



PHILIPPINE AUSTRALIAN SPORTS & CULTURE INC [P.A.S.C INC]

Miss Philippines Australia [MPA]

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MISS PHILIPPINES-AUSTRALIA 2019

Section 1: Objectives

1. To encourage young people to participate in and appreciate the Philippine-Australian culture and tradition.
2. To be a vehicle for personal development such as self-esteem, public speaking ability, community involvement, self-awareness and self-confidence.
3. To engage in charitable work.
4. To promote and maintain friendship and strengthen community relations.

Section 2: Trademarks

The following trademarks are the property of PASC Inc and are protected under applicable laws:

Miss Philippines-Australia®

Section 3: Policies, Rules & Regulations

Applicants must agree to look solely to the PASC Inc Directors and Pageant Committee members with respect to all matters relating to the application, rules, regulations, policies, preparation, rehearsal, performance and all other matters relating to the pageant.

Applicants are required to comply with all set guidelines, rules and conditions of the pageant as set out by the Pageant Committee and approved by the PASC Inc. Board of Management.

Any PASC Director who has a daughter or niece who joins must take a leave of absence from the time the application is accepted until after coronation.

Application deadline to be Thursday, 20th June 2019 (maybe subject to change by the MPA Committee if need to)

Application Criteria

- Must be born female.
- Both or either one parent of the Applicant must be of Filipino origin.
- Must be single and never married as of the start date. Must remain unmarried during her reign. Must not have ever had a child.
- Must be 18 to 28 years of age in the year of competition.
(Must be at least 18 years of age as of the 1st of January and be no older than 28 years of age as of 31st of December in the year of competition).
- The Miss Philippines-Australia® is self-supporting and rely upon the sale of door/raffle tickets and advertisements to cover expenses. It is a condition of entry that each finalist is to help raise at least \$2000 through the sale of door/raffle tickets, advertisements or a combination of both.

Application Process:

1. Finalist application is via the missphilaust.com.au website.
2. Successful applicants will be screened by an Online Interview.
3. Successful applicants will be contacted for final stage of screening, phone interview with committee member
4. Successful applicants will be accepted as official finalists and will be sent an Acceptance Letter and are required to sign Terms and Conditions.

Presentation of finalists is scheduled shortly after finalists' acceptance, in which finalists will have the opportunity to meet the Pageant Committee.

Finalists must be sponsored by an organisation or can enter independently with family support.

The reign of Miss Philippines-Australia® will commence immediately after crowning and will end immediately following the crowning of their successor.

Other Requirements

Photography

Finalists must submit 6 photographs to be used for publicity in local newspapers, the PASC Inc website, also for the official souvenir program and judging for Miss Photogenic. The photos submitted must be in colour and must be of good quality and clarity.

Presentation weekend:

Finalists are expected to be on time and present for all scheduled events during the presentation weekend. Strict adherence to rehearsal schedule is required due to participation of finalists from outside metropolitan Sydney. Dates and rehearsal venue will be advised.

Rehearsals

Finalists are expected to be on time and present for all scheduled rehearsals and events leading up to and during the pageant. Strict adherence to rehearsal schedule is required due to participation of finalists from outside metropolitan Sydney. Three whole consecutive days of intensive rehearsals are planned prior to the pageant. Dates and rehearsal venue will be advised.

Attire

Finalists, with assistance from their sponsoring club, will provide their own attire for official pageant events and each segment of the pageant, unless otherwise advised. Accessories are also the responsibility of the finalists. Specific requirements are communicated to finalists via email. In the event that PASC Inc provides the costume for a particular segment, a small payment may be requested to partially cover the cost.

Travel

Finalists make their own travel arrangements to and from rehearsals, events and on the day of the pageant.

Deadlines

Further requirements will be communicated to finalists in a timely manner and dates will be communicated in advanced.

Social Media Code of Conduct

Social media is a valuable resource for campaigning efforts. Social media in each finalist's campaign is not compulsory. Outlets such as; Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube can be used to increase exposure for each finalist as you look for supporters and sponsors for your campaign efforts.

A wide range of viewers, including but not limited to; children, family members, potential sponsors, work colleagues, school peers, can view social media accounts. It is important to keep this in mind.

Finalists are to remove anything (including but not limited to photos/ videos/ statuses) on your accounts that show:

- Holding/ consuming alcohol or drugs,
- Public displays of affection,
- Overly strong/offensive political or religious views,
- Indecent body images
- All other inappropriate/ dangerous activities that may place finalists in a negative light.

Security: Finalists are expected to monitor their security settings. In the instance a finalist is tagged in a controversial post, it is expected that the post is removed as soon as possible.

The pageant committee maintains the right to approach a finalist to remove any post that does not meet the social media code of conduct. Any misconduct will be subject to disciplinary action or possible disqualification.

Withdrawal or Disqualification

Prior to acceptance of Terms and Conditions, applicants must consider their: support system, financial status, work commitments and study commitments; with consideration of expected attendance to compulsory events.

Any finalist who withdraws after accepting their place as a finalist shall automatically forfeit all the prizes she is entitled to. The finalist and sponsoring club will also forfeit their commission.

Finalists' withdrawal will only be accepted after a death of an immediate family member or severe illness of finalist or family member.

