

Kotzebue Beauty Is Miss Alaska

A 19-year-old beauty from Kotzebue was crowned Miss Alaska Friday night in Anchorage.

Miss Virginia Walker, a student at Alaska Methodist University, also received a special award for being the most talented contestant. She recited an original poem about Alaska entitled, "My Wonderland."

The raven haired, brown-eyed young woman will go on to compete against the other 49 state winners this summer in Atlantic City, N.J. for the title of Miss America and a possible \$10,000 scholarship.

Each of the 21 contestants in the Miss Alaska Contest will receive scholarship assistance ranging from \$1,000 for Miss Alaska to \$100 for each of the preliminary winners.

First runner-up was Miss Seward, Nancy Richie; second runner-up was Miss Kenai, Vicki Lee Wolfer; third runner-up was Miss Sitka, Cathy Lynn Carlson; and

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fourth runner-up was Miss Fairbanks, Brenda Judd.

Of the original contestants, the competition was first narrowed to 10 girls Friday night. Each performed her talent event, modeled in a bathing suit and an evening gown for the judges before the five finalists were chosen.

All of the girls were scheduled to return to their homes Sunday except for the new Miss Alaska, who was to remain in Anchorage for an additional week of festivities.