



2024 CONTESTANT HANDBOOK

OFFICIAL STATE PRELIMINARIES TO THE
MISS USA® & MISS TEEN USA® PAGEANTS

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WELCOME!

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Dear Contestant,

Congratulations! This is your official invitation to compete in the upcoming Miss USA and Miss Teen USA State pageant! For more than 20 years, our company, The Clemente Organization, has partnered with the Miss Universe Organization to produce a premiere statewide event that you will be proud to be part of. This year will be as exciting as ever, and we look forward to working with you as you embark on the journey of a lifetime.

As a contestant, you will represent your hometown, county, and region. You will become a part of a sorority of young women who will leave a legacy that impacts communities through philanthropic endeavors. You will make new friends and enjoy an atmosphere of glamour and fashion, while developing poise, confidence, and career-enhancing skills. While you are preparing for the state pageant, remember that being accepted and participating in an event such as this makes you a winner already. We welcome you to a wonderful journey that will be fun, exciting and full of lasting memories.

We have an incredible weekend planned for you! PRIZES – AWARDS – SCHOLARSHIPS – MODELING – GLAMOUR - EXCITEMENT... and the crowning of the new state winners! If you are crowned, the most thrilling and exciting part of the reign is the opportunity to compete for the prestigious title of Miss Teen USA or Miss USA. Our new titleholder's will be the state representatives in the national MISS TEEN USA pageant viewed by a worldwide web audience and the national MISS USA pageant LIVE on FYI Network! The national pageants have been sponsored by some of the most renowned companies in the world, including: Sherri Hill, Sun Kitten Swimwear, Image Skincare, CHI and Chinese Laundry Footwear.

As mentioned in the Information Session, each State Finalist will be judged in three areas: *Swimsuit or Athletic Wear, Evening Gown and Interview*. During the competition, you will be asked to model on stage; a panel of judges will also individually interview you. These areas of competition are equally weighted and designed to help showcase your ability to serve as a role model to your peers. You will have the opportunity to demonstrate your stage presence, poise, physical fitness, personality, and communication skills. Additional information on wardrobe guidelines and detailed information regarding your preparations is in the Contestant Manual.

There is more information on our website, so log on regularly and be sure to become a fan of Clemente Organization on Instagram. If you or your parents have any questions, never hesitate to call us at 781-321-3500. Again, congratulations on taking the first steps on an incredible journey.

Most Sincerely,



Laurie Clemente
Executive Director

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BEAUTIFULLY CONFIDENT

WHO WE ARE

The Miss USA Organization is a national, inclusive organization that celebrates women of all cultures and backgrounds and empowers them to realize their goals through experiences that build self-confidence and create opportunities for success. The Miss USA Organization provides the women who participate annually in national platform to affect positive change personally, professionally and philanthropic early as inspirational leaders in role models.

RUN BY WOMEN FOR WOMEN

The Miss USA Organization empowers women to realize their personal, professional and philanthropic goals through experiences that build self-confidence and act as catalyst for future success. We celebrate beauty, all forms of it, and provide the tools that help women to feel the most beautiful: "Confidently Beautiful".

CREATING OPPORTUNITIES

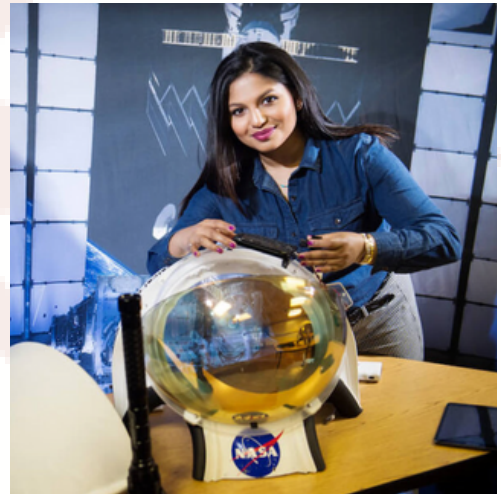
Miss USA and Miss Teen USA contestants and titleholders that have gone through The Miss USA Organization system are able to cultivate their personal career goals, advocate for humanitarian issues and be a voice to affect positive change in the world. These women are forward thinking and motivated, to not just think about this change, but to initiate it. They have gone on to high-profile careers in government, business, finance, broadcasting, as well as film and television.

BREAKING STEREOTYPES

Research has shown that the number one obstacle for women to overcome and reaching their potential in any endeavor is a lack of self-confidence. In doing so our contestants and titleholders have the opportunity to grow as women and be confident in any goal they choose to pursue. While we are a competition, the woman who participate also learn to help one another and create a world of friends and colleagues on which to draw support.

MISS USA ORGANIZATION INITIATIVES

The Miss USA Organization places priority on the importance of getting involved and giving back, by providing a dedicated national platform of charitable partnerships. As leaders in role models within their communities, our contestants and titleholders were to affect positive change through volunteering, fundraising and advocacy. During their reign, our winners are given the tools to personally and professionally enrich others by dedicating themselves to raising awareness and much needed funds for philanthropic endeavors.





WHAT IS NEXT?

Now that you've been selected to participate, what are the next steps?

THE FIRST STEP

Be sure to read this handbook and all documents included in your packet completely! Everything you need to know to start your preparations is included in this manual. The Frequently Asked Questions are especially helpful in answering many initial questions you or your parents may have - read it thoroughly and remember to share all information with them! Pay close attention to details, forms and especially your deadlines. Be sure to return the required, Official Forms on or before your deadline. Stay organized by keeping everything in the folder provided.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Please mark your orientation and pageant weekend dates listed below on your calendar now. Both of these dates are **REQUIRED** for all contestants to attend.

MAINE

Orientation:

TBD - March 2024

200 Sable Oaks Dr, South Portland, ME 04106

Pageant Competition Weekend:

TBD - March 2024

200 Sable Oaks Dr, South Portland, ME 04106

MASSACHUSETTS

Orientation:

TBD - February 2024

One Burlington Mall Road, Burlington, MA 01803

Pageant Competition Weekend:

TBD - March 2024

One Burlington Mall Road, Burlington, MA 01803

THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY - All contestants will be asked to arrive at the Host Hotel on Friday afternoon.

Registration will take place, followed by our Presentation Show (more details to come!). A full schedule will be sent to contestants after Orientation.

SATURDAY - Yoga will take place in the morning. Rehearsals will take place followed by the LIVE Preliminary Show later that evening. More information will follow as we get closer to pageant weekend.

SUNDAY - All contestants will be in rehearsals and have their Personal Interview in the morning (exact time will be announced). Following rehearsals will be the exciting LIVE Final/Crowning Event where we will crown our new state titleholders.

