

## **Welcome to the 2016 Miss International 500 Pageant!**

We are very excited that you have decided to run for I-500 queen! The pageant will be held on the I-500 grounds in Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan on Friday, February 5th with one-on-one interviews with the judges beginning at 4:30pm. Please plan to arrive at the track no later than 4:00. The stage portion of the pageant will begin promptly at 6:30pm. Please prepare the following:

### **Closed Interview Session:**

Contestants will meet with the judges one at a time (Friday afternoon at the track) where they will be asked questions about themselves, their hobbies and interests, future plans, and how they plan to promote the I-500 snowmobile race if they are crowned queen. Wear your business attire/interview clothing.

### **Introduction & Fashion Show:**

The contestants will be introduced to the audience in the form of a fashion show! You may choose to wear either a costume or uniform that reflects your personality or hobbies. Some examples would be a uniform from any sports team you are currently active with, a work uniform, or a costume that depicts what you would like your future career to be. Any questions, please contact the pageant director

### **Evening Gown/On-Stage Interview:**

Contestants will model a floor-length evening gown. Cocktail dresses WILL NOT be permitted. High heels and traditional “dress shoes” are not recommended! You must walk across snow and ice to get from the dressing trailer to the tent where the stage is. The floor of the tent itself is covered in wood chips. High heels would be dangerous. Dress like a “snow queen”! (For example, you may choose to wear a faux fur shawl to match faux fur “Ugg” style boots, dress boots with a low and/or chunky heel, or cowgirl boots with your evening gown.) Once on stage, you will be asked two questions in front of the audience and judges.

Good Luck!

Amanda Kemp  
Miss International 500 Pageant Director  
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## **Miss International 500 Registration Form:**

Name:

Age:

Name of School (or employer if graduated):

Phone Number:

Cell Number (if different):

E-Mail Address:

Name of Parents/Legal Guardians:

Contact Information for Parent or Guardian:

Address:

Sponsor:

T-shirt size (circle one): youth large adult small adult medium adult large adult XL

Any questions?

## Miss International 500 Photo Release Form

I \_\_\_\_\_ (printed name) give permission for the use of any photographs of me (or my minor child) taken during the Miss International 500 pageant and McCarron Photography to be used for promotional purposes by the I-500 board and/or any of the pageant sponsors. This may include, but is not limited to, press releases, advertising, television commercials, web sites, and any print materials. In the event that you are chosen queen or princess, spectators at the I-500 snowmobile race may wish to have their pictures taken with you. This will be up you, but please remember to use good judgment. Inappropriate photographs taken while wearing your crown and sash may result in immediate removal of your title and you will be asked to return your crown and sash along with any prizes to the pageant director.

Candidate's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature  
(if candidate is under the age of 18) \_\_\_\_\_

Miss International 500 Director \_\_\_\_\_

### EARLY BIRD SPECIAL:

Jennifer Vollick of McCarron Photography will be doing our pageant photos this year. She has offered to take your pageant photos for you free of charge! In order to receive this special offer, your packet must be post marked by December 20<sup>th</sup>. Once your packet is received, I will e-mail the picture form to you.

All candidates will receive an e-mail copy of an order form if you wish to have a photo CD of action shots taken on pageant day. This CD will be free to any candidates, but you MUST print the order form and bring it with you to the pageant. The CD will include the copyright which will allow you to make prints from this CD. Please bring this form so that you may take advantage of this generous offer.

## **Miss International 500 Pageant Rules:**

1. All packets must be received by the pageant director on or before January 1st along with the registration fee of \$60. LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE PERMITTED. Due to the rising cost of shipping, we can no longer allow for late entries as the price of rush delivery on extra crowns and sashes is too high. It is the responsibility of each candidate to find a business or organization to sponsor them for the pageant.
2. All contestants must be 16-21 years of age as of the date of the pageant.
3. Use of alcohol, tobacco, or foul language will not be permitted.
4. Should you be chosen queen or princess, you will receive a schedule of required appearances to be made throughout race week. (It is highly recommended that ALL contestants print out a copy of the schedule of events from the I-500 website.) RACE DAY AND THE POST RACE AWARDS CEREMONY ARE MANDATORY!!!
5. Should you be chosen queen or princess, the awards ceremony will be MANDATORY. Attire will be formal. You may wear your evening gown from the pageant or another floor-length evening gown along with your crown and sash.
6. Should you happen to not make queen this year, we invite you to run again next year. Contestants may run until they either win or age out of the program. HOWEVER-if at any time you back out of the competition, you will not be permitted to run again the following year.
7. During race day, the queen and princesses will remain under the direct supervision of the pageant director OR a member of the I-500 board and/or pageant security. NO EXCEPTIONS!
8. If at any time during your reign you lose or break your crown or sash it will be your responsibility to replace them. The I-500 board and/or pageant director WILL NOT purchase you another one! If you plan to attend a community service event in which your crown and sash could be damaged, please ask the director for a CHILD crown and sash to use for that event.
9. The pageant director and/or I-500 board reserves the right to accept or decline any application, remove contestants from the competition, or strip winners of their title, with reasonable cause, at any given time. Any behavior that is deemed unbecoming of a queen or princess will be addressed at the next upcoming board meeting. This includes behavior on social media. The board will then vote on whether or not you may keep your title. If at least 2/3 of the board votes "yes" to removing your title, you will be placed on probation for 12 months in which time you will be ineligible to participate in any Miss I-500 activities or the pageant itself.
10. If you are chosen queen or princess, you will dress accordingly while in attendance at any of the outdoor events. The I-500 board and/or pageant director WILL NOT be responsible for sickness or injury caused by under-dressing for the weather. There is NOTHING "cute" about frostbite, so cover up!

