

Tailgates & Tiaras

Florida's Universal Beauty October 18-19, 2023 Panama City, Florida

# Welcome to Florida's Our Little Miss

Welcome to the Our Little Miss family! We are excited to have you join us for our 2024 Universal Beauty State Scholarship Competition! Our Little Miss is celebrating over six decades of pageantry, and the best is yet to come! Get ready to have a great time, have tons of fun, and make memories that will last a lifetime! This serves as your handbook for the state pageant.

STEP 1: COMPLETE THE FIRST REGISTRATION FORM ONLINE AT floridasourlittlemiss.com

# **Age Divisions**

Girls Divisions 0-2 years, 3-6 years, 7-9 years, 10-12 years, 13-15 years, 16-20 years, 21-28 years, 29+

Boys Divisions 0-2 years, 3-6 years, 7-9 years, 10-12 years, 13-15 years, 16-20 years, 21-28 years, 29+

# **Required Competitions**

## All age divisions must compete in Interview, Sportswear Personality, and Party Dress/Evening Gown.

Clothing guidelines and examples can be found here in this handbook as well as on our website.

# **Optionals Offered**

We offer the following optionals at our state competition: Miss Photogenic, Livin' Doll, Pro-Am Modeling, Prettiest Eyes/Hair/Smile, Best Dressed/ Sportswear, Practice Interview, People's Choice, and Charitable Miss or Mister. Descriptions of all the optionals can be found on a later page in this handbook.

# **Award Information**

The following awards will be given in each division:

Overall Divisional Queen/Prince, Princess/Duke (Successor), Mini Queen/Baron, Miss/Mr Personality, followed by Alternates, Semi Finalists, and Finalists

## **Overall Divisional Winner's Package:**

Official Our Little Miss Rhinestone Crown, Embroidered Banner, Official Scepter, Use of Robe for 1 year, Community Appearances, Gifts, Queens Party, Cash Scholarship\*, & more! \*Scholarship given if reign is fulfilled and winner MUST compete in the World Competition!

# **Clothing Rules / Pageant Regulations**



#### FIRST REMEMBER THAT WE ARE A NATURAL PAGEANT SYSTEM! ALL HAIR AND MAKE-UP MUST BE AGE APPROPRIATE! We want the GIRL to shine, NOT the clothes! No fake hair, teeth, etc. are allowed!

## **EVENT**

Close—Up

**Appraisal** 

(Interview)

## WHAT IS IT?

This is a time for the judges to see contestants up close and get to know them better! Chaperones for 0-2 contestants will introduce their contestant with their name, age (in months) and hometown. They will then tell the judges 2 or 3 fun/interesting facts about their contestant. Contestants ages 3 and up will introduce themselves to the judges by stating their name, age, city, and state followed by a basic pivot. Contestants will then answer a set of age-appropriate questions.

# WHAT DO I WEAR?

#### **RECOMMENDED ATTIRE: DRESS/ PANTSUIT / SKIRT AND TOP/JACKET** Think interviewing for a job!

For younger contestants, we recommend a nice Sunday's Best Dress. For older contestants, we recommend a pantsuit or skirt with top/jacket. We highly suggest either no sparkle or very little sparkle on outfits! Keep it simple and classic! Additional clothing guidelines below! See examples on the next page!

## Sportswear Personality

(Casual Wear)



Sportswear is our Casual Wear Competition. All contestants or chaperone for 0-2 will Introduce themselves on stage in 25 words or less and individually model their outfits on stage. Once each contestant has modeled on stage, the whole age group will come back on stage for a parade of beauties.

#### RECOMMENDED ATTIRE: CASUAL WEAR

Casual Wear should be a pant, short, or skirt outfit, or a dress that shows off their personal style. The outfit can be as simple or as formal as you would like! It should be modest, age—appropriate and should not be high glitz or costume looking. Additional clothing guidelines below! See examples on the next page!

## Party Dress (Beauty Wear)

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Party Dress / Evening Gown is our Beauty Wear competition. All contestants will individually model their beauty wear on stage. Once each contestant has modeled on stage, the whole age group will come back on stage for a parade of beauties. RECOMMENDED ATTIRE: BEAUTY DRESS

Contestants ages 0—9 should wear a short pageant style dress while contestants ages 10 and up should wear a floor length gown. We love sparkle, but please no glitz dresses! Additional clothing guidelines below! See examples on the next page!