PRIORITIZE

Although we provide ample time to prepare, your deadlines will come around sooner than you expect. After reading all materials in the handbook and executing the documents from the website, your next steps should include making a list of potential sponsors and drafting a letter or telephone script to use when asking for support. We have included samples of each in this handbook. You should edit and personalize the letter to add your special accomplishments and goals. Next, complete your Official Forms and make copies of your Birth Certificate and Proof of Residency documents so that they are ready to submit by the due date. Pay close attention to the dates on your residency documents to make sure they meet the requirements listed.

DEADLINES

Each contestant has her own individual deadlines. Please put them on your calendar now. In producing an event of this size and caliber, it is imperative that each contestant submits her requirements and meets her deadlines on time. We understand the time it takes to meet your deadlines so if you do run into any delays, please call or e-mail us to request an extension so that we know you need extra time. We will do our best to work with you and grant an additional extension as long as time limitations permit with our program book printer's deadline.

SPONSORSHIP

Our sponsorship program is a great way to raise the required fee and keep out-of-pocket expenses to a minimum. There is much more information in this handbook that will help you in raising your fee, including a list of potential sponsors, helpful tips, a sample letter, telephone script, and receipts. Sponsorship payments may be paid by business checks, personal checks, money orders, cashier's checks, and credit cards. There will be a \$25.00 fee for any returned check. All checks are to be made payable to: Clemente Organization.

If you receive a check that is made out to you and you still owe a balance on your sponsorship, you may either endorse that check by signing the back and make it payable to the pageant or deposit that check and write one check for that amount out of your (or parent's) personal checking account or purchase a money order or cashier's check. It is highly recommended that you do not send cash in the mail. For your convenience, you and your sponsors may submit sponsorship online with a major credit card. The installment amounts and dates listed on your checklist are to help keep you on track. Although most contestants find it easier to use those amounts, you may submit the full amount before your deadline if you wish.



SPONSORS & THIRD PARTY VENDORS

On several occasions, the pageant will send you materials and information from our pageant sponsors and third party vendors who offer many different services and/or products that may interest you during your preparations. They are not employed by the pageant and it is not required that you use any of them. We provide this information simply for your benefit only and at the request of past contestants. If you do make a purchase, please be sure to get a receipt from the vendor as we will not have record of any orders. Questions or concerns regarding your order will need to be directed toward the company itself.

WHAT IF I WIN?

Be prepared... It could happen to YOU! If you win, your life will change forever. The most exciting year of memories and experiences will begin. Following the pageant you will have your initial photo shoot followed by an orientation with executive pageant staff where we will go over in detail your year ahead!

WHAT DO I DO IF I DECIDE TO WITHDRAW?

Should you decide to withdraw from the competition, you should notify us immediately by e-mail so that we may make your spot available for another interested young lady. Understand that any amount of money you or your sponsor(s) have paid will be forfeited completely and **will not be refunded for any reason**. Any payment you've made cannot be transferred to any other contestant.

CONTESTANT TITLES

Ready to represent your hometown with your very own personalized sash? By ordering your Title Sash before pageant weekend you are able to wear your sash for photoshoots, appearances, volunteer work, and so much more. This is a great way to brand yourself as a 2024 Miss USA/Teen USA local titleholder!

Once an applicant becomes a contestant, she will select a title under which she will compete in the State Pageant. These titles are assigned on a **first-come, first-served basis**. This request form will be sent to you via email after you have registered for the 2024 State Pageant.

You can choose a title based on your hometown (Andover, Boston, Portland, York, Burlington), your county (Middlesex County, Bristol County, Cumberland County, Penobscot County), or a 'catch phrase' (The Pine Street State, The Bay State, The Old Colony State, etc.). The other options are the city or county in which you work or attend school. Each contestant will be introduced at the pageant as: "Jane Doe, "Representing "(Your Title Choice)".

The Contestant Title Sash Request form will be sent to you via email once you have registered and completed the proper requirements. **You are able to purchase a Rhinestoned Sash and/or Crown via the Contestant Section. If you do not choose to purchase a sash, you will receive your Competition Sash on pageant weekend.**

Holding a title is an exciting way to brand the new you. It helps the audience and judges know who each contestant is representing throughout the pageant. Clemente Organization reserves the right to deny any title at our sole discretion. Any misuse of the title can result in the title being revoked and your disqualification from the pageant competition.





PROCEDURES

REGISTRATION

On pageant weekend you will register with Pageant Officials on Friday afternoon. We have a very busy schedule planned and need to stay on track. We will be assigning you a roommate, which we do alphabetically or you may purchase your own hotel room to stay in on your own/with a family member. We do not take roommate requests. Further information regarding pageant weekend will follow.

CONTESTANT ENTRY FORM

(ONLINE) You will find the Contestant's Official Entry Form/Contract, Rules, Regulations and Terms (Contestant's Contract) on our secured website. The

Contestant's Contract asks for specific documentation to verify your age and residency within the State. You will not be considered a contestant until this form is completely and accurately executed. You will also receive the Contestant Title Sash Request Form via email.

Remember, this is a first come first serve reservation so complete as soon as possible. Please review all requirements very carefully and submit the contract and all pertinent documentation to our office within the next 7 business days. If you have any questions regarding your eligibility, please call our office.

REQUIRED PHOTOGRAPH

Each contestant is **required** to submit their Official Headshot for the 2024 pageant program book and website. The photograph you submit is a very important aspect of the pageant. The judges will be referring to your photograph in the pageant program book throughout the weekend. You want to be sure your hair and makeup are done properly. Remember "you never get a second chance to make a good first impression". You may wear any solid colored bright top or dress with fashionable makeup, hair and accessories. We have provided names and contact information of our Official Headshot Photographers. Please reach out to them directly for pricing and further information. You are **REQUIRED** to shoot your photo with one of these trusted professionals. If you choose to not shoot with a photographer prior to Orientation, we will be providing a photographer at Orientation for a fee of \$25. Please keep in mind, this photograph will be done rather quickly and the staff will be selecting the photograph that will be used for the program book and website.

MEALS

Contestants are provided with well-balanced meals. You may bring additional snacks with you if you choose or if there is something that you prefer to have in between meals. Any dietary restrictions you may have will need to be noted on your medical form included in the Official Forms section. While we will do our best to make sure each meal provides options for those with dietary restrictions, we ask that if you have any specific needs, please list them on your medical form.

PAGEANT CHAPERONES

The Contestants Manager and her staff are on hand and accessible 24 hours a day for emergencies. Please follow all rules set forth by the Contestant Manager. At no time is any contestant permitted to leave the hotel, or theater without a contestant supervisor. It is imperative that all contestants adhere to the schedule and we cannot stress enough the importance of being on time.

HOST HOTEL

The Clemente Organization is responsible for the contestant's accommodations for Friday and Saturday evening. We will be making all contestant reservations only. We will be assigning contestants a roommate, which we do alphabetically. We do not take roommate requests. Contestants may purchase their own hotel room (through the Clemente Organization link) to stay in on your own/with a family member. More information can be found on the Contestant Accommodation Form under the Contestant Section of the website.

