



AMERICAN ROYAL SPIRIT
Pageants

PART OF THE NORTHERN ILLINOIS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

National Pageant

November 14, 2026

Libertyville Civic Center

www.americanroyalspiritpageants.com

Red, White & Blue Wear

Interview • Pop Question • Formal Wear

Libertyville Civic Center 135 W Church St. Libertyville, IL 60048

It's always about your journey and helping others!

We will be crowning a Division Queen and Princess from each division:

Tiny: 3 yrs. – 4 yrs.

Little: 5 yrs. – 8 yrs.

Junior: 9 yrs. – 12 yrs.

Jr. Teen: 13 yrs. – 15 yrs.

Teen: 16 yrs. – 19 yrs.

Miss: 20 yrs. – 29 yrs.

Ms.: 30 yrs. – 39 yrs.

Elegant: 40 yrs. +

Prizes include:
A custom crown/tiara,
embroidered sash,
trophy,
and more!

**Age divisions are based on the individual's age on
NOVEMBER 1ST of pageant year.**

**If there are less than 3 contestants in any one division, divisions may be
combined at the discretion of the director.**

We will also be crowing a

Mini Supreme Star, Junior Supreme Star and a Senior
Supreme Star:

These individuals scored the highest total points, from
both the optional competitions and the pageant
competitions, on pageant day.

There are three divisions:

Mini Supreme Star: Tiny – Little divisions

Junior Supreme Star: Junior – Jr. Teen divisions

Senior Supreme Star: Teen – Elegant divisions

The Supreme Stars Grand Prize
includes:
a custom crown,
an embroidered sash,
a scepter
a personalized certificate, and a
cash prize of \$200!

If a Division title or Supreme Star title is not awarded at the pageant, you have the option of joining
our Hometown Ambassador program and will have the opportunity to be crowned on stage.

The fee for this title will be covered under your entrance fee to the pageant.

Should you choose NOT to become an active Hometown Ambassador, please let Ms. Donna know
before the pageant day is through.

Competitions

Pageant Competitions:

- Personal interview with judges - 30% of score
- On-stage introduction - 10% of score
- Red, white, and blue outfit of choice modeling - 20% of score
- Formal wear with pop question - 40% of score

These are the required events to compete and are included in the \$100 entrance fee.

Pageant Entrance Fee: \$100

Optional Competitions

The following competitions are OPTIONAL and cost additional fees.
Entering these puts you in the running for the Supreme Star Titles!
The additional fees will be added to the pageant entrance fee.

Star Photogenic Competition

- 1 photo - \$25
- \$10 EACH for 2nd & 3rd photo
- Total for THREE photos - \$45

Star Essay Competition \$25

Star Poster Competition \$25

\$95 for all competitions

Pageant Entrance Fee + ALL Optional competitions*: \$195

*3 photos, 1 essay, and 1 poster

Sponsorship is allowed and encouraged!

Sponsors will be acknowledged in the program book.

They may pay via PayPal or business check made payable to: Donna Baseley - ARSP

All competitions are outlined beginning on page 4.

How do I enter?

1. Visit: www.americanroyalspiritpageants.com
2. Click on the "Pageants" tab → then "2026 National Pageant" Go to the "Pageant Packet" tab → download paperwork
3. Process payment via PayPal: queenmerm@gmail.com
 - Pageant fee - \$100.00
 - Pageant fee + ALL optionals - \$195.00
4. Mail a printed copy of your completed application to:
American Royal Spirit Pageants
808 Paul St., McHenry, IL 60051

All payments are **non-refundable** and **non-transferable**, regardless of attendance.

Additional Fees:

- Audience wristbands: \$5 each
 - You may pre-purchase wristbands for the day of the pageant and will be available for pickup when you arrive at the pageant.
 - However, wristbands WILL be available for purchase at the door the day of the pageant.
- Raffle tickets
 - \$1 for 1
 - \$5 for 6
 - \$20 for 30
- We will also have vendors with jewelry and other items for sale the day of the pageant.

