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Pageantry Application

Pageantry Guidelines and Requirements

1. The applicant must be single (never been married), with no children and between the ages of 13 - 21.

2. Each applicant must file an application with the International Youth Department signed by the Pastor, Jurisdictional President and Jurisdictional Chairlady.

3. The applicant must complete the personal data form and submit a short biographical sketch.

4. Each applicant must sign the *Young Woman of Excellence* Agreement.

5. Each applicant will write a **750 word essay**. The topic is: ***"In light of current events, if I were the International Chairlady, I would effectively use my influence to enhance the economy and Church community by …"***

6. Each applicant must complete **20 hours of Community Service** at a venue of her choice. A letter from the organization/venue on official letterhead must be submitted in order to receive credit.

7. Each applicant must submit a $350.00 entry fee. Please make a copy of the money order, cashiers or ministry check and include with application submission. ALL entry fee money MUST be mailed to: Assistant Chairlady Crystal James | 14127 Long Shadow Drive | Houston, Texas 77015. Additional pageant money will be collected ON-SITE during the International AIM Convention. Please acknowledge YWE Pageant participation no later than **May 25th. If your Jurisdictional pageant is after the deadline, please ensure that Lady Takeitha Carter is informed via telephone: (901) 303.7549 or via email: cogicgirlsrock@gmail.com. After the local or jurisdictional winner has been announced, the contestant will have 5 (five) business days to submit completed application packet to participate in the International Young Women of Excellence.**

Please submit COMPLETED YWE Pageant application packet via email: cogicgirlsrock@gmail.com. At the time of submission, PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR ENTRY FEE HAS BEEN SENT TO CHAIRLADY CRYSTAL JAMES. THIS QUALIFIES YOUR INTENT TO COMPETE. ADDITIONAL PAGEANT MONEY WILL BE COLLECTED ON-SITE DURING THE INTERNATIONAL AIM CONVENTION. PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH THROUGH THE MAIL. Your entry fee AND completed application will indicate your confirmed intent to participate. ONLY completed applications, with an acknowledged entry fee will be considered for review. Incomplete packets will not be accepted and this will affect contestant points overall.

8. Each contestant is required to read and take an oral/written exam.

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Each contestant will need to purchase a copy of the book. It is the responsibility of each contestant to read the assigned material to assist in the mandatory testing. The test will be given during the International AIM Convention at a designated time and location. **NOTE**: *The test will also include, "Voices from History". The contestant will be responsible for knowing designated phrases, song titles or messages from influential persons in our Church and Civil History.*

9. Each contestant will be required to participate in all YWE activities that will be offered during the International AIM Convention.

10. Each applicant is required to present her talent during the "Talent Exposition". The talent presentation should range from 3-5 minutes in length. Talent will be judged by creativity; audience feedback; presentation style; and originality.

11. Each contestant is required to purchase a $25.00 rhinestone t-shirt to be worn for their designated group activities and/or projects during the AIM Convention.

12. The pageant attire will consist of: (a) White formal dress with sleeves and/or accompanying shawl; (b) White gloves; and (c) White pearl earrings. Specified attire is **mandatory** or participant will not be allowed to take part in the final presentation of the pageant.

13. Each applicant is required to submit a Letter of Recommendation from one of the following: School Official; Youth Leader; Coach; Guidance Counselor; Pastor; or Employer **AND** a copy of their **MOST** recent transcript.

14. NEW ITEM * ***Each contestant will be asked to bring a portfolio album that expresses creativity to the International AIM Convention. The portfolio will be submitted on Wednesday of the AIM Convention and judged by an anonymous panel. An award will be given to the contestant with the most creative portfolio!***

Procedures for Young Women of Excellence Winners Circle and Royal Court

1. Each applicant must submit an entry fee of $350.00. The applicant who submits the highest amount over $350.00 will be rewarded the "Victory Trophy". The highest amount of money submitted does not guarantee the win overall – it will, however, guarantee the Victory Trophy along with an additional pageant prize package. The contestant that has the overall highest score in all categories combined will be awarded the title, "2019 Young Women of Excellence Queen".