Your family and friends should make their reservations immediately. When calling the hotel you must identify yourself as a pageant attendee in order to receive a discounted rate. Do this early. The hotel has only guaranteed a certain number of rooms for our event.

HAIR/MAKEUP

A professional staff will be on hand in the dressing rooms for touch up services only. You must be able to do your own hair and makeup and rely on our staff for touch up services ONLY. Our official sponsors are available for consultations and lessons prior to the pageant. Should anything change for the 2024 pageant year - an announcement will be made via email to all contestants.

DRESSING ROOMS

We do not allow any of your personal guests, stylists, or makeup artists backstage, in your hotel rooms or in the dressing rooms. This includes parents and friends. Dedicated staff professionals are available to assist you in all areas of competition.

REHEARSALS

Throughout the pageant period there will be rehearsals to ensure that the contestants are comfortable with stage patterns. These rehearsals are hard work and necessary. The people guiding you are professionals and know exactly what it takes to make you look and feel your best. Take rehearsals seriously. When rehearsing on stage there will be times when contestants will be split into groups. If your group is not on stage you should pay attention to what is happening.

SPONSORS/RESOURCES

We have aligned ourselves with businesses and leaders in the field of fashion and pageantry. Each has extensive experience and knowledge. Please visit our website for information on sponsors.

MISCELLANEOUS

Be aware that punctuality and flexibility are mandatory for an event of this magnitude. Please listen to staff members as they guide you throughout the weekend. We recommend that jewelry and other valuables be left at home. The Pageant is not responsible for any losses. The Miss USA/Miss Teen USA National Program is perhaps the most respected in the industry, offering fabulous opportunity - a live national network telecast seen by hundreds of millions worldwide, a "megabucks" prize package and a chance to meet important people who can open doors for you. The Miss USA/Miss Teen USA Pageant System focuses on each Contestant as an individual - her poise, personality, and overall appearance. NO PERFORMING TALENT IS REQUIRED.



WARDROBE

OPENING PRODUCTION NUMBER

The opening number is a production number at the beginning of the Preliminary Show (Saturday) and Final Competition (Sunday). **TEEN CONTESTANTS:** A **SILVER** cocktail dress hemmed above the knee that can be full beading or sequin if you choose. Please no prints. Skin toned or Silver heels. **MISS CONTESTANTS:** A **BRIGHT BLUE** cocktail dress hemmed above the knee that can be full beading or sequin if you choose. Please no prints. Skin toned or Silver heels. Contestants are not judged during the Opening Number segment. You may wear any accessories you choose during this part of the program. Please see preference photos below for examples.

TEEN



MISS



SWIMSUIT/ATHEASURE COMPETITION

It is important to remember that it is not about any particular body style, shape or frame. Rather it is about maintaining good health. The goal is to make the most out of what you have! During the actual swimsuit competition, you should present yourself as a confident young woman, with natural looking hairstyle and light/natural make-up.

MISS DIVISION contestants may choose either one or two-piece any SOLID color swimsuit in good taste! Style should be appropriate for a show of this kind. A full bottom bikini is a must. Adequate coverage is required. Brazilian cuts and thongs are absolutely not allowed. Shoes should be 2"-4" high heeled sandals in Skin Tone. Be sure you are comfortable walking in whatever you select. Nylons are not allowed; however, you may use body make-up, if desired, to cover a scar, blemish or tattoo. Jewelry of your choice is allowed however we recommend you keep it at a minimum. Please see preference photos below for examples.



TEEN DIVISION contestants will be competing in athleisure wear. Contestants should choose a bright SOLID colored athletic bra style top or full length top and a bright SOLID colored athletic leggings (cropped are accepted). Tops/Bottoms do not need to be identical colors but should match tastfully. Black or white tops/bottoms are allowed. Shorts are not allowed. White ked-like style sneakers are required. You may use body make-up if desired to cover a scar, blemish or tattoo. Jewelry of your choice is allowed, however we recommend you keep it at a minimum. Please see preference photos below for examples.



EVENING GOWN COMPETITION

You will need a full-length evening gown that represents your personal style. Color, fabric, and style are your choice. You should feel your absolute best in this gown. Be sure your shoes are comfortable to walk in. Glance through recent fashion publications to get an idea of what is up to date and stylish. Imagine the Oscars or the Grammy Awards. The overall effect should be elegant and sophisticated but also age appropriate. Our official wardrobe sponsors will be able to guide you with proper choices for all of your wardrobe - please visit our website for our sponsors.



FOOTWEAR

Contestants are suggested to wear skin toned heels for the following portions of competition: Opening Number, Swimsuit (Miss), and Evening Gown. Silver heels are also permitted.

Please check with our staff members if you have any questions on competition footwear or wardrobe.



INTERVIEW COMPETITION

Remember you are essentially interviewing for a job. With that, you should select an outfit that you find appropriate for a job interview, and that reflects your personal sense of style. The outfit should make you feel comfortable and present yourself in a sophisticated and self-confident manner. You may wear a dress, pant suit, business suit or an ensemble of your choice. Remember that you will be situated quite close to the judges. You should look clean, neat, confident and sophisticated.



REHEARSALS

Please bring comfortable clothing for rehearsals. You'll still want to look presentable and fashionable, but can certainly be casual. Please remember to bring a sweater with you because the theater and ballroom tend to be quite chilly. It is recommended that you bring a small carry all bag with you to rehearsals. Include in the carry all bag, your swimsuit shoes or evening gown shoes to practice walking comfortably on stage, a sweater, any medications you might take, and other incidentals that you foresee needing.

WHERE TO BUY?

Many of our Clemente Organization Sponsors are the perfect place to shop for your Pageant Wardrobe. All of our Sponsors can be found on our website. You may also find great wardrobe examples on our Instagram [@ClementeOrganization](#).

Here are a few examples of where to "shop till you drop" for your pageant competition wardrobe and accessories:

OPENING NUMBER

- The Ultimate Prom & Bridal
- An Affair to Remember
- Jovani

ACTIVEWEAR

- Vitality Activewear Company

EVENING GOWN

- The Ultimate Prom & Bridal
- An Affair to Remember
- Jovani

INTERVIEW

- The Ultimate Prom & Bridal
- An Affair to Remember
- Jovani

FOOTWEAR & ACCESSORIES

- Diverse Style by Sydni Dion
- Chinese Laundry
- Crown Jewel Designs
- Oblige Boutique





SPONSORSHIP

OVERVIEW

Each contestant is responsible for paying a registration fee, and sponsorship fee. Please see the payment installment form you received at your interview. We recommend that you look for sponsors as a way to cover your expenses. You will each be featured in our official program book. Your feature will include your photograph, name and sponsors. Don't forget, you can continue to raise money even after you have covered your sponsorship fees to use towards your wardrobe, tickets for your family to attend the pageant, to reimburse your parents or yourself for the registration fee, or for other pageant preparations. The bottom line is, if you're aggressive about this, the pageant could cost you nothing! The sponsorship fee can be paid in full, or in three payments of \$350.00. Once you have paid your entire sponsorship fee, any additional monies submitted will be refunded to you. ALL fees paid are non-refundable, NO EXCEPTIONS! While some contestants may choose to pay for the sponsorship fees themselves, we recommend that you utilize our sponsorship program. You will be able to list up to 10 different sponsors in the program book.

