



YOUNG WOMEN OF EXCELLENCE

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2020 Young Women of Excellence Pageant Information Packet

PAGEANT THEME: UNSTOPP**ABLE**

ENCLOSED ITEMS:

Entry Requirements

Entry Requirements Explained

Pageant Participant Information

Scoring Criteria

Pageant Entry Requirements

- ♥ Applicant must be **single** (never been married), with no children, **and between the ages of 13 - 21.**
- ♥ Each applicant must **submit a completed official application package** to the International Youth Department - Southwest Region.
- ♥ Each applicant must **submit a \$50.00 entry fee.**

COMPLETED APPLICATION PACKAGES AND ENTRY FEES MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2020.

Entry Requirements Explained

THE **OFFICIAL APPLICATION PACKAGE** MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- ♥ **Personal Data Form** (completed and signed).
- ♥ Young Woman of Excellence **Agreement** (completed and signed).
- ♥ 500-word **essay**.
The essay topic is: *"In light of current events, if I were the Regional Chairlady, I would effectively use my influence to enhance the economy and church community by..."*
- ♥ **Photo** of applicant.
- ♥ **Letter of Recommendation** from one of the following: School Official; Youth Leader; Coach; Guidance Counselor, Pastor or Employer.
- ♥ Copy of most recent **school transcript**.

Entry Requirements Explained

THE PAGEANT ENTRY FEE:

- ♥ Each applicant must submit a **\$50.00 entry fee**, *by the designated deadline*, in order to participate.
 - Entry fees must be submitted WITH the completed application.
- ♥ **Applicants are encouraged to gather funds in addition to their entry fee, which will be collected on the day of the pageant.**
 - These funds may be gathered by asking family, friends, and church members; bake sale, etc. (be creative!).
 - The applicant who submits the largest amount of funds ABOVE THE REQUIRED \$50.00 ENTRY FEE, will be awarded the Victory Trophy at the Pageant.

The Victory Trophy is awarded strictly based on the amount of funds submitted, and does not affect the applicant's ability to win the overall award in the pageant (2020 SWR Young Women of Excellence Queen).

Entry Requirements Explained

DETAILS FOR PAGEANT PARTICIPANTS

The YWE Pageant will consist of two key components:
TALENT PRESENTATION & INTERVIEW

- ♥ **Talent Presentation** - Each applicant is required to present her talent during the Talent Exposition portion of the pageant program.
 - The talent presentation should range from 3-5 minutes in length.
 - Talent will be judged based on Creativity, Audience Feedback, Presentation Style and Originality.
- ♥ **Interview** - Each pageant contestant will be required to participate in the Interview portion of the program. Participants will be asked a series of predetermined questions and will be scored based on the quality of their answers.

Entry Requirements Explained

DETAILS FOR PAGEANT PARTICIPANTS

♥ **MANDATORY Pageant Attire for participants:**

- White formal dress
- White gloves
- White “pearl” earrings
- White shoes

**Participants may have a “costume change” for their talent presentation, if necessary.

Entry Requirements Explained

SCORING CRITERIA

There are two opportunities for contestants to win awards during the YWE Pageant: the Victory Trophy and the 2020 SWR Young Women of Excellence Queen award.

The **Victory Trophy** will be awarded to the contestant who submits the largest number of funds (above their \$50 entry fee).

The **2020 SWR Young Women of Excellence Queen** title is awarded to the contestant who has the overall highest score in all categories listed below:

- Attendance and Friendliness
- Academic Excellence and Success
- Leadership Qualities
- Community Service Interaction
- Talent Presentation
- Application Package Submission and Completion
- White Gown Segment
- Interview
- Submitted Funds

Participants will be divided into 2 categories (based on age):
Junior Division (ages 13-15) | Senior Division (ages 16-21)

CONTACT INFORMATION

PAGEANT COORDINATORS

Please send completed packets and inquiries to:

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**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION SUBMISSIONS IS
MAY 1, 2020**