If, for any reason, a finalist is disqualified or relinquishes any title awarded to her, all prizes must be returned in full, and in the same condition received. If, for any reason, the Miss Philippines- Australia® winner resign or are disqualified, the 1st Runner-Up assume the title and all prizes.

Section 4: Judges and Judging

The winner of **Miss Philippines Australia®** this title is decided by a panel of judges. The Pageant Committee selects a fair-minded judging panel that is diverse in terms of cultural background and profession. They are worthy individuals who are in a position to judge each finalist based upon their merits according to the criteria specified on the score sheets.

The decision of the board of judges is final and non-contestable.

Areas of competition:

Opening Statement – 5%

The Finalist who best delivers a 45 second introduction focusing on a specific theme to be decided by the Pageant Committee. Judges will score on charisma, maturity, intelligence and public speaking

Filipiniana - 10%

Celebrating the true beauty of a Filipina / Australian. Refer to a candidate's general appearance and stage presence. Scoring criteria: Judges will score based on poise, grace and charm.

Swimsuit – 20%

Refer to a candidate's physical attributes— one's body, its shape and proportion which highlights the body beautiful. Scoring criteria: Judges will score based on body proportion, display of energy, charisma, expression and sense of confidence.

Evening Gown - 20%

"Beauty is in the eye of the beholder". Stunning in her chosen gown, one candidate will stand out in beauty – both in face and body. Likewise, her inner glow is shown through her grace and charm. Scoring criteria: Judges will score based on overall first impression, sense of style, sense of attractiveness, beauty and charm, walk, posture, carriage and grace.

Question and Answer - 15%

"Beauty and brains". Refer to a candidate's composure when under pressure and the depth and significance of her answer. Scoring criteria: Judges will score based on appropriate, sensible answer, ability to communicate, voice and confidence and poise.

Charity- 30%

"Beauty with Generosity" is the mantra of Miss Philippines Australia. The ability to raise funds has been given a significant score to emphasize the main objective of the pageant that is Charity Giving. The highest fundraiser based on door/raffle ticket sales and advertisements will be rewarded. The scoring system will be for every \$1,000 raised, the candidate will get a point and part thereof (e.g. \$11,675= 11.675 points). Finalists with their sponsoring club must adhere to the following due dates for the remittance of all monies from proceeds of sold door/raffle tickets and advertisements. Any unsold door/raffle tickets are likewise returned on the final day of counting.

First Counting- Monday, 19th August 2019 - advertisements in souvenir program & door/raffle tickets; Candidates must remit the first \$1,000 of the minimum \$2,000 requirement of funds to be raised; this is non-refundable

Second Counting– Sunday, 1th September 2019 additional advertisements and door/raffle tickets; candidates must remit the remaining \$1,000 of the minimum requirement of funds to be raised

Final Counting– Wednesday, 18th September 2019 final solicited advertisements & door/raffle tickets

Finalists do not have to wait for counting dates to submit funds

Any monies received after final counting deadline will not be counted towards the Charity points. Finalists and their sponsoring club will not receive their commission unless ALL proceeds of sold/unsold door/raffle tickets are remitted and ALL advertisements are paid for.

Any changes to the above due dates or details for the remittance of monies will be advised separately.

Commission for Participation

Commission for participation will be as follows: 10% for raffle ticket sales, 10% for door ticket sales, 10% for advertisements on the souvenir program and sponsorship. These commissions are applicable for both the organization supported and family supported finalists.

Any amount higher of \$10,000, the candidate will be entitled to 15% commission on the excess portion.

Commissions are given to assist participating organizations to cover their participation expenses.

Special Awards:

Special awards will be given on-stage the night of the pageant.

These are:

- **Miss Charity** – The finalist who raises the most funds based on ticket sales, sponsorship and advertisement
- **Miss Popularity:** This award will be given to the candidate with the most votes as determined by the public.
- **Miss Photogenic:** This will be judged by our official photographers. The official photographers will judge the finalists during the 3-day intensive rehearsals.
- **Miss Congeniality:** The finalists will vote for this award and it will be presented to one deserving finalist for the best overall representation of pageantry and camaraderie.
- **Best in Filipiniana:** Celebrating the true beauty of a Filipina / Australian, this is awarded based on judges' scores
- **Best in Swimwear:** Highlighting the body beautiful, this is awarded based on judges' scores.
- **Best in Evening Gown:** Stunning in her chosen gown, this is awarded based on judges' scores.

Section 5: Prizes

Miss Philippines-Australia 2019 winner will receive \$1,000 cash prize, Sydney-Manila-Sydney return ticket and 5-nights hotel accommodation.

Miss Philippines-Australia First Runner Up 2019 will receive \$700 cash prize.

Candidates who were able to raise at least \$2,000 through sale of door/raffle tickets and advertisements or combination of both will receive \$300 cash except for the Miss Philippines-Australia and Miss Philippines Australia First Runner Up winners.

Special Award for Miss Charity who raised the highest amount of funds receives an additional \$300 cash prize.

Travel prizes cannot be exchanged or sold for anyone else. PASC Inc. reserves the right to replace a prize with another prize of equivalent value if the prize cannot be awarded in the manner described. As more sponsors are added, the prize list will be updated and printed in the souvenir program. Prizes must be claimed within the current financial year of the competition, otherwise prizes are forfeited.