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Searching for the first Miss Teen Wheelchair USA!

Applications are now being accepted for the first Miss Teen Wheelchair USA! Winners will be selected from each state to attend the national competition in Northeast Ohio in July 2024. Miss Teen Wheelchair USA is a program of the Ms. Wheelchair USA franchise, and is dedicated to celebrating the abilities and successful accomplishments of young women with disabilities.

This year, one representative will be chosen based on judging of their official State Representative Application Package. Deadline to submit a package is May 15, 2024. Judging of the Official Contestant Application, Contestant Platform Statement, two recommendation letters, and an overall impression score will result in the state titleholder selections.

To qualify, contestants must be young women, ages 13-17 by July 30, 2024. Contestants must utilize an adaptive device (a wheelchair, scooter, prosthetics, etc.) as their main source of mobility however; this program DOES NOT exclude teen ladies who may be able to utilize their legs with adaptive assistance. Contestants must be residents or students in the state they apply to represent.

The winner of the state Miss Teen Wheelchair USA titles will receive an official MWTUSA crown, banner, and qualify for participation at the national Ms. Wheelchair USA event this July in Akron/Cleveland, Ohio. The national week of events will include a televised two-night show, activities throughout the week, family fun, and is designed to showcase the successful stories of young women who have overcome obstacles, and are uniquely contributing to youth and society.

The state competition fee is \$250. Contestants may pay the fee themselves, get donations from family and friends, or obtain sponsorships from area groups, business, etc. The fee must be submitted with the application package. Deadline to enter is May 15, 2024.

Interested contestants can request an Official Teen State Representative Application Package by emailing Info@MsWheelchairUSA.org, visiting the website www.MsWheelchairUSA.org or by calling the Ms. Wheelchair USA office at 330-612-5242.

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