

## Local resident chosen as State Finalist in the National American Miss Indiana Pageant

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Samantha McMillan, 11, has been chosen as a State Finalist in the National American Miss Indiana Pageant to be held June 30- July 2 at the beautiful Indianapolis Marriott in Indianapolis. The National American Miss pageants are held for girls ages 4 to 18, and have five different age divisions. McMillan will be participating in the Miss Pre-Teen age division along with other outstanding young ladies from across the great state of Indiana.

The winner of the pageant will receive a \$1,000 cash award, the official crown and banner, a bouquet of roses, and air transportation to compete in the National Pageant in California where she will receive an exciting complimentary Tour of Hollywood and two V.I.P. tickets to Disneyland.

The National American Miss Pageants are dedicated to celebrating America's future leaders and equipping them with life-long skills. Each year the pageant nationally awards 1.5 million dollars in cash, scholarships and other prizes, which includes a new Ford Mustang convertible!

The National American Miss Pageants are unlike any other. All activities and competitions are kept age appropriate. Girls under the age of 12 are not allowed to wear make-up, and there is no swimsuit competition. The Pageant program is based on inner-beauty, as well as poise and presentation, and offers an "All-American spirit of fun for family and friends." Emphasis is put on the importance of developing self confidence, learning good sportsmanship, as well as setting and achieving personal goals. The Pageant recognizes the accomplishments of each girl while encouraging her to set goals for her future.

McMillan is the daughter of Tammy McMillan.

McMillan is a member of the dance team at Jonathan Jennings Elementary School. She also enjoys swimming, riding her bike, computer and working with and helping her uncle with Down's Syndrome.

McMillan is still searching for a sponsor for her experience with the National American Miss Pageant.