



AMERICAN ROYAL SPIRIT
Pageants

PART OF THE NORTHERN ILLINOIS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

National Pageant

November 15, 2025

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. +

Sweetheart Queen: Any aged individual with disabilities

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



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 or Miss Abbi 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 "2025 National Pageant"
3. Go to the "Pageant Packet" tab → download paperwork
4. Process payment via PayPal: queenmerm@gmail.com
 - Pageant fee - \$100.00
 - Pageant fee + ALL optionals - \$195.00
5. 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, 2025.
 - Star Photogenic & Essay entries must be physically mailed as well.
2. Posters may be brought the day of the pageant - November 15, 2025.

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

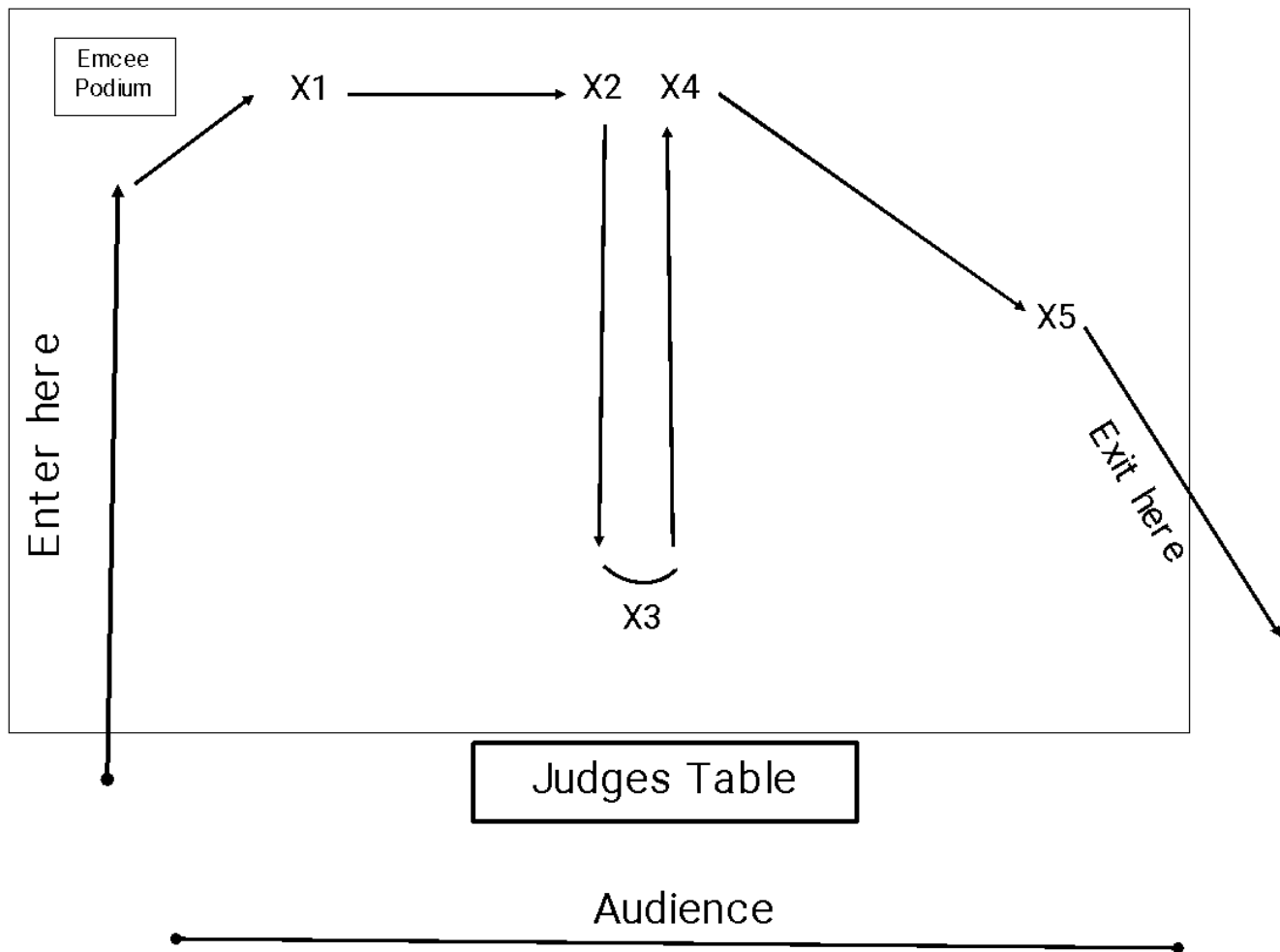
Quality of response to the pop
question

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, 2025!

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

Note: Digital submissions are accepted but not preferred.
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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 16, 2025!**

American Royal Spirit Pageants Official Application

Deadline for entry: November 1, 2025

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

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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:

ARSP Pageant Day Rules and Regulations

American Royal Spirit Pageants (ARSP)

Your age division is determined as of **November 1** of the pageant year.

