

Celebration Imagination



**Special Edition
Queen Spotlight**



Emma Turner



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SHERRY'S CORNER



Our very first Nationals is just a little over 2 months away! Time has flown. I am so excited to see all my old friends and meet my new ones! I can't wait to see how our little Queen's have grown and what exciting things our older Queen's have accomplished this year.

As I do this very first newsletter my promise to you is to provide you and your family with a memory that will last a lifetime. My awesome National Staff and I are doing our very best to provide you with all the "Bells and Whistles", while doing our best to make it as affordable as possible for you.

I am very proud of our new National Hotel-The Grand Orlando Resort at Celebrations--soon to be the Grand Marriott Resort at Celebrations! I am so sure you will love this hotel as much as I do, that Dwight and I signed a two year contract (so they couldn't go up next year!)

Planning the 2019 Miss Celebrations USA Nationals has been a labor of love. My goal is for you and your family to feel the love our National Staff has put into every event from the time you walk into "Alice's Tea Party Registration" till you leave "Wonderland" to return to the real world.

I do realize that for those of you who are new to the "pageant world" some of this can be a bit overwhelming.

Remember, there are no stupid questions and we do not charge a thing to answer them! Email, or message me usually works best. I will do my best to get back to you as quickly as possible. Hugs until I can hug you myself, Sherry!

"Beauty by Action"

We strive to embody the words, "Beauty by Action." It is our goal to provide the environment and leadership so that our Queens grow in poise, confidence and self-esteem. Through giving back to their communities; donating their time, talents and energy. Our Queens will develop strong Leadership Skills and know the joy that comes from giving back! Miss Celebrations USA defines beauty by what our Directors and Queens put their minds, hands and hearts to.

Nationals is the Leadership Teams way to award these Queens for all their hard work throughout the year to help those less fortunate!

OUR PURPOSE

As part of our basic entry fee, our Celebrations contestants are required to bring a donation of at least 10 nonperishable food items for the local charity in that community. I have a passion for feeding hungry children. It literally breaks my heart to think of children going to bed hungry. However, we will, on occasion, work with other non-profit organizations. (Veterans groups, women's shelters, etc.) We help wherever we are needed.

Miss Celebrations USA is a two-tier pageant system. (No State Pageants!) This means that once you have a Miss Celebrations USA title you are qualified for Nationals 2019 (Your Basic Entry fee is paid).

Cutting out the traditional "State Pageant" allows for more Celebration Pageants at a local level. Giving us more opportunities to help more people and touch more lives. We call our local pageants "Mini State" pageants. This makes it possible for contestants and Queens to participate in more pageants, while spending less (you are not limited in the number of Celebration titles that you hold.) Additionally, this system allows us to provide our Queens and families with more parties, prizes and fun.



National Little Miss Emma Turner is the 5 year old daughter of Danny and Julie Turner. She enjoys singing, dancing, drawing and playing dress up. She has a big heart, is very energetic, and Christmas is by far her favorite time of year! Emma has always had a love for the stage. She has been participating in pageants since she was 6 months old. In November of this year, the week after her fifth birthday she was diagnosed with diabetes. The week of her diagnosis her teacher at school had noticed Emma was drinking a lot more water than normal. She would finish 3 of her 22 oz water bottles before lunch time and still need more water to keep her hydrated. At her initial doctors visit they checked her blood sugar and it was 477 and she was immediately sent to Shands hospital. A normal blood glucose level for her age is between 70 and 150, at a level of 700 they can experience seizures or coma. Because we caught this diagnosis in its early stages she is in what the doctors call the "honeymoon phase" and her sugar levels are all over the place. Her pancreas is still partially working to release some insulin making it hard to control her sugar levels. Eventually her pancreas will stop working completely and she will rely on injections every time she eats. These injections help to control her sugar levels. She has always been very active and energetic but now she is tired all of the time. She requires 6-8 finger sticks per day to check her sugar levels and she is also getting between 4-5 insulin injections daily now for the rest of her life. This has been a big adjustment for her and her family as diabetes requires 24 hour monitoring and control.



**"From the Heart"
a message from Sherry**



Our beautiful 2018 Little Miss Celebrations USA, Emma Turner and I share something that I sincerely wish we didn't...Diabetes. Diabetes is out of control in this country.

Right now this is all very new to Emma. I know that she is confused and scared. She is having to take multiple shots every-day. (I hate shots and I am 63!) Not to mention the multiple sticks to check her sugar levels she is having to endure.