WHAT DOES THE SPONSORSHIP FEE PAY FOR?

The sponsorship fee pays for your hotel accommodations for Friday and Saturday of pageant weekend, pageant weekend meals, competition sash, personal copy of the 2024 Pageant Magazine, sponsored gift bags, the production of the Presentation Show/Preliminary Show/Final Show, Orientation, complimentary training days, and so much more!

DON'T FORGET! You can actually raise more sponsorship than is required. Many contestants use this extra sponsorship money to help pay for wardrobe & accessories, reimburse yourself or parents for the registration fee, and other pageant preparations. The bottom line is, if you're determined to obtain sponsors, the pageant could cost you nothing!



BENEFITS TO SPONSORS?

If you list a business sponsor in the sponsor section of the program book, they will be able to deduct their sponsorship from their advertising budget and write it off as a tax-deduction. You should give them one of the business receipts provided in this handbook so they will have proof of purchase. For individual sponsors, you should give them an individual receipt provided in this handbook. Please note that this is **NOT** a charitable donation and, therefore, non-business sponsors cannot utilize a tax deduction. Nevertheless, even your non-business sponsors can be included in your sponsor list and receive well-earned recognition for their support. **However, remember that you only have room for 10 listings, so be sure you take care of your largest business sponsors first.** Don't promise a listing to more than 10 different sponsors. Of course, you can always save listings by combining your individual sponsors into one general listing of family & friends. If you have questions regarding your sponsors, or need ideas on how to best list them, give us a call.

HOW TO OBTAIN SPONSORSHIP

OPTION ONE

By obtaining Sponsors, you should be able to enter this Pageant at little or no cost to yourself or your family. The following information explains the techniques used successfully by thousands of Pageant Contestants. Please read this thoroughly, and feel free to phone Pageant Headquarters with any questions. First, you should share the fabulous news... you are a state finalist for the Miss USA or Miss Teen USA Pageant! That, in itself, is quite an accomplishment and you and your family and friends should feel very proud! So tell everyone! And make sure everyone knows what an exceptional opportunity this is for you. There is also a sample Press Release included in this handbook that you may use to spread the word.

Keep in mind your sponsors will not come to you. You **MUST** go to them! Try to stay away from peak business hours, and always ask to speak with the decision maker. Be prompt for any appointment you make. Remember to be yourself and show enthusiasm. After all, your sponsor may be talking to the next **MISS TEEN USA®**, **MISS USA®**, or even **MISS UNIVERSE®**. Before you set out on your sponsorship adventure, read and understand all of the pageant literature that has been provided. This will help you do a better job of explaining the program to future sponsors. Be sure to show them a copy of the sponsor letter provided for you in this handbook, and **ALWAYS** be gracious.

You should obtain your sponsors right away. Don't wait for the deadlines! As you get closer to pageant time, you will want to concentrate on the fun aspects of participating in a pageant, such as selecting your wardrobe, learning more about yourself, your goals, etc. Who knows where all this might lead. Get the money raised and send it in ASAP. The sooner you send in your sponsor money, the sooner we can start sending you any applicable rebates.

When you begin looking for sponsors, you should first make a list of all the people you know (family, friends, etc.) and all the people you do business with, such as; your doctor, dentist, orthodontist, hair salon, dry cleaner, tanning salon, local restaurant or pizza shop, health club, etc. Once you have a complete list, begin asking for sponsorship.

Your parents, grandparents and other close relatives can provide the best help in finding Sponsors for you. For example, there are many individuals and small businesses that have enjoyed your patronage over the years. They know you and your family and have relied on you as a customer. Now, you can ask for their help in return. They should be willing to help you take advantage of this opportunity.

Don't overlook the possibility of getting many smaller contributions from neighbors and relatives. Many Contestants have gathered quite a large portion of Sponsorship from "collections" made at work, a parent's workplace, a club or a bowling league. Also, many Service Clubs and Church Groups are eager to become involved with youth development programs like this Pageant, and may have funds available for this purpose, especially if you have a parent or relative active in the organization. Examples would be The Chamber of Commerce, VFW, Rotary Optimist Club, Lions Club, Kiwanis and of course, your family Church Group. If you do contact these organizations, DO IT EARLY, you may have to wait for a group meeting to get a decision.

In most cases, larger companies and public officials are less likely to be potential sponsors. They usually need home-office approval, which can take too long. You will do much better if you concentrate on small businesses where you and your family spend money.

OPTION TWO

If you are interested in defraying the entry fee, you can elect to sell ads for the 2024 Pageant Program Magazine. We will be selling full page and half page ads for the program book. We would like to encourage you to sell ads in order to let the community know that you are competing in the pageant.

Great places to visit when selling advertisement space include auto dealerships, salons/spas, boutiques, doctors, dentist, travel agencies, photographers, limo services, jewelers, etc., especially if they are businesses that you are a regular patron of. You may reproduce the enclosed letter and use it when approaching businesses. In addition, family members, friends, and organizations are welcome to purchase program ad space to write messages to or include additional pictures of pageant contestants. Advertisement space can be used in many different ways, so feel free to be creative!

Program advertisement costs are as follows:

- Full-page ad 8.5" x 11" is \$500.00. **You will receive \$250.00 towards your Sponsor/Entry fee.**
- Half-page ad 8.5" x 5.5" is \$250.00. **You will receive \$125.00 towards your Sponsor/Entry fee.**

All program ads sold by contestants should include the contestant's photo or name for example: "Proud Sponsor of (Contestant Name)" - "Supports (Contestant Name) for the Title of Miss USA (State)" - "We would like to say congratulations and best of luck!" See last years program book for samples.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our office (781) 321-3500 or by email info@clementeorganization.com.

