

THE OFFICIAL GUIDE TO REALIZING YOUR DREAMS

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# The Basics

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National American Miss

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...USING PAGEANTRY TO ENHANCE LIFE SKILLS

# Welcome to NATIONAL AMERICAN MISS!



**“At National American Miss, we are girls with dreams and women with vision!”**

Our goals at National American Miss are for you to share quality time with your family, make new friends, and gain valuable self-confidence. We are delighted that you have taken the first step toward one of the most exciting and rewarding experiences of your life as we celebrate you, Today's Girls and Women!

Your pageant weekend will be a spectacular event, filled with fun and excitement for your entire family and memories you will cherish for a lifetime. We are honored to have you as part of our pageant family and thrilled to have you join us at your State Pageant!

To begin preparing for pageant weekend, sit down with your family and look through this guidebook. We want to make sure all of your questions are answered. Our team is here to help you every step of the way! So please, do not hesitate to reach out.

Today is the day to start preparing for your pageant weekend!

Best Wishes,

Madisen and Victor Picazo  
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# STATE PAGEANT PRIZE PACKAGE

At your State Pageant, you will be competing for your share of thousands of dollars in scholarships, prizes, awards, and exciting opportunities! Each and every contestant is a winner at National American Miss. If you qualify to be in the pageant, you'll become a contestant, and every contestant will be presented onstage and will also receive a beautiful Official Award during pageant weekend.

## Every National American Miss state winner in each age division receives\*:

- The Official Custom NAM State Queen Crown, Banner and Crystal Award
- A beautiful bouquet
- Undergraduate: \$32,000 per year scholarship for 4 years to Midland University (total scholarship amount of \$128,000)
- State Queen's \$950 National Sponsor Fee paid IN FULL for NAM Nationals to compete for the National Title
- The opportunity to participate in The iam Convention and be scouted by world-renowned modeling and talent agencies
- National Welcome Bag
- Complimentary Hotel Night at the State Pageant's Host Hotel to Crown Successor
- Complimentary State Yearbook at State Farewell Weekend
- VIP Seats and Complimentary Family Tickets to State Farewell Pageant
- Discounts at The NAM State Pageant Boutique
- Travel and appearance opportunities throughout the year
- Invitation to attend the Annual International Cruise with The iam Powerhouse and receive the NAM Group Rate Discount
- Access to exclusive NAM State Queen "perks" from our National Sponsors\*

\* National American Miss, Inc. (and NAM State Directors) are not responsible for any sponsored prizes or awards that are not fulfilled by sponsors.

## THE STATE QUEEN'S TITLE

The National American Miss State title opens doors during your year of service. As the State Pageant winner you will represent your state for the following year and will return to next year's pageant, with your hotel room provided for the night of the final show to crown your successor. Take a day to visit your state's Governor, make an appearance with your local sports teams, be an honored speaker at the state fair, and participate in parades - these are just some of the opportunities you could have with National American Miss!

## TOP 5 - QUEEN'S COURT

The four runners-up to the Queen's title will each receive an undergraduate \$30,000 per year scholarship for 4 years to Midland University (total scholarship amount of \$120,000). They will also receive a custom-designed award and an invitation to the National Pageant where they will compete in a separate competition for the National All-American Miss Title. Take competition to the next level with top finishers from all across the country.

# EXPERIENCE THE MAGIC OF Nationals!

More than \$500,000 in prizes, cash awards, scholarships, and trophies will be given out to the participants of our National Pageant! This year, our national queens will be receiving many priceless opportunities and experiences as they travel both nationally and internationally to not only learn life skills and grow their confidence, but also to expand on their philanthropy and make a difference worldwide. Check out last year's national prize package!

\$5,000 cash at crowning, courtesy of NAM

The Official NAM Custom-designed Rhinestone Crown and Banner

The Official NAM Custom-designed Crystal National Award  
Elegant floral bouquet

Custom Doll featuring a replica gown of her crowning look, courtesy of You're A Doll

Customized Sash Sleeve to protect her banner, courtesy of The Blingy Bobbin

Photo Shoots with Urban Hill Photography

Finale Show Tickets for her friends and family during her finale at NAM Nationals

NAM National Photo Shoot Experience with Meagan Gilbert Photography

Customized crown box with foldable travel handle and luggage, courtesy of Crown Couture Collection

Small Dream Duffel and Long Omnia Garment Bag customized with NAM Logo, courtesy of Dream Duffel

Titleholder Travel Case, courtesy of BK Boutique

2-Park 1-Day Ticket to Universal Studios Orlando for use during NAM Nationals

\$350 travel allowance to attend NAM Nationals, where she will crown her successor

Private hotel room comped for her and her family throughout NAM Nationals

Complimentary Thanksgiving Banquet tickets for her and her immediate family

National Photo Shoot Gown selected exclusively for you, courtesy of Ashley Rene's

Pair of Diverse Style by Sydni Dion shoes

Embroidered titleholder zip-up and waffle robe, courtesy of Caitlyn Kent Designs

Gifted Reign Sport Outfit, courtesy of Reign Sport

NAM State Souvenir Shirt

ASHLEYlauren Cocktail Dress

Custom Upgraded Production Number Dress courtesy of Ashley Rene's

Custom Production Number Shoes for Nationals, courtesy of Diverse Style by Sydni Dion

