

2023 Rocket Pageant Parent Info Sheet

*Parent Information Meeting and practice: Sunday, June 4th and/or June 11th, between 4pm-6pm, and June 25th at 6 pm for interviews. (We will also have interview time available for those that can not attend on Sunday, 1 hour before the pageant at 5 pm.) Contestants are welcome to come and practice their walk through, ask any questions, and receive any extra information. A \$30 entrance fee will also be collected. **The last day to apply is Thursday June 11th. We will also need a headshot, can be taken with a cell phone, sent to rocketpageants@gmail.com.***

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★ Pageant will be held on **Thursday, July 6th, at 6:00 pm at the Rochester Christian Church.**

Contestants can wear their “Sunday best” or anything they are comfortable wearing. Miss contestants generally wear long gowns, Jr Miss usually wear a short homecoming type dress, but the best dress is the dress the contestant feels most confident wearing

Little Miss (4-6 years old): Contestants will be asked “What is your favorite toy?” The contestant is more than welcome to bring the toy, if she would like.

Young Miss (7-10 years old): Contestants will research and choose an important/accomplished woman in American history, and deliver an approximately 20 second speech on her. The speeches are not timed, but please have them memorized and practiced in advance if possible. (Think of people like Rosa Parks, Eleanor Roosevelt, or Susan B. Anthony.)

Jr Miss (11-14 years old): Contestants will need to write and give a *30-second* personal introduction. Be sure to include name and age, but also try to include any hobbies, activities, sports, favorite things, accomplishments, and anything else you want to include in the speech to stay somewhere in the time limit! This category will also have an interview portion beginning 45 minutes prior to the pageant, so contestants need to arrive an hour before the pageant starts at 5 pm.

Miss (15-21 years old): Contestants will need to write and give a *one minute* personal introduction. Be sure to include name, age, and school, but also try to include any hobbies, activities, sports, favorite things, accomplishments, and anything else you want to include in the speech to stay somewhere in the time limit! This category will also have an interview portion beginning 45 minutes prior to the pageant, so contestants need to arrive an hour before the pageant starts at 5 pm.

Ms (65 and older) Contestants will need to write and give a LESS than 2 minute personal introduction.

People's Choice Award Winner: This is the contestant that raises the most donations for the Sparks in the Park fireworks, and sells the most in advertising for the 2023 Freedom Rocks Ad Book. Donation cups for each contestant will be at the back of the church! Ads can be sent to sparks@rochester.illinois.gov or you can call and ask for Pam at the Rochester Village Hall! A full page is \$150, ½ page is \$75, ¼ page is \$30, and Happy Ads (a great chance to shout out your girl and wish her luck in the pageant!) are \$20 each. The absolute last day to send these is Thursday June 15th, 2023.

- ★ The application fee is \$30, cash or checks made payable to Village of Rochester.
- ★ Pictures should also be sent to rocketpageants@gmail.com after filling out the application! The best pictures are shots of your face.

- ★ The People's Choice Award winner will be presented with a sash and crown, and join the other queens in parades and pageants. There will be a place to put money in for each contestant on pageant night at the donation table.

Pageant Format: The pageant will begin at 6 pm, which will be after the Jr. Miss and Miss contestants have their short interview. We will begin with a "choreographed walk" where all girls, youngest category to oldest, will walk and stop on each X as music plays, while smiling and waving. The stage will have 3 Xs, so they will stop on each for around 3 seconds, then go to the next. You can pose, wave, etc. during this time as this is a chance to get fully comfortable with the stage and give the judges a first view of each girl. Ms contestants will be the last in line, and we will have them stay on the stage, and provide chairs. They will give their personal introduction, and return to their seat.

The next time through, Little Miss contestants aged 4-6 will be formally introduced and at the 3rd X, they will be asked their question above by Miss Rochester Rocket, Lauren ! After the current Little Miss Rochester Rocket has given her farewell speech, all girls will come back onstage, be given their tiaras, and then a 2nd runner up, 1st runner up, and the new 2023 Little Miss Rochester Rocket will be named.

Young Miss will follow with their formal introductions, stopping on each X, and they will give their speech on the 3rd X. After the current Young Miss Rochester Rocket has given her farewell speech, all girls will come back onstage and a 2nd runner up, 1st runner up, and the new 2023 Young Miss Rochester Rocket will be named.

Jr. Miss will follow this with an informal introduction, stopping on the first X after their name is said, and they will give their speech on the 2nd X. They will then come back onstage for a formal introduction, stopping on each X and

walking off. After this, the current Jr. Miss Rochester Rocket will give her farewell speech and all girls will come back onstage and the new 2023 Jr. Miss Rochester Rocket will be named.

Miss will follow this with an informal introduction, stopping on the first X after their name is said, and they will give their speech on the 2nd X. They will then come back onstage for a formal introduction, stopping on each X and walking off. After this, the current Miss Rochester Rocket will give her farewell speech. The People's Choice award winner will be called at this time, and then all girls will come back onstage and the new 2022 Jr. Miss Rochester Rocket will be named.

What we are Judging: Our judges are looking for a confident girl who will represent Rochester well! They are wanting to watch you shine onstage, and watch you have fun!

★ Email us at rocketpageants@gmail.com with any questions! Thank you so much and we can't wait to see who our new queens will be!

[LINK TO APPLICATION FORM!](#)