

Dear Andrea,

Why does it seem that everyone is giving different advice on modeling or just jumping on the modeling advice bandwagon?

Ashley
Birmingham, AL

Dear Ashley,
Great question because I try to give the best modeling advice with my Dear Andrea Column! Anyway, the modeling industry is no different than any other industry. It is a very competitive field and the heads of agencies are always trying to bring a different twist or be the best counselors to their clients in the form of advice and guidance. Modeling agencies are businesses and with that there will be several different approaches and tactics. I have always tried to give the most honest and heart-felt advice so that you don't fall into any traps along the way to impede your development or stall your progression. Know what you are looking for first and use your own good judgement. If it doesn't sound right to you, you will know

it by that "little voice in your head". And, I hope you will keep coming back to "yours truly" for any of your modeling questions.

**Nothing makes a woman
more beautiful than the
belief she is beautiful.**

~Sophia Loren

Dear Andrea,

I am 12 years old and was told by an agency recently to re-submit in 6 months. Is this a common procedure?

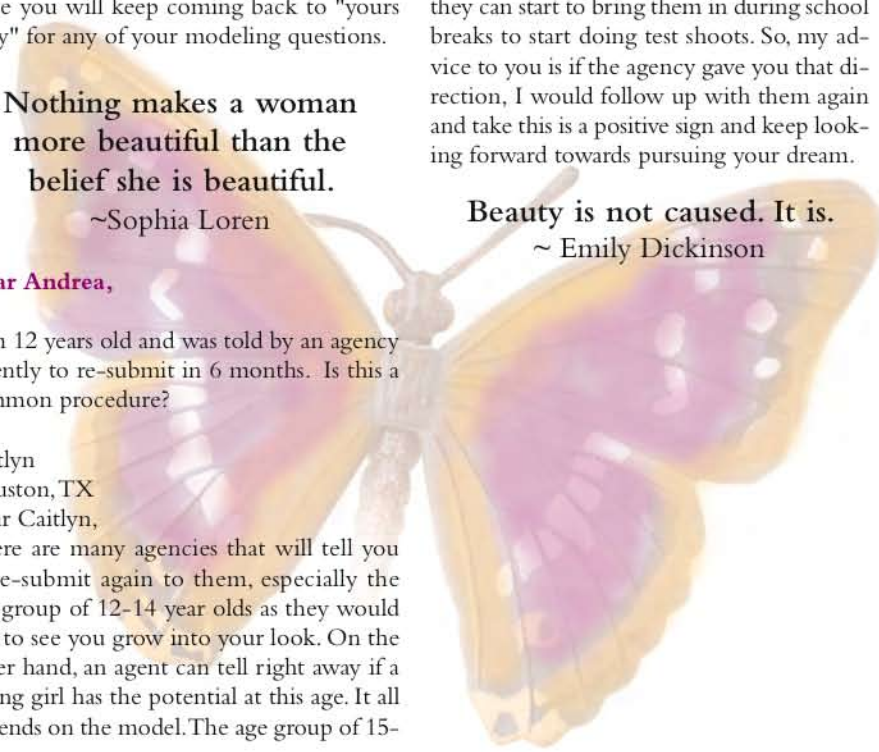
Caitlyn
Houston, TX
Dear Caitlyn,

There are many agencies that will tell you to re-submit again to them, especially the age group of 12-14 year olds as they would like to see you grow into your look. On the other hand, an agent can tell right away if a young girl has the potential at this age. It all depends on the model. The age group of 15-

16 is a much better age for agencies because they can start to bring them in during school breaks to start doing test shoots. So, my advice to you is if the agency gave you that direction, I would follow up with them again and take this as a positive sign and keep looking forward towards pursuing your dream.

Beauty is not caused. It is.

~ Emily Dickinson



Andrea's necdotes...

*So, to be the most beautiful, you
must "think beautiful" and
believe that you are...*

For every beauty there is an eye somewhere to see it.

For every truth there is an ear somewhere to hear it.

For every love there is a heart somewhere to receive it. ~ Ivan Panin

There is no cosmetic for beauty like happiness and a good night's sleep ~ Andrea Patrick Forte

Everything I am or ever hope to be, I owe to my heroic Mom! Andrea

From a finalist in the Miss America and Miss USA pageants to Hollywood actress to magazine cover model and savvy entrepreneur, Andrea Patrick Forte has proven that having a dream and working hard to achieve it shows that dreams really can come true. Andrea Patrick Forte is not only the CEO/Owner of one of the world's most enduring and service-oriented modeling agencies, but she embodies everything her models represents. She is one of the only titleholders to capture the crown in both systems being named Miss Pennsylvania-USA in 1980 and Miss West Virginia America in 1983 and she continues to represent some of the world's most beautiful models from the pageant arena. Andrea has been working in the modeling and fashion industry for more than half her life and continues to keep her focus in the entertainment industry.

Andrea was named one of Pittsburgh's 25 Most Beautiful People by Pittsburgh Magazine. This former model turned entrepreneur has appeared in Beverly Hills 213, LA Style, Whirl Magazine, Corridor Magazine, Star Magazine, Four Points Magazine and appeared in People Magazine with her husband, 50's icon, Fabian in their Most Beautiful Wedding Issue.

In 2005, Andrea started writing "Dear Andrea" which became so popular that Andrea turned this phenomenon into an inspirational and motivational clothing and product line called "Once Upon A Dream". She is a former Beauty & Fashion Director for an international magazine and continues to write her "Fashionably Forte" column where she shares her tips on style and the history of those trends we have fallen in love with through the decades. Andrea continues to serve as the CEO of Patrick Talent Agency and Once Upon A Dream and is in the process of writing her book. Andrea's passion is "Inspiring Others" to "Dream Boldly" and says that if you "Think Beautiful", "Never Give Up" and "Love Each Day" you will always be able to "Create Joy" in your life and for those you love. www.patricktalent.com www.what-is-your-dream.com