



## *WHY I RECOMMEND RUNNING IN A PAGEANT*

*Being crowned as Miss Teen Poway 2008, I have not only learned a plethora of new things about the place I have grown up in, met new people and paraded around Poway at different events, but I have built upon the qualities all people look for in a young woman and have had fun doing it. You always hear people say when you enter pageants that after you have gone through the experience you take with you “memories to last a lifetime” and in reality, from firsthand experience, I can second that aphorism. The Miss Teen Poway Scholarship Pageant has helped me exude a positive attitude around and about my community. I have always strived to become a person who others can look up to, a role model and ambassador of Poway’s youth. I believe that Miss Poway and Miss Teen Poway have the potential to be the epitome of what a young woman with goals and dreams should be and if you wish to be someone of that nature, this pageant is for you!*

*As a young girl, I never fathomed being in a pageant, let alone becoming Miss Teen Poway. This is an opportunity that shouldn’t be ignored. If you want to get involved, have fun with your friends, meet new people, wear a beautiful gown, and win a sum of money to help reach your college goals then take action and come to the orientation where all of your questions and concerns will be addressed. Bring your friends, too! Last year, I came to the orientation with my sister and two of my best friends and my sister was crowned one of the Miss Teen Poway Princesses. She gets to attend a lot of the fun events too! This is not your “I have to look great in a swimsuit”, or “have to have a talent” pageant, it’s a scholarship pageant.*

*What I want you to know about my past year’s reign is how much fun I have had at all the events! My favorite event was working with mentally disabled children at the Special Olympics. I was able to interact with them one on one and along with Miss Poway, I helped to lead stretches, coach, and cheer for the athletes of all ages who live for playing soccer and baseball in the warm San Diego sun. Throughout my reign, I have learned to become a more*

*articulate speaker. I will be able to incorporate this quality into my career goals, including interviewing for college scholarships and future jobs. There are so many benefits to being a contestant in the Miss and Miss Teen Poway Pageant and you shouldn't hesitate to come to the orientation!*

*Hope to see you there!*

*Ashley Butler  
Miss Teen Poway 2008*