

# 2014 NORTH-CENTRAL REGIONAL



**MAY 16-17, 2014**

**EARLY BIRD ENTRY DEADLINE: MARCH 28, 2014**

**FINAL DEADLINE FOR ENTRY: MAY 2, 2014**

EAU CLAIRE CHILDREN'S THEATRE  
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# 2014 North-Central Regional Official Our Little Miss Contestant Handbook

## **Official Competitions**

### **\*AGE DIVISIONS\***

(Girls will compete based on their age as of April 1, for State, Regional and World Competitions.)

Miss LaPetite (3-6) Our Little Miss (7-9) OLM Preteen (10-12) Ideal Miss (13-17)

### **REQUIRED EVENTS**

The following events are required for the Regional title:

- Playtime/Team OLM – This is a chance for the judges to meet you and watch your interaction with others, creativity, sportsmanship and leaderships skills
- Close- Up Appraisal (Interview)-The contestants will be in a closed session with the judges. All age divisions will go in with their group and be asked age appropriate questions. Generally questions that are asked to contestants come from information that is provided on their emcee forms that are completed at registration.
- Sportswear Competition -Sportswear can be active/dressy or casual sportswear. See rules and regulations for more details.
- Pageant/Party Dress or Evening Gown: Ages 3-12 must wear a short pageant/party dress for this phase of competition. Ages 13-17 will wear an evening gown. See rules and regulations for more details.
- Talent (required for contestants ages 7 & up) Talent can be anything that shows contestant's ability to entertain the audience. Acts include vocal, dance, monologue, instrument, comedy, tumbling, magic, etc. See rules and regulations for more details. Please note: Directors reserve the right to stop or forbid any act deemed inappropriate.

### **OFFICIAL AWARDS**

Official winners in each age division will receive an official OLM crown, Monogrammed Banner, Trophy, and Flowers as well as a Robe to use during official appearances.

There will be lots of extra, unadvertised awards and gifts during their reign in addition to appearances, parades, parties and activities. After a successful completion of their reign, Queens will receive a Savings Bond scholarship the following year as they return to the North-Central Regional to crown their successor. (Fulfilling your reign includes representing North-Central Regional at World Finals as well as attending your Regional finals during the following season.)

Each age division will also have a Princess (successor to the crown), Mini Queen (highest ranking contestant on the opposite end of the age division), Personality Plus (0-6) and Talent Winner (7 & up) who will receive an official OLM crown, Banner, and Trophy.

Division Official Winners are required to attend World Finals. If they choose not to compete at the World Competition their title and winnings will be passed to the next contestant in line in order for the

North-Central Region to be represented at Worlds. All contestants are invited to compete at World as part of the North-Central Regional Delegation if they so choose.

**OPTIONAL COMPETITIONS- MISS PHOTGENIC & POPULAR MISS**

The following events are not required and will be judged by separate judges (not the official judges) and have no bearing on the outcome of the official winners.

- **Miss Photogenic**

All entries must be submitted by email to [northcentralolm@gmail.com](mailto:northcentralolm@gmail.com) with your roster picture and forms by May 2. Any pictures turned in after this date will not be considered for the Miss Photogenic title. Photo should be a headshot or head & shoulders photo and can be the same photo used for your roster photo or a different photo. Sponsor names will be listed in the book under the contestant's photo. A winner will be chosen from each age division. We are looking for age appropriate beauty from a photo and clarity of the photo does make a difference. Please do not turn in digitally enhanced pictures; they will not be considered for the title and will NOT be printed in the program book.

Queen will receive a crown, banner and trophy in addition to being printed in the program book. This Queen will be invited to attend World Finals this year and reign during the Year as North-Central Regional's Miss Photogenic.

**Our Little Miss - Patron and Ad Sales**

You could be the next Popular Miss!

Patron and ad sales are a great way to earn money toward your entry fees. Please include all information needed to typeset the ad including a business card, logos and contact information. We will typeset all information for you. Ads and money must be turned in no later than **May 2, 2014.**

**POPULAR MISS:** The contestant selling the most dollar amount **over their fees** will be named our Popular Miss and will receive a crown, award and a full page picture in the program book.

Full Page ad cost: \$75.00                      You receive a \$35 credit toward your fees.