Deadlines

1. All paperwork, payments, and one program headshot are due November 1, 2026.
 - Star Photogenic & Essay entries must be physically mailed as well.
2. Posters may be brought the day of the pageant - November 14, 2026.

Headshots

Each contestant must submit **one headshot** for the program book.

- Guidelines
 - Must be a clear and crisp professional-style photo
 - NO selfies
 - Pose: Headshot (face forward) or ¾ turn
 - Accepted Sizes: 5"x7" or 8"x10"
 - Minor editing allowed (i.e. stray hairs blemishes), but no heavy digital alterations

Please mail headshot to:
American Royal Spirit Pageants
808 Paul St.
McHenry, IL 60051
DUE BY: NOVEMBER 1ST

Note: Digital submissions are accepted but not preferred.

ARSP is not responsible for printing errors on digital submissions.

Competitions Outline

On-Stage Pageant Information

Interview (30%)

Contestants will be asked questions (non-political) off their contestant bio sheets by a panel of judges. If the contestant is mid-answer when the time is exhausted, the contestant can complete their answer.

Attire

Interview style dress or interview suit.
Suit is not necessary and only for older contestants.
Please present a professional, clean appearance.

Timing

Tiny - 1 minute
Little - Jr. Teen - 2 minutes
Teen - Elegant - 3 minutes

Judges Look For

Poise & speaking skills
Personality & eye contact
Confidence & age appropriate communication

On-Stage Introduction (10%)

This is a short introduction speech including the following items:

Name
Division
Hometown
A quick fun fact about you

Attire

Red, White, & Blue Outfit of Choice
(See guidelines below)

Timing

Time limit - 45 seconds

Judges Look For

Confidence
Personality
Communication skills

Red, White, & Blue Modeling will *immediately* follow the on-stage introduction!

Red, White, & Blue Outfit of Choice Modeling (20%)

This is a **freeform modeling routine** to music, showcasing personality and style in a red, white, and blue-themed outfit. Show us your stuff!

Attire

Anything red, white, & blue themed
NO FULL GLITZ, FORMAL GOWNS, OR SWIMSUITS
Must be age-appropriate

Timing

Time limit - 45 seconds

Judges Look For

Modeling ability
Creativity & personality
Stage presence
Appropriateness and fit of outfit

Formal Wear & Pop Question (40%)

Contestants will answer an age appropriate, random pop question followed by a formal wear modeling routine.

This modeling routine will follow a slow, T-shaped walking pattern. Please see the next page for the expected walking formation.

Attire

Tiny (3-4 yrs)

T-length or floor length dress,
dress shoes with socks or tights.

Little, Junior, Jr. Teen (5-15
yrs)

Long formal gown **with
straps**. Short dresses may
result in deductions.

Teen, Miss, Ms., and Elegant
(16+)

Long formal gown. Short
dresses may result in
deductions.

