**CONTESTANT REQUIREMENTS**

**Who may enter?**

The Contestant is expected to be the winner in her school this year. She can also be the winner or runner-up in the National Schools Competition from the previous year.

**General requirements:**

* Age limit: no younger than 17 years and not older than 19 years (proof of age will be required).
* Contestant must not be married.
* Contestant should possess good character, beauty of face and figure.
* The registration fee is R200.00.

**Immediate requirements for contestants to be handed in at the District Information Office by Monday, 1 December 2014:**

1. One digital picture19 cm x 24 cm head-to-shoulder colour photograph
2. Biography giving full personality description as well as key achievements
3. Contestants press release form
4. Contestants personal data form
5. Certified copy of identity document page showing date of birth
6. A 30 second visual/audiovisual promo of you and your school.

**Subsequent requirements for contestants of the District School Beauty Competition 2014 by Wednesday, 3 December 2014**

* Completed dance costume requirement form and requirements.
* A CD containing the song, music or audio to be used in dance segment of the competition.
* Completed requirements for the Fantastic Evening Creation form.
* Description of Fantastic Evening Creation, consisting of a maximum of 200 words.
* Completed chaperone's data and requirements form indicating whether a chaperone will accompany the contestant. If so, supply the required information.

**COMPETITION information**

* Attached is a draft programme giving the order of appearances for the District School Beauty Competition 2014. Please refer to it in relation to the comments below.
* Please be guided by the points awarded in each category. Each section will be timed and the stipulated time will adhered to.

Introductory appearance

**Judged Category (maximum of 20 points)**

Bright Stars Productions will provide a uniform for the opening show. An opening dance sequence with all contestants will take place and contestants will state their name and the school that they represent at the end of the dance. The introductory comments from the contestant may be no more than30 seconds.

This category will be awarded a maximum of 20 points. Elegance and first impression will be taken into account in arriving at the score for each contestant for this category.

Dance costume

**Judged Category (maximum of 40 points)**

Contestants are expected to provide their dance show, which must not exceed 3 minutes. During this show they can be accompanied by a dance group of maximum 6 dancers. (Bright Stars Productions can provide a dance group, but must be notified by 2 December, 2014). Judging ceases after the allotted time.

Contestants are expected to adhere strictly to this rule: maximum width 4 m and maximum height of 6 m. This category will be awarded a maximum of 40 points for visual impact, creativity and presentation. Take note that NO confetti will be allowed during the show!

Fantastic Evening Creation

**Judged Category (maximum of 35 points)**

The gown will be judged on its creativity, design, fit, elegance, style and suitability of accessories. This category will be awarded a maximum of35 points. Overall impression and expression will also be taken into account when judging this section.

Interview

**Judged Category (maximum of25 points)**

Each contestant will be required to answer one general question. Questions will be set by the District Manager. This category will be awarded a maximum of 25 points. Questions will require an opinion answer and points will be awarded for fluency, diction, content and confidence.

PLEASE remember that the judges' decision is final.

Hair and Make-Up

Bright Stars Production will provide back-stage hair stylists and make-up artists on the night of the competition. If a contestant or her chaperone is capable and more comfortable doing her own hair and make-up she may of course do so. For all other appearances and events the contestants will be responsible for their own hair and make-up.

Backstage

Each contestant will be allowed one person backstage with her on the night of the competition. This person should be able to assist the contestant to get ready for each appearance. It is important to choose a qualified, mature, well-rounded and responsible chaperone who can and will be responsible at all times. If a Contestant does not have a chaperone or for whatever reason a contestant's chaperone is unable to perform on the night of the competition the BRIGHT STARS PRODUCTION team will assign a qualified chaperone to that contestant.

Gift Exchange

The contestants should bring three gifts; one in the form of a money donation for an organization for the aged, one in the form of food for an animal care organization and one gift in the form of a music CD to exchange with another contestant.

Interpreters

Interpreters will be provided for the added convenience of contestants whose first language is not English.