant with or without cause



Participant Conduct Requirements

Conduct Requirements

As representative of The Mr. & Ms. Teen Destiny Changer International Pageant, all titleholders agree to the following guidelines for conduct during his/her reign.

1. I will not participate in harmful, malicious, inflammatory, defaming, or slanderous speech towards Destiny Helpers Outreach Inc., its affiliates or assignees, or any staff member, or sponsor, whether it be oral, written, or otherwise conveyed during my reign and duration of the program
2. I will NOT consume and/or use alcohol and/or illegal drugs while participating in any function or event (unless sanctioned by Destiny Helpers Outreach Inc.) from the beginning of my reign until the end of the reign while representing the Mr. & Ms. Teen Destiny Changer International Pageant. Doing so will result in automatic relinquishment of my title and dismissal from the pageant.
3. I will NOT wear my crown and/or banner to any event where alcohol is being served unless sanctioned by Destiny Helpers Outreach Inc.
4. I will not wear my crown and or sash to any event without permission from Destiny Helpers Outreach Inc.
5. I will not make any appearance as a participant, king or queen with tattoos visible to the public eye.
6. I will remember that my social media content as well as any other internet website(s) or web page(s) is considered a reflection on me as a titleholder and the Mr. & Ms. Teen Destiny Changer International Pageant System. All sexually suggestive photos and verbally explicit comments must be removed during my reign. Examples of such material include but are not limited to:
 - a. Photos of participant in undergarments.
 - b. Photos of participant which place emphasis on or expose all or part of the chest or buttocks area.
 - c. Text which is insulting to an individual or group of individuals.
 - d. Text which contains inflammatory comments.
7. You agree to comply with any request, which may be made by The Mr. & Ms. Teen Destiny Changer International Pageant Committee and Destiny Helpers Outreach Inc. to immediately remove any material which The Mr. & Ms. Teen Destiny Changer International Pageant Committee and Destiny Helpers Outreach Inc. may deem inappropriate or unbecoming. The Mr. & Ms. Teen Destiny Changer International Pageant Committee and Destiny Helpers Outreach Inc. reserve sole discretion in these matters.

Participant Conduct Requirements

8. I understand that Destiny Helpers Outreach Inc. is a community based organization, and I am a member of that community; keeping this in mind I will not participate in harmful, malicious or slanderous speech or gossip, written or spoken, toward the Mr. & Ms. Teen Destiny Changer International Pageant, fellow participants and/or agents of the Mr. & Ms. Teen Destiny Changer International Pageant

9. I understand that my title is the property of the Mr. & Ms. Teen Destiny Changer International Pageant and Destiny Helpers Outreach Inc., and that I may not register any document, email address, website name, webpage name, forum registration or other publicly viewed or accessible print, video or other media without complying with the following criteria.

a. I will include a year designation of at least 2 digits such as “Mr./Ms. Destiny Changer International NYC ‘24”

b. I may use a year designation of 4 digits such as: “Mr./Ms. Destiny Changer International NYC 2024”

c. For an email or website, I will include a year designation of at least 2 digits such as mrdestinychangerinternationalnyc24@mymailserver.com

Any exceptions to this rule must be requested directly from Destiny Helpers Outreach Inc.



Participant Appearance Requirements

Appearance Requirements

It is required that all titleholders of the Mr. & Ms. Teen Destiny Changer International Pageant be active in their platforms. The goal of this is to enrich the titleholder and the community in which he/she serves. In order to qualify for a title in the Mr. & Ms. Teen Destiny Changer International Pageant, a participant is required to make at least one (1) platform-related appearance in every month of his/her reign. If a participant stops making these appearances for any excuse that has not been granted by his/her director, his/her title may be stripped, and he/she must return his/her crown and sash.

Film, Television, Radio, Internet Media by third party production companies.

Destiny Helpers Outreach Inc. may permit outside production companies and/or news/entertainment organizations to interview and record participants during their reign, competition and beyond. Many times, these entities require their own release forms to be signed. The participant is solely responsible for making the decision of participating or not participating in such filming or interviews and the participant is solely responsible for making the decision to sign or not sign any agreements presented by the Production Company or organization. Whether or not the participant chooses to participate has no impact or effect on their competition or the outcome of the competition. Destiny Helpers Outreach Inc. will not accept the responsibility for deciding what you deem appropriate or acceptable to be filmed and/or aired on cable or television. If you decide to participate in filming or interviews, you hereby agree to hold Destiny Helpers Outreach Inc harmless against any claims or damages both real and perceived as result of your signing such agreements. Make certain you understand the document since you are accepting the sole responsibility for participating in.





Contractual Agreement

By signing this document, I affirm that I will/do comply with all conditions stated herein. I understand that any violations of the terms and conditions contained herein may result in my dismissal and disqualification as a participant and I understand that I will hold Destiny Helpers Outreach Inc., its affiliates, or assignees harmless against any damages or losses I might incur because of my failure to comply with the terms and conditions contained herein. I also understand that any false statements made to Destiny Helpers Outreach Inc. may result in my dismissal and disqualification as a participant and I understand that I agree to hold Destiny Helpers Outreach Inc., its affiliates, or assignees harmless against any losses I may incur because of my failure to comply with the terms and conditions herein.

I agree to return the crown and sash if I am unable to complete my reign by either my choosing or because of dismissal or disqualification. I understand that if I do not return my crown and sash, I will be held responsible for the full retail price of the Crown and Sash at the time it was originally purchased, as well as any legal fees or other expenses incurred by Destiny Helpers Outreach Inc. to recover the Crown and sash or their stated value. I understand that if I am signing this agreement as a parent/guardian or participant, this agreement is valid and continues to be enforceable if I win. Item number 1 of the conduct requirements portion of this agreement will survive and remain in force after my reign or competition is completed.

Parent/ Guardian Signature: _____

Participant Signature: _____

Printed Name of Parent/ Guardian: _____

Printed Name of Participant: _____

Official Title: _____

Date: _____

Sworn before Me This Day: _____

Notary Public: _____