What I would like our Queens to do is to show her that we love and support her. Just a card to make her smile or color her a page and send it to her. Just make Emma Smile!\

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1 Thirst?
Are you thirsty all the time?

2 Toilet?
Do you have to go to the toilet more frequently?

3 Tired?
Are you tired all the time?

4 Thinner?
Have you lost weight rapidly?

5 Test!
Tell your GP who can do a finger prick glucose test to check for Type 1 diabetes

Watch out for these symptoms in young children and teenagers.

It's always concerning if you feel that something is not right with your health. So it's good that you're looking for answers! Type 1 diabetes is an autoimmune disease where the pancreas stops producing insulin—a hormone that converts food to energy for your body. Diet or lifestyle are not factors in the onset of type 1 diabetes. Unfortunately there is no way to prevent type 1 diabetes and there is currently no cure.

TYPE 1 DIABETES MELLITUS SYMPTOMS

The reality is that signs of type 1 diabetes usually develop suddenly. And, that's why it can be easy to brush them off or mistake them as something else. But the more you know about recognizing the warning signs, the more prepared you will be to seek treatment. So here's what you should look for:

Fruity or sweet-smelling breath

High level of ketones in the blood can lead to an unusual wine-like odor in your breath. If left untreated, this can lead to diabetic ketoacidosis, which is life-threatening.

Extreme thirst

If you're urinating more frequently, it can lead to dehydration and—ultimately—make you drink more liquids than usual.

Increased appetite

Suddenly starving all the time? It may be because your body isn't able to get the proper energy it needs from food.

Unintentional weight loss

If your body is losing sugar in your urine instead of absorbing it, you may find that you lose weight without trying—even when eating more.

OTHER EARLY SIGNS OF TYPE 1 DIABETES

Some other T1D symptoms that you should be on the look-out for include feeling lethargic or drowsy; heavy or labored breathing; and—eventually—unconsciousness. Ideally, it won't get to that level. At the end of the day it's important to listen to your body, recognize the warning signs and see your doctor as soon as possible.



Responsibilities of a Queen:

Being a Queen is a privilege! It comes with serious perks and serious responsibilities:

1. The most serious responsibility of a Miss Celebrations USA Queen is to help grow our program. The more Queens and Contestants we have, the more food we can provide to our food banks and rescue missions. It's that simple. You are a recruiter!
2. Queens have the responsibility to work closely with their Associate National Director to make appearances that will benefit both local pageants and the National Program. (Like riding in parades and making appearances at large events.)
3. Queens also have the responsibility to "Help" out at Mini-State Pageants whenever possible. Your help is always needed!
4. Maybe most important! You are the Queen that all little girls look up to. It is your responsibility to act, talk and dress the part. Most of all to be kind! Little ones believe you are truly their Queen.... Be that person!

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We invite you to step through the looking glass for a weekend of fun, prizes, parties, and sisterhood.

Visit Alice for the Tea Party Check-In.

Follow the Mad Hatter to his costume party CA\$H BA\$H!!

Join the Cheshire Cat for the "Lost in Wonderland" pajama dance party.

Spend a weekend with us down the rabbit hole for the Celebration of a lifetime.



We Need a National Hostess Search Is ON!!!

We will be crowning a National Hostess. The Queen who is responsible for collecting the most usable items for the parties will be crowned our 2019 National Hostess.

HOWEVER, I WOULD LIKE EVERY QUEEN TO GET INVOLVED WITH THIS PROGRAM. So many other programs want you to bring gifts for each queen in your group or a gift for the new National Queen! We don't....I promise we take care of our Queens. Instead I encourage you to collect a few prizes to donate to be used at the parties. I will be announcing a "Celebration\$ Ca\$h" bonus for each \$100 in retail prizes you collect and donate.

PS.....if you need a letter to businesses similar to the one for Sponsorship Fund except it will be for merchandise donations...we will begin to send those out by Monday.

Just email Sherry@misscelebrations.com with Hostess Letter as the subject line and your name, title and state in the email

PARTIES!

NATIONAL QUEENS AND ROYAL AMBASSADORS PJ PARTY — No Charge

This party is for out-going National Queens and all Royal Ambassadors on will be on Wednesday Night.

ALICE'S TEA PARTY — Our official registration day is Thursday, February 14, 2019. —No Charge

We will have two registration sessions, one early, one late. Both will be Tea Parties!

