

Pageant Interview Tips

The Following are Some Do's and Don'ts for Pageant Interview:

Do's

- *Use a tape recorder while you practice your interview, and listen to your voice afterwards. Sometimes people surprise themselves.
- *Ask your friends or relatives about your body language.
- *If talking while using hand gestures be sure to prevent your hands from rising above chest high. It also looks more presentable to use only one hand at a time to avoid distraction.
- *You must know practically everything about the town or city you are representing or live in.
- *Be on time. It is very important to be on time to each and every event of the pageant you are competing.
- *Smile from the time you begin your interview up to the time you finish.
- *Your hair should have a fresh, clean, and healthy appearance.
- *You must wear make-up that is appropriate for your age.
- *Make up is not allowed for Pre-Teens, Sweethearts, and Princess contestants.
- *Pre-Teens, Sweethearts, and Princess contestants should keep to a low heel or something they can comfortably walk in. Be sure your shoes compliment your interview outfit or Sunday's dress.
- *Keep eye contact with the judges. Answer the question while keeping your eye contact, and continue looking down the line of judges. When you are finished answering the question, end your eye contact with the judge who first asked the question.
- *When you enter the interview room if there is a chair provided for you to sit in. Walk to the chair and wait until the judges tell you to have a seat. Remember to sit properly. Usually your hands should be placed in your lap, and your knees should be together with your feet together or your ankles may be crossed.

Don'ts

- *Never look at the floor or ceiling.
- *Don't walk too fast or too slow. Remember to be natural.
- *Never hold your interview outfit or dress.
- *Not smiling: you are sure to lose points.
- *Do not sway from side to side, while standing.
- *Do not wear Glitter in your hair.
- *Never chew gum during your interviews.

On-Stage Interview

- *Looking back or being impatient for your escort to get to you looks really bad on stage.
- *Walk “natural” and keep your hands relaxed by your side, barely touching your dress. Use a normal arm swing.
- *Relax and enjoy your time on stage.
- *You are allowed to have question said over. Be sure to politely request that the question be repeated.
- *Keep a good sense of humor and be natural.
- *Be sure to answer the complete question.
- *Always smile while on-stage.