Official National American Miss custom autograph cards  
2-Look On-Location Photo Shoot, courtesy of Brittany Link Photography, for Senior Divisions

2-Look On-Location Crown and Banner Photo Shoot, courtesy of Makenna K Henning Photography

Complimentary Farewell Video produced for her finale at NAM Nationals, compliments of Pageants 2 Go

8x10 Souvenir Group Photos at Nationals

Clothing and accessories from various sponsors

Lighted Teeth Whitening Session (ages 8+) during Nationals, courtesy of Enlightened Expressions Gwinnett

Queen's Retreat in Orlando, FL

\*Prizes listed are for '25-'26 National American Miss titles and are subject to change.



# all about the **REQUIRED COMPETITIONS**

## AGE DIVISIONS

Elite	25-39
Miss	19-24
Teen	16-18
Jr. Teen	13-15
Pre-Teen*	10-12
Jr. Pre-Teen*	7-9
Princess*	4-6

Age groups are assigned by the contestant's obtained age as of January 1 of the year of the competition. See [namiss.com](http://namiss.com) for more details.

\* No noticeable makeup for these age groups.

## REQUIRED OUTFITS

- **Formal Dress**
- **Interview Outfit**
- **Pageant Production Number T-Shirt**

The following pages have examples of these outfits that are required.

## ALL ABOUT MAKEUP

At National American Miss, emphasis is placed on a contestant's ability to communicate comfortably and confidently, verbally and non-verbally. When it comes to makeup:

**Senior Divisions** (Jr. Teen, Teen, Miss, and Elite): Age-appropriate makeup is allowed for all competitions (both required and optional).

**Junior Divisions** (Princess, Jr. Pre-Teen, and Pre-Teen): Noticeable makeup is **NOT** allowed for required competitions. Age-appropriate makeup is allowed for optional competitions.

# 3 OUTFITS YOU'LL NEED

## YOUR GUIDE TO LOOKING YOUR BEST FOR PAGEANT WEEKEND!



### 1. FORMAL WEAR DRESS

- ❑ Look for a type of dress you like and one you would feel confident wearing.
- ❑ Whether you are purchasing, borrowing, or renting a dress, find an age-appropriate style that is pleasing to your body type and will allow you to move gracefully across the stage.
- ❑ When looking for that perfect dress, remember that there is a fine line between something that is elegant and age-appropriate, and something that is too sophisticated and mature. The line doesn't fall in the same place for all ladies, so be careful not to look too old for your age and be true to yourself. Don't try to be something that you are not. Choose a dress that will reflect your personality and makes you feel your best!
- ❑ Once you've selected your dress and shoes, be sure to practice walking in them well before pageant weekend. If formal gowns or dress shoes are new to you, it's important to give yourself time to adjust and break them in. The goal is for your shoes to feel comfortable and be your "friends", not "enemies," during pageant weekend.
- ❑ Your Formal Wear dress should follow the rules on page 5 and make you feel like a winner!



### 2. INTERVIEW/PERSONAL INTRODUCTION OUTFIT

- ❑ Choose a dress, skirt and top, shirt and pants, jumpsuit, or suit that will showcase your personality and expresses your style. Remember, this is the outfit you will wear for your Interview Competition and Personal Introduction on-stage.
- ❑ Your shoes should complement your interview outfit. Please make sure that you can comfortably walk in them. Shoes that are not comfortable can affect your poise and posture.
- ❑ Natural enthusiasm makes a great first impression. Select the outfit and shoes that you feel confident in – the one that puts a smile on your face.



### 3. PAGEANT PRODUCTION NUMBER T-SHIRT & JEANS

- ❑ During the pageant finale, every contestant will take part in a fun opening production number, which you will learn during a rehearsal on pageant weekend. Every contestant will wear the same production number shirt. The official T-shirt color and design may vary from year to year.
- ❑ This required t-shirt is used for the opening production number, as well as the optional Actress Contest. The official T-shirt will be available for purchase on pageant weekend for a total of \$35.
- ❑ You will need to bring your own blue jeans.
- ❑ You will need to bring your own white tennis shoes if you are a Princess, Jr. Pre-Teen, or Pre-Teen contestant. If you are a Jr. Teen, Teen, Miss, or Elite contestant, you can wear any style shoe of your choice. *No flip flops, no crocs or clogs, and no backless shoes.*

# FORMAL WEAR

30% of your REQUIRED SCORE



Scan the QR code to see a video of the Walking Patterns

## ABOUT

You will be introduced by the pageant emcee on stage in the formal dress of your choosing. There is no admission charge for audience members attending this competition. During pageant weekend, each contestant will attend a rehearsal prior to the competitions so they may practice walking. Escorts will be used during this competition for all age groups, EXCEPT Miss and Elite. Escorts are encouraged to attend this rehearsal, but it is not required.

## ATTIRE RULES

### All Divisions:

- Select a formal dress or gown that is age appropriate and reflects your personality.
- Jewelry is optional but, if worn, should complement your outfit and be appropriate for your age.
- Choose shoes that you can comfortably walk in.

