

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How is the Miss Dallas and Miss Dallas Teen Pageant judged?

Each contestant will be judged in three areas of competition; Interview, Swimsuit and Evening Gown. Judging criteria includes beauty, character, poise, confidence, and personality.

Is there a talent portion of the competition?

No, there is no performing talent required. There are three equally scored categories, Interview, Swimsuit (Activewear for Teens) and Evening Gown.

Do I need pageant experience to compete?

Not at all. Quite often our competitors are the “girls next door” with little or no pageant experience. Almost on an annual basis, young ladies across the country that have never competed in a pageant before, will win Miss USA state pageants. For instance, Miss Universe 2012, Olivia Culpo never competed in pageant prior to winning her state pageant ultimately winning Miss USA 2012 and Miss Universe 2012.

Do I have to be “tall” to win the pageant?

Absolutely not! Each contestant in our pageant is an individual and the judges are looking for body proportion and personality, not a specific body measurement.

Do I need to be a perfect “10” in swimsuit?

In the swimsuit portion of the competition, the judges will be looking for physical fitness, which includes a healthy and fit body. There's usually a wide range of body styles and types represented in the finalists each year. Remember contestants are judged in three “equal” categories — evening gown, personal interview, and swimsuit.

Do I need to wear the most beautiful, expensive gown in order to win?

Our judges are instructed to score the contestant's poise and sense of style, not the gown itself. The secret is to feel beautiful with whatever gown choice you make.

Will I have to spend a lot of money on outfits?

Not true. You do not need to spend fortunes on swimwear, an interview outfit, and an evening gown. It is most important to find outfits that you will feel confident in which best suits you and your personality. The personal choice of gowns have spanned from simple, elegant to hand beaded. But it is never the gown that the judges are scoring; it's the young women wearing it. Again, contestants have been able to secure a sponsorship to defray pageant expenses.

Am I required to patronize the pageant sponsors when preparing for competition?

We do our best to seek out the best of the best when it comes to our contestants. We provide our sponsor information to you as a resource, hoping that you will see it as a benefit. We've always made it a practice that our sponsors do not discuss with us who their clients are; and it is certainly the contestant's personal choice.

Is it true that pageants in Miss USA system are more sexy than others?

The Miss USA pageants are considered more “glamorous” than other pageants; but we advocate “elegance” and “grace.”

I simply cannot afford to compete.

We explain how to obtain sponsorships, contests, and offer ideas to cover competition costs—including entry fee and wardrobe. Your family, friends and local business leaders will be supportive, when you share your goals with them.

Why does it cost \$595 to compete?

The Entry Fee covers the cost of the pageant such as facilities rental, music, lighting, emcees, host, staff, advertising expense, administration and the many other expenses involved in putting together a production of this caliber. The Entry Fee is broken into two installments. The first is a \$200 Entry Fee Deposit and the second is the remaining balance of \$395.

I have competed before, but not in this pageant system, how is it different?

If you have competed in a pageant, but never in this pageant system before, you may see many similarities to other pageants. You may have seen the nationally televised MISS USA® pageant or the MISS TEXAS USA® pageant.

The Miss Dallas and Miss Dallas Teen pageant abides by the same rules of judging that applies to the MISS USA® and MISS TEXAS USA® pageants.

What's so great about the Miss Dallas and Miss Dallas Teen pageant?

There are many well-respected pageants to choose from and you may be wondering why you should choose the Miss Dallas and Miss Dallas Teen pageant to compete in, so I encourage you to ask as many questions before choosing the pageant system that fits you best. Since 2007, our contestants and titleholders have advanced and succeeded at the highest levels of pageantry in the Miss USA and Miss Teen USA pageants.

Am I too old or too young to enter the pageant?

Never at any time are the judges directed to consider age when choosing Miss Dallas or Miss Dallas Teen. Age is only a factor in determining which division you will compete.

Do I need a “pageant coach” to help me prepare?

Even though some contestants wish to seek expert advice, it is not required to use a pageant coach to be competitive in any pageant. Your decision to use or not use a pageant coaches will not reflected in the overall outcome of the pageant. Focus on being your “personal best!”

Are the winners only selected for various modeling/talent opportunities and career benefits?

On a regular basis we receive requests from modeling agencies and casting companies looking for young ladies for particular opportunities. We often recommend previous contestants to fill the requests.

If I win, will I have to put my life on hold, including my career or school responsibilities?

Our program is an excellent vehicle that encourages your success. We would never advocate quitting your job, or school, but instead, we work closely with you to help you balance the responsibilities of everyday life and life as a titleholder. The commitment to compete in the MISS TEXAS USA or MISS TEXAS TEEN USA pageant is an incredibly rewarding experience. Your life will change and we can promise it will be full of fun and exciting possibilities!

What happens if I can't get my registration materials in before the deadlines?

Deadlines are important to us in order to make timely program preparations. However, we realize that unexpected circumstances can arise and that the collection of sponsorships may take longer than expected. Therefore, extension on due dates are available when needed. If you need an extension, please call or email the pageant office and request a new due date.

*A late fee may be applied if materials are turned in after the deadline.

What should I do if a business gives me cash to sponsor my entry fee?

If you receive cash contributions for your entry fee, you may put that money into a money order or send a personal check. Please DO NOT send cash through the mail at any time. If your cash collected exceeds the entry fee for the pageant, then you do not have to send in the additional cash.

How many contestants compete at the Miss Dallas and Miss Dallas Teen Pageant?

The number of contestant vary from year to year, but each year approximately 15-20 contestants compete for the Miss title, and 15-20 contestant compete for the Teen title.

Will this year's contestants' photos be posted on the website?

Yes, photos will be posted on the website approximately one week prior to the pageant.

How do my family and friends get tickets to attend the pageant?

Ticket information will be listed on the website once they have been set. Contestants will have the opportunity to purchase tickets 1 week in advance before the tickets are available for sale to the general public.

If my family or friends want to attend the pageant, where do they stay?

They may stay in the pageant's Host Hotel at the Renaissance Hotel – Richardson. Friends and family can make reservations under the pageant room block listed “Miss Dallas Pageant”.

What should my family and friends wear to the pageant?

We recommend anything from business casual to formal attire. Friends and family are also encouraged to wear pins or buttons and bring signs to support you as you compete!