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EDITOR'S NOTE

I'm really excited to welcome you to the Issue 21 of Fourwall Kid Magazine this August about kids and teens models. It's something I've been looking forward since we introduced this publication to give the kids a platform to showcase and market themselves on the international level and also a place to help parents learn more about the kid modeling industry.

In this edition, our cover personalities Fareedah & Faizah Akinlesi and Anita okwma represents what our vision is all about because many parts of the world now, kids are doing greatly and parents have important role to play in helping their children be on the spotlight.

I hope you enjoy this edition. Thank you!

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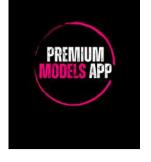


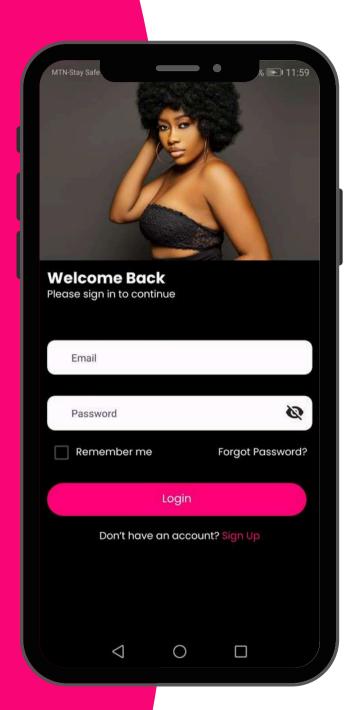
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Fourwall Kid Magazine is a monthly digital publication featuring and celebrating talented kids and teens from around the world.

We strive to showcase and promote them to gain expoure and attract attention by sharing amazing photographs and unique stories behind them. We showcase and support every positive hobby, passion and talent.

Our goal is to bring motivated children together and encourage them to follow their dreams. We believe that there are many little ways to enlarge your world and being featured in our magazine is one of them.









POSING TIPS FOR KID MODELS

Strike a pose! This famous lyric also happens to be one of the biggest elements to being a model. Posing is a skill that all models will need to have, and one that is certain to be expected of them. Regardless of age, posing for a photoshoot is simply part of the job description. When starting out as a child model, your child will have to practice posing in order to get better and book more jobs. There are many ways to become better at model poses, so we're mentioning just a few of the ways your child can improve their posing skills.

Practice at Home

Although 'practice makes perfect' is a cliché, it still rings true when it comes to modeling. The more your child model poses at home and practices different strategies, the more comfortable they will be doing so in an audition or on a job. The key is to constantly be snapping pics of them while they are practicing so they can see what they need to improve on. Maybe they make an uncomfortable face when in a specific pose, or maybe their arm isn't bending the way it's supposed to? The only way to fix these is by practicing and working to improve their posing skills.

Copycat

One of the great ways to learn new poses while practicing at home is to take a bunch of fashion magazines and try to copy the poses that professional models are making. Look at the top models who are at the top of their game, and have your child work at copying the best in the biz. This allows them to add more poses to their repertoire which will make them even more bookable. Again, make sure to take pictures of them practicing these poses so they can see where they need to improve.

Action Shots

Action poses for action shots are a big part of child modeling. If they are looking to book with sports apparel brands then they'll need to work on their action poses as well. This will take a little more work because usually it involves movement which can be hard to emulate. The best way would be to take pictures of them as they are playing a sport of some kind and then try and copy the natural action pose they are making while playing the sport. For example, during a soccer game snap as many pics as you can of your child running, kicking, sliding, etc. Then when you get home have them practice those specific poses.

Keep Moving, But Slowly

You'll want your young child model to keep their poses moving and alive — yet for the photographer's sake, they should be changing their poses slowly. Aim to switch positions every three seconds, that way whoever is shooting them will have ample time to capture what mood they are trying to express with each pose.

Listen to the Photographer

One posing skill that any child can learn is to take direction. This also happens to be one of the most attractive qualities a model can have. When a child model learns to listen to their photographer, the shoot will go much more smoothly — which will mean booking more jobs in the long run. Another tip, when looking directly at the camera, have them practice looking behind the camera, this creates a more natural and candid look.

Your agency will often have a few local photographers that they can recommend while some may even require you to use a particular studio or photographer. Don't be surprised if this sets you back a few hundred dollars so be prepared to spend.





TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF?

My name is Fareedah Akinlesi. I am 9 years old and I am in primary 5. I am a young model with a beacon of unique style, unmatched flexibility and unwavering determination.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN MODELING?

I have been a model for about 5 months.

HOW OLD WERE YOU WHEN YOU DECIDE TO DO MODELING?

I decided to do modeling at the age of 8.

WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO PURSUE A CAREER IN MODELING?



My mom inspired me to pursue a career in modeling.

HOW HAS BEEN THE JOURNEY SO FAR IN MODELING?

The journey has been fun and exciting.

ARE YOU PURSUING MODELING AS A CAREER OR ITS JUST A FUN?

I am pursuing modeling as a career but then it's also fun for me.

WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODELING?

My role model in modeling is Agbani Darego

YOUR FIRST SHOOT, WHAT WERE THE CHALLENGES?

I was very shy during my first shoot. This made me uncomfortable and the output wasn't as nice as I would have loved it to be.



My mother inspired me to pursue a career in modeling. She always believed in my potential and encouraged me to follow my dreams, no matter how challenging they seemed. From a young age, she would take me to fashion shows and help me practice my runway walk in our living room

WHAT BRANDS HAVE YOU WORKED WITH?

I have worked with only Afrocentric Academy so far.

HAS MODELING AFFECTED YOU IN YOUR STUDIES?

Modelling has not affected my studies in any way.

CAN YOU TRAVEL OUTSIDE YOUR COMFORT ZONE FOR MODELING JOBS?

Sure I can.

WHICH BRANDS ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH?

I am looking forward to working with Zara, Lush, Darling, Latej Creations, Chanel, Prada, Miu Miu, Louis Vuitton, Swarovski and Clarks.

WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN THE NEXT 10 YEARS?

I see myself in the next 10 years as a super model admitted in my university of choice and studying my course of choice.





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However, I didn't let this initial setback deter me. I took it as a learning experience and decided to work on my confidence. I practiced in front of the mirror, studied different poses, and even took some acting classes to improve my expression and body language.



WHAT IS CHILD MODLEING?

THE COMPLETE GUIDE TO CHILD MODELING

Child modelling is when your child's image is used to promote a commercial product or service either in print or digital form. It also includes live runway shows and appearances. In a nutshell, it's when a company pays for the privilege of using taking your child's photos and using them to promote their brand.

Some parents see it as the ideal stepping stone for a child interested in a career in the entertainment or fashion industry while others think of it as a way to save a little money for their child's future.

Whichever category you fall into, it's vital that both you and your child understand the ins and outs of the industry. So take some time to read through the information below before deciding to take any further steps.

Is My Child Suited to the Industry?

This is an incredibly important question that either parents or teen models must ask themselves because let's face it; not everyone is suited to a life in front of the camera.

And believe it or not, we're not just talking about good looks, great teeth, and a clear complexion. A child model's confidence and attitude can be just as important.

It's lots of hard work

Some parents and models have told us how surprised they were to learn that modelling takes so much effort. They thought they would just roll up to the shoot, take some photos, and be on their way home in the space of an hour or two.

This is rarely the case as shoots often involve multiple wardrobe changes, background changes, and several hair and makeup sessions. So yes, it can get very tiring.

Rejection can be hard to take

Rejection is something that is unavoidable in this industry, and it happens a lot. Everything depends on what the company or photographer are looking out for, and if a child doesn't have it, then they won't get the gig.

It's nothing personal but for some children and parents, the rejection can be hard to take. This is particularly true for teen models who are much more involved in the business side of their career.

Both parent and child need to be able to deal with this and know from the outset that rejection will happen.

Building Your Portfolio

A child model's portfolio is hugely important to their chances of success. Without one, the agency cannot put them forward for work while a poorly photographed portfolio is just as damaging.

This is why many agencies require that you have a professionally photographed portfolio. Believe us when we say that unless you are a professional photographer, this is not something you want to do by yourself.

Your agency will often have a few local photographers that they can recommend while some may even require you to use a particular studio or photographer. Don't be surprised if this sets you back a few hundred dollars so be prepared to spend.

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MEET FAIZAH AKINLESI

The Next Start Kid Model

Faizah Akinlesi is a 5 and a half years old kid model based in Lagos with her parents. She started her modeling journey 5 months ago and it has been all shades of fun.