Half Page ad cost: \$50.00                    You receive a \$25 credit toward your fees

Business Card ad cost: \$25.00            You receive a \$12 credit toward your fees

Patron Listings cost: \$10.00            You receive a \$8.00 credit toward your fees

Example of Paton Listings:

*Good Luck, Melanie! You can do it, Tina!            We're rooting for you, Bethany! Love Mom & Dad*

- Please list all patron ads on a blank sheet of paper, clearly labeled and printed or typewritten legibly.
- Credit will be applied toward contestant's fees only. We do not give refunds for ad credit, no exceptions

**Official Regulations**  
**Conduct rules to be followed by all contestants/chaperones.**

Please remember that this is a Natural Pageant and All Rules and Regulations are designed to protect and encourage our daughters to be self-confident young ladies.

- \* Report to all functions/competitions at the specified check-in times listed on the schedule! Those reporting late the first time will be given a warning (infraction), 2nd time will not be considered for the top 4.
- \* Once your child has been checked in for competition, no one will be allowed to alter or remake an outfit to fit regulation. Please make sure you check all your outfits for violations before checking in!!
- \* Crowns and banners cannot be worn in any photograph in the official program book.
- \* No alcoholic beverages and/or illegal drugs of any kind are allowed to be consumed by parents or older contestants in or near staging areas or in contestant's rooms. This could be cause for contestant's automatic disqualification. This is a children's event and should not be considered a free-for-all party in a hotel. It will be at the discretion of the Pageant Officials as to the severity of the problem and the matter will be handled accordingly.
- \* No smoking will be allowed in any public or event staging areas. Contestants (all ages) are NOT allowed to smoke at any time during the competition. If caught, a violation will be given.
- \* Although every contestant has a parent or appointed guardian, pageant officials will stop any unacceptable conduct, (i.e. foul language, abusive punishment, activities that could be harmful, contestants smoking, excessive gossiping, rude behavior, distasteful clothing). Any of the above mentioned regulations can be cause for contestant's disqualification. If necessary the contestant(s) and attending guest will be asked to vacate the property and all competition fees will be forfeited.
- \* Any photo used in the Program Book, additional advertising, Miss Photogenic or Portfolio, must portray the contestant's age. Low cut clothing, overdone make-up and large earrings are not advisable, especially on the younger contestants. NO PHOTO TURNED IN CAN BE DIGITALLY RETOUCHEDED IN ANYWAY; IF A DIGITALLY ENHANCED PICTURE IS TURNED IN IT WILL NOT BE USED IN THE BOOK OR JUDGED!!!
- \* The Official Program Book will be printed on time. All deadlines will be enforced and the book will be printed without your page if deadlines are not met. We will not hold the book open for any contestant! A photo must be submitted for the book to be considered for the Top 8 titles.
- \* No posting of ballots, ratings, etc. is allowed. At no time will any discussions take place with the official judges. Judge's comments will be given to the regional director after the pageant is over for distribution to the contestants.
- \* Our Little Miss is a Non-Glitz pageant!! However, jewels, sequins, pearls etc. can be worn in all events with the exception of Sportswear. We ask that the adornment be conservative and allow the contestant to shine first...not the dress! Age appropriate make-up is allowed.
- \* Coaching - Coaching offstage by anyone will not be allowed in any division. Coaching from behind or beside the judges table is not allowed. You will be asked to stop immediately. All of the above will be considered an infraction for the first offense and will be quickly stopped. Failure to stop will cause delegate to receive a violation.

