

# Smith Is State Finalist In Co-Ed Pageant

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Tiffany Smith, a seventh grader at Piedmont Middle School, has been chosen as a State Finalist in the American Co-Ed Pageant.

The pageant, to be held at the Mark Adams Hotel, 555 South McDowell St. in Charlotte, July 20-21, will

aid in developing poise, self-confidence and the speaking abilities of the young ladies involved. Contestants, ages 13-18, will also be advised on how to dress and conduct themselves in job interviews; how to prepare resumes when looking for jobs, and be given the opportunity to interact with other outstanding young people from different backgrounds and with various interests.

Smith filled out an application for the pageant including her grade point average, interests, photo, school, church and neighborhood activities. She has a B+ average, attends Barbizon Modeling School and takes dancing lessons at Donna's School of Dancing. In past years, she has worked with Project Aires, making ornaments for the elderly and received the "Best Dancer" award during a recent contest. She is also musically talented and can play the violin, piano and the organ.

Her ambition is to become a professional model or fashion designer. It is



**TIFFANY SMITH**  
*Maintains "B" average*

likely that her training so far at Barbizon will be in her favor. Judging includes poise, appearance, talent, competition, personality, and a personal interview.

Optional competitions include academic achievements, volunteer service, speech and swimsuit. Smith plans to compete in

the talent area with a jazz dance.

"I was truly thrilled about being involved in this pageant," Smith revealed. If she wins, she will receive a crown and trophy and will be eligible to compete in the National Pageant to be held in August in Hawaii.

Smith is a member of Second Calvary Baptist Church. Her parents are Shirley and Robert Young. She has two sisters, Tracie and Twanda.

## January Is Blood Donor Month

President Reagan, honorary chairman of the American National Red Cross, has designated January as National Volunteer Blood Donor Month. Odell Dillard, blood services chairman for the Greater Carolinas Chapter of the Red Cross, would like to say thanks to the volunteer blood donors in Mecklenburg County whose generosity makes a vital contribution to our area's health.

The 104 hospitals in the 57-county area of the Carolinas Region of the American Red Cross Blood Services require 1,131 units of blood daily to meet patient needs.

Odell Dillard, blood services chairman for the Greater Carolinas Chapter said, "The ever-urgent need for blood and blood components increases with advances in medical science."

"Our volunteers' re-

sponse to the ever-increasing need for blood has resulted in the repair of damaged hearts and successful treatment of leukemia," Odell Dillard said.

You can call the Red Cross at 376-1661 to make an appointment to give blood. Donor hours at the Red Cross Blood Center, 2425 Park Road, are Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and on Sundays from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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