11. If chosen queen, you will be required to make at least one public appearance each month as Miss International 500. This may include, but is not limited to; community service, parades, snowmobile races/shows, etc. With prior arrangements and permission from the director, one or both princesses may stand in your place. It will be MANDADORY that the queen be present at the pageant the following year to crown the new winner.

12. Bullying of any kind will not be tolerated and will result in immediate removal of your title.

13. When making public appearances in your crown and sash, please dress appropriately. No holy jeans, short skirts/shorts, or shirts advertising alcohol or tobacco products will be permitted. When in doubt, contact the director and ask what to wear.

I \_\_\_\_\_ (printed name of contestant) have read the rules and agree to abide by them. I understand that by not following the rules I may be removed from the competition and not asked to run again. I also understand that if I am chosen queen or princess, the crown, sash, flowers, and any prizes will remain property of the I-500 board until my duties have been fulfilled.

\_\_\_\_\_ (signature of contestant)

\_\_\_\_\_ (signature of parent or legal guardian if under the age of 18)

\_\_\_\_\_ (signature of pageant director)

## **Application Checklist:**

1. Fill out the application form and photo release forms. Have them signed by a parent or legal guardian if you are under 18 years of age.
2. Read the Miss International 500 Pageant Rules and sign the agreement. A parent or legal guardian must sign as well if you are under 18.
3. Find a business or organization to sponsor you. The sponsorship fee is \$60 and will cover pageant expenses. In return for their sponsorship, they will be listed in the pageant program and you will wear a sash with "Miss (sponsor's name here)" on it for the entire pageant. The sash is yours to keep and you may use it to promote your sponsor at their digression. Please have your sponsor make the out to: I-500 Project Inc. Please be sure to write "pageant" in the memo line.
4. Write a resume including any school, work, or volunteer experiences you may have. You may follow any template or format you choose.
5. Write a one page essay answering the question, "What it would mean to me to be chosen Miss I-500 2016".
6. Get a one page letter of recommendation. This can be from a teacher, group leader, employer, etc. **YOU MAY NOT GET YOUR LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FROM AN I-500 BOARD MEMBER!** Letters of recommendation written by acting board members will be disqualified and you will be given zero points on the score card for that category.
7. In a large manilla envelope, please mail your completed application, rules agreement, and photo release form, sponsorship check, your resume, letter of recommendation, and your essay along with one 4"x6" photograph (School photos/senior photos are just fine!) to :

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The registration packet must be received no later than January 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have any questions regarding the registration packet or the pageant itself, please feel free to contact me at (906) 203-0073 or [i-500pageantdirector@yahoo.com](mailto:i-500pageantdirector@yahoo.com). I look forward to working with you and wish you the best of luck!

Amanda Kemp  
Miss International 500 Pageant Director



Back this year is the “Audience Choice” award!

This trophy and special pink ribbon crown and sash is given to the contestant whom the AUDIENCE, not the judges pick!

Each contestant must decorate a coffee can with lid to be displayed at the back of the tent during the pageant with her name and photo on it. The audience can vote for you by putting money in your designated container. The contestant with the highest dollar value in her container at the end of the pageant will receive the Audience Choice trophy. This is JUST FOR FUN and a great fundraiser for the Pink Ribbon Riders! 100% of the money collected via the Audience Choice vote goes directly to the breast cancer patients that Pink Ribbon Riders assist financially. In order to raise as much money as possible for this worthy charity, you will be permitted to start collecting “proxy votes” as soon as your application packet is turned in. Ask your out-of-town friends and family, classmates, etc to vote for you by making a donation to the Pink Ribbon Riders!

Collect the money in your decorated can and turn in to the pageant director before the start of the pageant.

Any questions, feel free to contact the pageant director. Encourage as many friends and family members as possible to attend the pageant and vote for you! The more you promote yourself, the more you are ultimately promoting Pink Ribbon Riders!

\*The “Audience Choice” award will NOT affect the final judging. The judges will not be permitted to see the dollar value totals raised by each contestant. The winner of the trophy will be announced on stage only AFTER the score sheets have been turned in. No individual totals will be made public. A “grand total” of the money raised by all of the contestants combined will be announced when the trophy is awarded.

\*\*Please do not solicit businesses or organizations for donations.