

A Model Student

Who hasn't looked at a magazine and wished that the gorgeous girl or guy on the cover or in an ad was you? Well, Shawn Sopocy is working to make that wish come true. She is attending Adams Finishing School for Models in Lansing, which means that along with her regular school classes in math, English, and science, she has added nutrition, skin care, and aerobics.

Shawn has found that there are lots of do's and don'ts when you plan your life in front of a camera. You have to look as good as you feel, if not better. In addition, you have to stay very, very thin, as the camera puts ten pounds on you. You do not drink, smoke, or do drugs.

You must also be very motivated. As Shawn has found, the price of fame is not cheap. To attend modeling school at Adams cost approximately \$1100. However, attending Adams is still less expensive than college, which is fine with Shawn, since she has no intention of going to a traditional college.

After Shawn graduates from finishing school, she plans to attend advanced modeling classes. These will further her training and also help her find a modeling job.



USING THE MIRRORS, Shawn practices a runway exercise during one of her modeling classes. This exercise teaches various hand positions, walks, and turns. Models need these skills when they exhibit clothes to merchandisers.