## Additional clothing GUIDELINES

# We are a natural pageant system! Clothes should be modest, conservative, and age appropriate! *We recommend:*

•No slits above the knee for ages 0-15. Slits should not be more than 6 inches above the knee for ages 16+.

- •No strapless outfits—1" straps for ages 0—12 and at least spaghetti straps for ages 13+
- •No tattoos visible on stage or in interview (This includes 0-2 chaperones)
- •No exposed stomachs or midriffs
- •No overdone jewelry or make-up for younger divisions especially.

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# **Clothing Examples**

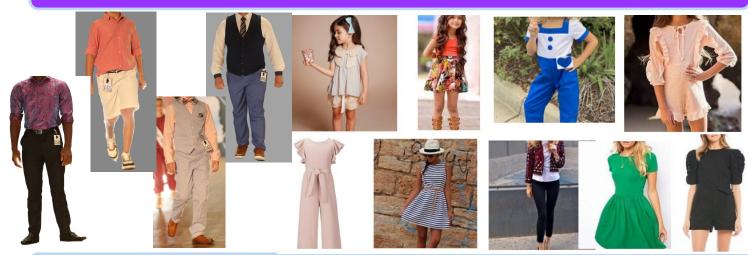
# **Close—up Appraisal (Interview)**







# **Casual Wear**



# **Party Dress/Evening Gown/Formal Wear**







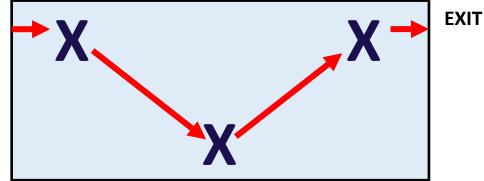






# **Modeling Formation**

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Sample Stage (Subject to Change)

## 0-2 Contestants:

Chaperones will model their contestants (see rule below). We recommend turning your baby around at the front X so the judges can see the back of their outfit/hair/etc. Your baby can walk or be carried! Please keep hands on contestant at ALL times! Show off your baby, but remember...NO COACHING YOUR BABY ONSTAGE!

Audience members can cheer for every contestant, but NO COACHING from the audience either!

## 3 and up Contestants:

Smile big! Don't forget eye contact with the judges! Don't go too fast or too slow! We prefer a nice, natural model! Contestants are free (not required) to do a step-step-turn or circle turn at the front X. We are a natural system and want natural modeling! AVOID sassy walks, hands-on hips, kissy faces, etc.

## Group Line Up

For Sportswear and Party Dress, each age division will model individually. After everyone has modeled in that age group, the entire age group will go back on stage for a group line up. We will most likely ask the group to turn around once to see back of outfits/hair/etc.

## Personality Sportswear

For the Personality Sportswear competition. Each contestant (or baby chaperone) will say their name, age, hometown, and any fun info on stage to introduce themselves. This must be done in 25 words or less. This will be done at the front X.

# **Hands-On Regulation for 0-2**

ALL contestants in the 0-2 age division have a HANDS ON RULE for every competition. For safety purposes, the contestant's chaperone must keep his/her hands on the contestant at ALL times during official competition. Don't let go on stage! Don't let go in interview!

> The hands on rule does not apply at the Tailgates and Tiara's Party. Feel free to let your child dance and enjoy themselves during the party.





# **Optional Competitions**

Optional competitions are offered for extra practice and opportunities for optional category awards. *Optional competition results do NOT change the outcome of the official results. All optionals are judged by* a separate panel of judges. The official judges do not know who enters or wins the optional categories.

## **Miss/Mr Photogenic**

Do you have a beautiful photo? To enter Miss Photogenic, your photo must be emailed floridasolm@gmail.com by October 4, 2024. No late entries will be accepted. Winners will receive a full page in the program book along with a crown and banner. Glitz photos are not accepted. Judging is based on beauty, clarity, and personality of photo.

## Livin' Doll (Highly Recommended)

Livin' Doll is a fun competition that is judged solely on facial beauty and stage presence by a different panel of judges. All you need is a beauty dress! It can be the same dress that you will wear for the main competition or a different one! Livin' Doll dress length should match your divisions requirements(short/ cocktail for 0-9, long gown 10+), but feel free to bring out the SPARKLE! This is a GREAT chance to practice your beauty modeling before the main competition. Winners will be crowned right after the event!

