2015 Contestant Application Packet

Application due date:
Friday, December 5th, 2014
@ 4:00 P.M.

Asian American Student Association
Oklahoma Memorial Union
Student Life, Suite 370 in the application filing cabinet
MR. & MISS ASIAN OU PAGEANT 2015

Please read this information sheet carefully BEFORE completing the attached application.

Who can apply?
- Students of the University of Oklahoma who have a minimum of one year (fall and spring semester consecutively) left are eligible for this pageant. If you have received this award or title before, you should not re-apply.
- Applicants need to have a minimum 3.0 overall GPA and be in good standing with your college at the university.

What are the responsibilities of Mr. & Miss Asian OU?
- Those who win the title Mr. & Miss Asian OU must each complete two community service projects (one per semester) during their term. These community service projects must follow the platforms that they have selected prior to the competition.
- Those who win the title will also be required to participate in OU’s Homecoming Week, help and attend all large-scaled AASA events, and participate in next year’s Mr. & Miss Asian OU pageant.

Application Process
- Applicants must provide the information as described on the following page in the application guidelines. Please take time to evaluate your own credentials and select those for consideration that you feel are your most outstanding achievements and would be recognizable by all members of the judging panel and selection committee.
- Please elaborate on each activity or award any college/university other than the University of Oklahoma.

Application should be six to seven (6 – 7) pages total:
1. cover sheet with contact information
2. resume – as outlined on application
3. essay on one to two (1 – 2) pages
4. an unofficial copy of your transcript
5. contestant information and biography sheet
6. class and/or work schedule

No additional information should be attached, as only this application will be considered by the panel. Please note that your application is a reflection of your candidacy for the pageant, and should be presented in a professional manner.

Please collate, staple and return one copy of your completed application in a sealed envelope to the application filing cabinet in Student Life, in the Oklahoma Memorial Union 3rd floor.
Deadline for submitting applications is 4:00 pm Friday, December 5th, 2014. Applications will not be accepted after the deadline.

Selection Process
- Applications will be reviewed by members of the judging panel and selection committee comprised of faculty, staff and students.
- Only the top ten applications for Mr. and Miss Asian OU will be chosen. Those candidates will then advance to the interview process and night of the pageant competition.

Thank you for applying and best wishes!

Questions concerning this application, contact:
Asian American Student Association
Oklahoma Memorial Union
Student Leadership Conoco Wing 3rd floor, Suite 393

Pageant Chairs:
Min Xiao at (918) 257-9867 or min.ouaasa@gmail.com
Krishna Manohar at (918) 899-9246 or krishna.manohar-1@ou.edu
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PROCESS OF THE PAGEANT

BEFORE THE PAGEANT

1. All applications will be reviewed. If there are more than 10 applicants, a selection committee will determine the top 10 applicants.

2. The top ten contestants will go through a formal interview with a judges’ panel on the day of pageant at their scheduled interview times (between 1:00pm to 5:00pm) at the Union before the pageant (we will work around each contestant’s time restraints). Dress will be business attire and interviews will last approximately 10 minutes. Please arrive 15-20 minutes before your interview time so that interviews can start on time.

3. Contestants will have a total of 250 raffle tickets to sell throughout the weeks prior to the pageant. Money fund-raised from the raffle tickets will go towards the purchase of the prizes as well as partial funding for the pageant. ALL RAFFLE TICKETS and MONEY will be collected up to the last dance practice before the pageant. The maximum allotted points, ten points, will be rewarded to each contestant who sells all 250 tickets. An extra one point will be given to the contestant that sells the most tickets.

4. Mandatory rehearsals are necessary for contestants to rehearse the traditional wear walk, placements, and a choreographed group dance. The dates of the mandatory rehearsals will be announced at the Contestants Informational Meeting. These dates and times may be subject to change. Contestants will be notified through e-mail and phone calls.

ORDER OF THE PAGEANT

***Contestants must be at the Meacham Auditorium at 5:00 pm on the evening of the pageant.

1. Traditional Wear – Contestants will model traditional attire from his/her heritage while greeting the audience and judges.

2. Talent Portion – Contestants will showcase his/her talent to the judges’ panel and audience. Contestants are limited to 2 minutes for his/her talent. Every 10 seconds after the allotted time results in a reduction of 1 point from your total score.

3. Formal Wear/Impromptu Question – One contestant will be on stage to answer the impromptu question while the other contestants are in a secluded room. The impromptu question is completely confidential and is not revealed until the impromptu portion of the pageant, however contestants may be given a list of possible question topics beforehand.

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<td>1. Judges’ Interview</td>
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*1 Bonus Point will be awarded to the female and male contestants who sell the most tickets.

CONTACT INFORMATION

1. Pageant Chair Min Xiao (918) 257-9867 min.ouaasa@gmail.com
2. AASA Advisor Jennifer Quan (405) 325-3163 jenniferquann@ou.edu
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APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Page 1: Attach a cover sheet in the format on the example cover sheet page. Please indicate the name of the award (Mr. & Miss Asian OU 2015) at the top of the cover page.

Page 2: Attach a one-page resume. Information may be listed in the following format:

A. Campus Involvement
   - Freshman Year: Memberships - Clubs/Organizations – Officer/Leadership positions held
   - Sophomore Year: Memberships - Clubs/Organizations – Officer/Leadership positions held
   - Junior Year: Memberships - Clubs/Organizations – Officer/Leadership positions held
   - Senior Year: Memberships - Clubs/Organizations – Officer/Leadership positions held (if applicable)

B. Community Involvement/Community Service
   (Indicate the number of hours involved in each position)
   - Freshman Year
   - Sophomore Year
   - Junior Year
   - Senior Year (if applicable)

C. List any Honors, Awards and Scholarships

D. Any additional relevant information (i.e., employment, internships, etc.)

Pages 3 - 4: Essay – Respond to all the following questions on 1-2 pages single-spaced. Please answer the questions to the best of your ability.

1. What is not on your resume that you are most proud of?

2. As an Asian American, how have you shared your cultural heritage with others?

3. How can you benefit the Asian community and other students within the University of Oklahoma by being Mr. or Miss Asian OU?

4. Community service is an important part of representing Mr. and Miss Asian OU. If appointed the title, what would be your platform to improve the community?

5. Who is the one person you admire the most and how has this person influenced your life?

Page 5: An unofficial copy of your transcript.

Page 6: Complete and attach the provided contestant information and biography sheet.

Page 7: A copy of your current class schedule and work schedule.
Full Name

Classification
Major(s)
Cultural Heritage

Contact Information:
Full Local Mailing Address
City, State ######

emailaddress@ou.edu
(###) ###-####
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**CONTESTANT INFORMATION AND BIOGRAPHY SHEET**

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| Description of Talent: | (may be altered later) |