### Princess, Jr. Pre-Teen, and Pre-Teen

- Bare midriffs are not permitted.
- Shoes should be flats or small heels that provide comfort and stability.
- Noticeable makeup is not permitted.

### Jr. Teen, Teen, Miss, and Elite

- Shoes may be any style as long as they are comfortable and allow you to walk confidently.

## FORMAT

- Walking patterns for each age division are illustrated on the right side of this page.

## SCORING

- Scoring is based on the selection committee's overall impression, and the finalist's ability to command attention with her poise and personality.
- The selection committee is looking for a representative who is wearing appropriate attire and is confident and comfortable on stage.

## YOU BRING

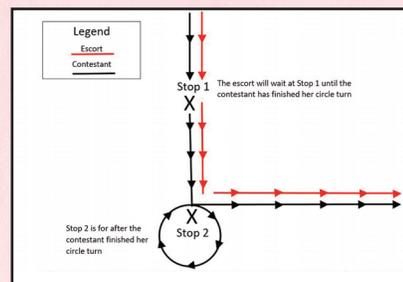
- Formal wear dress of your choice
- Complementing shoes
- Complementing jewelry, if you choose
- Your escort (can be a family member or friend). No escort for Miss and Elite.
- Emcee Card (located on your state pageant website), will be submitted at Pageant Check-In and used later by our staff during this competition.

## ALL ABOUT ESCORTS

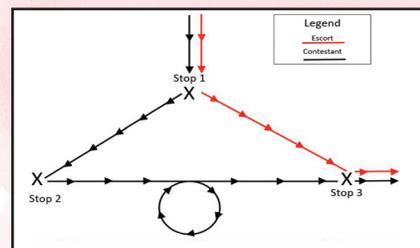
- Princess, Jr. Pre-Teen, Pre-Teen, Jr. Teen, and Teen contestants will need an escort for the Formal Wear Competition. Escorts may be any family member or friend. Miss and Elite contestants will not be escorted.
- Escorts are only needed during the Formal Wear Competition. During the Final Show, the contestant is presented on stage alone, and at that time, your escort would be part of the audience. So, your escort will need a ticket if they wish to attend the Final Show.
- **Attire for Escorts:** Something that complements the contestant's formal dress. T-shirts, jeans, and shorts would **NOT** be considered appropriate attire.

# WALKING PATTERNS

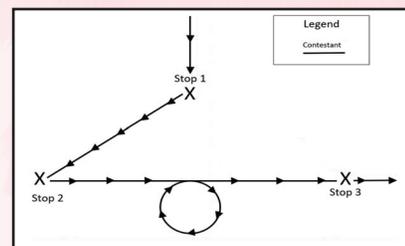
## Stage Pattern for Princess and Jr. Pre-Teen



## Stage Pattern for Pre-Teen, Jr. Teen and Teen



## Stage Pattern for Miss and Elite



PRINCESS, JR. PRE-TEEN, and PRE-TEEN

JR. TEEN and TEEN

MISS and ELITE

# PERSONAL INTRODUCTION

**30%** of your  
REQUIRED SCORE

## ABOUT

You will introduce yourself with the microphone, on stage, in front of the audience. You will wear a professional outfit of your choosing. There is no admission charge for audience members attending Personal Introduction. During Pageant Weekend, there will be a rehearsal prior to the competition. Please carefully review the rules of the competition that are listed below.

## ATTIRE RULES

### All Divisions:

- We recommend wearing the same outfit for both the **Personal Introduction Competition** and the **Interview Competition**.
- Jewelry is optional but should be age appropriate if worn.

### Princess, Jr. Pre-Teen, and Pre-Teen

- Choose a dress, skirt and top, shirt and pants, jumpsuit, or suit that will showcase your personality and expresses your style.
- Shoes should be comfortable and easy to walk in.
- Noticeable makeup is not permitted.

### Jr. Teen, Teen, Miss, and Elite

- Choose an outfit appropriate for a professional job interview.
- Shoes should complement your outfit and be age appropriate.

## FORMAT

- You will walk onto the stage, the current queen will then hand you the microphone, and you will introduce yourself to the selection committee and the audience by delivering your Personal Introduction.
- When you are finished with your introduction, you will hand the microphone back to the state queen and then exit the stage.

## SCORING

- The selection committee is looking for a representative who naturally conveys her unique personality through engaging public speaking skills, confidence, and stage presence.
- Following attire rules, as well as presentation rules, will be a factor.

## YOU BRING

- Personal Introduction/Interview outfit
- Comfortable shoes
- Complementing jewelry, if you choose

## PRESENTATION RULES

### Three things you must say:

- Name
- Hometown
- Something interesting about yourself or what your goals are for the future

Your personal introduction must be memorized. In addition to the three required things you must say, you are encouraged to add additional information in your Personal Introduction. However, there is a **TIME LIMIT OF 30 SECONDS!**



Scan the QR code  
to see examples of the  
Personal Introduction  
Competition



# INTERVIEW

30% of your  
REQUIRED SCORE



## ABOUT

This is a closed competition, which means no audience is allowed in the interview room. You will wear a professional outfit of your choosing. Questions asked will not have right or wrong answers. You know all the answers because all the questions are about you and your personal experiences.