MAD HATTER'S CELEBRATIONS CASH BASH AND COSTUME PARTY! Friday Night —Tickets required

LOST IN WONDERLAND — PJ party with Prizes and Dancing! Saturday Night — Tickets required

NEW NATIONAL QUEENS BRUNCH — Sunday Immediately following Crowning.

New National Queens will receive two free tickets. We will do our best to have more for other family members to purchase.

***2018-2019 NATIONALS Follow us down the rabbit hole for a weekend
"LOST IN WONDERLAND"***

Don't be Late for a VERY IMPORTANT DATE!

Nationals Confirmation NOW OPEN!

www.misscelebrationsusa.com/nationalconfirmation

CONFIRMATION ENDS **1/10/2019**

National Sponsorship Mandatory Ad

Deadline **2/1/2019**

Deadline to purchase the Interview Optional or Party tickets and they be guaranteed!

1/01/2019

Final Deadline to be able to us our official Room Block at the Grand Orlando at Celebrations

1/10/2019

However, please remember we have already sold out once! Once we are sold out again, I may not be able to get more rooms at our low rate!



2019 National Titles...Which one is yours?

On February 17, 2019, we will crown eleven new divisional National Queens! We will also crown a National Miss Photogenic and FIVE Signature Miss Celebrations USA Queens. Signature titles are the backbone of any pageant program. These titles are all about what we do and how we do it. Some help raise money for Queen's Parties and Trips...Some help raise money for Scholarships (my goal is to eventually pay at least \$1000 to each Divisional and Signature Queen....it will take a few years to build that kind of Scholarship fund...but it is my goal!)

Everyone should do their very best to win their divisional title. As long as you do your very best **YOU ARE A WINNER!** However, I believe every Queen should also be working on one of our **SIGNATURE TITLES** too!

So...go to know our Signature Titles and choose your favorite. I would also like to say that most of the Signature Titles are totally up for grabs right now! :)

You will notice that we have a **BRAND NEW TITLE** and a **BRAND NEW PROGRAM**, our Scholarship Princess Program. Make sure to read about it! There is one more Signature Title, however, it is only open to Royal Ambassadors.

2019 Miss Celebrations USA Signature Titles

2019 Miss Spirit of Celebrations USA

2019 Royal Miss Celebrations USA

2019 Miss Celebrations USA Hostess

2019 Miss Celebrations USA Scholarship Queen

2019 Miss Celebrations USA Cover Model

Miss Celebrations USA

is proud to announce our

"Scholarship Princess Program".

Every Queen can leave Nationals with a beautiful Scholarship Crown and 2019 Scholarship Princess Sash.

IS the signature Princess Scholarship Crown the same as a National Crown?

No. While our 2018 National Queens were awarded this beautiful crown to wear during their reign, Our 2019 National Queens will be crowned with a slightly different (and a little larger) version of our logo inspired Signature Crown.

Our National Crown for 2019 will be similar to our beautiful "Scholarship Crown" except it will have an added "base" layer of large rectangular stones.

Are the Scholarship Princess' National Queens?

No, they are 2019 Scholarship Princesses. They get to go home and begin their 2019 reign immediately. (earning Queen's Points and Celebration Ca\$h towards our 2020 Nationals as soon as they get home.)

What prizes will the Princesses receive?

Each Princess will receive:

Her beautiful Scholarship Crown

Her beautiful Monogrammed 2019 Scholarship Princess Sash

Her basic entry fee to our 2020 Miss Celebrations USA Nationals.

A Scholarship Princess Prize Bag

When will the Scholarship Princesses be crowned?

On stage at crowning (Sunday).

The Scholarship Princess who has raised the most money for the Scholarship Fund will be crowned the

2019 National Scholarship Queen. For her prize package see www.misscelebrationsusa.com/titlesandprizes

National Royal Miss has begun



Lakelyn Fairley



Kaia Kohl



Rebecca Emily Parker

Your picture will
appear here and on
the website when the
votes exceed 50

<https://www.misscelebrationsusa.com/nationalroyalmiss>

National

Royal Miss

Royal Miss is another coveted title. This title helps to fund the scholarship program. It cost a lot of money to put together a National Pageant Program! Just the convention space at Nationals runs into the tens of thousands. Royal Miss money helps us to maintain the high quality that you have come to expect from our National Team!

Family and friends have the option of voting for the Royal Miss title. Votes are \$1 each. Individuals may vote as often as the like and may purchase as many votes as they like. The page that you can give to family and friends so that they can vote for Royal Miss: www.misscelebrationsusa.com/nationalroyalmiss

Remember your photo will not appear on the National Royal Miss page until you have at least 50 votes.