1. **Deposits are non-refundable** but may be transferred to other ARSP pageants or to the Community Ambassador Program.
2. The pageant system and staff are **not responsible** for accidents, injuries, or loss of property. Keep all valuables with you.
3. **No video or cameras** are allowed in the theater. Professional photographers are available. You may take photos in the **main lobby only**, provided you do not interfere with photographers. Do **not** use their backdrops. **Absolutely No photography in dressing areas.**
4. **No smoking or alcohol** is permitted at any time.
5. All participants give permission for **use of photos for advertising and onsite purposes.**
6. Queens and Princesses **must stay after the pageant** for photos used on the ARSP websites and in future materials.
7. Contestants **must be available the entire day** of the pageant for rehearsals and information.
8. **Do not ask the judges** for their opinions.
9. **No males are allowed** in the dressing rooms at any time. If needed, an ARSP Queen or staff member will assist in retrieving someone.
10. One dresser is allowed per contestant under age 12. Their name must be submitted to the coordinator. **Mothers should not serve as the dresser**, but may assist younger children if necessary.
11. We move at a **fast pace**. Contestants not present for rehearsals or competitions without permission may be disqualified. Please inform staff of your location at all times.
12. **No running, yelling, or loud talking** in the theater or halls. This disrupts those competing onstage.
13. All contestants, guests, and family must display **respectful, appropriate behavior** at all times. **Negative behavior will not be tolerated** and may lead to disqualification.
14. Contestants should always **dress and act appropriately**. Judges may be in hallways and other areas. Keep a **positive attitude** throughout the event.
15. **No other Queen titles** are allowed in dressing or preparation areas unless designated as ARSP workers.
16. **Do not wear titles from other pageant systems** at any ARSP event (see director for exceptions).
17. **No solicitation** for other pageant systems is allowed during ARSP events. This may lead to **loss of title or disciplinary action.**
18. If a contestant must **relinquish a title within 90 days** of winning (due to another pageant system), the **next highest score** will be promoted. All awarded items (crown, sash, trophy, etc.) must be returned in excellent condition or a **\$100 fee** will be required for replacements.
19. **STATE TITLEHOLDERS:** To strengthen the ARSP system, all state titleholders are **expected to compete at Nationals**. A coupon will be included in the prize package to offset some costs.
Non-participation at Nationals means ineligibility for an **RAS crown** at the end of your reign.

Acknowledgment: By signing below, you agree that you have read, understood, and will abide by the rules and regulations of the American Royal Spirit Pageants (ARSP).

Date: _____

Contestant Name/Signature: _____

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

ARSP Ambassador Program

Rules and Regulations

American Royal Spirit Pageants (ARSP)

1. Queens and Ambassadors must always **dress appropriately** for appearances and events. When wearing your crown and sash, your behavior and appearance reflect on the entire organization.
2. **Jeans are not allowed** with crown and sash unless you have express permission from the director.
3. **Plastic or rubber flip flops** are not allowed when wearing your crown and sash due to safety concerns.
4. **No smoking or alcohol consumption** is allowed at events or while wearing the crown and sash.
5. **Inappropriate behavior** (swearing, bullying, name-calling, lying, cheating) is not tolerated in person, writing, or on social media. This applies to titleholders, families, chaperones, and visitors. Violations may result in **loss of title**.
6. Follow the **dress code** for each event. When uncertain, wear the red ARSP shirt with black or white bottoms depending on the season. Formal wear should be worn when specified. Dress code will always be determined by the director for each event. If not sure you can contact the event coordinator or the Director.
7. Maintain a **clean and polished appearance**. Limit earrings and refrain from wearing inappropriate body jewelry when wearing a crown and sash. If you have questions, please contact the director.
8. If you need to replace your crown due to the crown being lost or damaged; Sash due to loss or damage. There will be a **fee to have them replaced** at the current purchase price.
9. All titleholders give permission for **event photos to be used** on the website and in promotional materials.
10. **Be present for group photos** to ensure all representatives are recognized.
11. **Ultimate, Supreme, Division Queens and Princesses** must complete **12 community service events** per year. Parades/festivals count as ½ an event unless working. Failure to complete this may result in forfeiture of prize money.
12. **Royal and Community Ambassador Supremes** must complete **6 events** per year to maintain good standing.
13. **Speak to the director before planning any event**. She will provide approval, guidelines, dress codes, and chaperone info.
14. **RSVP to all invitations** from ARSP or fellow members. Most communication is conducted through Facebook Messenger; please get in touch with the director if an alternative method is required.
15. Some events may have **age restrictions**. If you need more age-appropriate options, work with the director to create new events that cater to your needs.
16. **Do not gossip or speak negatively** about the program. Concerns should be brought directly to the director.
17. If a complaint is made against a member, it will be **reviewed thoroughly**, and appropriate action will be taken.
18. **No wearing of other pageant titles** at ARSP events unless approved by the director.
19. **No promotion or solicitation** of other pageant systems at ARSP events. This may result in disciplinary action or forfeiture of the title.
20. **Do not use ARSP contact lists or events** to promote outside organizations.
21. Titleholders are expected to **fulfill their full reign**. Competing in another system during your reign is highly discouraged. Attendance is required at the next pageant to crown your successor.