## ATTIRE RULES

### All Divisions:

- We recommend wearing the same outfit for both the **Personal Introduction Competition** and the **Interview Competition**.
- Jewelry is optional but should be age appropriate if worn.

### Princess, Jr. Pre-Teen, and Pre-Teen

- Choose a dress, skirt and top, shirt and pants, jumpsuit, or suit that will showcase your personality and expresses your style.
- Shoes should be comfortable and easy to walk in.
- Noticeable makeup is not permitted.

### Jr. Teen, Teen, Miss, and Elite

- Choose an outfit appropriate for a professional job interview.
- Shoes should complement your outfit and be age appropriate.

## FORMAT

- Your resume, available to download from your State Pageant website, is required to be completed prior to the pageant and submitted at Pageant Check-In.
- You will meet with approximately five selection committee members, individually. Each interview with each individual selection committee member lasts approximately one minute. Once your interview is over with the first selection committee member, the bell will ding and you walk to the second selection committee member's table, take a seat, and begin your interview. You will repeat this process until you have interviewed with all selection committee members.

## SCORING

- The selection committee is looking for a naturally-enthusiastic, confident, and effective communicator.
- The selection committee wants to know more about you. Maintain eye contact and sit forward on your chair with your back straight.
- Answer each question in complete sentences. You are interviewing for the job of state queen and this is the perfect time to talk about yourself.
- Following attire rules will be a factor.

## YOU BRING

- Personal Introduction/Interview outfit
- Complementing shoes
- Complementing jewelry, if you choose
- Resume which will be submitted at Pageant Check-In and returned to you by our staff prior to the competition.



PRINCESS, JR. PRE-TEEN, and PRE-TEEN



JR. TEEN, TEEN, MISS and ELITE

# COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

**10%** of your  
REQUIRED SCORE

## ABOUT

A full 10% of your overall pageant score will automatically be awarded to you when you do **one or more** of the following things to serve your community.

- Donate a children's book(s) to your local library, school library, or organization of your choice.
- Donate school supplies to your school or organization of your choice.
- Donate at least one hour to help others in need in your community.

Each year, more than 20,000 children's books, countless school supplies and thousands of hours are donated nationwide through the amazing NAM contestants involvement in the Community Service Project. Again, this is a required competition worth 10% of your overall score. We hope that through this competition you will fall in love with serving others in your community and make this a lifelong quest.

## FORMAT

- Donations are to be made and volunteer hours are to be served prior to pageant weekend.
- If making a donation, only one item is required to receive full credit. If volunteering, there is a minimum of at least one hour to receive full credit.
- National American Miss will adhere to the honor system in regard to your donation or volunteer hours.

## SCORING

- You will receive a full 10% of your required competition score automatically when you submit your Community Service form at Pageant Check-In.

## YOU BRING

- The Community Service Project Form, which you download from your state pageant website, will be used as verification of your participation in this competition. **Remember, volunteer hours and/or donations are to be made prior to the State Pageant.**



# WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT Sponsorships

## WHAT IS THE REQUIRED SPONSORSHIP FEE?

**The sponsorship fee is the entry fee required to be in the pageant. Sponsors can be family members or businesses... ANYONE can sponsor a contestant!**

All sponsorship fees are tax-deductible for businesses as an advertising expense. Most family members, community businesses and organizations are thrilled to sponsor those who are a positive reflection on their community!

**All sponsorship fees are non-refundable.**

## WHY DO I NEED A SPONSORSHIP FEE?

Sponsorship fees help offset the cost of producing the pageant. Sponsorship fees pay pageant expenses, which include prizes, awards, trophies, selection committees' expenses, staff expenses, ballroom rental, staging, lighting, etc. Think of sports teams, professional athletes, and various community activities; these events are able to take place and these people are able to compete because they have the support of their sponsors.

## THE BOTTOM LINE: 3 REQUIRED COMPETITION FEES

- (1) Sponsorship Fee .....\$650
- (2) Production Number T-Shirt .....\$35
- (3) Audience Ticket to the Final Show .....\$25

**This is what we call "the bottom line."  
There are no other required fees!**



# HOW DO I GET Sponsorships?

- 1 Make a list and contact potential sponsors to explain that you have been accepted as a contestant in the National American Miss Pageant for your state.
- 2 Show the prospective sponsor the information about the pageant that you can access on your state pageant website.
- 3 Tell the prospective sponsor that you are trying to raise the fees necessary to attend the pageant for your state.
- 4 Explain the goals of the pageant and why you are excited to participate and what you hope to gain by being part of the pageant.
- 5 Remind the prospective sponsor that their donations are tax-deductible as an advertising expense for business owners. You will provide a list of your sponsors to be listed in the State Yearbook.
- 6 Tell the prospective sponsor that you can have as many or as few sponsors as necessary to reach your minimum goal of \$650.
- 7 Thank the prospective sponsor for their time, whether they choose to sponsor you or not.