Her prize includes:

- *The 2019 National Royal Miss prizes include:
- *Her beautiful 2019 National crown and a 2019 National Queen's prize package.
- *A beautiful Miss Celebrations USA Official Jacket.
- *Her 2019 National Sash with FOUR rows of rhinestones
- *Her official Miss Celebrations USA acrylic Crown Cash
- *A year of the fabulous famous Miss Celebrations USA Queen's Boxes
- *Two Tickets to the Queen's Brunch on Sunday immediately following Crowning

Signature Titles

National Cover Model

(The Queen who collects the most sponsorship funds.)

Her prize includes:

*The National Cover Model will be featured on the front of the 2019 National Pageant Keepsake Program book.

*Her beautiful 2019 National crown and a 2019 National Queen's prize package.

*A beautiful Miss Celebrations USA Official Jacket.

*Her 2019 National Sash with FOUR rows of rhinestones

*A year of the fabulous famous Miss Celebrations USA Queen's Boxes

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*A \$750 Fabulous Photo Shoot by one of the top photographers in the country Baron DaParre of Visual Images** (please see note below)

**You are responsible for scheduling the photo shoot with Baron. You can travel (and you are responsible for your travel expenses to his main office in Miami OR you can meet him on the road. He travels all over the country to do photo shoots (example: New York, Dallas, etc. depending on his schedule)

Signature Titles

2019 National Hostess

National Hostess is another title that is very important to our program. Nationals is about rewarding young ladies (of all ages) who have worked hard all year to help people in need in their local communities.

We will crown a New National Team. However, I want everyone who attends National to leave feeling like they have been to one big party.....designed just for them.

Our National Hostess helps me to achieve that goal. She helps us to have parties like the "Mad Hatter's Ca\$h Ba\$h". If you are interested in this very important title you will need to keep track of the RETAIL VALUE of each item you are donating.

Again, this title will be judged by our panel (judges, Directors, Royal Ambassadors) on Quantity, Quality and Usefulness.

Please note: When determining the Retail Price to use think about this. We will use Amazon to check the validity of your Retail Price. If however, you find a great deal.....like you find an awesome item that retails for \$10 but it is on CLOSEOUT for \$1jackpot... you get to claim the \$100. Please make sure that you are donating NEW, USEFUL Items that you would like to bid on at the party. Also remember, we will have little brothers, Dads and Moms at the parties too.

***The 2019 National Hostess prizes include:**

- *The 2019 National Royal Miss prizes include:
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Signature Titles

Miss Spirit

of Celebrations USA

Miss Spirit of Celebrations USA is one of the most prestigious National Titles you can earn.

The Queen who does the best job of representing her title during her reign will be crowned our 2019 Miss Spirit of Celebrations USA. The Miss Spirit of Celebrations USA will be chosen by a panel. (The panel includes the judges, National Directors and a select group of Royal Ambassadors.) We will be watching throughout the 2018 year for the special someone whom we feel best represents Miss Celebrations USA. Some of the things that will be taken into consideration by the panel are:

*The Amount and Quality of nonperishable food donations that she is responsible for personally during the year.

*The Number of Referrals she is responsible for (remember, each new person added to our Miss Celebrations family increase our power to help others!).

*The number appearances (and quality of appearances)

*Collecting prizes for the Hostess Program!

*The work she does to help to promote our organization overall (Again, appearances and "Posting" help us to grow our program.)

The 2019 National Miss Spirit of Celebrations USA include:

*The 2019 National Royal Miss prizes include:

*Her beautiful 2019 National crown and a 2019 National Queen's prize package.

*A beautiful Miss Celebrations USA Official Jacket.

*Her 2019 National Sash with FOUR rows of rhinestones

*Her official Miss Celebrations USA acrylic Crown Cash

*A year of the fabulous famous Miss Celebrations USA Queen's Boxes

*Two Tickets to the Queen's Brunch on Sunday immediately following Crowning

Signature Titles

National Scholarship Queen

The 2019 National Scholarship Queen will be the contestant who collects the most money for the Scholarship Program.

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***The 2019 National Scholarship Queen's prizes include:**

- *The 2019 National Royal Miss' prizes include:
- *Her beautiful 2019 National crown and a 2019 National Queen's prize package.
- *A beautiful Miss Celebrations USA Official Jacket.
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