**Other important info to know!**

**Sat., January 19 – 9:30 am – 1:00 pm** - practice location TBD. (**Paperwork due, headshot, sponsorship fee, and talent music must be turned in**) mock interviews will also take place

**Sun., January 27 –1:00 pm – 4:30 pm –** practice location TBD

**Feb. 1st, 2019 - 2:00 – 5:30** **pm** - practice at Central building (see address below) 2-5:30 pm for those who didn’t attend the practice on Jan 19 or Jan 27. Auditorium Tech practice for sound & lights.

**\*\*Contestants are required to attend 1 of the above practices.**

**Feb. 1st, 2019 – 6:00 – 10:00 pm** at Central Building in Waseca (see address below) **Full dress rehearsal**. This dress rehearsal is **mandatory** for all contestants. Hair and makeup and all wardrobe! **(silent auction item due**)

Jan. 19 & 27 practices and the interviews the day of the pageant will be held at:

TBD

Jan. 30th practice, Dress Rehearsal and pageant will be held at

Waseca Central Building.

501 Elm Ave E

Waseca, MN 56093

**Opening number:**

This is where all contestants competing will be introduced. We are asking that contestants wear black cocktail dresses with nude or black heels.

\* Many newcomers to pageants choose to borrow wardrobe items from previous contestants, friends, or family members. If you are interested in competing but would like help with preparing your wardrobe, we can help you track down available items to borrow, rent, or purchase.

**Silent Auction Basket:** We ask for each contestant to donate a silent auction basket that will be auctioned at our pageant. The funds go towards our pageant. You can be as creative as you like! Please bring your basket by dress rehearsal night, **Feb. 1st**.

**Headshot**: Please submit or email me a headshot of yourself for us to use in the judges packet and in our program. This doesn’t have to be a professional photo just a nice picture of you from shoulders up. **Headshot is due by Jan. 19th**.

**Children’s Miracle Network (CMN):** The national platform for the Miss American Organization is CMN. Not only will you be promoting your own personal platform of your choice but you will be raising funds for CMN during your year of service. You are required to raise $100 at the local level, with a maximum of $400/pageant year. You can create your profile at <http://www.missamericaforkids.org/> so your friends and family can donate to this wonderful organization!  **Your verification report must be handed in by dress rehearsal night**.

**UPDATE! Scoring Breakdown**:

| **2018 MAO Local Pageants - Judging Categories and Percentages** | |
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| Competition Category | Percentage |
| Private Interview | 25% |
| Talent | 40% |
| Evening Wear/Social Impact | 20% |
| On Stage Interview | 15% |
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\*If we don’t have at least 4 contestants we cannot announce 1st runner up at the pageant. Only the winner will be announced.

**Checklist for pageant**:

1. Interview wear – business casual/professional. Most girls chose to wear a professional dress and heels.
2. Opening number – black cocktail dress with black or nude heels
3. Talent - 90 second talent. Music must be submitted to me by Nov. 1st. Shelly Welch is our tech guru so if you need assistance with music being cut please let me know asap! Talent outfit can be whatever best fits your performance.
4. Evening wear – any formal dress of your choosing with heels. Please bring any choices to a practice for my approval.
5. Headshot – photo that is from shoulder up of you to be used in program book and judges packet. Due by Jan. 19th
6. All paperwork – contract, talent request form, resume, platform statement all due by Jan. 19th, no exceptions. Email me anything you want me to proof for you ☺ I am a notary so I can stamp your paperwork once it is completed and signed by your parents/guardians if you are under 18.
7. Silent Auction basket – please have this ready by Feb. 1st (dress rehearsal) at the latest.
8. CMN account – please open a CMN account at <http://www.missamericaforkids.org/>. $100 minimum per local with a $400/pageant year maximum is required to compete.

\*Please remember with all wardrobe that it should be age appropriate and that the length be tasteful. The judges will be sitting lower than the stage and will be looking up at you ☺

Please don’t hesitate to ask for any help from any of our committee members or titleholders with any area of competition. We are here to help you do your best!

To help you prepare for the pageant be sure to check out the following sites:

[www.missamerica.org](http://www.missamerica.org)

[www.wasecapageants.weebly.com](http://www.wasecapageants.weebly.com)

Also check out the following Facebook pages:

Miss Minnesota Scholarship Program

Brianna Drevlow – Miss Minnesota 2017

Michaelene Karlen – Miss Minnesota 2018 (and Miss South Central 2018!)

Megan Lentz – Miss Waseca County Sleigh & Cutter 2018

Ally Helms - Miss Waseca County Sleigh and Cutter 2017

Lauren Fellows – Miss South Central 2017

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