Submitting an ad: The ad must be camera ready and submitted in a high resolution PDF format (should be 1MB or higher. Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Publisher files will NOT be accepted). **The ad must be submitted through email to info@clementeorganization.com.**

OPTION THREE

A final suggestion for raising sponsorship that has proven to be quite successful for contestants is crowd funding. You might choose to use gofundme.com. You will find further information on this company in your packet. Basically, you'll set up a page at the site and begin telling family & friends about this wonderful opportunity that has been presented to you and would they like to support your goal of competing in the state pageant. Many contestants have used this process with great ease and raised all of their sponsorship fee this way. **Good Luck!**

*With patience and persistence, the pageant does not have to cost you a dime.
If you need encouragement...give us a call!*

FINAL DOCUMENTS AND SPONSOR LIST

You must submit your official pageant paperwork and final listing of sponsors via online submission. Detailed information will follow as to how to download the documents and how to submit all paperwork. In the meantime, please keep this form for your personal records. Include Sponsors name as it should appear in the program book. For Business Sponsors, list business name, not the name of the person you had contact with. You may just list family and friends if this applies. Every contestant must have a line listing. If you do not provide a list of sponsors, we will add Family & Friends. Keep a record of all your sponsors. Remember stay organized.

SPONSORS

IMPORTANT SPONSORSHIP REMINDERS

- 1.** Start Right Now! Begin working on your list of potential sponsors. It is important to have the financial part of your entry completed well in advance so you can concentrate on yourself!
- 2.** You need to ask for sponsorship IN PERSON. A sponsor is more likely to say "YES" if you ask in person.
- 3.** Explain to each sponsor that you have been chosen as a STATE FINALIST and you will be representing your (and their) town or city.
- 4.** When approaching a potential sponsor, be sure to show them your Official Sponsor Folder, with the letter that states you have been accepted as a State Finalist in the MISS USA/ MISS TEEN USA Pageant.
- 5.** Make your sponsors aware that you are involved with the most prestigious Pageant System in the world... MISS USA®, MISS TEEN USA® and MISS UNIVERSE®!
- 6.** Let your sponsors understand the importance of raising sponsorship. Explain to them what their contribution will cover. They will receive recognition in the Official Pageant Program Book and tax deduction advertising expense for their business and help them understand that this is a positive opportunity and how important this is to you.
- 7.** Remember, this is how easy it is. You can obtain full sponsorship from 13 people giving you \$100 or 25 people giving you \$50 each.
- 8.** Many times, contestants will collect small donations from every family member and their friends to make up the total amount required.
- 9.** SPONSOR RECEIPTS are included in your packet. Give a completed copy to any of your sponsors who requests one after they have made a contribution. This is your responsibility to complete; the pageant office cannot supply individual receipts.
- 10.** If for some reason you have difficulty obtaining sponsors...DO NOT GIVE UP! Just keep on working hard and be persistent. Some contestants will even organize a bake sale, car wash, yard sale or some other fun way to raise sponsorship. It is amazing how it all adds up so quickly!
- 11.** If your sponsorship deadline is near and you haven't raised all of your sponsorship... DON'T WORRY AND DON'T GIVE UP! Just give us a call and we will try to make other arrangements with you.

WHO CAN SPONSOR ME?

WHO ARE SPONSORS?

Sponsors can be businesses, family and friends, neighbors, co-workers, teachers and professors. You may also choose to take another approach to raising your sponsorship. Get your family & friends together and have a bake sale, a car wash, a block party, sell candy bars, etc. Recycle items for cash such as old cell phones, empty printer cartridges, scrap metal. Many companies will buy these items back from you and you will be helping the environment as well! The following is a list of potential sponsors and types of businesses who have sponsored our contestants in the past. The list is endless - be creative!

ACCOUNTANTS
ALARM SECURITY SYSTEMS
AMBULANCE SERVICES
AMUSEMENT PARKS
ANIMAL KENNELS
AUTO PARTS STORE
AUTO REPAIRS / BODY SHOPS
BAKERIES
BANKS
BEAUTY CONSULTANTS
BEAUTY SUPPLY STORES
BEER BOTTLERS & DIST
BICYCLE SHOPS
BOAT SALES & RENTALS
BOOK STORES
BOOKKEEPING SERVICES
BOWLING ALLEYS
BRIDAL STORES
BUILDING CONTRACTORS
CABINET REFACERS
CAR & TRUCK RENTAL
CAR DEALERS (NEW & OLD)
CAR WASHES
CARD & GIFT SHOPS
CAREER SCHOOLS
CARPET & RUG CLEANERS
CARPET STORES
CATERERS
CHIROPRACTOR
COMPUTER REPAIR SERVICES
CHURCH GROUPS
COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS
CREDIT UNIONS
DANCE & CHEER TEAM
DAY CARE CENTERS
DELICATESSENS
DENTIST / ORTHODONTIST
DOCTOR
DRESS SHOPS
DRY CLEANERS
ELKS/EAGLES/MOOSE LODGE
EYE GLASS / OPTICAL
FARM EQUIPMENT & SUPPLY
FIRE DEPARTMENT

FITNESS CENTERS
FLOWER SHOPS
FUNERAL HOMES -REALLY!
FURNITURE STORES
FRATERNITIES/SORORITIES
GLASS - AUTO & WINDOW
HAIR SALONS
HARDWARE STORES
HORSE RIDING ACADEMIES
HOT TUB / SAUNA SALES
HOTELS / MOTELS
HVAC COMPANIES
ICE CREAM STORES
INSURANCE AGENTS
JAYCEES/LIONS CLUB
JEWELRY STORES
KITCHEN & BATH REMOLDING
KIWANIS CLUB
LANDSCAPERS
LAUNDROMATS
LAWN & GARDEN STORES
LAWN SERVICES
LAW OFFICES
LIMOUSINE SERVICES
LOCKSMITHS
MACHINE SHOPS
MINI-GOLF CENTERS MODELING SCHOOLS
MOTORCYCLE SHOPS
MOVING & STORAGE CENTERS
MUSIC STORES
NAIL SALONS
NEWS STANDS / CIGAR STORES
NURSERIES
NURSING HOMES
OFFICE SUPPLY STORES
OIL CHANGE SERVICES
PACKAGE STORES
PAINTERS
PEST CONTROL
PET SHOPS
PHARMACIES
PHOTOGRAPHY STUDIOS
PIZZA SHOPS

PLUMBERS
POLICE DEPARTMENT
PRINTING COMPANIES
RADIO STATIONS
REAL ESTATE AGENTS
RESTAURANTS & LOUNGES
ROOFING COMPANIES
SCHOOL / UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL CLUBS / TEAMS
SERVICE / GAS STATIONS
SHOE STORES
SKI SHOPS
SMALL GROCERIES & MARKETS
SOFT DRINK BOTTLERS & DIST
SPECIALTY SHOPS
SPORTING GOODS SHOPS
SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS
TANNING SALONS
TILE CENTERS
TIRE DEALERS
TOWING GARAGES
TOWN MAYOR
TRAVEL AGENCIES
TROPHY SHOPS
UPHOLSTERERS VETERINARIANS
VFW - AMERICAN LEGION
VIDEO MOVIE RENTALS
VINYL SIDING INSTALLERS
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS
WEIGHT LOSS CENTERS
AND MANY MORE...