## **Clothing Rules /Regulations**

### **Clothing rules to be followed by all contestants/chaperones**

- \* Body glitter or hair glitter is not allowed in any stage of competition.
- \* Spray tanning application will not be permitted during the duration of the competition, this includes early check in days. This will be cause for disqualification if done during the event.
- \* Contestants ages 3-12 years are not allowed to wear fake nail tips (hands or toes) during any phase of competition. You must be at least 13 years of age and competing in the Ideal Miss group, to wear artificial nails. This includes a French manicure. Polish for ages 3-12 should be clear or nude in color. An infraction will be given as a warning for the first offense.
- \* Shoe heel requirements: Ages 3-9 no taller than 1.5” (measure from the inside of the heel.) Ages 10-17 have no heel regulations.
- \* Contestants ages 13 & up cannot have any outfits with the back going lower than their waist line.
- \* Sexy overdone clothing is not acceptable and expensive designer clothing is not necessary.
- \* Failure to follow clothing guidelines will result in either an infraction or violation being given.
- \* NO competition clothing with cut out or open sides.
- \* NO Midriffs are permitted to show in any outfit for all age groups.
- \* NO extremely low necklines in any phase of competition.
- \* NO disrobing or garment removal in any phase of competition.
- \* NO visual drawings on the body are allowed (i.e. tattoos). These must be covered!
- \* NO excessive or extremely large earrings on younger children on stage or in photos.
- \* Wigs/falls/hairpieces - Fake hair is allowed for medical reasons only. A note from a licensed physician is required. No fake hair is allowed in party dress, sportswear, and interview. This is a violation. They are allowed as costumes for talent competitions.
- \* False teeth are only allowed for medical reasons. A note from a licensed physician is required. Children with missing teeth and/or braces are expected and is considered a normal phase of development. Flippers (retainer based teeth to cover normal childhood tooth loss) are not allowed.
- \* Judging will be based on natural beauty, attitude, stage presence, confidence, behavior and poise. Judges will see the contestants on and off stage. Contestants must follow the rules set forth by OLM at all times during the competition and during their reign if they win a title.

### **Regional Clothing Rules — Specific Clothing Guidelines**

#### **Playtime with the Judges/Team OLM (Contestants all Ages):**

- ✓ A plain colored t-shirt, polo shirt or blouse
- ✓ Khaki shorts, capris or pants
- ✓ White or light colored tennis shoes with white athletic/bobby socks

### Close-up Appraisal (All Contestants)

- ✓ Ages 3-6 years: Sunday's Best Dress
- ✓ Ages 7-12 years- Sunday's Best Dress or age appropriate suit
- ✓ Ages 13-17 years- Suit (skirt/jacket) or dressy cocktail style dress
- ✓ Pants/shorts are not permitted at any age.
- ✓ Skirts must not be shorter than 6" above the knee. Dollar Bill Rule (all ages)

### Party Dress Guidelines (Contestants ages 3-12)

- ✓ Length of dress- Should not be floor length. The acceptable length is anywhere from fingertip length to mid-calf. Remember we are not looking for "Miniature Adults!"
- ✓ Back of dress- Cannot go below the contestant's shoulder blades
- ✓ Adornments- Age appropriate and should not take away from the contestant
- ✓ Stockings/Socks- This is your preference
- ✓ Straps- all dresses must have at least 1 inch straps on both sides of dress and cannot be sheer material. Halter tops are acceptable as long as the strap around the neck is 1 inch all the way around. If you top is sheer it must have 1 inch straps added underneath

### Evening Gown Guidelines (Contestants ages 13-17)

- ✓ Length of dress- Floor length
- ✓ Back of dress- Cannot go below the contestant's waistline
- ✓ Adornments- Age appropriate and should not take away from the contestant
- ✓ Slits- Cannot go above the knee
- ✓ Straps- strapless or one shoulder strapped dresses are not permitted. Straps do not need to be a specified width. Halter tops can be worn. If you top is sheer it must have solid straps added underneath.

### Sportswear (All age groups):

- ✓ Sportswear for all ages must be an actively dressy outfit.
- ✓ Skirts, dresses, swimsuits or glittery costumes are not permitted
- ✓ Rhinestones, glittery objects or sequins are not allowed, This includes diamond or sparkly earrings/jewelry, hair adornments, clips, bows or buttons.
- ✓ Skorts can be worn; however they must resemble shorts in some way.
- ✓ Ages 3-12 years examples: Capri pants, walking shorts/sweater top, dressy pant outfit
- ✓ Ages 13-17 examples: Suit/jacket combination is the most popular choice. However, jackets are not required.

### **Talent (Contestants ages 7 & Over)**

Ages 7 & Over must compete in a Talent Presentation. Anything entertaining and in good taste is considered a Talent presentation.

- ✓ Time: Talent presentations can not exceed 2 minutes and 30 seconds... No Exceptions!
- ✓ Music: If used must be on a CD-R or Travel Drive and handed in at registration with your name and division clearly marked and only one song per CD/Drive. It is your responsibility to pick up your music after finals.
- ✓ Props: Not recommended unless absolutely necessary.
- ✓ Microphones: Hand held and mics on stands will be provided.
- ✓ Fire: Acts containing fire will not be allowed.
- ✓ Instruments: Bring your own instrument. A piano will be provided.
- ✓ All talent costumes must follow the guidelines given for the Party/Dress and Evening Gown Competitions. NO disrobing is allowed in talent, this includes throwing a boa, hat, etc.

