



## 2017 Miss Friendship Ambassador Pageant *Pageant Overview & Application*

The Chicago Chinatown Chamber of Commerce is hosting the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala & 2017 Miss Friendship Ambassador Pageant on Sunday, November 5, 2017 at the Hilton Chicago (International Ballroom). The Miss Friendship Ambassador Pageant is more than just a beauty pageant. It is one of Chamber's major fundraising events. It promotes representation in the Chinese heritage and culture. It invests in the growth and development of young Chinese women within our community. It even brings together the largest gathering of Chinese and American business leaders in Chicago. During this Pageant competition, young Chinese women of our community will have the opportunity to showcase beauty, elegance and poise, as well as demonstrate intelligence, talent and passions about humanitarian issues and/or community involvement.

### DATE:

Sunday, November 5, 2017

### LOCATION:

Hilton Chicago  
International Ballroom  
720 S Michigan Ave  
Chicago, IL 60605

### ELIGIBILITY:

- Unmarried Female
- Chinese heritage (at least 25% Chinese)
- Between 18 – 26 years of age as of November 5, 2017
- Resident of State of Illinois
- Must be available to attend mandatory pageant rehearsals and photo shoot
- May be required to prepare Talent performance

### TITLES:

Miss Friendship Ambassador

1<sup>st</sup> Runner up

2<sup>nd</sup> Runner up

Miss Congeniality

Miss Photogenic

### AWARDS:

Queen Crown  
Queen Sash  
\$8,000.00 Cash Prize

1<sup>st</sup> Princess Crown  
1<sup>st</sup> Princess Sash  
\$3,000.00 Cash Prize

2<sup>nd</sup> Princess Crown  
2<sup>nd</sup> Princess Sash  
\$1,000.00 Cash Prize

Miss Congeniality Sash  
\$500.00 Cash Prize

Miss Photogenic Sash – Audience Choice  
\$500.00 Cash Prize

### CONTESTANT REQUIREMENTS:

All contestants will be required to attend all pageant rehearsals (location TBD). If a contestant is unable to attend a rehearsal, she must notify the Pageant Coordinator in advance. Special circumstances will be considered. Contestants who miss multiple rehearsals may be disqualified from participating in the competition. Extra rehearsals may be added, if necessary. All contestants are expected to arrive to rehearsals on time. Attendance and punctuality will be recorded on a point basis and may be used to determine winners in the event of a tie.

See below for tentative rehearsal dates and times:

Saturday, September 2, 2017 | 9:00 am – 1:00 pm  
Sunday, September 17, 2017 | 9:00 am – 1:00 pm  
Saturday, September 23, 2017 | 9:00 am – 1:00 pm  
Saturday, September 30, 2017 | 9:00 am – 1:00 pm  
Saturday, October 7, 2017 | 9:00 am – 1:00 pm  
Saturday, October 14, 2017 | 9:00 am – 1:00 pm  
Saturday, October 21, 2017 | 9:00 am – 1:00 pm  
Saturday, October 28, 2017 | 9:00 am – 3:00 pm  
Saturday, November 4, 2017 | Dress Rehearsal | 9:00 am – 3:00 pm  
Sunday, November 5, 2017 | Pageant Day | All day

The Chicago Chinatown Chamber of Commerce will provide each contestant with a traditional Chinese Qi Pao dress and a swimsuit. The Chamber will also provide hair and make-up services for the photo shoot and on Pageant Day. Contestants are required to provide their own Opening Scene outfit (Style TBD), shoes and accessories. Opening Scene outfits, shoes and jewelry will require approval from the Pageant Coordinator.

### CODE OF CONDUCT:

Contestants must conduct themselves in a professional manner during the entire Miss Friendship Ambassador Pageant process and while representing a Miss Friendship Ambassador Title. It is expected that good sportsmanship will be performed at all times. Contestants must not publicly post or display, in any way, slanderous or defamatory remarks in public settings and social media against other contestants, the Miss Friendship Ambassador Pageant and its constituents, the Chicago Chinatown Chamber of Commerce and all other affiliations and sponsors of this event. Any and all disruptive behavior will not be tolerated, and will result in immediate disqualification and forfeiture of all gifts, prizes and awards associated with the Miss Friendship Ambassador Pageant.