Her journey in the modeling industry is marked by an exceptional blend of grace and courage. She has featured in tv commercials, short film, billboard, and lampoles adverts.

What sets her apart is her confidence and charisma. Her style is a fusion of elegance and originality.

Her bright smile and expressive eyes have captured the hearts of many, making her a rising star in the industry.





COVER STORY

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Despite her young age, Faizah's ability to adapt to different roles and bring a unique charm to each project is truly remarkable.

Her parents, who are her biggest supporters, have been instrumental in nurturing her and ensuring she talents balances her modeling career with her education and playtime. They believe in letting her enjoy her childhood while pursuing her passions, and this approach balanced has contributed to her success and happiness.

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Your Dreams Are Achievable!

Your dreams are valid. Do NOT lose yourself. You are important and your aspirations are valid! Your dreams do not need to make sense to anyone in your circle. You are beautiful and you can have the life that you dream about no matter how out of the ordinary it may be. It is easy to lose yourself in the crowd at school, at your job, within your group of friends, or even while in a relationship. Trust me, I've been there.

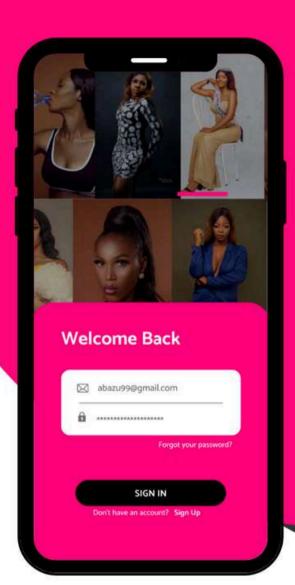
We all want to fit in and be well liked, but as people we are not like cookie cutters with built-in shapes, dreams, or knowledge, instead we are more original like snowflakes that sparkle in the sunlight. So how is it that we find ourselves being lost in the crowd?

It is because we believe the lies people tell us that prove our dream to be invalid. What if I told you that your dreams are totally valid and muchneeded?

That is exactly what I am saying. The world needs your dreams and ambition. If you don't, then who will?







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ANITA OKWUMA

TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF?

My name is Okwuma Anita,a child model of 7 years old. I am in basic 2. I am the current Miss Nutri kid and am also running for the post of Little Miss Africa Nigeria. My ability is to strike dynamic poses and convey a wide range of emotions through my expressions, showcases, and versatility as a MODEL.

HOW OLD WAS YOUR DAUGHTER WHEN YOU TOOK THE FIRST STEPS TO GET HER INTO MODELING?

She was 6 years old when I enrolled her into modeling.

WHAT MADE YOU TAKE THE BOLD STEP AND ACTUALLY PURSUE IT?

What made me take the bold step and pursue it is actually her love for models when she see them on runway.

HOW HAS BEEN THE JOURNEY SO FAR IN MODELING?

It's been great.

ARE YOU PURSUING MODELING AS A CAREER FOR HER OR ITS JUST A FUN?

Yes, I would like to pursue modelling for her as a career and at the same time it's also for fun.

WHICH WAS HER FIRST SHOOT, AND WHAT WERE THE CHALLENGES?

Her first shoot was at shoprite ikeja and challenges was a bit difficult.



WHICH BRANDS ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO WORK WITH?

Any brands that comes my way but must posses the following qualities: consistency, audience, leadership and uniqueness.

HOW HAS THE MODELING STUFF AFFECTED YOU AS THE MOTHER?

It's been hard as a small kid tho.. cause obviously, she can't do things by herself.

WHAT MAKES ANITA STAND OUT FROM OTHERS?

It's her beacon of beauty and qualities of unwavering uniqueness and flexibility.

CAN YOU TRAVEL OUTSIDE YOUR COMFORT ZONE FOR MODELING JOBS?

Yes, if it worths travelling.



WHERE DO YOU SEE HER IN THE NEXT 10 YEARS?

I will see her as a very big influencer and a top model in the next ten years.

WHAT ADVICE DO YOU HAVE FOR THE PARENTS CONTEMPLATING THEIR CHILDREN INTO MODELING?

My advice is if your child wants to be a model, let them go for it.

