

## **PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD**

The People's Choice Award is awarded to the one person in each pageant category that receives the most votes in their "Handmade People's Choice Box", for being the one contestant that the People (meaning audience) has chosen as being the person they believe should win the pageant.

*Contestants will make up a box of any kind (Kleenex box, shoe box, etc.), by covering it with brightly colored or glittery paper or paint. They may add embellishments, jewels, ribbon, bows, or any type decoration that fits their personality. Bring boxes to the last practice before your pageant. Every box should have the following:*

1-Contestant's Number

2-Contestant's Name (first name is ok)

3-Contestant's Picture (small, like 3x5 or wallet size)

4-A slim slit about 3 to 4 inches wide in the top of the box (to insert votes, i.e. dollar bills)

***\*\*\*NOTE: Pageant staff open the boxes prior to the awards presentation to count the votes. If you plan to keep your box, please make an easy way to open the box without tearing or defacing the decorations, and let the staff know about the "easy-open flap". I suggest a flap on the bottom that can be re-opened and closed, and is taped shut. We don't want anyone upset because their box was destroyed, torn, or mutilated in any way. Boxes should be picked up at the completion of the pageant for safe keeping as I have no place to store them.***

**ALL THE BOXES WILL BE DISPLAYED ON A TABLE AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE PAGEANT BUILDING THE NIGHT OF THEIR PAGEANT AND ATTENDED BY STAFF.**

Audience members will then insert dollar bills into the boxes before and during the pageant to vote on their "favorite" contestant. The one contestant with the most votes in that pageant will win the People's Choice Award (cash prize & sash). The proceeds from all People's Choice Boxes go toward the expenses of the Special Needs contestants and their pageant. Thank you and happy crafting on your specialized box!!!