

Miss Spokane

Scholarship Organization

2027

STARLING

**GUIDE
BOOK**

Contact Information

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Schedule

Saturday, September 12: Entry Deadline at 8pm

- Both the entry form and entry fee must be received by 8pm.

Sunday, September 13: Due (Online) by 8pm

- Fashion Show Form

Sunday, September 20: Fashion Show & Headshots (REQUIRED)

- Time: Please drop off your Starling between 11:30am and 11:55am. Please, no earlier than 11:30am and no later than 11:55pm.
- Location: Woman's Club of Spokane - 1428 W 9th Ave, Spokane, WA 99204
- To Wear: Headshot Outfit. See *Headshot Information* page for more information.
- To Bring: See *Fashion Show Information* page.
- Closed/Open: Headshots and pre-show are closed - parents, friends, family, etc. are not permitted to attend. However, the Fashion Show is a public event - parents, friends, and family are encouraged to attend!
- See *Fashion Show Information* page for more information.

Schedule

Saturday, October 3: Program Magazine Ad(s) Due by 8pm (OPTIONAL)

- Magazine ad(s) must be turned in and paid for in order to qualify for the ad sales competition. See Magazine Ad Sales Information page for more information.

Sunday, October 4: Rehearsal (REQUIRED)

- Time: 10:30am - 12:30pm
- Location: The Hive - 2904 E Sprague Ave, Spokane, WA 99202
- To Wear: Athletic outfit, tennis shoes
- To Bring: Water bottle
- Closed: Parents, friends, family, etc. are not permitted to attend.
- Starlings will learn their production dance choreography, walking pattern, and practice introducing themselves.

Sunday, October 11: Rehearsal & Princess Party (REQUIRED)

- Time: 10:30am - 12:30pm
- Location: The Hive - 2904 E Sprague Ave, Spokane, WA 99202
- To Wear: Athletic outfit, tennis shoes
- To Bring: Water bottle
- Closed: Parents, friends, family, etc. are not permitted to attend.
- Starlings will practice their production dance choreography, walking pattern, practice introducing themselves, and end the day with a princess party!

Sunday, October 18: Dress Rehearsal & Show (REQUIRED)

- Time: Drop Off is 11:15am-11:30am (show ends around 5pm)
- Location: The Bing Crosby Theater
- To Wear: See *Show Day Information* page
- To Bring: See *Show Day Information* page
- Closed/Open: Parents, friends, family, hairstylist, etc. are not allowed backstage any time before, during, or after the event. However, the show is a public event - parents, friends, and family are encouraged to attend!

Headshot Information

Wardrobe Must Be:

- Solid **PINK** (please avoid pale pink as it can look white in photos)
- Can be a top & bottom (pants or skirt) set, dress, or jumpsuit
- Hair bows and hair bands are allowed (but may not be a crown/tiara or large headpiece)

Wardrobe/Accessories May NOT Include:

- Crown, tiara, or large headpiece
- Shorts
- Crop top or showing midriff
- Showing undergarments

Makeup is Optional: Though, we do recommend a light lip color (not shiny gloss) and blush to avoid being washed out in the lighting. Please no face or hair glitter.

Examples:



Photos will be available for free digital download, compliments of our amazing photography sponsor.

No alternate photoshoot appointments will be available.

The photos taken will be published on the website, social media, competition video, and in the competition magazine.

Fashion Show Information

Date: Sunday, September 20

Location: Woman's Club of Spokane - 1428 W 9th Ave, Spokane, WA 99204

Time: 2pm - 3/3:30pm (doors open at approximately 1:45pm)

- Starlings must arrive between 11:30am-11:55am. No earlier than 11:30am and no later than 11:55pm.
- Please make sure your Starling has eaten a full meal (lunch) prior to arriving.

Seating: Open Seating

Tickets: \$20 each (all ages) if purchased in advance (online). Lap infants under the age of 1 are free. If tickets are sold at the door, they may be sold at a higher price. The link to purchase tickets will be announced on social media and published on our website. Starlings do not need a ticket for the event. Parents/family do not receive free or discounted tickets. Ticket sales are part of how we fundraise. Thank you for understanding.

Additional Information:

- Starlings must be dropped off with their hair and makeup (makeup is optional) done and dressed in their headshot outfit (see *Headshot Information* page).
- After Starlings are dropped off, they will take their headshot and have a mini-rehearsal.
- Starlings will be wearing their own outfit for the fashion show. This can be a favorite costume, favorite school outfit, favorite holiday dress, etc. The Starlings always steal the show!
- Please drop off your Starling with a water bottle and a bag containing her fashion show outfit (with shoes and accessories).
- Please fill out (online) the Fashion Show Participation Form on/before Sunday, September 13 at 8pm.
- Parents, etc. are not allowed backstage at any time.