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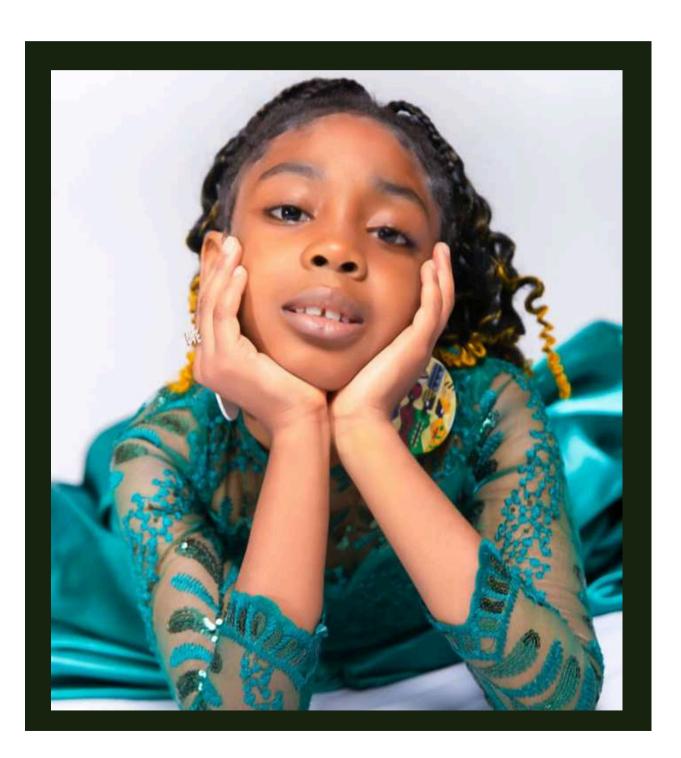
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Okwuma Anita, a child model of 7 years old. I am in basic 2. I am the current miss Nutri kid and am also running for the post of little miss africa Nigeria.

I love participating in photo shoots and fashion shows, where I get to wear beautiful outfits and meet many interesting people. My journey in modeling has taught me the importance of confidence, hard work, and staying true to myself.

Apart from modeling, I enjoy dancing, reading storybooks, and spending time with my friends and family. My parents are very supportive and always encourage me to chase my dreams. They remind me that education is just as important, so I always strive to do my best in school.

I am excited about the possibility of becoming Little Miss Africa Nigeria and using this platform to inspire other children to believe in themselves and pursue their passions. I hope to always bring joy and positivity to those around me.

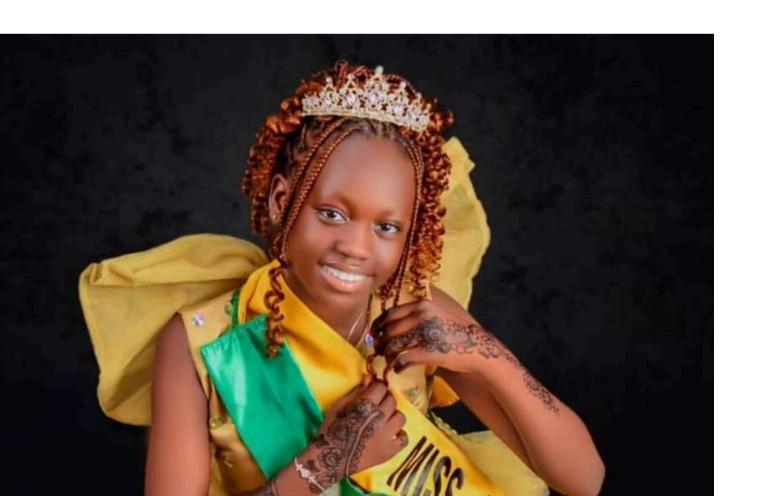


WHAT DO TEEN MODELS ACTUALLY DO?

Teen models are used to advertise products and services, from the latest fashion trends to promotional educational material.

They may appear in magazines or on websites, in advertising campaigns, on billboards or in TV commercials. In short, if a teenager would buy/be interested in a product or service, agencies will need to find a teen model to show it off!

Teen modelling can be a great way to get a taster of modelling on a smaller scale before pursuing it as a full time career. Teen modelling can be a lot of fun as well as a way of building up confidence and gaining experience of the world of work.