## What if a prospective sponsor tells me “no”?

If a prospective sponsor says, “No,” say “Thank you for your time” with a smile. **Remember, the only difference between success and failure is that successful people keep trying.**

## Fun ideas to raise your SPONSOR FEE!

- Ask family members, friends, local businesses and organizations: car dealers, hair and nail salons, insurance and real estate agents, repair shops, dentists, restaurants, and more.
- Hold a car wash, bake sale, garage sale, candy bar or donut sale; get creative!



# ASK THE experts!



## What are the benefits of entering National American Miss?

This is an opportunity of a lifetime. In addition to trophies, prizes, scholarships, cash, and awards, you will gain self-confidence, communication skills, and valuable experience from interviewing and appearing on stage in front of an audience! You will make friendships that you will cherish for years to come and memories that will last a lifetime. In short, you will have a great time while building important real-life skills.

## Is National American Miss a beauty pageant?

*Definitely not!* You are scored 30% on your Personal Introduction, 30% on Poise and Presentation in Formal Wear, 30% on Communication Skills and Personality in Interview, and 10% on Participating in our Community Service Project.

## Is previous pageant experience required?

*Absolutely not!* Anyone is quite capable of doing well and even winning in our system regardless of prior pageant experience. We are looking for enthusiastic contestants who can proudly represent their state. First time participants make terrific contestants and wonderful winners!

**Do I have to get coaching or other formal training?** *No!* This guidebook, along with the training from our staff, will provide you with a solid foundation to create your own style and learn the stage techniques required for competition.

## Do I have to stay at the pageant host hotel?

You are not required to stay at the pageant host hotel. However, the pageant does set up a special discounted block for the contestants and their families.

**If I do not enter any Optional Contests, will it affect my chances of winning the overall pageant?** *Absolutely not!* Scores from the optional contests have no effect on the outcome of the overall pageant and are scored by a separate selection committee.

**What is a Sponsorship Fee?** The sponsorship fee pays for the cost of producing the pageant: awards, trophies, choreographers, emcees, lighting, sound, staging, selection committees' expenses, staff, florists, hotel ballroom rental, cash awards, printed materials, scholarships, and all of the many other things that come together to make the pageant the best program for you and your family. The sponsorship fee is \$650 and can be divided up into separate payments. Businesses, family, friends, or fundraising activities are all great ideas for earning your sponsorship fee.

**Sponsorship fees are non-refundable.** Remember sponsorship contributions can cover any pageant related costs, such as Sponsorship Fee, Production Number T-Shirt, Final Show Tickets, Optional Contests, Hotel Room, and more. So don't stop at just \$650!

**Do I have to raise my sponsorship fee, or can we just pay it?** It is up to you. You can either raise your sponsorship fee or pay it yourself—or even a combination of the two—whichever works best for you and your family. Remember that the total sponsorship fee is \$650.

**I would like to be in the pageant, but how do I get sponsors?** The best place to begin is where your family does business. Examples are dry cleaners, insurance companies, banks, doctors, dentists, local stores, etc. Call ahead to make an appointment, and dress up when you visit them. Visiting potential sponsors is good practice for your interview.

## Should I write my sponsor a thank you note?

It is very important to write each of your sponsors a note of thanks; it is an essential part of good manners. Be sure to thank them for making your dream of being in the pageant a reality!



## Helpful Hints

**Remember, sponsorship contributions can cover any pageant related costs, such as:**

- Sponsorship Fees
- Production Number T-Shirt
- Final Show Tickets
- Optional Contests
- Hotel Room
- Outfits

**...so don't stop at \$650!**

# All about the PAGEANT PORTAL!

## The Pageant Portal™: Your One-Stop Hub for Managing Your Pageant Account

The Pageant Portal™ is a proprietary solution developed by The iam Powerhouse and is exclusively used by National American Miss and our sister program, International Junior Miss. This system is designed to enhance the contestant experience by providing a seamless way to manage pageant-related tasks. Through this platform, you can:

- ✓ Add optional contests
- ✓ Purchase event tickets
- ✓ Make payments
- ✓ Generate a sponsor payment link to share with supporters



### CREATING YOUR ACCOUNT

First time using The Pageant Portal™? Click 'Sign Up' and create your login.

Write down your username and password in a safe place.

**Returning Users:** If you created an account for last year's NAM Nationals, IJM Internationals, or the 2025 State Season, you do not need to create a new login. Simply sign in with your existing credentials—your contestant information is already saved!

### ADDING YOUR CONTESTANT

Once logged in, you will see an 'Add Contestant' prompt on the left-hand side of the screen.

Click on that and follow the prompts to connect your contestant to the account.

**IMPORTANT!** We match contestant profile through the contestant's name, date of birth, and zip code. If you filled out any of this incorrectly on your initial application, you may encounter a 'Cannot find contestant' note. Please contact your State Office to verify that these details are correct on your account.

### UNDERSTANDING THE 'EDIT ORDER' FEATURE

This section is not a typical shopping cart. Any modifications affect your entire account. Payments are not tied to specific items; they are credited toward your total balance due. Add and remove items as needed; your balance will adjust accordingly.