Timing

Time limit - 45 seconds

Judges Look For

Poise & elegance

Stage presence

Overall appearance

Appropriateness and fit of
gown

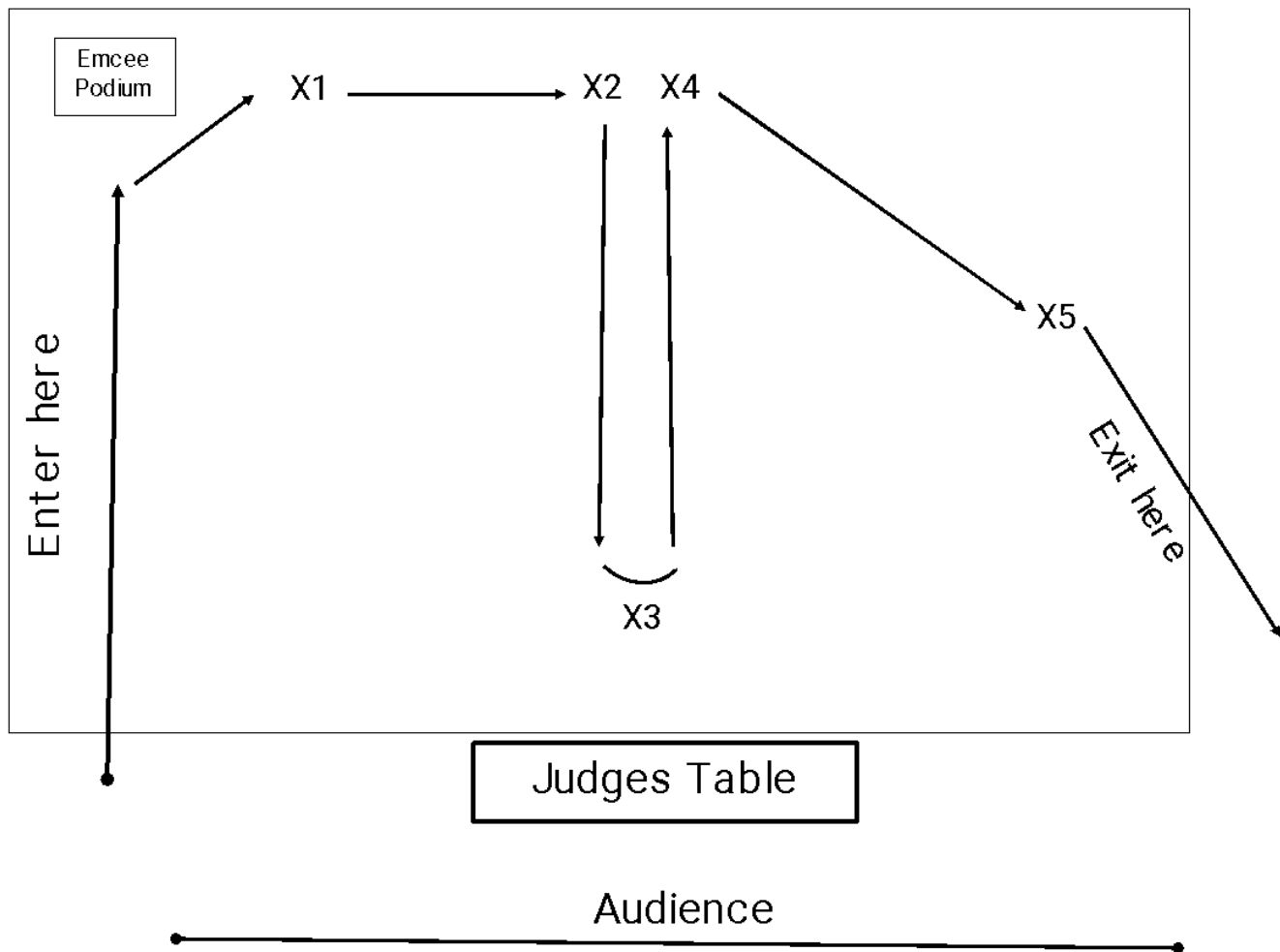
Quality of response to the pop
question

Only tips of the shoes should be visible, if any, for the Little-Elegant divisions.

Please check the choice of shoe and heel size for age appropriateness.

It is important that you are able to confidently walk in your shoes!

Stage Layout



You will be ushered to X1 where you will stop and pose. As the emcee begins reading about you, walk and stop on X2. At this point, you will be facing head on with the judges. Listen for the emcee to say the key words SHE, HER, or YOUR NAME to continue moving. When you hear a key word, walk to X3. Stop at X3 and model for the judges and audience. When you hear the next key word, walk to X4. Stop and pose at X4. When you hear the next key word walk to and pose at X5. PLEASE WAIT TO BE DISMISSED BY THE EMCEE! This gives the judges time to review your outfit and appropriately score you!

Remember to walk slow, graceful, and fluid! Take your time to show off your beautiful gown and gorgeous smile! It is important to look at ALL the judges as well.

Optional Competitions Information

There are Mini, Junior, & Senior categories for each optional competition

Star Photogenic Competition

- Submit one or more professional-quality headshots - 5"x7" or 8"x10". Photos may be color or black and white.
- The photos will be judged on clarity, originality, and personality shown.
- Heavy digital editing is **not** permitted.
- You must have your name and division marked on the back of each picture.

