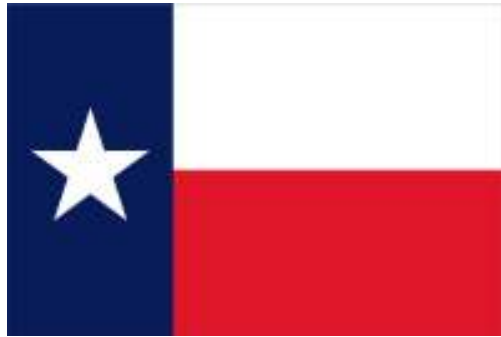
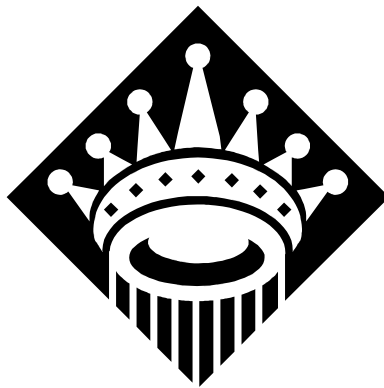


Miss Deaf Texas Pageant



Chaperone handbook



GUIDELINES FOR CHAPERONES

We are so excited that you have decided to be a chaperone for your contestant. Chaperones are one of the most important people during the pageant because they are there for their contestant. **We have a policy that all chaperones MUST be older than the contestant, at least 3 years older than the contestant due to maturity level and being able to assist the contestant at all times.**

Here are the responsibilities of the chaperone:

- To assist and accompany the contestant whenever necessary as much as possible except under circumstances such as attending meetings dealing with the pageant, or when the contestant goes out with another contestant and chaperone.
- To see that the contestant follows the schedule and is aware of what is going on around her.
- To make sure that the contestant is on time to all events, rehearsals, meetings, etc.
- To encourage the contestant to be in the room at approximately 11 p.m. because many of the activities begin at 8 a.m.
- To see that the contestant and chaperone are to receive visitors in the lobby and not in the hotel room.
- To make sure the contestant has all the information needed pertaining to the pageant and other activities that will be involved in (both chaperone and contestant).
- To get your contestant food or drink when she has rehearsals and cannot leave to get it herself or anything that she may need.
- To help get the contestant's clothes ready and bring them to rehearsals and the pageant.
- To abide by all rules set up by the State Pageant and see that the contestant follows them also
- To report any problems to the Head Chaperone (Coordinator of Chaperones).
- To give contestant moral support and act as mother, advisor, and friend. Stay around as much as possible or when she needs you. The pageant is very

stressful and emotional time for many young women. Act as a liaison between the contestant and her parents.

- To remain on the premises of where the pageant is held at all times. (Unless contestants is being chaperoned by another chaperone who has agreed to help out). Do not abuse this.
- To check on the final look of the contestant's appearance before entering the stage.
- Dress appropriately so as not to embarrass your contestant; even when you are angry. You must be calm and not embarrass your contestant.
- Try to go to bed at the same time with your contestant as much as possible. You as the chaperone will not be able to go out in the evenings after 11 p.m. You need to stay in the room with the contestant, in case she needs some kind of help or needs something important. Also, you will need the rest. There will be no exception to this even if you have someone else to supervise the contestant.
- If there is any kind of problem(s); see Kathy Walters, Chaperone Coordinator. If you are unable to find her, then see Laura Loeb Hill, MDT State Director.