

# Miss Spokane

*Scholarship Organization*

**2026**

STARLING

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# Contact Information

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# Schedule

### **DECEMBER 15: Early Bird Entry Deadline**

- Both the entry form and entry fee must be received by November 15 to qualify for the discount.

### **JANUARY 10: Entry Deadline**

- Both the entry form and entry fee must be received by 5pm.

### **JANUARY 11: Due (Online)**

- Fashion Show Form

### **JANUARY 18: Fashion Show & Headshots (REQUIRED)**

- Time: Please drop off your Starling between 11:30am and 12pm. Please, no earlier than 11:30am and no later than 12pm.
- Location: Ruby River Hotel – 700 N Division St, Spokane, WA 99202
- 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

## **FEBRUARY 1: Rehearsal (REQUIRED)**

- Time: 10:30am - 12:30pm
- Location: Dance Center of Spokane - 1407 E 57th Ave, Spokane, WA 99223
- 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 play games!

## **FEBRUARY 7: Program Magazine Ad(s) Due by 5pm (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.

## **FEBRUARY 8: Rehearsal & Princess Party (REQUIRED)**

- Time: 10:30am - 12:30pm
- Location: Dance Center of Spokane - 1407 E 57th Ave, Spokane, WA 99223
- 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!

## **FEBRUARY 15: Dress Rehearsal & Show (REQUIRED)**

- Time: Drop Off is 11:15am-11:25am (show ends around 5pm)
- Location: Bing Crosby Theater - 901 W Sprague Ave, Spokane, WA 99201
- 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:** January 18, 2026

**Location:** Ruby River Hotel – 700 N Division St, Spokane, WA 99202

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

- Starlings must arrive between 11:30am–12pm. No earlier than 11:30am and no later than 12pm.
- Please make sure your Starling has eaten a full meal 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 sent to parents. 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 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 January 11 at 5pm.
- 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.



# On Stage Production Dance

## **Wardrobe:**

- Solid black pants/yoga pants/leggings (no rips)
- Solid black tank top
- White socks
- White sneakers/tennis shoes

***The Miss Spokane Scholarship Organization will provide a t-shirt and production accessories for your child.***

## **Examples:**



**Choreography:** Will be taught at the first 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 at the first 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.***

**To Bring:**

- Crowning dress on a hanger
- A bag with:
  - Crowning shoes
  - Crowning accessories (such as earrings – if applicable)
  - Snacks. Snacks will be provided backstage. If you have a picky eater, consider packing some snacks your child will like.
- Water bottle

**PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME!**

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

- Parents, etc. are not allowed backstage nor onstage at any time.
- Parents, etc. will drop their child off at the backstage door (located on Sprague) at the specified drop off time and pick her up at the same location immediately following the show.
- Parents, etc. do not receive free 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.*