Star Essay Competition

Choose one prompt from the following in your appropriate category

- | <u>Mini</u>
(Tiny - Little Divisions) | <u>Junior</u>
(Junior - Jr. Teen Divisions) | <u>Senior</u>
(Teen - Elegant Divisions) |
|---|---|---|
| 1. What do you do to be kind? | 1. Tell about a way you helped someone at home or school. | 1. What role does service play in defining a true leader? |
| 2. Who is someone you've helped? | 2. Why do you think helping others is fun and important? | 2. How have your personal experiences shaped your passion for giving back? |
| 3. How do you show love to family and friends? | 3. Who inspires you to be kind and helpful, and why? | 3. In what ways can pageantry promote social responsibility and volunteerism? |
| 4. What would you do if you were the "Queen of Kindness"? | 4. If you could lead a community project, what would it be? | 4. What legacy do you want to leave as a titleholder? |
- Judges will be looking for content, neatness, age-appropriate writing, grammar, and punctuation.
 - Age guidelines -
 - Mini: may draw a picture and/or dictate to an adult
 - Junior: 1/2 to 1 page **typed** response
 - Senior: 1 1/2 to 2 pages **typed** response

Star Photogenic & Essay must be mailed by November 1, 2026!

**American Royal Spirit Pageants
808 Paul St.
McHenry, IL 60051**

Note: Digital submissions are accepted but not preferred.

ARSP is not responsible for printing errors on digital submissions.

Star Poster Competition

- Design a poster promoting:
 - Community service
 - Helping others
 - A cause important to you
- **Must be on 20x30 foam core board** (deductions may occur if not followed)
- Mixed media is encouraged (markers, crayons, magazines, photos, etc.)
- Slight 3D elements are okay, but cannot extend more than 3/4" off surface.
 - NO overhang or oversized posters allowed.
- Judges will be looking for creativity, age-appropriate design, and clarity of message.
- You must have your name and division on the back of your poster.

**Star Poster submission must be brought the day of the pageant -
November 14, 2026!**

American Royal Spirit Pageants Official Application

Deadline for entry: November 1, 2026

Contestant name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone number: _____

E-mail address: _____

Parent/Guardian (if contestant is under the age of 18): _____

Contestant Birthday: _____ Age (as of pageant day): _____

Circle your age group

TINY (3-4) LITTLE (5-8) JUNIOR (9-12) JR. TEEN (13-15)
TEEN (16-19) MISS (20-29) MS. (30-39) ELEGANT MS. (40+)

Pageant Fees

Pageant Entry Fee	\$100	
(Optional) Photo competition *please circle your choice*	not competing 1 photo - \$25 2 photos - \$35 3 photos - \$45	
(Optional) Essay competition *please circle your choice*	not competing 1 essay - \$25	
(Optional) Poster competition *please circle your choice*	not competing 1 poster - \$25	

Additional Fees

Wristband for entry *please indicate the number of wristbands to be held at the door and the name they will be under*	\$5 x _____ Name: _____	
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TOTAL PAID: _____

PayPal: queenmerm@gmail.com

American Royal Spirit Pageants

Contestant Bio Sheet

*Please make sure your handwriting is neat and legible! *

Division: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____ Birthday: _____

Hometown: _____ State: _____

Profession or grade in school:

Tell us about your favorite hobby or activity:

Tell us something you are proud of:

Special awards or achievements:

Three words that describe you best:

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____

Favorite type of volunteer activity:

Favorite vacation or time spent with family/friends:

What makes you special?:

Something else to know about you:

PAGEANT DAY RULES AND REGULATIONS
American Royal Spirit Pageants (ARSP)