## **Tentative Event Schedule**

Schedule printed here is tentative; a final, detailed schedule will be emailed the week of May 12.

### **FRIDAY, MAY 16**

- 4:00-6:00pm Registration at The Oxford
- 6:30pm Play time/Team OLM
- 6:30pm Chaperone Meeting
- 7:30pm Close-Up Appraisal (4 30-minute sessions)
- 7:30pm Welcome Party and Activities
- 9:30pm Final Instructions and Return to Hotels

### **SATURDAY, MAY 17**

The day will start with group coaching sessions on the stage of The Oxford. All contestants must attend with their chaperone to walk the runway, do sound checks and check any talent needs.

- 8:30am- 9:15am: Ages 13-17
- 9:15am- 10:00am: Ages 10-12
- 10:00am-10:45am: Ages 7-9
- 10:45am-11:30am: Ages 3-6

#### **Preliminaries:** 12pm-4pm

- Sportswear- All contestants
- Talent- Ages 7-9
- Intermission
- Talent- Ages 10-17
- Party Dress/Evening Gown- All contestants

Dinner Break

#### **FINALS:** 7pm-9:30pm

- Presentation of All Contestants
- Finalists Announced
- Sportswear- All Finalists
- Talent-Finalists Ages 7-12
- Intermission
- Talent- Finalists Ages 13-17
- Party Dress/Evening Gown/Final Interview Question
- Results

#### **What are our Judges looking for?**

We are looking for natural, wholesome contestants. Sexy and overdone clothing is not accepted. This competition is not based on how much money is spent on clothing. Expensive designer clothing is not necessary. Our judges will be judging the contestant's ability to capture their audience including the judges. A contestant well versed on worldly issues and school activities will catch the eyes of the judges far sooner than a satin, rhinestone jacket. Be yourself and have fun! The crown would be a wonderful added gift to bring home, along with your lasting friendships!

- **Playtime/ Team OLM -**  
Interactions with others, sportsmanship, personality
- **Interview-**  
*Facial Beauty:* Personal opinion of beauty  
*Overall Appearance:* Hair, dress, shoes, make-up, choice of attire. Your outfit should reflect you at your best.  
*Communication Skills, Poise, and Personality:* Speak clearly, head up, speaking abilities, and responses (Communication Skills). Composure, control, & eye control is natural (Poise). Smile, sparkle, bubbly, outgoing (Personality).
- **Sportswear & Party Dress/Evening Gown-**  
*Facial Beauty:* same as above  
*Overall Appearance:* same as above.  
*Poise and Personality:* Control of modeling (position of hands, arm movements, and walk), Use of stage, confident, smile, eye contact, sparkle.
- **Talent**  
The points awarded for Talent play a large part in the contestant's final score for this pageant. Talent should be age appropriate and really let the contestant shine.  
*Facial Beauty:* same as above  
*Overall Appearance:* Costume or outfit is appropriate for and compliments the talent presented  
*Talent:* smile, sparkle, connection with audience, skill

### **Staging/Hotel Information**

The Oxford, home of the Eau Claire Children's Theatre will be the site for our Regional Pageant. The Oxford is located at 1814 Oxford Avenue in downtown Eau Claire, WI. Registration and all event categories will take place here. There will not be a mandatory official hotel at this Regional. Hotel information including discount rates will be emailed to you upon receipt of your entry materials.

### **Souvenir Gifts**

Each contestant will receive goodie bags filled with treats from each of the contestants and visiting royalty. Items such as pencils, wrapped candy or other small tokens would be great suggestions. Maybe something that represents something you enjoy, a pet or hobby of yours. Bring your items to registration in a bag clearly labeled with your name. 40 souvenir gifts should be enough.

### **Other Information**

All contestants will be required to have a responsible adult chaperone with them during all phases of competition. One chaperone badge is included in each contestant's fees and badges will be available at registration. Should this badge become lost or misplaced, it will be your responsibility to replace it.

Guests wishing to attend may purchase a badge good for all stage competitions on Saturday including finals for the following prices: 0-3 FREE; ages 4-17 \$15; adults \$25.

### **What do I need to do to enter?**

For entry into the Regional competition, send in your forms and entry fee (\$125) by March 28, 2014. After March 28 the entry fee goes up to \$150. Final entry deadline is May 2, 2014.

