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National Pharmacies Christmas Pageant Members Expression of Interest

We're thrilled to offer our members an opportunity to be part of this iconic South Australian event.

The National Pharmacies Christmas Pageant is owned by the South Australian Tourism Commission and managed through its events division Events SA (ESA). National Pharmacies as the naming rights sponsor plays a big role filling over 600 positions across 40 floats including several Clown and Elf spots. We'd love your participation to help us bring the 2020 National Pharmacies Christmas Pageant to life.

Covid-19 update

The National Pharmacies Christmas Pageant is scheduled to go ahead as normal on Saturday 14th November 2020. The producers, Events South Australia are, of course, monitoring the situation and advice as it relates to Covid-19 and the Christmas Pageant.

Who is Eligible?

All National Pharmacies members who are 16 years of age or older as at November 2020 and hold a current financial National Pharmacies membership are eligible to apply.

Single Membership

If you hold a single membership, then only the membership holder is eligible.

Family membership

All members under a family membership are eligible to apply, granted they meet minimum age requirements. Please note, each person must apply using their individual member number.

Non-Members

It's not too late, simply sign up as a National Pharmacies member and you'll become eligible to apply.

Position Selection

Pageant positions are allocated at random based on costume size requirements. When completing the EOI form there are three position options:

- Float character (walking)
- Float Character (riding)
- Clown/ Elf

Float Characters (walking):

These participants are the characters positioned around each float. Float characters have a great time interacting with the crowd, smiling, waving and bringing the float and Christmas Pageant to life. For this position you need to be willing and able to walk 3.5 km unaided.

Float Character (riding):

There are a small number of riding positions in the Pageant. These positions are reserved for those who are physically unable to walk the 3.5km Pageant route. Please only select this option if you have genuine difficulty in walking 3.5km.

Please also note, these are RIDING positions so you may still be required to stand, hold and/or operate props on the float for the duration of the Pageant.

Clown/ Elf:

Our clowns and elves really do have the best job (and the most fun) in the Pageant! They work in groups of 3-5 to fill gaps between the floats and provide the crowd with high energy entertainment throughout the Pageant.

Participant Commitment

There is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes to bring this incredible event to life every year. This includes a little help from all Pageant participants.

All participants will attend a costume fitting and a rehearsal in the lead up to Pageant Day. This is a requirement to ensure your costume fits, you know where you need to be and what you need to do. Plus, it's a lot of fun!!

Fittings

Fittings are held at Stardust Castle, the home of the Pageant! To assist the Pageant wardrobe team fit over 1000 costumes in only a few weeks, all participants are allocated a time for their fitting. Successful participants will receive their allocated time when notified of their position in August.

This year our fittings will run from 7th September – 22nd September during standard business hours. Your fitting will take approximately 30 minutes.

Rehearsals

Float Characters:

To give the people of South Australia a fantastic performance on Pageant Day, all participants are required to attend a short rehearsal (approx. 1 hour) at an allocated time. During rehearsals you will get the opportunity to meet the other participants on your float and rehearse your character as well as receiving very helpful WHS information.

Rehearsals will be held at the National Pharmacies Training Centre (Kidman Park) during standard business hours from 14th October – 23rd October.

Clown & Elf School:

All our clowns and Elves attend Clown School where they get the opportunity to meet their fellow clowns and learn tips and tricks from professional clowns.

You will work with your Clown group to develop your Pageant Day skit and receive helpful WHS information. This is a fun and important session to ensure our clowns keep everyone lining the Pageant route entertained the whole way.

Clown school will be held on Wednesday 21st October at the Stardust Castle (Ferryden Park), this is an evening session (approx. 2 hours) - time to be confirmed in August when a position is offered.

Notification of Position

Please note Pageant participation is voluntary, you will not be paid for participant commitments.

Successful participants will be notified in August by one of our Pageant Coordinators.

You will receive all your Pageant participation information from your Coordinator, including;

- Your float & character / Clown or Elf position
- Fitting date & time
- Rehearsal date & time

Your Coordinator will also ask you to officially accept your position by completing registration through the Events SA Pageant registration site.

If you have any questions or concerns during the Pageant process your Coordinator is your go-to person for information. They will also be there to assist during fittings, rehearsals, clown school and on Pageant Day.

Our Coordinators will do their best to answer your questions as soon as possible but please keep in mind the Coordinators have volunteered for this role in addition to their normal position within National Pharmacies.

FAQs

How will COVID-19 impact the 2020 Pageant?

We are planning for the Christmas Pageant to go ahead on Saturday 14th November 2020. However, we are constantly monitoring the situation and advice as it relates to COVID-19 and the Christmas Pageant.

We will adjust fittings and rehearsals as necessary to comply with social distancing and hygiene requirements. Updates will be provided to participants as we receive them.

What if I am unable to attend my fitting or rehearsal?

The Events SA Pageant team has the huge job of fitting over 1000 costumes in only a few weeks. To achieve this everyone is allocated a fitting time. It is also important to be able to rehearse with the rest of your float at your allocated time. We understand this might not always be possible, so if you are unable to attend please contact your Pageant Coordinator for further information.

What if circumstances change, and I find out later I am not available on Pageant Day?

We understand things happen. Just provide as much notice as possible if this happens.

If you have any other Pageant questions please email christmaspageant@nationalpharmacies.com.au