Delegate Packet October 8-10 2022



UNITED STATES of AMERICA PAGEANTS are designed to help women ACHEIVE their dreams and make them feel BEAUTIFUL inside and out! Our motto is to EMPOWER Women, IN-SPIRE others, and UPLIFT everyone! We focus on empowering women, promoting positive self-image and providing an avenue of achievement for today's modern woman. But, more importantly we are an elite sisterhood that provides support and encouragement to inspire each delegate to be the best version of herself!

2022 State Delegate Packet Official preliminary to the 2023 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA'S PAGEANT

UNITED STATES of AMERICA PAGEANTS District of Columbia, Maryland, & Virginia will be held together October 8-10 2022 in Arlington, Virginia held at the Synetic Theater.



Lodging and Rehearsals will be located in the Marriot connected to the theater. A room rate will be available for \$89 Book before 1 August Parking is in garage and may be limited. Metro is available, as needed.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

As of 1/1/23



TEEN



MISS



MS.



MRS.

18+ years old

13-17 years oldis single not, nor ever been married, not pregnant & has never given given birth birth

18-28 years old 29+ years old is single, not married, not pregnant & has never children

Is single, divorced, widowed, with or without

legally married more than 6 months

All Divisions

1. Is a U.S. citizen, naturalized 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 posed nude in film or print media.

Opening Number

MARYLAND: You will wear a RED cocktail dress; D.C.: You will wear a WHITE cocktail dress; VIRGINIA: You will wear a BLUE cocktail dress. All shall wear nude heels, any height/heel size.



Interview Outfit

You will need a nice dress or suit, something that reflects your style and personality. Solid colors work best.



Evening Gown

You will need a floor length formal dress, any style, any color. The value of the gown will not be evaluated.



The name brand or price should not be a factor in your dress selection. The gown should be something you feel brings the queen in you.





Swimsuit/ Fitness:

You will have the choice to wear a one-piece or two-piece swimsuit. You will need clear or nude colored shoes. Wraps or sarongs are optional. NO THONGS will be allowed, and bottoms must provide adequate coverage. Teen contestants will wear active wear with white or black sneakers.

Patriotic Wear

This is your chance to let your inner fashionista shine while showcasing your American Pride!



Areas of Competition

Interview

JUDGING CRITERIA: Content of Judges Bio, Knowledge, Perception, Self Expression, Spontaneity, and Personality will be evaluated. Also important is the use of Vocabulary, Voice, Appearance and Grooming.

25% of Score

Round Robin Interview Style

Swimsuit/Fitness

JUDGING CRITERIA: Physical Fitness, Confidence, Choice of Ensemble, Poise, Posture, and

Execution of Movement will be evaluated.

25% of Score



Areas of Competition

Evening Wear

JUDGING CRITERIA: Confidence, Choice of Evening Gown, Poise, Posture, Personality, Charm, Style, Charisma, Grace, Execution, Overall Appearance, and Stage Presentation will be evaluated.

25% of Score





Onstage Question

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

25% of Score

ENTRY FEE & PAYMENT

ENTRY FEE \$595

Official entry to participate in the annual state competition • Official local titleholder's embroidered sash • Official local titleholder's custom rhinestone crown • I Pageant ticket • I Program Book • Crowned Queen's Full Paid Entry to National Pageant in Las Vegas • Website Recognition And Social Media Exposure

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Payment #1) \$195 Deposit due immediately! Reserves Local Title
Payment #2) \$200 Local Sash and Crown Will be Ordered
Payment #3) \$200 Delivers Sash and Crown (Deadline: Sep 1st)
Payment #4) \$299 Contestant Spotlight Page

All payments can be made online via PayPal to Email: dshea21@gmail.com by **friends and family option only**. Any fees charged will be required to be reimbursed. *A late fee of \$150 will be incurred if all required payments and documents are not received by the deadline. ALL FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE AND NON-TRANSFERABLE

PROGRAM BOOKLET

CONTESTANT SPOTLIGHT PAGE PROGRAM BOOK FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY! 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 You will be responsible for ONE FULL PAGE COLOR ADVERTISEMENT in the Program Book (\$299). Each ad sold after the mandatory page, the contestant will receive 50% back. Please be sure it is sent in PDF 300DPI. The money will be put towards balances first, then forwarded back to the contestant minus 3% processing fee. If you need help with a design page please let director know.

Advertisement	Advertisement Cost	Incentive
Back Cover	\$500	\$250
Inside Cover	\$500	\$250
Two Page Spread	\$400	\$200
Full Page	\$249	\$125
Half Page	\$125	\$60

You will be provided a sponsorship letter to help you secure sponsors. Advertisements are due one month prior to pageant.

DOCUMENTS AND DEADLINES

To compete in the Pageant, you MUST turn in the following:

A. Official Online Application-Due Immediately

B. Deposit- Due with Official Online Application

C. Official Paperwork-Due within 48 hours of receiving in official Welcome Letter/ Email

i. Title holder's agreement

ii. Credit Card Authorization Form (Only used if in violation of contract or on delinquent accounts)

iii. Photo/Advertising release

D. Headshot: Professional photo due within 30 days, No sash and crowns allowed

E. Copy of Birth Certificate, Naturalization, or permanent resident card

F. Copy of drivers license or identification card

G. Final divorce decree for any previously married Miss & Ms. Contestants

H. Ad Page artwork/\$299 fee/forms (as soon as they are ready, but NO LATER than one month before pageant)

I. Mrs. – copy of marriage license

J. Any other documents requested by director

K. Judges Bio- 4 hard copies, typed (2 weeks prior to pageant mail to state pageant office)

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FAQ's

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

D.C, Maryland and Virginia does have a state competition that you must compete in order to go to the national pageant. Other states may or may not have local preliminaries available in your area, if there is not a preliminary pageant in your state apply directly with the national office.

How long does it take to receive my sash and crown? Once the sash is ordered it generally takes 4-6 weeks for production.

Is there a minimum amount of tickets I am required to sell? Yes, there is a 2 ticket requirement foreach contestant to be sold.

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 children under 2 need a ticket?

No, But children 3+ will need a ticket.

Will the pageant be televised?

We are hoping for a Live Stream, details TBA.

Are there any required rehearsals prior to the pageant? No. All rehearsals will take place during pageant weekend. Optional workshop will be scheduled as well as some sponsored coaching sessions!

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

Once you are registered as a contestant, you will be provided a sponsorship letter to present to businesses, friends and family whom may wish to support you by either purchasing an advertisement to simply wish you good luck or to promote and highlight their business!

> When is the National pageant? Spring time date TBD 2023 Las Vegas, NV