Your picture for the program book and photogenic entries, patron and ad listings are due no later than May 2, 2014. Any money that is sent on your behalf will be deducted from your total fees.



NORTH-CENTRAL REGIONAL OFFICIAL Our Little Miss Entry Form

Contestant's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age Division: 3-6 7-9 10-12 13-17 Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: DAY \_\_\_\_\_ EVE \_\_\_\_\_

Official Regional Entry Fee- EARLY BIRD PRICE- \$125.00 if postmarked by March 28 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Official Regional Entry Fee- \$150.00 postmarked after March 28 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Entry Fee includes all required events needed for Regional Official Title,  
1 complimentary Chaperone Badge for Prelims and Finals and photo in program book)

Additional Youth Badges @ \$15 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Adult Badges @ \$25 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

The following events are optional and not required for the Official Title:

Miss Photogenic (photo due by April 18. Printed in Regional Program Book) Fee=\$25 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Best Portfolio (turn in at Registration: up to 10 pictures) Fee=\$15 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Program Ad Credit (Please attach sheet showing ads collected) (\$ \_\_\_\_\_)

Total Balance Due \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Pay by check or money order payable to Eau Claire Children's Theatre

\_\_\_\_\_ Charge my: \_\_\_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_\_\_ Mastercard \_\_\_\_\_ Discover

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ 3 Digit CVV \_\_\_\_\_

Mail forms and payment to: North-Central Regional OLM C/O ECCT  
1814 Oxford Avenue Eau Claire, WI 54703

**Contestant Photo Information:** My photo for the program book will be sent/has been sent by:  
\_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Regular Mail \_\_\_\_\_ other (Explain: )

\_\_\_\_\_ I am entering "Miss Photogenic" (extra charge must be paid for in advance)

\_\_\_\_\_ Please use the same photo as my Program Book photo

\_\_\_\_\_ I will be sending a separate photo by \_\_\_\_\_ Regular Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Email

Photo information required: Contestant's Name: Age Division: City, State

**EMCEE CARD**

AGE DIVISION: 3-6      7-9      10-12      13-17

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ AGE As of April 1, 2014 \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

PARENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

SIBLINGS? \_\_\_\_\_

PETS?: \_\_\_\_\_

SPORTS? \_\_\_\_\_ HOBBIES? \_\_\_\_\_

FAVORITE COLOR? \_\_\_\_\_ FAVORITE FOOD? \_\_\_\_\_

AMBITION/JOB? \_\_\_\_\_

**Proof of Age**

All new contestants will be required to submit proof of their age to Regional Headquarters. This will be kept on file and forwarded to World Headquarters so please send a copy only of the child's birth certificate or other legal document with the child's date of birth. This must be provided before contestants will be allowed to compete.

**RELEASE FORM**

As The parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, a contestant in a Regional Our Little Miss Pageant, I do hereby agree to abide by the rules and regulations, directives and provisions for contestants as set forth in the official Contestant's handbook and World Youth Federation. I agree to hold World Youth Federation of the Americas, Inc., the Our Little Miss Pageant System, Eau Claire Children's Theatre and Visit Eau Claire, its directors and staff members harmless of any damages or liabilities due to theft, accident or injury during or resulting from my child's participation in the regional pageant.

I accept the responsibility for the regulations of hours and personal activities of the contestant. I also affirm that all of the enclosed forms are true to the best of my knowledge and belief, including name, birthday, city and state of residence. I understand any false or misleading statements will be sufficient reason for dismissal from the pageant system. I further agree that if my child is selected winner or captured on tape in any activity during the regional pageant, she will be allowed to appear in the taped segments. I further agree that my child may appear in any taped segments or printed advertisements for World Youth Federation, ECCT and Visit Eau Claire in the future without compensation after said pageant.

Any official winner not fulfilling her year's reign including not representing her region by attending the 2014 World Our Little Miss Finals in Miami, FL or by not being available for Our Little Miss personal appearances which will include returning to the Regional Finals, may be replaced by a presiding queen. The crowns, and any awards offered for winning such titles will be passed down to the presiding winner if one is appointed.

Any contestant caught in any unsportsmanlike conversations, or unruly acts of temper will be warned of the consequences of being dismissed from the pageant system. There will be no second chance if anyone is caught deliberately causing harm, either physical or verbal, and will be automatically dismissed from any sanctioned events of World Youth Federation or the Our Little Miss Pageant System.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian\_\_\_\_\_  
Date