2. Contestant entry monies are due no later than, Wednesday of the AIM Convention by 3PM at the designated location. SORRY, NO EXCEPTIONS. ALL DEADLINES ARE FINAL!! Once your monies have been submitted and counted, you will receive your "submitted total" which will be considered for the Victory Trophy. Any monies submitted after you have receive a "submitted total" will count towards your "overall total". Your "submitted total" will be the amount you will be judged on for the Victory Trophy. Points will be given for your "submitted total" and will go toward your total possible points earned for the competitive Crown. To receive ANY points for your monies turned in, you must submit an amount more than the required entry fee of $350.00

3. The YWE Crown will be granted to the young lady that accumulates the MOST points in a variety of categories during the workshops as well as the pageantry. Therefore, it is possible that a contestant can

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be the recipient of both the "Victory Trophy" and the crowned Young Women of Excellence 2019. It is also possible that the Crown can be awarded to the contestant that is not awarded the Victory Trophy based on the point system and overall points received that will be assigned to each category. Upon arrival to the International AIM Convention, each contestant will receive the point system that will be utilized as judging criteria. This will allow each contestant the opportunity to compete fairly on the scale in which they will be judged overall. Points will be awarded in the following categories:

Attendance and Friendliness
Appearance
Academic Excellence and Success
Leadership Qualities
Community Service Interaction
Talent Etiquette
Charm
Packet Submission and Completion
Test Scores
Question & Answer Pageant Segment
White Gown Elegance
Submitted Money

JUNIOR DIVISION

13-15 YEARS OF AGE

SENIOR DIVISION

16-21 YEARS OF AGE

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PERSONAL DATA FORM

Name:_____Age_____

T-Shirt size_____

Address:_____

City:_____ State:_____ Zip:_____

Telephone:_____(Day) _____(Evening)

Parent(s) Name(s)_____

Church:_____Pastor:_____

Jurisdiction: _____

Who Are your Youth Leaders?

(Local) _____ (District) _____

(Jurisdictional) _____

INVOLVEMENT IN MINISTRY

ACADEMIC INVOLVEMENT/ACHIEVEMENT/AWARDS

GRADE LEVEL:_____GPA:_____

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT/ACHIEVEMENTS:

NAME ONE PERSON THAT INFLUENCED YOU AND IMPACTED YOUR LIFE. HOW?

_____ _____

PARENT'S SIGNATURE JURISDICTIONAL LEADER'S SIGNATURE

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PAGEANT APPLICATION CHECKLIST

BEFORE YOU SUBMIT, DO YOU HAVE…….?

Completed Application Packet
Entry Fee Check MAILED to Chairlady Crystal James
14127 Long Shadow Drive | Houston, Texas 77015

750 Word Essay
Contestant Photograph ***(Please attach photo to email)***
20-Hour Community Service Completion Letter
Letter of Recommendation
MOST RECENT Academic Transcript

Email Subject Line
YWE Pageant 2019: Contestant Name / Jurisdiction
(EXAMPLE) YWE PAGEANT 2019: LISA WILLIAMS / NORTH DAKOTA 3RD
cogicgirlsrock@gmail.com

DO NOT FORGET TO BRING YOUR CREATIVE PORTFOLIO TO AIM

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INTERNATIONAL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

YOUTH DEPARTMENT

DR. BENJAMIN STEPHENS, III * PRESIDENT

EVANGELIST JOYCE L. RODGERS * CHAIRLADY

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AGREEMENT

I _____ AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE RULES AND GUIDELINES THAT HAVE BEEN SET BY THE *(YWE) Young Women of Excellence Committee.* I FURTHER UNDERSTAND THAT FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH SAID GUIDELINES WILL AUTOMATICALLY EXPEL ME FROM THIS PAGEANT AND IN DOING SO, I HAVE FORFEITED ALL PAGEANT MONIES, PRIZES, AND AWARDS.

PARENT'S SIGNATURE:_____

PARTICIPANT'S SIGNATURE:_____

My signature on this application certifies that I have provided true, accurate and complete information to the best of my knowledge. Further, I understand that if I purposely give false or misleading information on this application, it will include expulsion from the Young Women of Excellence Pageantry exercise.

WITNESSED BY:_____

(YOUTH LEADER)

DATE:_____

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