

= Rebecca Anderson =

Rebecca Anderson ( born May 1991 ) is an American beauty pageant titleholder from Oregon City , Oregon . She won a series of local titles beginning in 2011 and was crowned Miss Oregon 2014 .

Entering her first pageant at age 19 , Anderson competed successfully in local pageants until , on her fourth attempt , she won the state title in June 2014 . She made appearances across the state and represented Oregon at Miss America 2015 in September 2014 but was not a finalist for the national crown . After completing her year as Miss Oregon , Anderson resumed her academic pursuits .

= = Early life and education = =

Anderson is a native of Oregon City , Oregon , and a 2009 graduate of Oregon City High School . While at OCHS , she participated in the drama program for four years and was a member of the school 's dance team for two years . Her father is Ted Anderson , a wholesale nursery operator and licensed tax consultant . As of 2015 , mother Shari Anderson is the elected County Treasurer of Clackamas County , Oregon , an office she has held since 1999 . Anderson has one younger sister , Malea , who is also an occasional pageant competitor .

Anderson is a 2013 graduate of Portland State University where she earned a bachelor 's degree in environmental science . In 2014 , in addition to her Miss Oregon duties , Anderson worked part @-@ time as a " cute " clown for an event company . In August 2015 , Anderson moved to North Dakota to begin pursuing a bachelor 's degree in atmospheric science at the University of North Dakota .

= = Pageant career = =

= = = Early pageants = = =

Anderson began entering pageants at age 19 , waiting until she felt was " responsible enough " to hold a pageant title . In early 2011 , Anderson won the Miss Cascade 2011 title . She competed in the 2011 Miss Oregon pageant with the platform " Environmental Sustainability : Education for a Greener World " and a vocal performance of " Feeling Good " from the musical The Roar of the Greasepaint ? The Smell of the Crowd in the talent portion of the competition . She finished in the top ten but was not a Top @-@ 5 finalist for the state title .

In early 2012 , Anderson won the Miss Columbia Gorge 2012 title . She competed in the 2012 Miss Oregon pageant with the platform " Environmental Education " and a vocal performance in the talent portion of the competition . She finished in the top ten but was not a Top @-@ 5 finalist for the state crown .

In March 2013 , Anderson won the Miss Portland 2013 title . She qualified for the 2013 Miss Oregon pageant as one of 22 entrants , including her younger sister Malea , competing as Miss Clackamas 2013 . Rebecca Anderson competed with a platform of " American Red Cross : Red for Life " and a vocal performance of " Astonishing " from the musical Little Women in the talent portion of the competition . She was named third runner @-@ up to winner Allison Cook .

= = = Miss Oregon 2014 = = =

On April 26 , 2014 , Anderson was crowned Miss Cascade 2014 . She entered the Miss Oregon pageant in June 2014 as one of 23 qualifiers for the state title . Anderson 's competition talent was a vocal performance of " Let it Go " from the Disney movie Frozen . Her platform was " American Red Cross : Red for Life " . Her on @-@ stage interview question asked whether discrimination was a factor in the gender pay gap in the United States . Anderson agreed but countered that " women need to be more assertive " and strive to close the gap themselves rather than wait for a

government @-@ mandated solution .

Anderson won the competition on Saturday , June 28 , 2014 , when she received her crown from outgoing Miss Oregon titleholder Allison Cook . She earned more than \$ 10 @,@ 000 in scholarship money and other prizes from the state pageant .

As Miss Oregon , Anderson 's activities included public appearances across the state of Oregon . Notable appearances included participating in local pageants , welcoming Air National Guard members home to Oregon , and serving as a judge for the Just For Men World Beard and Moustache Championships . Anderson 's reign as Miss Oregon continued until June 27 , 2015 , when she crowned her successor , Ali Wallace , Miss Oregon 2015 .

= = = Miss America 2015 contestant = = =

Anderson was Oregon 's representative at the Miss America 2015 pageant in Atlantic City , New Jersey , in September 2014 . During the pageant 's " Show Us Your Shoes " parade , Anderson wore a bicycle helmet and her shoes had tiny bicycles on top of the laces to tout Portland , Oregon , as a " bike @-@ friendly " city . She was not a Top @-@ 16 semi @-@ finalist for the national crown .