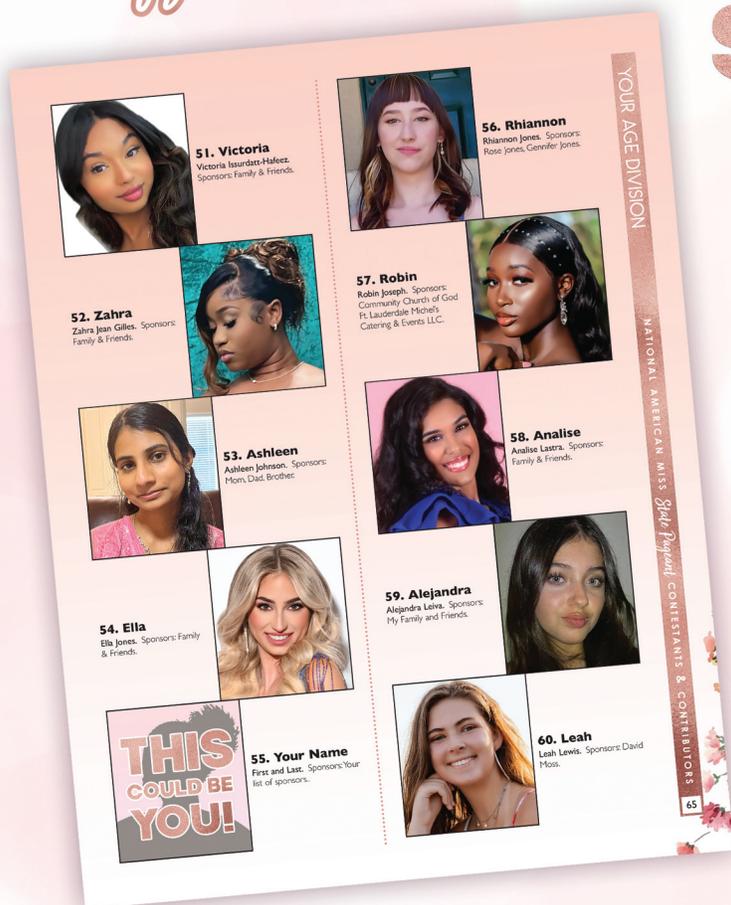
### IMPORTANT NOTES:

**Returning Users:** If you have previously created a login and added a contestant, that contestant is now 'locked'. You must log in to the original account to unlock the contestant and grant permission for other logins to access their profile.

**Have Two Contestants?:** After you've added your first contestant, you can click on the Gear Icon near the top left > Manage Contestants to add other contestants to your account.

**Friends, Family, and Sponsors:** The Pageant Portal™ is designed for contestants and their parents/guardians only. Friends, family, and sponsors should not access the portal. Instead, use the 'Sponsor (Guest) Payments' feature to generate a specialty payment link that can be shared for contributions to your pageant account.

# Official YEARBOOK PHOTO + SPONSOR LIST



### BE FEATURED IN YOUR STATE PAGEANT YEARBOOK!

Your photo and sponsor list will be featured in the official pageant yearbook at no additional cost. In addition, every State Finalist will receive a copy at Pageant Check-In!

**Your sponsor list is limited to 195 characters including letters, spaces, and punctuation.** List only people's names and/or company names. Greetings, shout-outs, and in memoriams will not be printed.

The photos featured in the State Yearbook are not judged in any way.

**Submit your photo and sponsor list at [pageantportal.com](http://pageantportal.com) BY THE DEADLINE to be featured in the yearbook!**

### ACTUAL SIZE OF PHOTO AND SPONSOR LIST



### 23. Alexandra

Sponsors: New Hope Baptist Church, Jennifer and Keith Overton, James and Anita White, Karen and Robert Phillippe, Annamarie and Bobby Caldwell, Jennifer Marley, Katherine and Daniel Worthington, Mom & Dad.

# OPTIONAL CONTESTS

To take part in the National American Miss Pageant, there are the four required elements in which every contestant will participate—Formal Wear (30%), Personal Introduction (30%), Personal Interview (30%) and Community Service Project (10%). The State Representative is chosen from these four categories only.

National American Miss also offers a variety of OPTIONAL Contests; however, they are **NOT** required to participate in the pageant. They are offered for those contestants that have developed an interest in the performing arts another chance to be recognized. Below you will find some of the optional contests offered; again, **you are in no way required to participate in any of these optional contests.**

*Please note our events may contain fog and/or bright, strobing, and flashing lights.*

## TALENT

**The winner from each age division will be awarded a Golden Ticket invitation to participate in the National competition in Orlando, FL, an award, as well as her entry fee to compete in this year's National Talent Optional Contest (\$175 value). The four runners-up will be awarded a Golden Ticket invitation to participate in the national competition in Orlando, FL.**

- Available to all age divisions.
- Talent performances must be a live solo performance.
- You may submit up to 2 Talent entries.
- There is a 2-minute time limit on all entries.
- \$150 entry fee per Talent entry.