### CONTESTANT APPLICATION FEE:

All interested applicants must submit a non-refundable application fee of \$100. Checks should be made payable to the Chicago Chinatown Chamber of Commerce.

### CONTESTANT APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Applications must be received by Friday, August 4, 2017. Contestants must submit all required documents and application fee by the deadline; incomplete or late applications will not be accepted (refer to the Contestant Application Checklist for details).

The Pageant Committee will review all completed application forms and inform applicants, subject to pageant guidelines, whether the applications have been approved.

Applicants may download the application form at [www.chicagochinatown.org/2017-mfa-pageant](http://www.chicagochinatown.org/2017-mfa-pageant)  
For questions, contact the Chamber of Commerce via email at [info@chicagochinatown.org](mailto:info@chicagochinatown.org)

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## *Contestant Application Checklist*

Thank you for your interest in the 2017 Miss Friendship Ambassador on Sunday, November 5, 2017 at the Hilton Chicago. Please submit all of the following documents by Friday, August 4, 2017. Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted. The Pageant Committee will review all completed application forms and inform applicants, subject to pageant guidelines, whether the applications have been approved.

- Contestant Application Form (2 pages)
- Contestant Waiver
- Contestant Contract (4 pages)
- Winner's Agreement
- Copy of Proof of Residency (Driver's License, State ID, Passport, recent utility or credit card bill with current address, etc.)
- One recent, good quality/hi-res, well-lit color Portrait photo
- One recent, good quality/hi-res, well-lit color Full length photo.
- Application Fee of \$100 – Check should be made payable to the Chicago Chinatown Chamber of Commerce.

Applications should be mailed to:

Chicago Chinatown Chamber of Commerce  
Attn: Pageant Committee  
2169B S. China Place  
Chicago, IL 60616

2017 Miss Friendship Ambassador Pageant  
Contestant Application Form

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: (English) \_\_\_\_\_ (Chinese) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: Day \_\_\_ Month \_\_\_ Year \_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Language(s) Spoken: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Nationality \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Education Background**

Post-Secondary (High School or GED) \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

University \_\_\_\_\_ Major \_\_\_\_\_ Degree \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

University \_\_\_\_\_ Major \_\_\_\_\_ Degree \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**Employment History**

Name of Present Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel.No. \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Previous Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Period of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel.No. \_\_\_\_\_

**Measurements**

Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Ft. \_\_\_\_\_ In. | Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ Lb. | Bust: \_\_\_\_\_ In. | Waist: \_\_\_\_\_ In.

Hips: \_\_\_\_\_ In. | Dress Size: \_\_\_\_\_ | Shoe Size: \_\_\_\_\_ | Swimsuit Size: \_\_\_\_\_

**Other Profile Questions**

Self Introduction (in 50 words or less): \_\_\_\_\_

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List your Hobbies/Personal Interests: \_\_\_\_\_

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Provide a brief description of your Talent(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever participated in a Beauty Pageant?    **Yes**    **No**    If yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what is the name of the competition? \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be able to attend all rehearsal dates and times listed above?    **Yes**    **No**

If no, please list the rehearsal date(s) and reason for absence: \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to compete in the Miss Friendship Ambassador Pageant? What do you hope to get from this experience?

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What are some examples of your community involvement in Chicago? If none, how do you plan on contributing to the community?

