

# MISS USS MISSISSIPPI



# 2024 EVENT HANDBOOK

# WELCOME

We invite you to join us for the Miss USS Mississippi Pageant to be held on June 22, 2024 at the Corinth Coliseum . This event is open to contestants from Mississippi only.

## **Our age divisions are as follows:**

*\*All ages are as of 2023/2024 school year.*

**Infant Miss** - 0 to 11 mos State Title Only

**Wee Miss** - 12 to 23 mos State Title Only

**Tiny Miss** - 24 to 35 mos State Title Only

**Jr. Young Miss** - Preschool, Pre-K, & Kindergarten

**Young Miss** - 1st, 2nd, & 3rd grade

**Pre-Teen Miss** - 4th, 5th, & 6th grade

**Jr. Teen** - 7th, 8th, & 9th grade

**Teen** - 10th, 11th, & 12th grade

**Miss** - 18-24, Single, in college, with no children

**Ms.** 25+ - Not married, may have children

**Mrs.** 25+ - Married, may have children

**Elite** 40+ - Any marital status, may have children

# AREAS OF COMPETITION

## **Formal Attire**

**Formal Wear/ Gown:** Contestants in 1st Grade and higher will model a full-length pageant or prom gown of their choice. Contestants in Pre-School, Pre-K & K may wear short or long dresses. Judges will be looking for a naturally beautiful queen with lots of grace, elegance, and lots of personality.

## **Makeup**

We are not a glitz pageant system.

For contestants in fourth grade and under, we are looking for a naturally polished queen. Makeup should be kept light for interview. (Blush, powder, mascara, and lip gloss are permitted.). Contestants may wear full makeup for on-stage competitions. Judges will be made aware of these rules and will deduct accordingly.

For contestants in fifth grade and over, full make-up, pageant hairstyles, and sparkle are allowed. Judges will be looking for a naturally beautiful, confident, and well-put-together queen. You do not need pageant experience to participate!

# AREAS OF COMPETITION

## **Interview - required for Young Miss and Up**

Contestants will meet with the judges for a panel-style interview. There are no right or wrong answers. No political or controversial questions will be asked. Judges are just trying to get to know you better.

*Attire: Contestants may wear an interview dress or jumpsuit.*

## **Introduction/Opening Production - required for Young Miss and Up**

Contestants will perform in the opening number production and will give a personal introduction. A short, pink cocktail dress is required.

# OPTIONAL COMPETITIONS

The following competitions are optional and will be awarded separately from all titles.

## **RUNWAY**

Contestants will walk the stage showcasing their modeling abilities and personal style. Black leggings and top required.

## **FUN FASHION**

Contestants will sport their favorite fashions and may wear any style outfit! Judges will be looking for contestants with lots of personality.

## **TALENT**

Present your amazing talent! Talent should be no longer than 2 minutes. A microphone will be provided. You must provide your own music.

## **PHOTOGENIC**

Display those beautiful photos!

*\*No glitz photos allowed, please!*

# OVERALL AWARDS PACKAGE

Our 9 Overall winners will receive:

Official USS Custom Crown

Official USS State Sash

Floral bouquet

**PAID ENTRY FEE TO NATIONALS! *\*\*\$1,000 value\*\****

Queen Photoshoot

Custom Shirt

Rhinestone Cup

Queens Day

Parade Banner

Title Holder Facebook Page

National Prep Session with Brandi Jo Middleton

Memories to last a lifetime!



# GRADE LEVEL AWARDS PACKAGE

**Our grade-level winners will receive:**

Official USS Custom Crown

Official USS State Sash

Discounted entry fee to Nationals! \*\*\$500 value\*\*

Custom Shirt

Memories to last a lifetime!

# BABY DIVISIONS AWARDS PACKAGE

**Our baby division winners from will receive:**

Official USS Custom Crown

Official USS State Sash

Custom Bear

Custom Shirt

Memories to last a lifetime!

# RULES & IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**We do NOT have a non-compete clause.**

We simply ask that if you compete for this title, that it is a title that you want to represent, and will wear the sash and crown

**State Overall Queens and Grace Level Queens** are required to attend the 2024 National pageant. Must have 10 per overall to award grade level titles.

**State Overall Queens are required to attend all mandatory appearances.** Notification will be given in advance for all mandatory events.

**State Overall Queens are required to maintain a social media presence.**

**Contestants should be of excellent character throughout their reign and be role models for younger queens.** Poor sportsmanship will not be tolerated. This applies to both contestants and guests. **We reserve the right to ask any guest to leave without a refund and to disqualify any contestant from this event or future events due to poor sportsmanship.**



# RULES & IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Queens should dress modestly when wearing their sash - no tube tops, short- shorts, or plunging necklines.

State Overall Queens should represent their titles during our sponsored events. This includes but is not limited to modeling events, queen trips, and our community service projects.

**There will be no refunds or transfers except in the instance of event cancellation.**

All photos taken during the event may be used for marketing purposes. NO PHOTOGRAPHY allowed in theater., we will have Mark Magee available for stage shots.

**Be on time! Please be ready 15 minutes before any required event. We run on a very tight schedule, if you are late there will be a deduction in scoring.**

# FEES

## **REGISTRATION FEE**

**A \$50 registration fee is required to reserve your spot.**

*This is not included in the State Fee and must be submitted with your registration form.*

## **STATE ENTRY FEES**

**Baby Divisions - \$150 includes Beauty and Stage shots**

**State Fee - \$250 includes beauty, interview, introduction and stage shots**

**Optional Competitions - \$50 each**

- **All payments are non-refundable and non-transferable.**
- **Full payment is due two weeks before the event.**
- **Deadline to enter is June 8th**

## **DOOR BADGES**

**\$15 for each**

*Door badges must be worn at all times. No one without a door badge will be allowed admittance.*

# PEOPLE'S CHOICE

We will have one overall winner who will win a custom Marc Defang backpack.

