

QUALIFICATIONS INFORMATION

Please read the following qualifications carefully before completing the official entry form. The pageant will be held in San Francisco on February 4, 2017. All contestants will be staying at the official Miss Chinatown U.S.A. Pageant hotel, in San Francisco during the two weeks, January 29, 2017 through February 12, 2017, when the rehearsals, pageant, and all other Chinese New Year Festivities will be taking place. The deadline for your entry form and all other required enclosures is Friday, November 4, 2016.

QUALIFICATIONS OF A CONTESTANT

1. You must be a citizen or a permanent resident of the U.S.A.
2. You must be of Chinese ancestry, meaning your father must be of Chinese descent.
3. You must be single, never married, and never had a marriage annulled. You must never have been a parent.
4. You must be at least 17 years of age and not over 26 years of age on the date of the pageant. (February 4, 2017).
5. You can be a former contestant of the Miss Chinatown U.S.A. Pageant, but not a titleholder.
6. You must be available from January 29, 2017 to February 12, 2017 and participate in all pageant rehearsals and all other required Chinese New Year festivities.
7. You must have a talent presentation for the talent competition phase of the pageant. You must not be or have ever been a "professional" entertainer or model. You are deemed a "professional" if:
 - A. Your federal income tax return states your occupation as an entertainer, a model, a singer, etc.
 - B. More than half of your working time is spent as a performer.
 - C. More than half of your income is derived from performing as an actress, a dancer, a singer, etc.
8. You must be duly sponsored. Sponsorship may be effectuated either before or after you have qualified as a contestant.

ENTRY FORM INSTRUCTIONS

The official entry form

Please read the following instructions before completing the official entry form.

1. Print or type information on entry form.
2. Sign your entry form. If you are under 18 years of age, signature of a parent or guardian is required.
3. Enclose a copy of your birth certificate and/or proof of citizenship or residency.
4. Submit the following professional photos for reproduction purposes:

(IMPORTANT NOTE): Your picture (s) will appear in various promotional pieces. Please send digital files of professional quality photos with good lighting, light colored background, and no special effects or soft filters. Photos will not be returned to you. You will be notified if the photos you submit are not of good reproduction quality.

Digital image resolution of both photos below must be 5"x7" @300 dpi or 1536px by 2048px. Jpeg format.

- A. One (1) color headshot portrait, vertical position, facing the camera and looking forward, taken from the shoulders to above the head.
 - B. One (1) color full body length in swimsuit from head to toe.
5. Submit a 100 word autobiography.
 6. Provide a copy of your talent video in MP4 format and talent music in MP3 format. USB flash drive or DVD is acceptable.

Note: Your talent is limited to two (2) minutes and one (1) specialty.

7. Have the sponsorship contract completed by your sponsor.
8. The entry form must be received by the San Francisco Chinese Chamber of Commerce by 5:00 pm Friday, November 4, 2016.
9. Mail your entry form and enclosures to:
San Francisco Chinese Chamber of Commerce
730 Sacramento Street
San Francisco, CA 94108
415-982-3000

Other Important Notes

Decisions made by the 2017 Miss Chinatown U.S.A. Pageant Committee in all matters relating to qualification standards and selection of contestants shall be deemed final. If you are selected to participate in the pageant, you will receive an acceptance letter and other information regarding the pageant. Selected information from the entry form will be used for news release purposes. Please be sure to complete the forms with your official name.

Prizes

The winners will receive:
Miss Chinatown U.S.A. (\$10,000 cash and other prizes)
Miss Chinese Chamber of Commerce (\$5,000 cash and other prizes)
Miss San Francisco Chinatown (\$3,000 cash and other prizes)

