<u>Jr. Miss: ages 12-15</u>

WELCOME TO THE 2017 JR. MISS I-500 PAGEANT!

Jr Miss contestants will wear a floor-length evening gown. Please do not spend a lot of money on a dress that will only be worn for a few minutes on stage! Borrow an older sibling or friend's old prom dress or visit a local thrift store. I also have several donated dresses to give away, so call me to make arrangements to try some on! Jr. Miss contestants will model their evening gown and answer one question on stage. They will also turn in the questionnaire that is included in this packet. It is recommended that you type your answers. You can either copy and paste the questionnaire into a word document, or simply staple the questionnaire to your typed answers. New this year-they will get to "practice" for the Miss International age division by doing a "mini interview" with the judges prior to the start of the pageant. We are also asking for a 300 word autobiography. Tell us about yourself and what would make you a good queen! Please also include a resume. We realize that 12-16 year olds don't have a lot of work experience to put on a resume, but this is also good practice for the Miss International division. List things like your school achievements, extra curricular activities, any honors or awards, and any volunteer work or community service you have done. Jr. Miss contestants must also bring a small prize for each candidate in her division to be added to the gift bags. You will receive an e-mail the week before the pageant letting you know how many items you will need to bring. This is just a fun way to keep the competition friendly and does not need to be expensive. Jr. Miss contestants will compete for an "audience choice" trophy just like the Miss International 500 contestants do. (Information will be provided below.) The registration fee for Jr. Miss is \$40 and will cover the cost of crowns, sashes, and prizes for all contestants. You will also need to submit one photo of yourself which will be scored based on age appropriateness. You will also need to decorate a coffee can with lid (cut a small hole in the lid making it like a "piggy bank") and put your name and photo on it to be used in the Audience Choice competition.

This year's pageant will be held on February 3rd at 6:30 at the Dream Makers Theater in the Kewadin Casino. Please plan to arrive by 4:30 to start interviews.

Please Fill out the forms included in this packet and turn in no later than January 1st to:

Amanda Kemp 7756 West M-28 Brimley, MI 49715

Jr. Miss I-500 Registration Form:

| Name: |
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| Age: |
| Grade: |
| School: |
| Parent's/Guardian's names: |
| Phone number: |
| E-mail address: |
| T-shirt size (circle one): youth small youth medium youth large adult small adult medium adult large adult XL |
| For returning candidates only: Please list the years in which you have competed and any titles you have won. |

| Jr. Miss Questionnaire: |
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| Name: |
| Grade: |
| Hobbies and activities: |
| If you could trade places with any celebrity for a day, who would you choose and why? |
| What is your idea of a good queen? |
| If chosen queen, how might you use your title to make a difference in your school and community? |

Miss International 500 Photo Release Form

| (printed name) give permission for the use of any photographs of me (or my minor child) taken during the Miss International 500 pageant to be used for promotional purposes by the I-500 board and/or any of the pageant sponsors. |
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| This may include, but is not limited to, press releases, advertising, relevision 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 udgment. 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 |



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 theater 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.

Jr. Miss Check List Before sending in your application packet be sure to include:

Registration Form

Photo Release Form

Short Answer Questionnaire* (three copies)

School Photo or Headshot

Typed Resume* (three copies)

Typed 300 word or less autobiography* (three copies)

Check for the \$40 registration fee made out to "I-500 Project Inc." with "pageant" in the memo line

*Please send three copies each of the asterisked items. This will allow us to create separate packets for each judge. We want our judges to form their OWN opinions of you and not simply copy off of each other. ;) GOOD LUCK!