SAMPLE TELEPHONE SCRIPT

The following is a suggested script that you may use in talking with prospective sponsors either on the phone or in person. We emphasize that it is only a sample script and that you should modify it as necessary. Your ideas in dealing with those in your city will probably be most successful!

Hello! My name is _____ and I am calling you to share some exciting news! I have been selected as an official State Finalist in the Miss _____(Teen) USA Pageant. Have you ever heard of the MISS TEEN USA, MISS USA or MISS UNIVERSE pageants? These pageants are The Miss USA Organization and Miss Universe Organization joint venture. They are the most prestigious pageants in the world. This is a chance of a lifetime for me and I am asking you for your support in this unique opportunity.

If I happen to be crowned the new titleholder, I will represent our state in the national Miss (Teen) USA® pageant. I will also represent the state during my reign by making numerous appearances throughout our state, by helping the community, local businesses, and charitable organizations, as well as appearing at special events, grand openings and parades.

A sponsorship program is incorporated into the state pageant. Your sponsorship is tax deductible as an advertising expense*. Would you like to be one of my sponsors as I represent our great state and pursue a life-long dream?

***Note:**

- *Sponsorship donations are tax deductible for businesses only*
- *Ask for a specific amount, depending on your relationship with the sponsor*
- *Remember to tell them that the Pageant also accepts Credit Cards*
- *Please make checks payable to: Clemente Organization*
- *Any amounts over your sponsorship requirement will be refunded to you for expenses*
- *Payments can be made directly on the state pageant website.*

SAMPLE SPONSORSHIP LETTER

We strongly encourage all contestants to call on potential sponsors in person first, and then follow up with a written letter. Below is a sample letter to leave with or send to potential sponsors after you have spoken with them.

Dear Ms. Smith,

Thank you very much for taking the time to speak with me and for considering my sponsorship request. I would like to tell you a little bit about myself. My name is _____ and I am a _____ year old at _____.

Some of my proudest achievements include:

- Member of the National Honor Society
- Cheerleading or Sport Team Member
- Drama Club
- Special Training in Dance, Gymnastics, etc.
- Student Government
- List all other Activities, Interests

My most recent accomplishment was being selected as a State Finalist in the Miss (Teen) USA pageant to be held this fall. The pageant system is one of the premier state pageants in the United States and I am proud to have been selected from among the hundreds of applicants that were processed.

This kind of competition is an excellent experience. I am confident that I can do well, and that it will lead to many opportunities for my future. If I do become our state representative, I will represent the state and compete for the national title of MISS (TEEN) USA 2024!

I have contacted you because I am hoping that you will participate with me! Yes, you can participate and get recognition for yourself and your company by being one of my sponsors. You may contribute any amount you feel comfortable donating. My top sponsors will be recognized in the Official State Program Magazine and in press coverage. The sponsorship is necessary to help cover the costs of the pageant weekend, such as prizes, meals for the weekend, production costs, etc.

I sincerely hope you will choose to celebrate this event with me while receiving some valuable advertising and community exposure for yourself.

Sincerely yours,

Your Name

Email or Cell

SPONSOR RECEIPTS



CLEMENTE ORGANIZATION - SPONSORSHIP RECEIPT

Dear Sponsor: The Clemente Organization and the Miss USA Organization would like to extend to you sincere thanks for your support of this very special young lady. It is important that we continue to encourage women of all backgrounds to strive for success. This is an opportunity for this contestant to be involved with an organization that emphasizes a tradition of spotlighting positive role models for today's young women. Your support of this contestant makes this possible. Thank you!

Received from: _____ (Name of Sponsor)

Amount \$ _____

Representing: _____ (Name of Contestant)

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Information on using www.gofundme.com



Your Journey to the Title!

Over the past couple of years, we have been working to find a great online resource to help some of our contestants in raising sponsorship for the state pageant. Now, we believe we have found a website that will make it easy for each of you to reach out to your friends and family to ask them for their support as you start your journey to becoming Miss USA or Miss Teen USA.

The online resource is GoFundMe.com. This website is designed to work together with a *PayPal* account to allow you to raise funds using social media tools like Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and more. You can share your GoFundMe page with all of your friends and family and reach out to them for their support in your quest for the title.

Please keep in mind that Clemente Organization does not own *GoFundMe.com*, nor are we associated with *GoFundMe.com*. Any questions about their services should be directed to *GoFundMe.com* using the information provided on their website.

1. START YOUR CAMPAIGN

- SET YOUR FUNDRAISER GOAL
- TELL YOUR STORY
- ADD A PICTURE OR VIDEO

2. SHARE WITH FRIENDS

- SEND EMAILS
- SEND TEXT MESSAGES
- SHARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

3. MANAGE DONATIONS

- ACCEPT DONATIONS
- THANK DONORS
- WITHDRAW FUNDS

PAGEANT NEWS RELEASE

As mentioned in your initial meeting with us, the more people you have involved in your journey of competing, the easier it will be to acquire your sponsorship fees. Sending a News Release is an excellent way to be recognized. Please use the news release below as a guide to help you develop a personalized release of your own. Be sure to add relevant and exciting information about YOU.

After you've typed your release, find a favorite photograph of yourself and visit your local newspapers or email your information, asking the newspaper to please print the release. For safety purposes, please do not include your personal contact information on the release form. Our advice is to include Pageant Headquarters phone number or a parent's cell phone number.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

(Delegates Name)_____ from_____, daughter of _____ has been selected to participate in the Miss_____(state)_____(TEEN) USA 2024 Pageant, being held at the _____ on _____. Each delegate will compete in swimsuit/athleisure wear, evening gown, and personal interview. The winner will represent our State at the MISS (TEEN) USA PAGEANT IN 2024. Among her many state prizes will be Cash, Wardrobe, Interviews with Top Talent/Modeling Agencies, Jewelry, Evening Gown to be worn at the national pageant and more. The most exciting of all is an expense paid trip to the National 2024 MISS (TEEN) USA Pageant, where she will compete for the prestigious title of MISS (TEEN) USA and an extraordinary prize package and the opportunity to fulfill a personal goal.

(Delegates Name)_____ is employed by_____ (or is a student at)_____. She has been sponsored by:_____, _____, _____ and invites everyone to attend Saturday's preliminary and Sunday's final competition. Tickets to both events are available by calling 781.321.3500 to anyone wishing to support _____ and cheer her on to become the next Miss_____(state)_____(TEEN) USA.

For more information on the pageant or for tickets call 781.321.3500.

Write an article using the above information and send with your photo to your local newspapers. DO NOT send to our office.

E-MAIL TO YOUR LOCAL NEWSPAPERS 4 WEEKS BEFORE PAGEANT WEEKEND



FACTS ABOUT JUDGING

WHAT TO KNOW

Contestants are judged in three areas of preliminary competition. Interview, swimsuit or athleisure wear and evening gown, via the “mention system”. The “mention system” does not use numerical numbers, instead we count the number of “mentions” or votes each contestant receives from the judging panel. The number of “mentions” received by each contestant will determine the semi-finalists. The semi-finalists names are announced live during Sunday’s show. The semi-finalists will compete again in all three categories for a live audience on Sunday.