2017 Miss Chinatown USA Pageant Application Form

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| NAME (ENGLISH) | | (CHINESE) | | | | | | | | |
| RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS | | | | | | | | | | |
| (STREET) | | | | | | | | | | |
| (CITY) | | (STATE) | (ZIP) | | | | | | | |
| HOME PHONE # | CELL PHONE # | WORK # | EMAIL : | | | | | | | |
| DATE OF BIRTH | AGE (On 2/4/2017) | PLACE OF BIRTH | | | | | | | | |
| FATHER'S NAME (ENGLISH) | | (CHINESE) | | | | | | | | |
| MOTHER'S NAME (ENGLISH) | | (CHINESE) | | | | | | | | |
| GUARDIAN'S NAME (If applicant is under 18 years of age) | | | | | | | | | | |
| ORIGINAL VILLAGE ANCESTRY (PATERNAL) | | | | | | | | | | |
| LANGUAGE(S) SPOKEN | | SOCIAL SECURITY# | | | | | | | | |
| HEIGHT: | ft. | in. | WEIGHT: | lb. | BUST: | in. & cup size | WAIST: | in. | HIP: | in. |
| BATHING SUIT SIZE (i.e. 6,8,10,12 Note: If you have a long torso consider a larger size) | | | | | | | DRESS SIZE | | | |
| NAME OF SCHOOL CURRENTLY ATTENDING/GRADUATED (PERMISSION FROM SCHOOL IS COMPULSORY): | | | | | | | | | | |
| YEAR IN SCHOOL | | MAJOR | | | | | | | | |
| NAME OF CURRENT EMPLOYER | | TYPE OF BUSINESS | | | | | | | | |
| ADDRESS | | | | | | | | | | |
| OCCUPATION | | CAREER GOAL | | | | | | | | |
| NAME, ADDRESS, & PHONE # OF SPONSOR | | | | | | | | | | |
| HOBBIES | | | | | | | | | | |

For the talent competition phase of the pageant – describe your talent presentation and state special equipment needed below.
(Remember: Your presentation is limited to 2 minutes and 1 specialty.)

Have you ever participated in a beauty contest before? If yes, when, which contest, and list any title(s) you won

YES NO

Do you have any criminal record in or outside of the United States of America? Yes _____ No _____

I UNDERSTAND THAT ALL OF THE FACTS ABOVE ARE TRUE AND THAT SELECTED INFORMATION FROM THIS FORM WILL BE USED FOR NEWS RELEASE PURPOSES. I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ ALL OF THE LITERATURE AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT _____ DATE _____

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN _____ DATE _____
(If applicant is under 18 years of age)

DEADLINE FOR THE ENTRY FORM AND ENCLOSURES IS NOVEMBER 4, 2016

CONTRACT FOR THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE APPLICANT

The agreement made this _____ day of _____, 2016 between the SAN FRANCISCO CHINESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, through its 2017 MISS CHINATOWN U.S.A. PAGEANT, hereinafter referred to as "Committee" and the firm, of _____ hereinafter referred to as the "Sponsor".

WITNESSETH

In consideration of the mutual promises and covenants herein contained, it is hereby agreed as follows:

- I. Sponsor hereby assumes sponsorship of Miss _____ as an applicant in the 2017 Miss Chinatown U.S.A. Pageant to be held during the Chinese New Year Festival in San Francisco.
- II. Sponsor hereby agrees to abide by all rules and regulations issued by the Committee pertaining to all matters relating to qualification standards, selection of applicants and nomination of the 2017 Miss Chinatown U.S.A. and her court.
- III. Sponsor agrees that photographs taken of its applicant by the Committee shall remain the sole and exclusive property of the San Francisco Chinese Chamber of Commerce.
- IV. Sponsor further agrees to hold the Committee free and harmless from all loss or damages incurred, or injuries suffered by the applicant during her participation in any and all activities and functions relating to the Chinese New Year Festival.
- V. The parties hereto agree that the applicant shall participate in all social functions, publicity or promotional activities conducted by and under the auspices of the Committee during the entire period of the Chinese New Year Festival provided, however, Sponsor may request the presence of any applicant to promote and publicize Sponsor's business with the approval of the San Francisco Chinese Chamber of Commerce, and so long as such activities shall not conflict with applicant's commitments to the Committee.
- VI. IN ASSUMING SPONSORSHIP, SPONSOR AGREES TO REMIT A SPONSORSHIP FEE OF \$2,000 UPON EXECUTION OF THIS CONTRACT.

For San Francisco Chinese Chamber of Commerce
Chairperson, 2017 Miss Chinatown U.S.A. Pageant Committee

Sponsor

Street Address

City State Zip

By Title

() _____ Print name _____
Phone Number