

Miss Cambodian-American Beauty Pageant 2014

**Cambodian Community Day(CCD) Festival
Preliminary Competition on September 7, 2014
Vatt Buddhikarama
13800 New Hampshire Avenue
Silver Spring, Maryland**

APPLICATION DEADLINE – JULY 19, 2014

Welcome to the Miss Cambodian American Pageant. There is a non refundable \$30 application fee with each application form.

Pageant applicants are asked to attend an orientation at the Cambodian Buddhist (CBS) temple located at 13800 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland.

The pageant committee will hold several sessions to assist the contestants with preparation for the pageant. Coaches will be present to assist contestants with various aspects of the pageant.

Each contestant will be responsible for providing her own gown and costume; there will be a seamstress available to help with gown/costume alterations. There will be some gowns/costumes available for contestants to borrow if needed. To offset these costs we encourage contestants to seek sponsorship from an individual or organization. Several make-up artists as well as hairdressers will be available at no cost for those contestants who prefer not to do their own.

The pageant is set into 2 events, the first event called “The Preliminary Pageant” will be held on Sunday, September 7 during the Cambodian Community Day (CCD) festival at the Wat Buddhikarama in Silver Spring, where 10 semi finalists will be selected.

The second event which will be called “The Final Pageant” will be held at a later date, date and place to be determined; these 10 finalists will compete for the crowns for Miss Cambodian American, 1st Runner-Up and 2nd Runner-Up.

The winner will go on to compete in the 2015 Miss Asian American Pageant as a finalist in Bethesda, Maryland in October 2015.

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JUDGING CRITERIA for The Preliminary Pageant

The Miss Cambodian American pageant competition is divided into 4 categories/areas.

Interview

Each contestant will be judged on her ability to fulfill the titleholders' responsibilities. Judges will assign a score based on the contestant's communication skills, personality, sense of accomplishment, educational and career goals, current events, social skills, their interests, hobbies and extracurricular activities, overall first impression and personal appearance.

Cambodian costume (kbeun) and evening gown

Each contestant will be assessed on her poise, grace, and commanding stage presence. Each contestant will be judged on her total look. Judges will assign a score based on the contestant's beauty, carriage and grace, personality, and stage presence as well as her sense of style.

On stage question

Judges evaluate each contestant on her comfort with speaking in front of a large audience, her response time, and overall answer.

Talent

Contestants are expected to showcase artistic ability. Judges base their scores on overall impression, technical skills, stage presence, quality of the performance and entertainment value.

QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

- 16 - 26 years of age, must be 17 by June 30, 2015
- Female by birth
- Must be single/ never married, or given birth or pregnant
- Be of good health
- Must be a legal US resident
- Must have Cambodian heritage or ancestry and at least 25% Asian
- Be of good moral character
- Resident of the following states: New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia and West Virginia.
- Contestants understand and agree that if selected as finalists, they are required to model swimwear/bathing suit of their own choosing for The Final Event.
- Contestants understand there is talent portion of the competition where each candidate will perform a talent that is between 3 to 5 minutes in length. Each contestant is free to select the type of performance that they want.
- Contestants consent and agree to unrestricted use by the Miss Cambodian American Beauty Pageant, Cambodian Community Day and Cambodian Buddhist Society, Inc and its authorized representatives, advertisers, sponsors, and assigns of the name, pictures, likeliness, voice, photographs, biographical information, and statements for purposes of advertising without compensation, notification and permission.
- Contestants understand and hereby agree that in the event that she is crowned The winner, 1st Runner-Up, 2nd Runner-Up, she will be required to make herself available for personal appearances at some CCD and CBS events throughout her reign.
- Contestants agree that in the event, she is crowned The winner, 1st Runner-Up, 2nd Runner-Up, she may not become pregnant during her reign.

- Contestants understand and agree that incorrect/false information will result in disqualification, whether discovered prior to, during, or after the finals and the candidate shall be liable for the misrepresentations.
- Winners must fulfill their duties and will abide by all the rules and regulations set forth here and conduct themselves in a manner representing the high standards, which a Cambodian American beauty pageant title demands.
- If for any reason, the Miss Cambodian-American titleholder cannot fulfill her duties, the crown and duties will be passed to the 1st runner-up winner.
- Contestants are liable for transportation and travel costs related to the rehearsals and day of the competition.
- Schedule of events and qualification rounds are subject to change at the absolute discretion of the organizers of the Miss Cambodian American Pageant.
- Contestants agree that the contest judges' decisions on all matters relating to the Miss Cambodian American Pageant are final, absolute and binding.

Please mail completed application, photo id, and proof of legal US resident along with registration fee (make checks payable to Cambodian Community Day):

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