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## *Contestant Waiver*

In consideration of my participation as a contestant in the 2017 Miss Friendship Ambassador Pageant, sponsored by the Chinatown Chamber of Commerce, I, intending to be legally bound, do hereby for myself, my heirs, executors, and assigns, waive, release, and forever discharge any and all rights and claims for damages which I may have or which may hereafter accrue to me against the Chicago Chinatown Chamber of Commerce and all other affiliations and sponsors of this event, and forego any and all damages which may be sustained and suffered by me in connection with my association with or participation in the 2017 Miss Friendship Ambassador Pageant. Further, I hereby grant my permission to any and all of the forgoing to use any photographs, videotapes, motion pictures, recordings or any other record of this event for any purpose whatsoever. I certify that I am physically fit to safely participate in this event.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Contestant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Contestant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent or Guardian (if under 18)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Parent or Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Chamber Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Chamber Representative

# 2017 Miss Friendship Ambassador Pageant

## *Contestant Contract*

I hereby apply for entry as a contestant in the Miss Friendship Ambassador Pageant ("Pageant"), a pageant sponsored by the Chicago Chinatown Chamber of Commerce ("Organizer"). I am competing for the title of "Miss Friendship Ambassador." The Miss Friendship Ambassador Pageant is to be held in Chicago, Illinois on November 5, 2017, and I hereby make the following statements and representations:

I hereby attest that:

- (1) I have been a resident of Illinois for at least six months proceeding November 5, 2017, and can provide such proof as is necessary if requested.
- (2) I am of Chinese descent, which is defined as having twenty-five percent (25%) Chinese ancestry.
- (3) I am at least 17 years old by October 1, 2017, and not attain the age of 26 years on or before November 5, 2017.
- (4) I have never been married.
- (5) I am of good moral character.
- (6) I have never been pregnant, and am not now pregnant.
- (7) I have never been convicted of any crime, and do not have any criminal charge pending against me.
- (8) I am in reasonably good health and can to the best of my knowledge, participate fully without limitation in any Pageant activities and do hereby covenant to submit to the Organizer upon request any hospital and medical records pertaining to me and I do hereby authorize any hospital which and /or doctor who ever treated me to send any medical information pertaining to me to the Organizer at its request. If applicable, I attach information supplying the following: "I presently suffer from the following illness/syndrome/disability (insert description and treatment) and am/am not presently under treatment. I do/do not expect to be on any type of medication and/or require regular treatment during and portion of this pageant."
- (9) I will not allow any person, firm, or corporation to use my name, photograph, and picture or present or future title in connection with any endorsement to advertise any commercial product without the approval of the Organizer.
- (10) I am not under contract to any person, firm or corporation in respect to my present title, nor have I made any commitments for the future in the event I am crowned "Miss Friendship Ambassador." **Only with approval from the Organizer can I endorse or participate in any event where my title/crown or photograph will be used.** Failure to request and receive approval prior to attending an event using my title/crown may result in forfeiture of my title, all awards, prizes and perquisites.
- (11) I agree to participate in the series of events leading up to the final selection of "Miss Friendship Ambassador," which events will commence on a date to be determined by the Organizer, and to abide by, and be bound by, the rules and regulations governing the Pageant. Participation in the Pageant shall be understood to include all public appearances required of me by Organizer officials including, but not limited to, my appearance and/or participation in television and radio broadcasts, personal appearances, interviews, still photos, video and audio tapes or motion picture film of all or any part of the events connected with the Pageant.

I authorize the Organizer and anyone duly licensed or authorized by it to televise, photograph, broadcast, and/or make radio, television, video, and audio tapes or motion picture recordings of me individually or in a group and use or re-use such photographs, recordings, video tapes, audio tapes and /or motion picture films in all media throughout the world and to use my name, likeness and/or physical depiction for any purpose in perpetuity, in an unedited or edited manner or fashion as the Pageant, in its sole discretion, shall determine. All photographs tapes, and films made of me for trade, advertising and any other purpose or purposes as a participant at the Pageant, including, but not limited to, the events leading up to the selection of "Miss Friendship Ambassador," such as

interviews, rehearsals and publicity events, either individually or as a member of a group and my name, likeness and/or physical depiction when identified with the Pageant shall, as between me and the Pageant, be the sole and exclusive property of the Pageant. This provision shall specifically survive termination of this Contestant's Contract