## PHOTOGENIC

**The winner from each age division will be awarded a Golden Ticket invitation to participate in the National competition in Orlando, FL, an award, as well as her entry fee to compete in this year's National Photogenic Optional Contest (\$175 value). The four runners-up will be awarded a Golden Ticket invitation to participate in the national competition in Orlando, FL.**

- Available to all age divisions.
- Photos must be uploaded by your State Pageant deadline. **Do not mail them in.**
- Up to 4 photos may be submitted. 1 photo is 1 entry.
- Entries can be any size but higher resolution photos usually score higher.
- The photo(s) may be black & white or color.
- \$100 fee per photo entry.

**Enter four photos and automatically receive The Portfolio Award!**



## CASUAL WEAR MODELING

**The winner from each age division will be awarded a Golden Ticket invitation to participate in the National competition in Orlando, FL, an award, as well as her entry fee to compete in this year's National Casual Wear Optional Contest (\$175 value). The four runners-up will be awarded a Golden Ticket invitation to participate in the national competition in Orlando, FL.**

- Available to all age divisions.
- You may submit up to 2 Casual Wear Modeling<sup>SM</sup> entries.
- Each contestant will model one age-appropriate outfit per entry.
- This is your chance to show your own personality and style.
- This contest has the excitement and energy of a live fashion show!
- \$100 fee per Casual Wear Modeling<sup>SM</sup> entry.



## DREAM MODEL

**The winner will receive a feature in *The iam Dream Magazine*, a Golden Ticket invitation to participate in the National Competition in Orlando, FL, and an award. The first runner-up will be awarded a Golden Ticket invitation to participate in the national competition in Orlando, FL.**

- Available to all age divisions.
- The contestant with the highest combined score in the Photogenic and Casual Wear optional contest who also paid the \$50 entry fee will become the Dream Model.
- Must also enter both Photogenic and Casual Wear Modeling Optional Contests.
- \$50 entry fee

## FUN FITNESS

**The winner from each age division will be awarded a Golden Ticket invitation to participate in the National competition in Orlando, FL, an award, as well as her entry fee to compete in this year's National Fun Fitness Optional Contest (\$175 value). The four runners-up will be awarded a Golden Ticket invitation to participate in the national competition in Orlando, FL.**

- This exciting event is a high-energy contest that not only shows off your modeling skills, but also promotes health and fitness. You will model an age-appropriate athletic outfit.
- Available to all age divisions.
- You may enter this Optional Contest twice.
- \$100 fee per Fun Fitness entry.



## ACTRESS

The winner from each age division will be awarded a Golden Ticket invitation to participate in the National competition in Orlando, FL, an award, as well as her entry fee to compete in this year's National Actress Optional Contest (\$175 value). The four runners-up will be awarded a Golden Ticket invitation to participate in the national competition in Orlando, FL.

- Available to all age divisions.
- You may submit up to 2 Actress entries.
- Contestants will choose lines from a provided list.
- \$100 fee per Actress entry.



## SPOKESMODEL

The winner from each age division will be awarded a Golden Ticket invitation to participate in the National competition in Orlando, FL, an award, as well as her entry fee to compete in this year's National Spokesmodel Optional Contest (\$175 value). The four runners-up will be awarded a Golden Ticket invitation to participate in the national competition in Orlando, FL.

- Available to all age divisions.
- You may submit up to 2 Spokesmodel™ entries.
- Contestants will wear interview outfits.
- Choose from a list of topics, write a short speech and deliver it on stage.
- There is a 1½-minute time limit on all entries.
- \$100 entry fee per Spokesmodel™ entry.

Some Spokesmodel Optional Contest subjects may be of a delicate nature and focus on serious subjects that may be triggering for some individuals. Our goal is to encourage women to speak their minds and share their passions.



## TOP MODEL SEARCH

The winner from each age division will be awarded a Golden Ticket invitation to participate in the National competition in Orlando, FL, an award, as well as her entry fee to compete in this year's National Top Model Optional Contest (\$175 value). The four runners-up will be awarded a Golden Ticket invitation to participate in the national competition in Orlando, FL.

- Available to all age divisions.
- This super fun contest puts you on the set of a real live photo shoot.
- You may enter this Optional Contest twice.
- \$150 fee per Top Model Search entry.



## RUNWAY MODEL SEARCH

The winner from each age division will be awarded a Golden Ticket invitation to participate in the National competition in Orlando, FL, an award, as well as her entry fee to compete in this year's National Runway Model Search Optional Contest (\$175 value). The four runners-up will be awarded a Golden Ticket invitation to participate in the national competition in Orlando, FL.

- Available to all age divisions.
- Each contestant will model a fashion-forward outfit of her choice, competing in front of a selection committee as she walks the runway!
- You may enter this Optional Contest twice.
- \$150 fee per Runway Model Search entry.



## MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

The winner from each age division will be awarded a Golden Ticket invitation to participate in the National competition in Orlando, FL, an award, as well as her entry fee to compete in this year's National Red Carpet Media Correspondent Optional Contest (\$125 value). The four runners-up will be awarded a Golden Ticket invitation to participate in the national competition in Orlando, FL.

- Experience what an audition would be like if you wanted to become a red carpet media correspondent on television, interviewing celebrities and reporting LIVE from red carpets for major awards shows and events.
- Available to all age divisions.
- You may enter this Optional Contest one time.
- \$100 fee per Media Correspondent entry.



