

Pageant Words & Definitions

1. Newbie- Someone who is new to pageants.
2. H/M- Hair & make up artist.
3. Pro- Someone who usually wins Supreme or Overall titles and uses professional H/M, clothing designers & coaches.
4. Pro-Am - A style of very upbeat walking, turns and moves only found in pageants. Sometimes called "vogue modeling" it is like dance moves that include turns, hand & head gestures, jacket tricks and more performed to upbeat music.
5. Sportswear- This does NOT mean clothes with a sports theme! This is usually an outfit that is a jumpsuit or crop top and pants that may have a matching tear away skirt or jacket. You can see examples of sportswear by visiting the pageant consignment shops & pageant clothing designers websites. Sportswear is usually defined in 2 ways. One is "glitz" (also called "vogue"), the other is "off the rack". You will need to contact the pageants director to find out which type their pageant is having.
6. Vogue - heavily decorated with sparkle such as rhinestones, ribbons, pearls, stones, brooches, etc. and usually custom made.
7. "OTR" or Off the Rack - an outfit that was purchased at a store and has had nothing added to it.
8. Casual wear - Clothing that is considered before 5 pm wear, something cute, funky or upbeat that you would wear everyday to school or the mall. Informal. Can be off the rack or custom made depending on what your pageant director allows.
9. Sunday Best - The type of dress that you would wear to church, not a pageant dress. This is a beauty dress typically worn in natural or "face" pageants. It can be custom, but is typically bought OTR. It can be a dressy church style dress or a flower girl dress bought from a bridal shop.
10. Prelim - Preliminary pageant. Some pageants require that you compete at their prelim before being eligible to go on to their State or National pageant level. This is usually a more casual, smaller version of that systems larger pageant. The attire is usually simple pageant dresses or Sundays Best. There are usually less categories to enter and the pageant & crowning is held in one afternoon. Entry fees are less and prizes are less but it is a great place to practice before going on to

the next level and to win fees off of the higher level pageants.

11. Evening Gown Presentation vs. Evening Gown Competition - An Evening Gown Presentation is often used to describe the showcase of gowns whether through modeling or a dance. The Evening Gown Competition is your moment to shine! This is where the scoring takes place.

12. "Glitz"- refers to a particular type pageant style. Glitz is typically: fancy dresses that are custom made, rhinestones, make up, hairpieces and big hair!

13. Natural- refers to a particular pageant style. Typically it is lacking make up, hairpieces and rhinestones on the clothes! Clothing is more conservative. These dresses can be custom made or (OTR).

14. OOAK - One Of A Kind. Refers to a custom made dress.

15. Super stretch - a heavy lycra material that comes in white or can be dyed to various colors. This is often used to make bodices.

16. bodice - the top of the dress.

17. Shell -an undecorated dress. NO trims or rhinestones.

18. Trims - the lace and appliqués on a dress.

19. Stoned - it is a dress that has rhinestones!

20. "Broach" or "broach stones"- these are large rhinestones or a cluster of rhinestones. They are usually found only in glitz dresses.