- Your age division is determined as of November 1 of the pageant year.
- Deposits are non-refundable; however, they may be transferred to another ARSP pageant or to the Community Ambassador Program.
- The pageant system and staff are not responsible for accidents, injuries, or loss of personal property. Please keep all valuables with you at all times.
- No video recording or cameras are allowed in the theater. Professional photographers will be available. Photos may be taken in the main lobby only, provided they do not interfere with the photographers. Do not use the photographers' backdrops. Absolutely no photography is permitted in dressing areas.
- Smoking and alcohol consumption are prohibited at all times during ARSP events.
- All participants grant permission for their photographs to be used for advertising, promotional, website, social media, and onsite purposes.
- Queens and Princesses must remain after the pageant for official photographs to be used on ARSP websites and future promotional materials.
- Contestants must be available for the entire day of the pageant for rehearsals, competitions, and announcements.
- Contestants, parents, and guests may not approach judges for comments, opinions, or scoring information.
- No males are permitted in the dressing rooms at any time. If assistance is needed, an ARSP Queen or staff member will retrieve the individual.
- One dresser is permitted for contestants under the age of 12. The dresser's name must be submitted to the pageant coordinator. Mothers should not serve as dressers whenever possible but may assist younger children if necessary.
- ARSP events operate on a strict schedule. Contestants who are not present for rehearsals or competitions without prior approval may be disqualified. Please keep staff informed of your location at all times.
- Running, yelling, or loud talking in the theater, hallways, or dressing areas is prohibited, as it may disrupt contestants who are competing on stage.
- All contestants, family members, guests, and supporters are expected to conduct themselves in a respectful and appropriate manner. Negative, disruptive, or unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated and may result in disqualification or removal from the event.
- Contestants should always dress and conduct themselves appropriately. Judges may be present in hallways, dressing areas, or other public spaces. Maintain a positive attitude throughout the event.
- No titleholders from other pageant systems are allowed in contestant dressing or preparation areas unless they have been designated as ARSP staff or volunteers.
- Titles from other pageant systems may not be worn at ARSP events without prior approval from the Director.

- Solicitation or promotion of other pageant systems during ARSP events is prohibited and may result in disciplinary action, including loss of title.

- If a contestant relinquishes a title within 90 days of winning due to participation in another pageant system, the contestant with the next highest score will be promoted to the title. All awarded items, including crowns, sashes, trophies, and prizes, must be returned in excellent condition. Failure to do so will result in a \$100 replacement fee.

STATE TITLEHOLDERS

To strengthen and promote the ARSP system, all State Titleholders are expected to compete at Nationals. A coupon to help offset a portion of the National Pageant expenses will be included in the prize package. State Titleholders who choose not to compete at Nationals will not be eligible to receive an RAS Crown at the conclusion of their reign.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to abide by all rules and regulations of the American Royal Spirit Pageants (ARSP).

Date: _____

Contestant Name (Print): _____

Contestant Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

(Required if contestant is under 18 years of age)

ARSP Ambassador Program Rules and Regulations
American Royal Spirit Pageants (ARSP)
(Queens, Princess, Hometown Ambassadors, RAS, CAS, High Honor Titles)

1. Queens and Ambassadors must always dress appropriately for appearances and events. When wearing your crown and sash, your behavior and appearance reflect upon the entire organization.
2. Jeans are not permitted with a crown and sash unless you have express permission from the Director.
3. Plastic or rubber flip-flops are not permitted when wearing a crown and sash due to safety concerns.
4. No smoking, vaping, or alcohol consumption is permitted at events or while wearing the crown and sash.
5. Inappropriate behavior, including swearing, bullying, name-calling, lying, cheating, or harassment, will not be tolerated in person, in writing, or on social media. This policy applies to titleholders, family members, chaperones, and visitors. Violations may result in disciplinary action, including loss of title.
6. Follow the dress code established for each event. When in doubt, wear the official red ARSP shirt with black or white bottoms, depending on the season. Formal attire should be worn when specified. The Director will determine the dress code for all events. If you have questions, contact the event coordinator or Director.
7. Maintain a clean and polished appearance. Limit excessive jewelry and refrain from wearing inappropriate body jewelry while wearing your crown and sash. If you have questions regarding appearance guidelines, please contact the Director.
8. If your crown or sash is lost or damaged, replacement fees will apply at the current purchase price.
9. All titleholders grant permission for photographs taken at events to be used on the ARSP website, social media platforms, and promotional materials.
10. Titleholders are expected to be present for group photographs whenever possible to ensure all representatives are recognized.
11. Ultimate, Supreme, Division Queens, and Princesses must complete twelve (12) community service events per year. Parades and festivals count as one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) event unless the titleholder is actively volunteering or working the event. Failure to meet this requirement may result in forfeiture of prize money.
12. Royal and Community Ambassador Supremes must complete six (6) community service events per year to remain in good standing.
13. Speak with the Director before planning any event. The Director will provide approval, guidelines, dress code requirements, and chaperone information.
14. RSVP to invitations from ARSP or fellow members whenever possible. Most communication is conducted through Facebook Messenger. If an alternative communication method is needed, please notify the Director.
15. Some events may have age restrictions. If additional appropriate age opportunities are needed, work with the Director to develop events suitable for your age group.
16. Do not gossip or speak negatively about the program, its members, or its leadership. Concerns should be addressed directly with the Director.
17. If a complaint is made against a member, it will be reviewed thoroughly, and appropriate action will be taken.
18. No other pageant titles may be worn at ARSP events unless approved by the Director.
19. Promotion, solicitation, or recruitment for other pageant systems at ARSP events is prohibited and may result in disciplinary action, including forfeiture of title.
20. ARSP contact lists, member information, and events may not be used to promote outside organizations, businesses, or pageant systems.
21. Titleholders are expected to fulfill their entire reign. Competing in another pageant system during your reign is strongly discouraged. Attendance at the next ARSP pageant is required to crown your successor unless otherwise approved by the Director.