On Stage Introductions

Wardrobe: Production outfit (without production accessories)

Introduction: Each Starling, prompted by a titleholder, will be asked to state her:

- Name
- Age
- Grade
- School

Example: "My name is Sally Sue. I am 5-years-old and in kindergarten at Nine Mile Falls Elementary."

We know that being on stage in front of an audience can be intimidating. So, we will have a current titleholder on stage with the Starlings to help and prompt them, if needed.

Choreography: Walking and introduction practice will take place at rehearsals. To help your child feel confident, please help her practice saying her name, age, grade, and school at home.



Our Stage Production Dance

Wardrobe:

- Solid black pants/yoga pants/leggings (no rips)
- Solid black tank top
- White socks
- White sneakers/tennis shoes (small colored logos are okay)

The Miss Spokane Scholarship Organization will provide a t-shirt and production accessories for your child. This will be given to them on the day of the show.

Examples:



Choreography: Will be taught and practiced at rehearsal.

On Stage Crowning

Wardrobe: Formal/special occasion dress and shoes, any color. It must be at least knee-length, but no longer than floor length (no trains). Make sure your child is comfortable and can walk in it. Beware of sequins that might rub against the skin and feel "scratchy." No hair accessories (she will be receiving a tiara).

Examples:



Choreography: Walking pattern will be taught and practiced at rehearsal.

Show Day Information

Arrival: When you drop off your child, please have her:

- Wearing her production outfit (black pants, black tank top, white socks, white shoes).
- With her hair and makeup (makeup is optional) done. This will be the hairstyle she will have through out the show. We will have volunteers backstage to help maintain Starling hairstyles.

Please make sure your child has eaten a full meal prior to arrival.

We will provide snacks and entertainment backstage. *Starlings are NOT allowed to bring their own food/snacks unless pre-approved by Jeremy.*

To Bring:

- Crowning dress on a hanger
- A bag with:
 - Crowning shoes
 - Crowning accessories (such as earrings – if applicable)
- Water bottle

NOT Allowed Backstage:

- Cell phones, iPads, tablets, etc.
- Curling iron, flat iron, etc. (NO hot tools)
- Food/snacks!

PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME!

Parent(s)/Guardian(s)/Family, etc.:

- Parents are not allowed backstage or onstage at any time.
- Parents will drop their child off at the backstage door (located on Sprague) and pick her up at the same location immediately following the show.
- Parents, etc. do not receive free or discounted tickets to the show. This is part of how we fundraise for the non-profit. Thank you for understanding.
- A professional photographer will be taking photos throughout the show. These photos will be available to you for digital download, free of charge.

Show Order

National Anthem

Opening Video

Opening Production Dance

Introductions*

Judge Introduction Video

On Stage Question

Special Performance

Health & Fitness

Starling Production Dance*

Special Performance

Talent

Intermission

Evening Wear

Starling Crownings*

Farewell Video

Farewell Walk

Finale Production Dance

Awards

Crownings

Additional Awards

****Starlings will participate in introductions, a production dance, and be crowned on stage.***

There is always a chance that show order may change.

Magazine Ad Sales Information

Advertisement Sales Are Optional For Starlings

Prices: \$150 half page, \$200 full page

See *Magazine Ad Order Form* (online) for detailed information.

Examples: Companies, Starling features, friends and family, good luck pages, etc.

See *Magazine Ad Order Form* (online) for a link to examples.

Helpful Hints for Selling:

- Ask early! Do not wait until the last minute.
- Go in person, don't just call or send an email.
- Ask local businesses, family members, and friends.
- Make sure they know that ALL the money raised goes towards the nonprofit scholarship program, primarily the scholarships awarded.
- Let them know that the Miss Spokane Scholarship Organization is a 501(C)(3) organization.

Ad Sales Competition:

- **Prize:** The Starling who raises the highest dollar amount of advertisements will receive:
 - **VIP reserve seating for her cheering section (a designated number of reserved seats, not free tickets).**
- In the case of a tie, the tie breaker will be the highest total number of ads sold. If still a tie, the next tie breaker will be whoever had all ads turned in and paid for at the earliest date.
- All advertisements must be turned in and paid for on time in order to qualify.
- Please DO NOT approach any current Miss Spokane Scholarship Organization sponsors – a list of current sponsors can be found on the website.

Program magazines will be sold at the competition.

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