

Junior Miss USPA and Teen Miss USPA Pageant Contestant Guidelines

The Junior Miss USPA and Teen Miss USPA contests will take place on Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend from 3:30 to 4:30 pm in the Lounge. A mandatory meeting of the contestants and their presenters will be held at 10:00 am on the day of the pageant. This meeting will take place in the Lounge. (Meeting location is subject to change.)

Age categories: Junior Miss USPA - 10 to 13 years of age. Teen Miss USPA - 14 to 17 years of age.

Application: **The application deadline for the Junior Miss USPA and Teen Miss USPA is May 1** (if May 1st falls on a Sunday the deadline will be May 2nd). **All applications must be postmarked by the May 1st date to be eligible.**

Applications are accepted year round. Please send applications and required information to: Chris & Victoria Kish 453 Oaknoll Drive Amherst, OH 44001

Requirements:

Junior Miss USPA: Applicants must submit a self-written, non-typed application form and a color photo of themselves. Photos will not be returned and may be used by the USPA for advertising and public relations purposes.

Teen Miss USPA: Applicants must submit a self-written, non-typed application form including an essay of 100 words or less on "What Polka Music Means to Me" and a color photo of themselves. Photos will not be returned and may be used by the USPA for advertising and public relations purposes.

Judging:

Junior Miss USPA: Each contestant will be judged on her answer to an on stage question, appearance, poise and enjoyment in dance.

Teen Miss USPA: Each contestant will be judged on her answer to an on stage question, the self-written, non-typed essay submitted with her application, appearance, poise and enjoyment in dance.

Please note: The applicants are NOT being judged on their dance skills. They are being judged on their expressions, attitude, poise and response to polka music.

Duties: We ask that the winner in each category wear her crown and sash to any polka event she attends and to represent the USPA in a positive manner throughout her reign. The winner in each category is also expected to return the following year to crown the new pageant winner.

- Semi-Formal attire is suggested.
- All contestants are required to submit a completed application form and a picture.
- All contestants will receive a gift.
- The parent or guardian of the contestant must present a cell phone number and be a member in good standing of the USPA. To join the USPA please contact Linda Pezo at 216-410-0454.

Questions about the Pageant: Please contact Chris Kish at 440-213-0659 or Victoria Kish at 440-213-2936.

Junior & Teen Miss USPA Contestant Application
(Applicant, **please** print legibly and in blue or black ink)

Name: (Last) _____ (First) _____

(Middle) _____

Date of Birth: _____

Current mailing address: _____

Guardian's cell/home number: _____

Guardian's E-mail: _____

Guardian's Names: (Last) _____ (First _____

(Last) _____ (First _____

Name of school currently enrolled: _____

Activities: (list and clubs, school activities or organization to which you belong and any offices held. Please use back of page if necessary.)

Name of Presenter/Dance Partner: _____

Favorite Polka Band: _____

Favorite Polka Song: _____

Signatures:

I submit this application to the United States Polka Association and do solemnly swear that the contents of the application provided by me are true.

_____ / ____ / _____

Contestant's Signature

Date

I do solemnly swear that the contents contained herein are true to the best of my knowledge. I also give the United States Polka Association permission to use all information submitted for publicity purposes.

_____ / ____ / _____

Guardian Signature

Date