



Katie Lorenz  
Miss Illinois 2008

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**2009 MISS ILLINOIS PAGEANT RETURNS TO ST. CHARLES JUNE 18-20**

**St. Charles, IL** – The 2009 Miss Illinois Pageant returns to the Norris Cultural Arts Center in St. Charles, June 18-20, for three fun-filled nights of competition, as twenty-six young ladies from across the state to compete for the opportunity to represent Illinois at the 2010 Miss America Pageant in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Preliminary phases of competition, including lifestyle and fitness, evening wear, talent and on-stage question, will be contested on the nights of Thursday, June 18th and Friday, June 19th. The week culminates with the coronation of the new Miss Illinois 2009 on the night of Saturday, June 20th.

The Norris Center and the city of St. Charles have proudly served as the home to the Miss Illinois Pageant for the past four years. Tickets are available by phone through the Norris Cultural Arts Center Box Office by calling (630) 584-7200 ext. 10. Special package pricing available.

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*The Miss Illinois Scholarship Association is a preliminary pageant in the Miss America Organization. M.A.O. is one of the nation's leading achievement programs and the world's largest provider of scholarship assistance for young women. Last year, the M.A.O. and its state and local organizations made available more than \$45 million in cash and scholarship assistance!*

*For more information about the Miss Illinois Scholarship Association, Miss Illinois 2008 Katie Lorenz and the 2009 Miss Illinois Pageant or to request a copy of our Media Kit, please contact: Amalia Schwerdtmann – Miss Illinois Executive Director; 847/997-0294; [ilstatedir@missillinois.org](mailto:ilstatedir@missillinois.org)*