

2024 CONTESTANT

Information Guide



UNITED STATES *of America* PAGEANTS

United States of America Pageants is the fastest growing pageant system in the nation and was named in the **TOP 10 BEST National Pageants of 2019 , 2020, 2021 & 2022** by the Pageant Planet! We focus on women empowerment, promoting positive self-image and advocating a platform of community service. Additionally, we award **THOUSANDS** of dollars in prizes and provide countless opportunities for women to achieve success!

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Event Information

Day 1 – Registration
Orientation
Interviews
Activity

Day 2- Rehearsal #1
Fitness Preliminary
Gown Preliminary

Day 3- Rehearsal #2
Final Competition

Day 4- Winner's Photo Shoot

*Group Activities TBD

DATE: July 4th -6th , 2024

CITY: San Antonio, Texas

THEATRE: Lila Cockrell

HOTEL: San Antonio Marriott
Rivercenter on the River Walk

*Schedule subject to change

A woman with long dark hair, wearing a large, ornate silver tiara and a red sequined, strapless gown with a high slit. She is standing against a white, ornate, carved wall. The text and graphics are overlaid on the right side of the image.

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Eligibility Requirements

1. Is a U.S. citizen or has been granted permanent residency by the United States.
2. Is a resident, works, or goes to school in the state they are competing.
3. Is a natural born female
4. Has never appeared nude in photographs or film.

TEEN

- Is between 13-17 years of age as of 1/1/2024
- Is single, not married, has never been married is not pregnant & has never given birth.

MISS

- Is between 18-28 years of age as of 1/1/2024
- Is single or divorced & has never given birth

MS.

- Is 29+ as of 1/1/2024
- Is single or divorced, with or without children

MRS.

- Is 18+ as of 1/1/2024
- Is legally married to her spouse
- If not a citizen or permanent resident is married to a U.S. citizen.

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Entry Fees

ALL INCLUSIVE FEE \$2295.00

- ❖ Official entry to participate in the annual competition
- ❖ Official State titleholder's rhinestone embroidered sash
- ❖ Official State titleholder's rhinestone tiara
 - ❖ Designer opening number outfit
 - ❖ Marc Defang Pageant heels
- ❖ Full Page Contestant Spotlight page in the National Program Book
 - ❖ National Program Book
 - ❖ National Photo Package
(Includes Onstage Competition Photos)
- ❖ 3 Nights Hotel Accommodations at the Host Hotel
(Shared with another contestant or Partial lodging for private room)
 - ❖ 2 meals provided per day
- ❖ Official UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PAGEANTS T-Shirt
 - ❖ Contestant Swag Bag

Payment #1) \$295 Deposit due immediately!
Reserves State Title

Payment #2) \$500 Orders Crown

Payment #3) \$500 Orders Sash

Payment #4) \$500 Ships Sash and Crown

Payment #5) \$500 Due six weeks prior to pageant!

CHECK- Make checks payable to: United States of America Pageants
(\$25.00 Penalty fee for returned checks)

ZELLE- Send payments to phone number 5593675089

PAYPAL- Send payments to info@unitedstatesofamericapageants.com

DELEGATE PAYMENT PORTAL- Located on the delegate login page of our website.

ALL FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE AND NON-TRANSFERABLE

*A late fee of \$150 will be incurred if all required payments and documents are not received by the deadline

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Patriotic Costume

This is your chance to let your inner fashionista shine while showcasing your American pride! Costumes can reflect National or State characteristics.

Independent Competition
ONSTAGE PRESENTATION
APPROXIMATELY 30 SECONDS

Judging Criteria:

Creativity of costume, Modeling
Execution, Confidence,
Personality and Stage Presence

WINNER RECEIVES A SPECIALTY
AWARD ONSTAGE!



All wardrobe must be approved by the
National Office and maybe approved or
denied at the sole discretion of USOA
Pageants with or without cause.

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Judges Interview

Dress for Success! Select an outfit suitable for a job interview. Dress, skirt suit, or pantsuit, whatever reflects your personal style!

50% of PRELIMINARY SCORE
ROUND ROBIN STYLE
5 JUDGES, 3 MINUTES EACH

Judging Criteria:

Knowledge, Spontaneity, Personality, Vocabulary, Voice, Confidence, and Sense of Values will be evaluated.

Here are some of the questions the Judges will be thinking about during this area of competition.

How well did the contestant answer the question in terms of content and knowledge?
How quickly was the contestant able to think on her feet?
How articulate and personable was she?



TEEN- Select any style athletic clothing & athletic shoes.

MISS, MS., MRS.- Select any style swimsuit & heels.

NO THONGS ALLOWED!

Bottoms must provide adequate coverage!

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Fitness Competition

25% of SCORE
ONSTAGE PRESENTATION
APPROXIMATELY 45 SECONDS



Judging Criteria:

Physical Fitness, Confidence, Choice of Ensemble, Poise, Posture and Execution of Movement will be evaluated.

Here are some of the questions the Judges will be thinking about during this segment of the competition:

How well did the contestant model her wardrobe in terms of style and grace?

