

## NOTES ON OYW...

*Is there any cost to be a contestant?*

No. The program is designed to provide scholarship opportunities for area young women. There are no entry fees or requirements to solicit funds.

*What scholarship opportunities does the program offer?*

Last year, over \$15,000.00 in cash scholarships and bonds were awarded in the Cambria County OYW Finals. In addition, scholarships were offered by a variety of colleges and universities including The University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown, St. Francis University, St. Vincent College, Point Park College, Cambria-Rowe Business College, Pennsylvania Highlands Community College, Mount Aloysius College, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Seton Hill University, Lebanon Valley College, and Allegheny College of Maryland Somerset Campus. In the past 11 years, over \$200,000 was awarded in cash scholarships in Cambria and Somerset Counties, and over \$3,000,000 in college scholarships have been made available to young women in Cambria and Somerset counties.

*What other opportunities does OYW offer?*

- \*Individual growth
- \*Improved self-confidence
- \*Public speaking opportunities
- \*Interview skills
- \*Goal-setting strategies
- \*Increased time management skills
- \*Many new friends
- \*Fun!

*What is the goal of the OYW program?*

To focus attention on the constructive accomplishments of all young people, to encourage excellence, and to promote a sense of commitment to the future

## Somerset County's Outstanding Young Woman Scholarship Program



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**2011 Official Entry Form**

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**Entries Must Be Postmarked No Later Than  
October 26, 2009**

# Information on Preliminary Competition November 14, 2009

Entry applications are now being accepted for the 2011 Somerset County Outstanding Young Woman Scholarship Program. All young women in the Junior Class are eligible to enter the program for the county in which they reside.

Everyone who enters will compete in the preliminary competition to be held November 14th at Conemaugh Township High School in Davidsville, PA.

To enter, simply fill out the application attached to this brochure and RETURN TO YOUR GUIDANCE COUNSELOR.

## **The deadline for entering is:**

**October 26, 2009 (Postmarked)**

Please print or type the information requested on the entry form in black ink. Be sure to complete all the information requested and include required signatures. If more space is needed, an additional sheet may be attached to the application.

**DO NOT** include any photos with your entry form.

Finalists will be selected based on total scores tabulated from the five minute judges' interview, two minute talent audition, and scholastic evaluation of grade transcripts. Each contestant will be notified by mail during the following week regarding the selection of the finalists.

A note on talent presentations: You are not expected to have a perfected talent for your audition. Just do your best to demonstrate your ability in the talent you have selected for your audition. Please adhere to the time limit of two minutes.

The Somerset County Outstanding Young Woman Scholarship Program will be held April 24, 2010.

## *Accent on Achievement*

Somerset County's Outstanding Young Woman Program is part of a statewide volunteer network that annually selects outstanding high school young women who represent a high level of excellence among their peers. OYW seeks to recognize the accomplishments and commitment of these young women and to assist them as they chart their futures.

Through our annual countywide competition, a representative is chosen to go on to the state finals during November in Reading, PA. Participants at both levels compete for cash scholarships and college scholarships.

At local, regional, and state finals, the judging procedures are the same. Each of the following categories accounts for 20% of the individual's score:

Scholarship and Achievement  
Interview  
Performing Arts  
Aerobics and Fitness  
Presence and Presentation

If you have any questions about the Outstanding Young Woman program, contact Tammy Honkus (814) 467-6223 or [tahonkus@cs.com](mailto:tahonkus@cs.com)

You can also visit our website at:  
[www.cambriasomersetoyw.org](http://www.cambriasomersetoyw.org)