

# Interest Form

Please fill out the following form if you have any interest in the Ms. Wheelchair Kansas program.

- I would like to be a contestant
- I would like to nominate someone to be a contestant (please tell us their name below)
- I would like to be a financial sponsor or provide a donation
- I would like the current Ms. Wheelchair Kansas to come speak at an event
- I would like more information about this program
- I would like more information about the Little Miss program

**Please print your name or your nominee's name and information:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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Ms. Wheelchair Kansas, Inc. is an entity of the network of states that make up the Ms. Wheelchair America organization. Ms. Wheelchair America has been celebrating women of achievement for the past 44 years. A Columbus, Ohio physician, Dr. Philip K. Wood, established Ms. Wheelchair America as a forum for the promotion of the achievements, as well as the needs, of people who are wheelchair mobile. Approximately 28 states have joined in to create programs ever since. For more information, visit the MWA website at [www.mwheelchairamerica.org](http://www.mwheelchairamerica.org).



*Striving to advocate, educate, and empower all people!*



*Celebrating the strength within...*

## Mission

The Ms. Wheelchair Kansas program annually selects one woman, who is wheelchair mobile, to successfully advocate, educate, and empower all people on a state level.

## Requirements

- be a US citizen who is 21 years of age or older
- utilize a wheelchair for **100%** of daily community mobility
- be a resident of Kansas for at least the past 6 months
- marital status is not a consideration
- have **not** held a title in another state
- be willing to raise money and obtain sponsors for the state **and** national entry fees and related expenses
- be willing and able to travel throughout the state
- be ready and willing to successfully advocate, educate, and empower all persons through various opportunities during the year

## Titleholder Duties

- travel throughout the state of Kansas to educate groups about the issues that are of importance to people with disabilities
- actively solicit speaking engagements and public appearances
- interact with various types of local television, radio, and print mediums
- represent women who are wheelchair mobile with a positive attitude and communicate the needs, ideas, and accomplishments of this community to the best of your ability
- serve as a role model for youth and adults



- mentor the Little Miss Wheelchair Kansas titleholder through interaction and mutual appearances
- develop a platform to raise awareness to the accomplishments of women who are wheelchair mobile
- obtain sponsors to pay for the entry fee and other expenses for the national competition
- attend the national competition and compete for the title of Ms. Wheelchair America

## The Program

The MWKS program is **not a beauty contest**, but rather a competition to select the most articulate, accomplished delegate who will serve as a spokesperson and role model for people with disabilities in Kansas. This woman of achievement will have various opportunities to be heard in the community and will interact with people of all ages. She will serve as an advocate and will share her chosen platform with groups throughout the state.

## The Event

The competition itself is a three-day event that culminates at the crowning ceremony. Contestants are scored based on their accomplishments, self-perception, communication, and projection skills. They participate in personal interview sessions, a platform speech presentation, an on stage interview, and other breakout sessions. This event is not only a competition, but also an opportunity to network and connect with other dynamic women with disabilities in Kansas.

*Giving a voice... Changing attitudes... Creating opportunities... Forming a sisterhood...*