How well did the contestant's outfit flatter her figure?

How well did the contestant convey confidence with body type & choice of ensemble?

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Gown Competition

Better than beautiful! Select any style floor length formal dress that makes you feel like the Queen you are!

25% of SCORE
ONSTAGE PRESENTATION
APPROXIMATELY 45 SECONDS

Judging Criteria:

Confidence, Poise,
Posture, Style,
Charisma, Grace,
Overall Appearance
and Stage Presence.

Here are some of the questions the Judges will be thinking about during this area of competition.

How well did the contestant model her gown in terms of technique and elegance?

How well did the contestant's gown flatter her figure?



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Onstage Question

50% of FINAL SCORE
ONSTAGE PRESENTATION
APPROXIMATELY 45 SECONDS

Judging Criteria:

Knowledge, Spontaneity, Personality, Vocabulary, Voice, Confidence, and Sense of Values will be evaluated.

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How quickly was the contestant able to think on her feet?
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Program Book

YOU will be featured in the program book twice! Once on our contestant roster and you will also receive ONE FULL PAGE COLOR ADVERTISEMENT in the Program Book FREE OF CHARGE, it is REQUIRED to use our OFFICIAL PROGRAM DESIGNER at your own expense.

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NEW EMAIL
Apjvisions@gmail.com



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Fundraising

To help with the associated costs of competition you can sell ADDITIONAL advertisements in the program book and earn money! We have set up an incentive program for you to help offset your expenses. Listed below are the available advertisements, their costs, and the amount that you will receive for selling the advertisement! You will be provided a sponsorship letter to help you secure sponsors.

The delegate with the most advertisement sales will receive an onstage award!

Advertisement	Cost	Incentive
Back Cover	\$1500	\$750
Inside Covers	\$1000	\$500
Two Page Spread	\$750	\$375
Full Page	\$499	\$250
Half Page	\$299	\$150
Quarter Page	\$150	\$75

Full-Page
8.5" W x 11" H

(please include
a 1/8" bleed)

Half-Page
7.5" W x 4.75" H

(no bleed)

Quarter-Page
3.5" W x 4.75" H

(no bleed)

Eighth-Page
3.5" W x 2.5" H

ARTWORK MUST BE TURNED IN NO LATER THAN SIX WEEKS PRIOR TO NATIONAL PAGEANT

All advertisements must be submitted electronically via DropBox file request, be formatted correctly in accordance with the size chart above and be submitted as a 300DPI JPEG file.

Misc.

To compete in the Pageant, you **MUST** turn in the following.

A) Official Application- **Due Immediately**

B) Deposit- **Due within 24 hours of acceptance**

Remainder of payments due six weeks prior to nationals.

C) Titleholder Contract- **Due within 24 hours of acceptance**

1. Copy of birth certificate, naturalization, or permanent resident card
2. Copy of driver's license or identification card
3. Final divorce decree for any previously married MISS & MS contestants
4. MRS- Copy of marriage license.
5. Ad Page artwork/fees/forms (as soon as they are ready, but **NO LATER** than **SIX WEEKS** prior to the pageant)
6. Headshot, professional photo, **NO** sash and crowns allowed
7. Judges Bio Form- 1 Digital copy remitted to the national office and 6 hard copies with 3-hole punch mailed to the national office **SIX WEEKS** before the pageant.
8. Any other documents requested by National Office.

***Items 1-4 MUST BE SUBMITTED IN ORDER FOR US TO SHIP YOUR SASH AND CROWN**

All of the above must be submitted NO LATER THAN SIX WEEKS PRIOR TO THE NATIONAL PAGEANT

No one is allowed in the backstage dressing area during the pageant other than the contestant. We will have staff backstage to help with wardrobe if necessary.

FAQ's

Do I have to compete in and win a preliminary competition in order to compete in the national pageant?

There may or may not be STATE preliminaries available in your area, if there is not an official pageant in your state, you will apply directly with the national office.

How long does it take to receive my sash and crown?

PLEASE NOTE THESE ITEMS ARE CUSTOM DESIGNED AND MADE TO ORDER!

Once the sash is ordered it generally takes 4-5 weeks for production and shipping. Two day expedited production can be purchased for an additional \$50.00

Once the crown is ordered it generally takes approximately 2 weeks for production and shipping

Is there a minimum number of tickets I am required to sell?

NO!

When do tickets go on sale?

Tickets typically go on sale 2-4 weeks prior to the pageant. You will be notified when they go on sale and given instructions on how to purchase tickets

Do I get a free ticket for my parent or husband?

NO! Everyone must purchase a ticket to attend the pageant.

Are there any required rehearsals prior to the pageant?

No. All rehearsals will take place during pageant weekend

Will the pageant be televised?

All competitions will be aired on Pageantlive.com

How do I sell advertisements in the program book to raise money towards my pageant expenses?

You will be provided a sponsorship letter to present to businesses, friends and family who may wish to support you by either purchasing an advertisement to simply wish you good luck or to promote and highlight their business!