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Pre-Teen Mississippi

Scholarship and Recognition Program



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CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

We would like to cordially invite you to apply for participation in The 2010 Pre-Teen Mississippi Scholarship and Recognition Program to be held **July 30 - August 1** in Tupelo, MS. The beautiful Summit Hotel and Summit Center will serve as official headquarters for the event. You have been recommended as a participant in the 2010 Pre-Teen Mississippi Program based on your school academic record, awards and honors and/or your participation in outside activities.

Pre-Teen Mississippi is not a beauty pageant, it is, however, a by-invitation-only academic and enrichment event. Only young ladies 7-12 years of age who have a high academic ranking or who are recognized for their outstanding personal achievements, volunteer services, school involvement, leadership abilities or creative talents are invited to participate.

THE PRE-TEEN MISSISSIPPI PROGRAM WILL AWARD OVER \$5,000.00 IN EDUCATIONAL BONDS, PRIZES AND AWARDS.
EACH STATE FINALIST WILL RECEIVE SPECIFIC RECOGNITION AWARDS.

Pre-Teen Mississippi (Sr. Division) will be selected from state finalists 10-12 years of age. **Pre-Teen Mississippi** (Jr. Division) will be selected from state finalists 7-9 years of age. There will be four runners-up in each Division.

THE PRE-TEEN AMERICA PROGRAM, now in its 20th year of wholesome family activity, believes that everyone who participates is a winner. Each participant will have the experience of making friends with other outstanding young ladies from throughout the state. Besides recognizing each participant's achievements, our goal is to foster fun, friendship, self-improvement and self-confidence. Each state finalist will also receive a participation award.

If you elect to participate, an enrollment fee is required. Businesses and community organizations, as well as, family, friends and church affiliates all make excellent possibilities as sponsors. The enrollment fee is \$325.00 and covers auditorium and production costs, staff, scholarships, prizes and awards, 2 meals for the state finalists, as well as, a catered autograph party. No fees are due at this time. State Finalists and their families will be responsible for securing and paying for their own hotel room if one is needed. State Finalists will stay with their parents in their hotel room. Special discounted rates will be offered for the event. Sponsors will be advertised in the state souvenir program book as part of the roster of State Finalists. Information pertaining to securing a sponsor(s) will be included in your first information packet. Sponsorships are tax deductible as an advertising expense by any business that sponsors.

After reading the enclosed information CAREFULLY, please fill out the information below and return within 7 days or as soon thereafter as possible. You will receive your first information packet within 10 days. The number of state finalists accepted must be limited due to size limitations of the hotel auditorium, so please mail immediately so that you may have an opportunity to be a part of this memorable and exciting experience!

If you have any questions at this point, do refer them to Pre-Teen Headquarters or refer to our website at www.preteenamerica.com. Our office hours are 11 A.M.- 5 P.M. Monday-Friday (C.S.T.). We will be more than happy to answer your questions and to assist you in any way possible.

Best wishes and good luck!

Patricia Daniel
National Director

"We cannot say enough good things about the Pre-Teen experience. Our daughter was very shy and self-conscious before her first time at Pre-Teen Mississippi, however, after that one weekend she was like a different person. She was no longer shy, she had much more self-confidence and she made many new friendships that are still strong today. The program gave her the determination to excel in everything she did and a sense of dedication that is really amazing sometimes. The Pre-Teen Program encourages self-esteem, values and morals, as well as, promoting volunteer service involvement in one's church and community. Miss Pat and her staff give their all so that all of the participants in the program benefit in some way. Thanks Miss Pat!"

Stan Lewis and Kathy Lewis — Hattiesburg, MS
Parents of Melanie Lewis

"Thanks so much for the Pre-Teen America Program. Being involved with the Pre-Teen Mississippi Program was truly a wonderful experience for Rebekah, as well as, for our entire family. We all met so many new friends that we surely would not have, had it not been for the program. It was uplifting to be involved in a program that did not evaluate its participants based on physical attributes but, however, emphasized positive character traits that are important in one's life. We gladly recommend the Pre-Teen Program."

Kay & Sam Staples — Laurel, MS

"Thank you for a wonderful year of support by your organization to benefit Shriners Hospitals for Children. Your philanthropy is very much appreciated and will make a positive difference in the lives of the children that come to us for help. Through your wonderful contribution, the Pre-Teen America Scholarship and Recognition Program has become a very dear friend to the children that we treat."

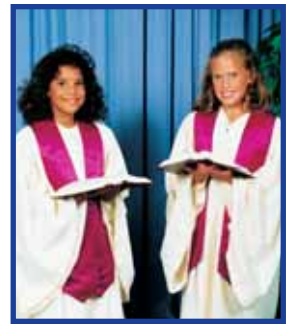
Edgar McGonigal — Shriners Hospitals for Children — Tampa, FL



SCHOOL HONORS & ACTIVITIES



FUN! FRIENDSHIP! EXCITEMENT!