## ASPIRING AUTHOR

The winner from each age division will be awarded a Golden Ticket invitation to participate in the National competition in Orlando, FL, an award, as well as her entry fee to compete in this year's National Aspiring Author Optional Contest (\$175 value). The 1st runner-up will be awarded a Golden Ticket invitation to participate in the national competition in Orlando, FL.

- Now is your chance to be an official published author and write an essay for *The iam Dream Magazine*!
- Available to all age divisions.
- You may enter this Optional Contest twice.
- \$50 fee per Aspiring Author entry.

# Free **OPTIONAL CONTESTS**

Check out all of these additional fun and exciting Optional Contests! These contests are a great way to earn AN INVITATION TO NATIONALS and awards while highlighting your individual interests at no additional cost.



## MISS PERSONALITY



*Wow!* National Pageant  
Qualifying Optional Contest!

- Available to all age divisions; no entry fee.
- Each State Finalist will vote for the contestant they feel has been the friendliest and the most helpful during pageant weekend.
- **Winner will receive an award! Winner and 1st Runner-up will also receive a Golden Ticket Award invitation to the National Pageant.**

## MISS SPIRIT



*Wow!* National Pageant  
Qualifying Optional Contest!

- Available to all age divisions; no entry fee.
- The pageant choreographers will select the contestant who shows the most uplifting spirit throughout pageant weekend.
- **Winner and 1st Runner-up will receive a Golden Ticket Award invitation to the National Pageant in Orlando, FL.**

## ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT



*Wow!* National Pageant  
Qualifying Optional Contest!

- Available to Jr. Teen, Teen, Miss, and Elite age divisions (still attending school); no entry fee.
- State Finalists will bring copies of their official school transcripts. A selection committee will look at a combination of grade-point average and course load.
- **Winner and 1st Runner-up will receive a Golden Ticket Award invitation to the National Pageant in Orlando, FL.**

## WOMEN OF IMPACT



*Wow!* National Pageant  
Qualifying Optional Contest!

- Available to Miss and Elite age divisions (for those who are no longer in school); no entry fee.
- At Pageant Check-in, State Finalists will turn-in a professional resume or CV highlighting education, work experience, leadership roles, and key achievements, as well as a short essay (300 words or less) detailing career journey, accomplishments, and future goals. Additional supporting documents, such as letters of recommendation, certifications, or media features showcasing her impact may also be submitted.
- **Winner and 1st Runner-up will receive a Golden Ticket Award invitation to the National Pageant in Orlando, FL.**

## HEART OF SERVICE<sup>SM</sup>



*Wow!* National Pageant  
Qualifying Optional Contest!

- Available to all age divisions; no entry fee.
- State Finalists will bring records of their volunteer service, as well as letters of verification.
- **Winner and 1st Runner-up will receive a Golden Ticket Award invitation to the National Pageant in Orlando, FL.**

## ART CONTEST



*Wow!* National Pageant  
Qualifying Optional Contest!

- Available to Princess, Jr. Pre-Teen, and Pre-Teen age divisions; no entry fee.
- State Finalists download a form to color or decorate as they wish. This form is found on their state pageant website under Pageant Check-in Forms.
- **Winner and 1st Runner-up will receive a Golden Ticket Award invitation to the National Pageant in Orlando, FL.**

## BEST RESUME



*Wow!* National Pageant  
Qualifying Optional Contest!

- Available to all age divisions; no entry fee.
- State Finalists download a resume from their state pageant website to fill out and turn in at Pageant Check-In.
- A selection committee will look at a combination of the State Finalists' activities, honors, academics, and neatness.
- **Winner and 1st Runner-up will receive a Golden Ticket Award invitation to the National Pageant in Orlando, FL.**

## MOST RECOMMENDATIONS



*Wow!* National Pageant  
Qualifying Optional Contest!

- Available to all age divisions; no entry fee.
- \$50 NAM Boutique Certificate will be awarded to every contestant that submits at least 75 accurate referrals.
- **Read specific rules at state pageant website.**

# It's a **PRE-PAGEANT CRASH COURSE** + Party!

The Pre-Pageant **CRASH COURSE** and **GET-ACQUAINTED PARTY** will be held the weekend of your state pageant. If you want to get some extra practice, learn some tips and pointers, and meet new friends, you might want to consider signing up for the Pre-Pageant Crash Course and Get-Acquainted Party.

**THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO ASK QUESTIONS  
AND GET INSIDE TIPS!  
(THIS ACTIVITY IS NOT REQUIRED)**



**The cost of the CRASH COURSE is \$25 and the PARTY is FREE.** We offer the crash course to contestants so they may feel better prepared as they get to practice before the activities begin.

The crash course instructors have competed and/or judged at the local, state, and national levels. They want to help each contestant feel "ready" for the exciting weekend ahead! Every crash course participant will receive a complimentary National American Miss bag.

While the skills learned at the crash course will help you do your best at the pageant events, emphasis is placed on posture, stage presence, dressing for success and more! These skills will be used not only pageant weekend, but throughout your life.

Following the crash course, there will be a fun party where the contestants can dance and meet one another. We hope to see you at the crash course and party.

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