22. If you must **relinquish your title within 90 days** due to another pageant, the next-highest scoring contestant will be promoted. Crown, sash, and prizes must be returned in excellent condition or replaced at a **\$100 fee**.
23. **STATE TITLEHOLDERS** must compete at the **National Pageant**. A coupon will be provided in your prize package. Not competing makes you ineligible for an RAS crown.
24. Any **returned checks** or closed accounts will be charged a **\$35.00 fee**.
25. Titleholders must maintain **clear and open communication** with the director.
26. Titleholders may purchase **magnetic car signs** or use the standard ones provided (which must be returned the same day)—no **handmade signs** allowed.
27. The crown and sash represent **empowerment and service**. ARSP members make a difference in their communities and should take pride in their role.
28. Annual dues of **\$45.00** must be paid by pageant day or no later than **December 31** of the same year. Failure to pay will place you in **inactive status**.
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Acknowledgment

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

Date: _____

Ambassador Name/Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Name/Signature: _____

(Required if contestant is under the age of 18)

Tentative Schedule – November 15, 2025

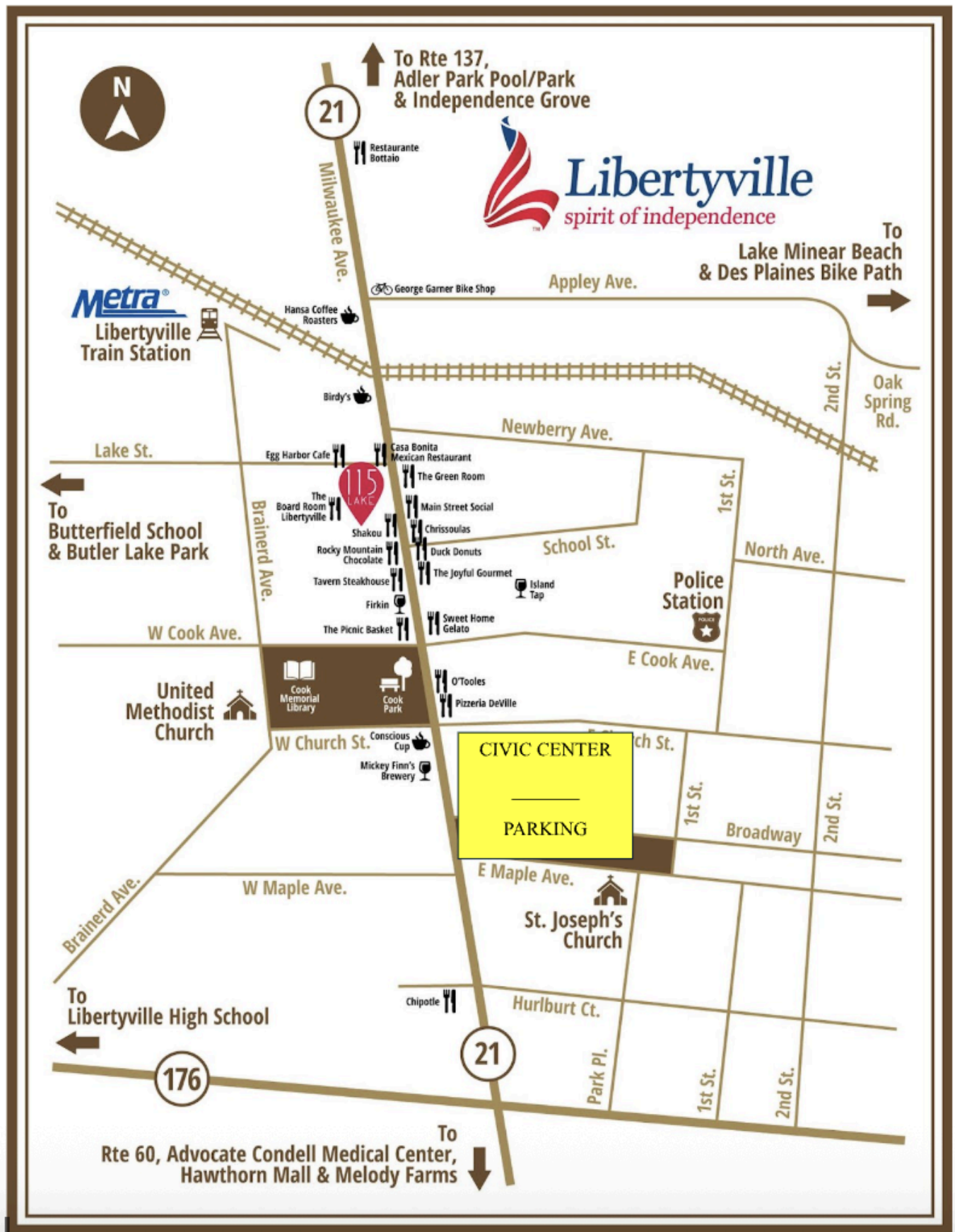
8am – 9am	Check-in
9am	Interview
10:30am	Onstage introduction followed immediately by red, white, and blue outfit of choice competition
11:30am	Formal wear

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