



~ MISS KANSAS, MISS KANSAS' OUTSTANDING TEEN, SUNFLOWER PRINCESS PROGRAMS ~

MISS KANSAS PAGEANT, INC.

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Talking Points

- Miss Kansas is a state preliminary to Miss America, one of the nation's leading achievement programs and the world's largest provider of scholarship assistance for young women. Kansas residents, female and ages 17 to 24 are eligible.
- Miss Kansas' Outstanding Teen is the state preliminary to Miss America's Outstanding Teen and a little sister program. Encourages positive achievement by helping to nurture and build scholastic achievement, creative accomplishment, healthy living and community involvement of our nation's youth.
- The Sunflower Sister Program is a mentoring program for girls ages 5 to 12. Girls learn about positive self-esteem, citizenship, manners and being a good student and friend.
- Annually, scholarship awards of over \$50,000 are made available to Miss Kansas contestants at the state and local levels.
- In 2009, over \$2,750,000 in-kind scholarship awards were made available to Miss Kansas contestants through Kansas colleges and universities sponsorships.
- In 2008-09, Miss Kansas conducted over 330 appearances during her year of service, speaking to students and adults across Kansas.
- The Miss Kansas Pageant celebrated 50 years of pageant competition in Pratt, Kansas in June of 2005. The first Miss Kansas Pageant was held in 1937 and sporadically after that until 1952 when the event began its annual activities.
- Kansas is proud to have three Miss Americas – Deborah Bryant in 1966, Debra Barnes in 1968 and Tara Dawn Holland in 1997.
- The Miss Kansas Pageant, Inc. is a not-for-profit 501-C4 organization which administers the Miss Kansas, Miss Kansas' Outstanding Teen and Sunflower Princess programs.
- The Miss Kansas Scholarship Foundation, Inc. is a not-for-profit 501-C3 organization which administers scholarship awards for Miss Kansas.