SOLESI OLUWABUKUNMI PRECIOUS: A RISING STAR IN THE WORLD OF MODELING CALLED JADE

Solesi Oluwabukunmi Precious is a charming 10year-old who has been making in waves the modeling industry for the year. With captivating presence and a natural flair for fashion, journey Solesi's began when she took her first steps on the runway at the prestigious Ebony Fashion Show on October 22, 2023. Her performance left a lasting impression, showcasing her talent and potential as young a model.

With grace and determination, Solesi continues to pursue her dreams. She is set to walk runway at upcoming JIFA Fashion Week, a testament to her growing reputation in the fashion world. Solesi's enthusiasm and dedication are evident in her every stride, and she dreams of one day becoming a supermodel.

MODEL PROFILE







Model Type: Runway, Commercial & Fashion

Model

Location: Lagos/Lagos

Gender: Female

MODEL STATS

Height: 4'7
Waist: 24
Bust: 27
Hips: 29
Shoe: 37
Skin: Black
Eyes: Black
Hair: Black

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Child modelling work can be a rewarding experience for children and parents. Whilst we all think our own children are cute and adorable, kids of all ages, shapes and sizes are required for modelling work. We have clients who are always looking for children, both boys and girls to model for them.

Child models are wanted for a whole host of different types of <u>child modelling</u> assignments and jobs from photographic shoots for catalogues to TV adverts. Kids are used to promote products such as toys, kids clothing ranges, children shoes and so many others. Whether in magazines or on television child modelling is a very competitive area but can be fun for both you and your child.

Children who are confident and outgoing are ideal candidates to become a child model. On photo shoots, photographers will direct the child but they need to be happy to follow direction and be confident. Although as a parent vou are constantly on hand to give reassurance and work as team. Child modelling is also a great way to earn a little be extra pocket money.

If you think your child would be interested in becoming a model or they have expressed an interest themselves, why not take a step for your child to become child model.

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT BEFORE A PHOTOSHOOT

Knowledge is power, so the more you know about a modelling photoshoot you've been hired for, the better. Below, we've outlined a few questions you might want to ask yourself to help you do your absolute best and hopefully make that all-important excellent first impression which could lead to future jobs.

Who Am I Modelling For?

When you get signed to a job, either via your agency or by freelancing, you will be working for a specific brand, company, photographer or publication. If you are signed to a modelling agency, your agency should be able to give you all the information regarding relevant parties and any specific requirements. You may be required to do, prepare or bring certain things to the shoot. For example, you may be required to shave your legs, bring certain underwear, or have clean, unpainted nails.

You should do your own background research regarding the people you will be working with, as well as the work they have done previously. Make sure to take a look at the photographer's website or portfolio so you know who they have worked with before. t could be seen as ignorant to not know the people you are working with. Research will also help you understand what they may expect from you, and what sort of looks, poses and styles they have approved before.

What Does the Brand/Publication Sell or Promote?

Understanding the brand or publication you will be working for will help you understand what sort of modelling you will be doing. If you're going to be working with a clothes brand, you may be asked to do catalogue-style posing that is typically more casual or candid.

A high-fashion brand will expect more editorial posing and may require you to wear more unusual clothing, or perhaps sport a less typical hairstyle. If you've been hired by a holiday company, you may need to travel and be expected to wear swimwear and get a spray tan.

If you're working with a health or beauty brand, the chances are you'll be asked to work with a product.

You get the gist; understanding the brand is to understand the assignment.

Who Are the Target Audience?

Knowing the brand's target audience is really helpful because it helps you gauge what sort of approach you need to take at the shoot. If you're modelling for a brand that sells to an older generation, desired poses will likely be more classical and traditional. If you're modelling for a brand or photographer whose target audience includes young people, you will probably be encouraged to playfully pose to create quirky and more fun-loving images.

Turning up with no idea of a brand's target audience will seem a little unprofessional, so being one step ahead of the game will ultimately work in your favor.

What Are the Brand/Photographer's Goals?

Are you being employed to sell a product, or are you being employed to show how a product works? Perhaps the photoshoot is purely conceptual, so you're being photographed to get people thinking rather than buying. Whatever the reason, it's good to understand the drive and motivation behind the shoot so you can act accordingly. Photoshoots nearly always have an end goal of making money via sales, but sometimes they may be to back a certain cause or raise awareness for something.

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