

Welcome to the 2023 Miss International 500 Pageant!

We are very excited that you have decided to run for I-500 Queen! The pageant will be held in the Dream Makers Theater at the Kewadin Casino in Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan on Friday, February 3rd with one-on-one interviews with the judges beginning at 4:30pm. Please plan to arrive at the casino no later than 4:00p.m. The stage portion of the pageant will begin promptly at 7:00p.m. Please prepare the following:

Race Trivia: A study guide of 20 questions is included in this packet. These questions are questions that are typically asked of our royalty during tv, radio, and newspaper interviews. All of the correct answers have been provided. The judges will ask you five of these 20 questions at random. No two contestants will get the same set of questions. Do your best to answer the questions! Each question is worth two points. Judges can award partial credit for a question that is answered closely if not correct. (For example, if you were asked to give the year of the first race and you said “late 60’s instead of 1969, you could receive one point.) Memorize this study guide and you will start out the pageant with a guaranteed 10 points!

Closed Interview Session: Contestants will meet with the judges one at a time. 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. While on stage, the MC will introduce you and ask you why you chose your outfit. It is your ANSWER to why you picked your outfit that is being judged, not the outfit itself.

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 totally optional! Dress like a “snow queen” and show off your favorite wintery styles! (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.) Be comfortable and confident! The judges are looking at how well you represent yourself while dressed up. 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

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 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 to 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 _____

Miss International 500 Pageant Rules:

1. All packets must be received by the pageant director on or before January 10TH 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 is your definition of a queen and how do you believe you fit that description."

6. Write a 500 word autobiography describing who you are and why you believe you would be a good queen.

7. 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 not be counted. All letters will be sealed up together in one large manilla envelope to be opened by the judges **ONLY** in the event of a tie. Letters of recommendation may also be used to determine scholarship winners.

8. In a large manilla envelope, please mail your completed application, rules agreement, photo release form, sponsorship check, letter of recommendation, and **THREE COPIES EACH** of your essay, resume, and autobiography along with one 4"x6" photograph (School photos/senior photos are just fine!) to :

Amanda Kemp
Miss International 500 Pageant Director
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The registration packet must be received no later than January 10th. If you have any questions regarding the registration packet or the pageant itself, please feel free to contact me at (906) 203-0073 or amandakemp53@gmail.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!

Study Guide:

1: What year was the first I-500 Snowmobile Race held? Answer: 1969

2: Who is the current chairman of the board? Answer: Ric Federeau

3: How much does a button (general admission) cost? Answer: \$25

4: If someone has questions about becoming an I-500 vendor, who should they contact? Answer: Dave Thomas

5: If someone has a question about camping or parking, who should they contact? Answer: Bill Atkinson

6: Each year, the race is started when the green flag is waved by this type of special guest? Answer: a disabled veteran

7: Who holds the record for the most wins? Answer: Corey Davidson with 8 wins

- 8: Only two drivers have ever gotten a 3-peat (three wins in a row). Who were they? Answer: Corey Davidson and Gabe Bunke
- 9: Who was the first and only female driver to qualify and start the race? Diane Miller
- 10: On average, how many gallons of water does it take to build the track? Answer: 1.5 million
- 11: Approximately how many volunteers does it take to win the race? Answer: 100+
- 12: What radio station is the race broadcast on? Answer: AM 1230 WSOO
- 13: What is “pole position” and what is the prize for the driver who “takes the pole”? Answer: Fastest sled during qualifying and the prize is \$1,000
- 14: What vehicle inspired the very first I-500? Answer: 1968 Chevy Camaro
- 15: Which brand of snowmobile has celebrated the most wins? Answer: Polaris
- 16: Who is the flag stand named for? Answer: Tommie Bauer
- 17: Who won the first ever I-500? Answer: Dan Planck on a Skidoo called “Puffer” (located in the lobby of the press building)
- 18: How many snowmobiles makes up a full field and how is it determined? Answer: 38 snowmobiles and they are the fastest ones during time trials
- 19: What is the Ladi Filipcheck Award? Answer: The award given to the driver who advances the most positions throughout the race.
- 20: Who officially proclaimed the I-500 “Michigan’s premier winter sporting event:”? Answer: Governor Rick Snyder

OUR SLUMBER PARTY IS BACK!

Miss I-500 Pageant Slumber Party Permission Slip

I _____ (printed name of parent or guardian do hereby give permission for my daughter _____ (printed name of participant) to attend the slumber party on Friday, January 13 at 6:00 pm until Saturday, January 14th at 8:00 am. I understand that any time a group of excited children get together, there is a risk of injury and will not hold responsible any of the slumber party volunteers, or any members of I-500 Project Inc. I will assume all responsibility for any accidents that may occur, including, but not limited to; personal injury, damaged property, emergency medical expenses (should we have to dial 911), or loss of personal items. I will make every attempt to be on time for pick-up unless prior arrangements have been made.

Parent/Guardian

Signature _____

Parent phone number: _____

Phone number of alternative adult _____

Any other emergency phone
numbers _____

Name of adult picking up _____

List of child's allergies and/or medications