- (12) I agree that the manner and method of conducting the Pageant shall be in the sole discretion of the Organizer, and I further agree that the time, method and manner of judging the Pageant shall be within the sole discretion of the Organizer, and that the decision of the persons designated to judge various events in any and all matters pertaining to the selection of the winners shall be final.
- (13) I understand that sponsorship contributions will be provided by certain companies to the Pageant, and I agree that at no time during the period I hold the title of "Miss Friendship Ambassador" will I endorse or permit my name or likeness to be used in connection with the endorsement or advertisement of any products or services competitive to any of the products or services of any of the companies which make said sponsorship contributions or the licensees of the Organizer except with the consent, in writing, of the pageant and/or the Organizer.
- (14) If I am selected Miss Friendship Ambassador:
- (a) I will serve as "Miss Friendship Ambassador" until my successor is selected.
  - (b) I will make myself available for any personal appearances, interviews, endorsements, filming, tapings, photographic and recording sessions and such other and various commitments that the Organizer might make for me.
  - (c) I agree that after the conclusion of my service as "Miss Friendship Ambassador," I will not make public appearances wearing my crown nor will I make public appearances as "Miss Friendship Ambassador" or "Former Miss Friendship Ambassador" for the purpose of advertising or endorsing any product, person, or service unless pre-approved by the Organizer.
  - (d) I irrevocably constitute and appoint the Pageant, commencing at the time I am crowned until the time I relinquish that crown, as my sole and exclusive agent, representative and attorney in fact:
    - (i) to act for me and in my interests throughout the world for the making of all press releases and statements to the press;
    - (ii) to sign, make, execute and deliver all contracts in my name in connection with my business or other affairs as Miss Friendship Ambassador, whether they be contracts for my performance (whether for theatrical, artistic or commercial engagements), appearance or otherwise and to do and perform all necessary things in the execution and prosecution of the aforesaid in as full and ample manner as I might do if personally present;
    - (iii) with respect to contracts entered into during my year of service which bind me after my year of service terminates, to consent to the same should I wish to be bound by such contracts;
    - (iv) to collect and receive for and on my behalf all proceeds, monies or other compensation due or to become due to me by reason of any performance, service, engagement or contract;
- (15) It is understood that I am and will remain an independent contractor with respect to my relationship with the Pageant and am not an employee thereof; that the provisions of Paragraph 14(d) are only intended to permit the Pageant to act in my place and stead with respect to the contracts and arrangements described therein as a matter of convenience and organization but not for the purposes of directing my performance or controlling my activities as if I were an employee.
- (16) I understand and agree that if any of the representations and warranties made by me in this Contract, including the Fact Sheet/Application, are false or if I am selected as "Miss Friendship Ambassador" and engage in any of the acts or activities involved in the attestation paragraph during the year of my service, or I otherwise fail to maintain the dignity and honor of the title "Miss Friendship Ambassador," I will forfeit the title "Miss Friendship Ambassador" and all awards, prizes and prerequisites pertaining thereto.