SPIRITUAL INVOLVEMENT



VOLUNTEER SERVICE TO COMMUNITY



ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT



DEVELOPMENT OF PERSONAL SKILLS AND ABILITIES

(TENTATIVE SCHEDULE)

"A TRIBUTE TO AMERICAN SPORTS"

DAY 1

- 12:00 p.m. Registration
- 2:00 p.m. Briefing Session/State Finalists and Parents
- 2:45 p.m. General Knowledge Assessment
- 3:30 p.m. Production Rehearsal
- 5:00 p.m. State Finalists' Dinner
- 6:30 p.m. Speech Competition (Optional)
Talent Competition (Optional)

DAY 2

- 9:00 a.m. State Finalists' Breakfast
- 9:30 a.m. Production Rehearsal
- 1:30 p.m. Interviews
- 7:00 p.m. On-Stage Acknowledgement of Accomplishments
- 9:30 p.m. Production Rehearsal
- 10:00 p.m. State Finalists' Autograph Party

DAY 3

- 9:00 a.m. Group Photo Taken
- 10:15 a.m. **PRE-TEEN FINALS**



**** THE EVALUATION FORMAT ****

(age of State Finalist, as well as, city and school size are considered)

1. **ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT**20%
Each State Finalist's scholastic records are reviewed in terms of grade average, nature of subjects taken and significant test scores.
2. **VOLUNTEER SERVICE TO COMMUNITY**10%
Each State Finalist is evaluated on the basis of number of hours devoted to volunteer work for her community or place of worship and diversity of services rendered.
3. **SCHOOL HONORS AND ACTIVITIES**10%
Club and organizational memberships, academic honors, student of the week/month, perfect attendance, leadership, citizenship, art and athletic awards will be evaluated.
4. **DEVELOPMENT OF PERSONAL SKILLS AND ABILITIES**10%
Evaluation Committee will examine State Finalist's hobbies, special talents, abilities and interests.
5. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGEABILITY**15%
Each State Finalist will take a written test (multiple choice) to measure her general awareness in a variety of areas such as current trends and common sense. (Jr. & Sr. divisions will be given separate tests.)
6. **COMMUNICATIVE ABILITY**20%
Each State Finalist is evaluated on her general ability to express herself and exhibit age appropriate knowledgeability in an interview with our Evaluation Committee.
7. **ON-STAGE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS**15%
Each State Finalist will be recognized on stage for her abilities, achievements and accomplishments. (Sunday type dress suggested).

At the State Event, in addition to a participation award, each participant will receive specific recognition including awards in each of the seven evaluation categories, Individual Age Division Awards, as well as, Merit Finalist Awards, Special Evaluation Committee Awards, Awards for Athletic Abilities and for accomplishments in the Arts. Additional awards will be presented for Outstanding Citizenship, Best Thank You Note To Sponsor, Most Talented, Best Public Speaker, Spirit of Pre-Teen America and much, much more!

- PLEASE PRINT IN INK OR TYPE.
- **PLEASE RETURN WITHIN 7 DAYS** FROM THE TIME YOU RECEIVED YOUR APPLICATION OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS POSSIBLE.
- ENCLOSE A WALLET-SIZE PICTURE OR SNAPSHOT - (PICTURE WILL NOT BE RETURNED)
(These photographs are used for identification purposes only and are not utilized in any manner for evaluation or screening of state finalists)
- WRITE YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, CITY, AND STATE ON THE BACK OF YOUR PHOTO.

Please Return to
Pre-Teen Mississippi
National Headquarters
P.O. Box 14328
Baton Rouge, LA 70898

Full Name _____ Age _____ Birthdate _____

Address _____ City _____ County _____ Zip _____

Parent(s) or Guardian(s) _____ Phone () _____

Grade in School *(Please Circle)* 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Grade Average *(Please Circle)* A+ A B+ B or Equivalent

School Name and Address _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____ Date _____

Application received at: Home School E-mail: _____

"TELL US ABOUT YOUR ACTIVITIES"

Check all activities that apply!

Academics & School Honors

- Honor Roll Student
- Student of the Week/Month
- Science Fair Participant
- Academic Award Winner
- Spelling Bee Participant
- Perfect Attendance
- School Clubs
- Other _____

Volunteer Service

- Fund Raising
- Animal Aide
- Disaster Relief
- Charitable Donations
- Religious Activities
- Hospital/Nursing Home Service
- Neighbor/Family Assistance
- Other _____

Athletics

- Cheerleading/Gymnastics
- Basketball
- Softball/Baseball
- Soccer
- Skating
- Track/Field
- Tennis/Golf
- Other _____

Arts

- Dance
- Music
- Drawing/Painting/Ceramics
- Writing
- Crafts/Sewing
- Language Arts
- Cooking
- Other _____

** PARENTS PLEASE READ **

Parents, your daughter may have received this official application through her school. Please understand that students were not recommended by the school, in most instances, but through Honor Roll listings published in your local newspaper. In addition, your daughter may have received this Academic and Enrichment Program information because she was recommended by a past participant and/or she was recognized publicly for her achievements. Before calling to inquire as to how we acquired your daughter's name, please be aware that potential participants are recommended to our office on a daily basis nationwide and we do not routinely record the source of the recommendations received.

If selected to participate, your daughter will be guided by an excellent and experienced staff. This is not a beauty pageant, but rather a Academic and Enrichment Program that promotes family values, high moral and ethical standards, ecological awareness, patriotism and enhanced self esteem. As you read our materials we hope you will discover the positive influence that this program could have on your daughter. We welcome the entire family to come and experience this positive influence throughout the weekend. We hope that you will support your daughter's efforts to become a State Program finalist.

The **PRE-TEEN AMERICA PROGRAM** was founded in 1990 by Patricia Daniel of Baton Rouge, La. Pre-Teen America subscribes to the policies and procedures of professional business ethics. Further references will be furnished upon request.