On Sunday, the last round of competition for the final 5 will consist of an on-stage interview, group judging and an individual final look for the judges. After the 5 finalists have had a final presentation in the spotlight, each judge will be asked to rank them in the order they believe they should finish. Point values will be assessed for each ranking, and the contestant with the most points will be crowned. In the case of a tie for any Top 5 positions, judges will complete a tie-breaker ballot. Due to Miss USA Organization regulations, we are unable to release scores / rankings after the pageant concludes.

INTERVIEW

(1/3 of overall preliminary score)

The personality interview is part of preliminary judging. Each contestant will be interviewed by the judges and scored based on their response. Attention will be focused on your poise, personality and your ability to communicate. This is your time to show your inner beauty, personality and character. All of these qualities combined will find us a WINNER who is outstanding, can communicate and is secure enough to manage her responsibilities and enjoy her year. The judges are NOT looking for rehearsed answers.



SWIMSUIT/ATHLEISURE WEAR (1/3 of overall preliminary score)

During this portion of competition, the judges will be focused on beauty of face and figure, physical fitness, and confidence. Numerical measurements are not considered. Judges will be paying close attention to the delegate, her self-confidence and grace on stage.

EVENING GOWN (1/3 of overall preliminary score)

Again, the judge's attention will be focused on your overall appearance, confidence and sense of style. Judges will be focused on a contestant's stage presence and the ability to project her special qualities.

WHAT ARE THE JUDGES LOOKING FOR?

The judges are looking at the "Total Young Lady". Does she have an attractive, physically fit body? Does she have natural beauty both inside and out? Does she have a warm, pleasant personality? Will she be a good state representative at the MISS USA or MISS TEEN USA Pageant? Is she a **confident** individual and comfortable with herself? Is she an intelligent young woman who will be a positive role model? Does she want to win and why? Can she compete on a national level with confidence and determination?

WHAT WILL THEY ASK ME DURING THE PERSONAL INTERVIEW?

Judges will mainly ask questions from the Delegate Profile Sheet. Other possible questions regarding: background, education, goals, family, special training, hobbies, occupation, travel, community involvement. Likes and Dislikes: people, places, things, sports and music. Why you want to be MISS USA or MISS TEEN USA. Personal goals, achievement, the meaning of success, fashion, fads, books you have read. What quality you most like about yourself. If you become one of semi finalists, the Emcee will have a brief interview on stage with you. The questions will reflect what is on your Profile Form.

THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND

- 1.** Rehearsals are closed. No family or friends will be allowed in the ballroom during rehearsals. This is to keep everyone focused on the task at hand, and to assure the best learning environment and show.
- 2.** Cell phones are not allowed in rehearsals.
- 3.** Contestants will be wearing the Contestant Title Sash. You must wear it at all times. Your sash is the only way that pageant staff, chaperones and security will be able to identify you as part of our group. You will also wear it for both stage shows. There will be no family or friends allowed backstage or in dressing rooms at anytime.
- 4.** Contestants are prohibited from bringing their own personal hair and make-up stylists. There will be a team of professional make-up artists and hair stylists present for the pageant for touch up services only.
- 5.** No video cameras will be allowed during either the preliminary or final shows. The show is copyrighted and under law cannot be videotaped by audience members. There will be a professional videographer present to tape the shows and copies will be available for purchase. They are an independent business not affiliated with the pageant. All questions regarding your video order, delivery time, etc. should be directed to the video company. Their contact information can always be found on our website. Please keep a receipt for your records.
- 6.** Only take what you need for on-stage competition with you to the dressing rooms. Large tote bags and carry-ons are permitted, as are garment hanging bags. There will be garment racks available to hang your wardrobe on. You MUST label everything so that you won't get your belongings mixed up with someone else's. It is suggested that you put an address label with YOUR name (not your parent's) on everything you bring into the dressing rooms.



FAQS

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Below are some of the most commonly asked questions about wardrobe, sponsorship, paperwork, the program book and pageant weekend. Please read them thoroughly as they will be very helpful. Of course, should you have further questions, do not hesitate to call or e-mail us.

Q: I HAVE JUST RECEIVED MY WELCOME INFORMATION. HOW DO I GET STARTED?

A: You have already taken the first step by reading through your handbook! The best way to start is to first read all the materials in your official state packet and those you have executed from the Contestant Section on our website. Second, you should start making a list of potential sponsors and drafting a letter or telephone script to use when asking for support. Third, complete your Official Forms and upload on the Contestant Section. Be sure your residency documents are all dated correctly. And finally schedule your headshot photograph.

Q: IS IT NECESSARY TO HAVE ANY OF THE PAPERWORK OR SIGNATURES NOTARIZED?

A: No, you do not need to have anything notarized.

Q: I WILL HAVE TO SEND AWAY FOR A COPY OF MY BIRTH CERTIFICATE. ARE THERE ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS I CAN USE INSTEAD?

A: No, a photocopy of a birth certificate is required from all contestants even if they have previously participated in this State Pageant. It does not need to be a certified or notarized copy – a regular photocopy will suffice.

Q: DOES MY SWIMSUIT, OR AS A TEEN COMPETITOR MY ATHLETIC PANTS, NEED TO BE A SOLID COLOR?

A: Yes. Refer to wardrobe page.

Q: HOW SHOULD I PREPARE FOR ATHLETIC WEAR/SWIMSUIT COMPETITION?

A: In preparing for athletic wear/swimsuit, you should try to eat foods lower in fat, cut down on sugars, and drink LOTS of water! The more water you drink, the less fluids you retain. You should also try to develop a regular exercise routine. Being a titleholder is a demanding job that requires a high level of energy and self-motivation. An individual who maintains a proper diet and exercise program achieves these qualities more readily. Good physical fitness reveals a lot about a person's character, as well as their level of self-discipline, confidence, and overall health. That's why the athletic wear/swimsuit competition is important. It is important to remember that it is NOT about any particular body style, shape, or frame. Rather, it is about proper diet, exercise, and maintaining good health.

Q: ARE THERE RESTRICTIONS ON TATTOOS OR BODY PIERCINGS?

A: No, there are no written restrictions on tattoos or body piercings; however, if any are visible while you are in your swimsuit, evening gown or interview suit, you have the option of removing your body jewelry or covering up tattoos with body make-up.

Q: I HAVE NEVER DONE A PAGEANT INTERVIEW BEFORE. HOW CAN I PREPARE?