- (17) If I am selected as first, second, third runner-up to the title of "Miss Friendship Ambassador," I agree to be available to succeed to all of the rights and to assume all of the duties and obligations of "Miss Friendship Ambassador."
- (18) I agree that my services are extraordinary and unique and that there is no adequate remedy at law for a breach of this contract by me, and in the event of such a breach or attempted or threatened breach, the Organizer will be entitled to equitable relief by way of injunction or otherwise.
- (19) I understand and agree that if any of the representations and warranties made by me in this Contract including the Contestant Application Form are false or if I am selected as "Miss Friendship Ambassador" and engage in any of the acts or activities involved in the attestation paragraph on page 1 of this Contract during the year of my year of service or I otherwise fail to conduct myself in a manner, which in the opinion of the Pageant, does not uphold and maintain the dignity and honor of the title "Miss Friendship Ambassador", or if I suffer any disability which in the sole and exclusive judgment of the Pageant impairs my ability to perform the duties expected of me as "Miss Friendship Ambassador" then I understand and agree that the Pageant may, at its exclusive option, terminate my right to participate in the Pageant, as well as my right to the title of "Miss Friendship Ambassador" and all awards, prizes and perquisites pertaining thereto Miss Friendship Ambassador.
- (20) I understand and agree that if I suffer any disability which in the sole and exclusive judgment of the Pageant impairs my ability to perform the duties expected of me as "Miss Friendship Ambassador" then I agree that the Organizer may, at its exclusive option, terminate my right to participate in the Pageant, as well as my right to the title "Miss Friendship Ambassador" and all awards, prizes and perquisites pertaining thereto.
- (21) I understand and agree in the event that I marry during the period between the date of this Contract and the selection of "Miss Friendship Ambassador," I shall forfeit my right to participate in the Pageant Finals; and if I am selected "Miss Friendship Ambassador" and marry prior to the time my successor is chosen and crowned, the Pageant may, at its discretion and at its option, forfeit my title of "Miss Friendship Ambassador" and may also forfeit all prizes, awards and perquisites, or both or either, and in such event, the first runner-up may be declared my successor.
- (22) None of the terms and conditions of this Contract including my obligations hereunder and the basis for my eligibility to compete may be waived except in writing by the Organizer.
- (23) This Contract shall solely and exclusively determine my rights, privileges, and responsibilities to the Pageant and no oral or other written statement shall be binding upon me or the Pageant [except for those agreements known as **The Miss Friendship Ambassador Contestant Contract and the 2017 Miss Friendship Ambassador Pageant Contestant Application Form**]. Should any provision of this Contract be void or unenforceable, such provision shall be deemed omitted and this Contract, with such provision omitted, shall remain in full force and effect.

AFFIDAVIT

\_\_\_\_\_, of full age, being duly sworn on her oath according to law, deposes and says:

The statements made in this Contract are true to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Contestant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Contestant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Witness

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PARENTS OR GUARDIANS OF ANY CONTESTANT WHO IS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS ON THE DATE OF SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT.

We, the undersigned, the parents and natural guardians (or duly appointed, qualified and acting legal guardians) of \_\_\_\_\_, the foregoing entrant, do hereby consent to and agree to all terms and provisions of the forgoing contract and the agreements therein contained on behalf of ourselves, individually and as the guardians of said entrant. We do further agree that we have not heretofore authorized any person, firm, or corporation to use the name, photograph, picture or present or future title, in connection with an endorsement or advertisement of any commercial product for or in behalf of our child, or ward, not will we do so other than in accord with the terms and provisions of the foregoing contract.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent or Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Parent or Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Witness

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## Winner's Agreement

I understand and agree that upon receiving the prize of First Place (Miss Friendship Ambassador), 1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up or 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up, also binds me to the terms and conditions listed below:

Pageant winners will represent the Chicago Chinatown Chamber of Commerce at the following events. Specific dates and times will become available closer to the event. Additional events may be added during the year.

- Lunar New Year Celebration Dinner (January/February 2018 & 2019)
- Lunar New Year Parade (January/February 2018 & 2019)
- Chicago Dragon Boat Race for Literacy (June 2018 & 2019)
- 36<sup>th</sup> & 37<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala (November 2018 & 2019)
- Chinatown Summer Fair (July 2018 & 2019)

I understand that failure to meet these terms and conditions may result in penalties imposed from the Chicago Chinatown Chamber of Commerce including but not limited to revoking of any titles won.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Contestant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Contestant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent or Guardian (if under 18)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Parent or Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Chamber Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Chamber Representative

\*Attendance and participation by the winners of 2017 Miss Friendship Ambassador Pageant in these events is subject to the availability and schedule of such events. Chicago Chinatown Chamber of Commerce is the sole party in determining whether the winners attend these or other events.