22. If a titleholder relinquishes their title within ninety (90) days due to participation in another pageant system, the next-highest scoring contestant may be promoted. The crown, sash, and any prizes must be returned in excellent condition or replaced for a fee of \$100.00.
 23. State Titleholders are required to compete at the National Pageant. A coupon will be included in the prize package. Failure to compete will make the titleholder ineligible to receive an RAS Crown.
 24. Any returned check or closed account will be assessed as a \$35.00 fee.
 25. Titleholders must maintain clear, respectful, and open communication with the Director.
 26. Titleholders may purchase magnetic car signs or use the standard signs provided by ARSP. Standard signs must be returned the same day. Handmade signs are not permitted.
 27. The crown and sash represent empowerment, leadership, and service. ARSP members make a positive difference in their communities and should take pride in representing the organization.
 28. Annual dues of \$45.00 must be paid by pageant day or no later than October 1 of the same year. Failure to pay dues will result in inactive status.
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Acknowledgment

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read, understood, and agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the ARSP Ambassador Program.

Date: _____

Ambassador Name (Print): _____

Ambassador Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

(Required for contestants under 18 years of age.)

Tentative Schedule – November 14, 2026

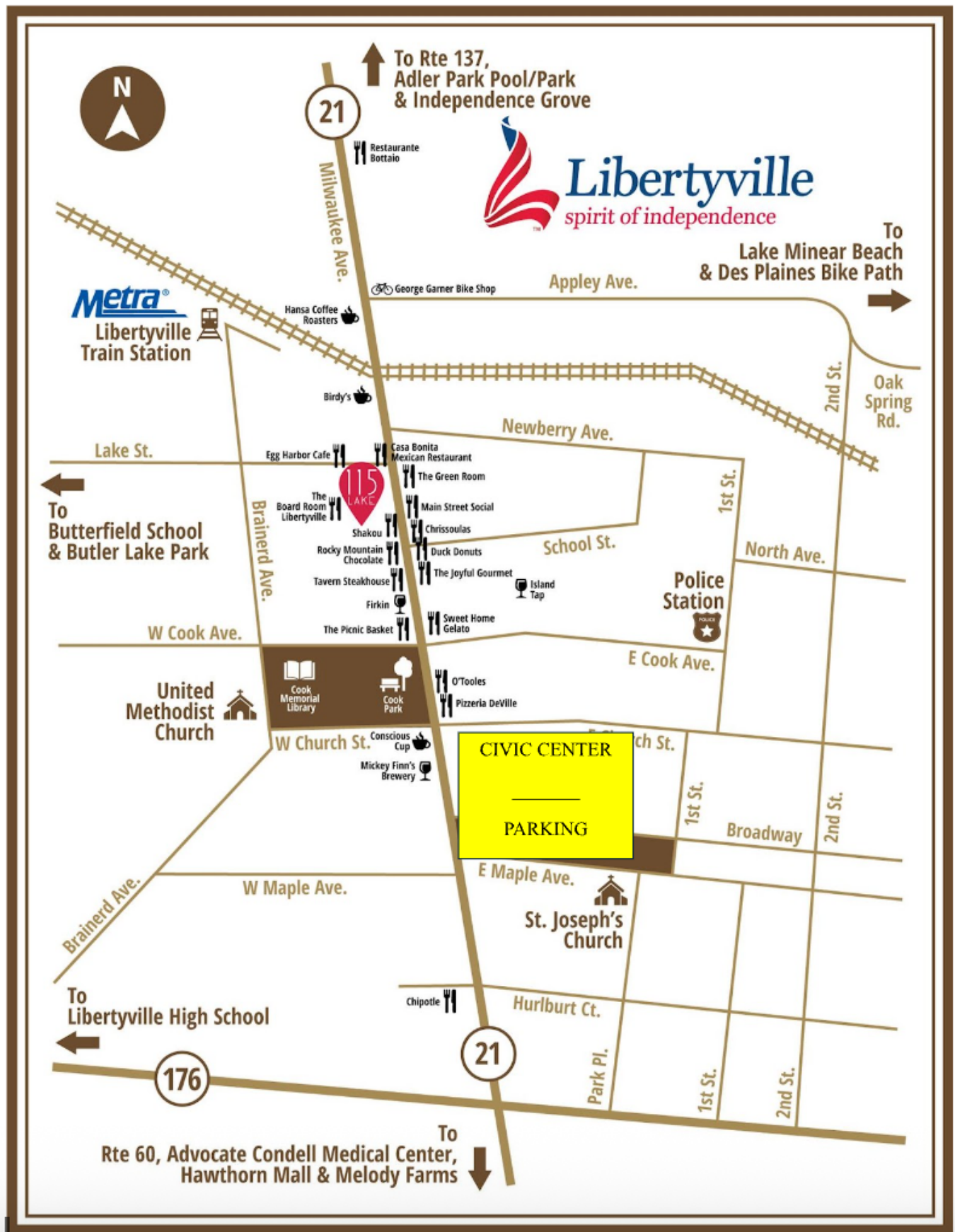
8am – 9am	Check-in
9am	Interview
10:30am	Onstage introduction followed immediately by red, white, and blue outfit of choice competition
11:30am	Formal wear

After formal wear until 1:15pm

Break for lunch and final tabulations.

1:30pm	Crowning ceremony
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*** EVERYONE MUST STAY AFTER CROWNING
FOR PICTURES!**



Local Hotels

These hotels are just minutes from the Libertyville Civic Center!

Holiday Inn Express &
Suites
77 W. Buckley Rd.
Libertyville, IL 60048
847-549-7878

Hampton Inn & Suites
2061 Shell Dr.
Libertyville, IL 60048
847-680-8825

Candlewood Suites
Chicago/Libertyville
1100 N. US Route 45
Libertyville, IL 60048
847-247-9900

Local Eats

These are local restaurants that are available to you during the lunch break

Burger King - 1326 S Milwaukee Ave, Libertyville, IL 60048

Chipotle Mexican Grill - 139 N Milwaukee Ave, Libertyville, IL 60048

Culver's - 803 E Park Ave, Libertyville, IL 60048

Jimmy John's - 1112 N Milwaukee Ave, Libertyville, IL 60048

Lazy Dog Restaurant & Bar - 1115 N Milwaukee Ave, Vernon Hills, IL 60061

McDonald's - 1330 N Milwaukee Ave, Libertyville, IL 60048

Mickey Finn's Brewery - 345 N Milwaukee Ave, Libertyville, IL 60048

Panera Bread - 832 S Milwaukee Ave, Libertyville, IL 60048

Taco Bell - 1308 N Milwaukee Ave, Libertyville, IL 60048

Wendy's - 2050 Shell Dr, Libertyville, IL 60048