

# PROOF OF RESIDENCY

Each contestant is required to provide TWO Proofs of Residency (POR) in order to compete. Listed below are the official forms that we will accept as proof of residency. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the pageant office, as this is important to complete your "Contestant File."

\*Your Contestant file MUST be complete prior to pageant weekend.

## **\*YOU MUST BE A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES TO COMPETE\***

If you were NOT born in the United States you must provide us with one of the following documents; a copy of your United States Passport and/or Naturalization Papers

POR must show that you legally reside in, and have lived in, the state in which you are competing, for a minimum of 6 months immediately preceding the commencement of the pageant. (If you are a college student and wish to compete in the state you attend college, see below\* for requirements.)

All POR must have the following on the document; Contestant's Name, Address and Date(s).

\*A copy of your Birth Certificate is a required document for your Contestant File but is NOT a POR.

## **A COPY OF TWO OF THE FOLLOWING TO PROVE STATE RESIDENCY**

- (a) Driver's License
- (b) Voter identification or registration card
- (c) Contestants tax return from the most recent tax year
- (d) Contestants lease/deed of dwelling in your name (Dwelling must be for 6 months or more)
- (e) Contestant's current school transcripts
- (f) Two of the following documents are needed to prove 6 months residency, but count as one POR.  
*Example: You must submit **two** employment pay stubs, telephone/cellphone bills, credit card statements, utility bills, & bank statements that are dated for both January and June.*

## **COLLEGE STUDENTS COMPETING IN THE STATE THEY ATTEND SCHOOL**

You must have resided in the state you are competing as a full-time student at a school, college or university and will have completed one entire semester, trimester or summer session by December 31, 2016 and must continue to reside in the state as a full time student at your school, college or university (although you may have spent or are spending the summer in another state.) In order to establish your compliance with these residency requirements, you must attach bona-fide copies of your current school records (e.g., transcripts which include your name and address.)

## **CONTESTANTS UNDER 16 YEARS OF AGE**

To show residency for 6 months, you can send/include your current school transcripts or report card. Document(s) must have the following; contestant's name, mailing address and date. This also applies to students in Cyber School.