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Charity Bess of Minneapolis was crowned 2013 Miss Minnesota International. The competition took place in St. Cloud, on Mar. 16.

Bess will compete with 50 other state winners for the title of Miss International 2013. That competition takes place July 22 – 28 and will be held in Skokie, III.

Bess' platform is Changing Lives Through Girl Scouts Mentoring. As a mentor, Girl Scout and someone who understands the power behind positive guidance, Bess said she feels that it is her civic duty to give back. As Miss Minnesota International, Bess hopes to teach the values of courage, confidence and character to all her mentees.

The Miss Minnesota International Pageant is dedicated to professional and community involvement among young women. The official charity of the Miss Minnesota International Pageants is American Heart Association's Go Red For Women campaign.