A: You should approach interview competition with the goal to share your personality. This is your opportunity to let the judges know why you are the right person for this job! It is a good idea to be familiar with current events. You are NOT expected to be a political scientist, a world history buff, or a walking encyclopedia. It is however important for any responsible and concerned citizen to have a basic knowledge of events that impact their own lives. The best way to keep up on the "big news" is to watch your local news. If you are asked about a subject you don't know anything about, don't panic. Just be honest and move on to the next question. As long as you remain in control, you will be just fine! Another good idea is to use this opportunity to expand your vocabulary. This can be done in fun and easy ways. Things like reading, watching movies, and utilizing a dictionary and thesaurus are great ways to increase your vocabulary. By increasing your vocabulary, you will become more articulate, and your answers will be more specific and interesting. Finally, you must always remember who you are as a person. ALWAYS be honest, and answer with true conviction.

Q: DO I WEAR THE SAME COMPETITION WARDROBE ON BOTH DAYS?

A: Yes, your pageant wardrobe is the same for both the Preliminary Show and the Final Competition.

Q: WHO SHOULD I ASK TO SPONSOR ME?

A: Anyone may be a sponsor for you. Please refer to the detailed sample list provided in this contestant handbook.

Q: MY SPONSOR MADE THE CHECK OUT TO ME INSTEAD OF THE PAGEANT. WHAT SHOULD I DO?

A: You can either endorse the check by signing on the reverse side and send it to us that way - or you may deposit it in your own or your parent's checking account and write us another check made payable to Clemente Organization.

Q: I RECEIVED CASH FROM MY SPONSORS. HOW SHOULD I SUBMIT IT TO YOU?

A: You may submit cash directly to us at the pre-pageant seminar and on pageant weekend only. We suggest that you do not send cash in the mail. You may either deposit it into your own checking account and write us a check or convert it to a money order prior to mailing.

Q: MAY I RAISE MORE SPONSORSHIP THAN NEEDED?

A: Yes, you may raise as much sponsorship as you like to help defray your costs for an evening gown and swimsuit, shoes, make-up, etc. if you need to purchase any of these items.

Q: WHAT IF I CANNOT MAKE MY SPONSORSHIP DEADLINES?

A: Don't give up! Just give us a call and we will try to make other arrangements with you personally. It is very important to contact us if you will miss a deadline by more than 5 days so that we can make specific arrangements with you. We are here to help you - you've come this far and we want to give you every opportunity to participate in this fabulous program.

Q: ARE THE PHOTOS PRINTED IN THE PROGRAM BOOK JUDGED?

A: There is a “Miss Photogenic” award; however, this award is decided by the pageant staff and the pageant photographer, not by the judges. The judges will look at your photograph in the book for reference only.

Q: HOW DO I GET A PAGE IN THE BACK OF THE BOOK WITH MY PICTURE IN IT?

A: These are called “Spotlight Pages” and are separate from your Sponsorship or Sponsor Listing. More information can be found under the Contestant Section on our website

Q: WILL THERE BE A PHOTOGRAPHER AND VIDEOGRAPHER PRESENT AT THE PAGEANT?

A: Yes. Detailed information will be provided to you at Orientation about their services and products.

Q: MAY MY FRIENDS AND FAMILY STAY AT THE HOTEL?

A: Yes. Your friends and family can reserve rooms at the host hotel by calling the number located on our website.

Q: CAN MY FRIENDS AND FAMILY COME TO THE PRELIMINARY AND FINAL COMPETITIONS (SATURDAY AND SUNDAY)?

A: Yes. They may purchase tickets for either or both nights.

Q: HOW MUCH ARE TICKETS?

A: Tickets will be on sale at Orientation. Detailed information will be sent to you closer to your states Orientation date.

Q: MAY MY FRIENDS AND FAMILY WATCH REHEARSALS?

A: No. All rehearsals are closed to the public, meaning for contestants and pageant staff only.



Q: ARE THERE PROFESSIONALS WHO CAN HELP ME TRAIN OR PREPARE FOR THE PAGEANT?

A: Some contestants wish to seek professional advice or training. There are people who specialize in fitness training, interview skills, wardrobe consulting, walking, hair and makeup and overall pageant preparations. If you wish to speak with a professional, that is your choice, and you can check the sponsor list on our website, but please don't feel as though you must seek professional consultations. MANY young women have entered and won our pageants with absolutely NO professional assistance. Preparing for the pageant should be FUN and can be done on your own. The professionals are simply there if you feel you need them. Please make note that hair and make-up professionals will NOT be allowed backstage or in your hotel room at any time during the weekend. You should be prepared to do your own hair and make-up for competition. The most important thing to us is that YOU have a positive experience, and that you feel as though you're a better person for having participated in the pageant! Therefore, if you, or your parents have any questions regarding your preparations, specific professionals or just need some extra encouragement...don't hesitate to call us.

Q: HOW ARE CONTESTANT TITLE SASHES ASSIGNED?

A: Once an applicant becomes a contestant, she will select a title under which she will compete in the State Pageant. These titles are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. This request form will be sent to you via email after your register for the 2024 State Pageant.

IF YOU SHOULD HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS, PLEASE REACH OUT TO US.

*WE CAN BE CONTACTED THESE WAYS:
INFO@CLEMENTEORGANIZATION.COM, OR BY CALLING
781-321-3500.*

OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS AND PAPERWORK CHECKLIST TO SUBMIT

On our website under Contestant Corner (password **Contestant24**) you will find the *Contestant Official State Entry Form/Contract* for the 2024 state pageant. It is important that you and a parent/guardian (if under 18 years of age or younger) review this document carefully. You are required to fill the forms out and submit to our office within 7 business days along with the other required documents.

Please remember that you are not considered a registered contestant until these documents are fully executed and received by our office. Please make special note that there are specific questions that need to be answered within the contract. If you should have any questions or concerns while filling out the entry form/contract, please call our office for clarification and assistance.

- ☐ 2024 State Pageant Application (filled out during initial interview process)
- ☐ 2024 State Pageant Sponsorship Installment Form (filled out during initial interview process)
- ☐ Contestant Title Sash Request Form
- ☐ Official Headshot

THE FOLLOWING MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN 7 BUSINESS DAYS

- ☐ Contestant's Official State Entry Form/Contract (*via Contestant Corner*)
- ☐ Copy of Birth Certificate or Passport (*via Contestant Corner upload*)
- ☐ Miss Contestants & Teen Contestants 2 forms of residency - which can be driver's license, school ID, school transcript, tax utility bill, registration, pay stub, W-2, bank or credit card statement. (*via Contestant Corner upload*)

THE FOLLOWING MUST BE SUBMITTED 5 DAYS BEFORE ORIENTATION (ALL "REQUIRED FORMS" FOUND UNDER CONTESTANT CORNER ON OUR WEBSITE)

- ☐ Eligibility Requirement Form
- ☐ Parent Consent Form (18 and under)
- ☐ Medical Certificate & Release Form
- ☐ Rules and Regulations
- ☐ Delegate Profile Sheet
- ☐ Sponsor(s) Listing