Divisions: 0-2 years, 3-6 years, 7-9 years, 10-12 years, 13-17 years, 18+ years

## Pro Am Modeling (Highly Recommended)

This competition is a fun way to get stage practice while modeling your favorite outfits/costumes. Judging will be based on stage presentation, facial beauty, grooming, and overall personality. Glitz and/or High Fashion model is not required. 1 score sheet per outfit will be given. This is also a great way to pick which sportswear and/or party dress/evening gown you want to use during official competition if you are having trouble deciding on one! Competition clothing rules do not apply for Pro Am Modeling! Enter as many as you like, but enter **5 or more** and you will be eligible to win the *Model of the Year Title (crown, banner, & special* prize)!

If you enter more than 5 categories, we will take your 5 highest scores for the sweepstakes award.

Categories: Formal Wear (Party Dress/Evening Gown), Casual Wear, Vintage Wear, Suede/Leather Wear, Sleepwear, Rainwear, Today's Fad, Western Wear, Animal Print, TV/Movie Costume, Hat Wear, State/Country Costume, Sports Fan Wear, and Glamo-Camo Wear.

## Practice Interview (Highly Recommended)

This optional is intended to help you practice your interview skills before the actual event. You will go through a mock interview session and will be given a score sheet with your critiques. This will allow you to feel more confident before entering the real event!

## People's Choice Voting

Online People's Choice voting will take place prior to the state pageant and will conclude before Finals. Votes will be \$1 each and can be purchased online by friends and family. This is a great way to show support of your favorite contestant. The winner will earn a portion of their vote money to be applied to their WORLD FEES!!!













# **Program Book**



Program Book Pictures: Picture Deadline October 4, 2024

#### Roster Photo:

Every contestant will get her picture printed in the State Program book. You must submit one picture with your forms by the deadline. The picture cannot be glitz and/or retouched. Natural photos only! Headshots work best!

#### Miss Photogenic:

All entering Miss Photogenic will get an additional picture printed in the book. This picture can be the same or different from your Roster Photo.

## All Roster and Miss Photogenic pictures MUST be emailed to floridasolm@gmail.com

# Goody Bag/Royalty Gifts



Each contestant will be required to bring 40 small good luck gifts for the contestants and queens in their division. These should not be expensive, just thoughtful and creative.
 Examples include: candy, pencils, note pads, bubbles, etc.
 Each contestant will receive a goody bag during the state competition.
 BRING YOUR GOODIES TO REGISTRATION TO FILL GOODY BAGS.

Every contestant is **required** to bring <u>2 royalty gifts to state</u>. These should be small gifts that will be given to the outgoing and incoming queens in their age division.
Each gift should cost no more than \$5-\$10 and should be appropriate for your age division.
Please write your name and age division on each gift.

## BRING BOTH INCOMING & OUTGOING QUEEN GIFTS TO <u>REGISTRATION</u>.

# **Tailgates and Tiaras Party**



# Wear your favorite "tailgate" outfit! Show off your favorite sports team!

We will have dinner, music, games, and surprises.

One Contestant Ticket and One Chaperone Ticket is included in your entry fee! Additional guests (ages 3 and older) will need to purchase a ticket if they would like to attend!

Additional party tickets are \$15 and can be purchased in advance, at registration, or at the door subject to availability.

# **Charitable Miss/Mister Title**

We are proud to support the Gulf Coast Children's Advocacy Center here in Panama City. We ask that you collect new individually packed snacks, juices, diapers(greater than size 2), or hygiene products that will be donated to the Gulf Coast Children's Advocacy Center. The contestant bringing the most items to the Florida State pageant will receive the title of Charitable Miss or Mister. Learn more at https://www.gulfcoastcac.org



State Deadline—October 4, 2024 Questions? Contact Tina Jackson at floridasolm@gmail.com

# **People's Choice Award**

Online People's Choice voting will take place prior to and during the state pageant and will conclude before Finals. Votes will be \$1 each and can be purchased by friends and family by: Venmo @Tina-Jackson-1973 CashApp \$tinab1973 or onsite at the pageant.

This is a great way to show support of your favorite contestant. **The winner of People's Choice** will receive a crown, award, and earn a portion of their vote money to be applied to their **WORLD FEES**!!! Tina Jackson @Tina-Jackson-1973



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**Tina Jackson** Scan to pay \$tinab1973

# **Event Location & Host Hotel**

All staged events will be held at: **Majette Park Community Center** 5304 Majette Tower Rd Panama City, FL 32405 Host Hotel Hos Hilton Garden Inn Panama City 1101 US Highway 231 Panama City, FL 32405

Host Hotel QR Book By Oct 4th



# **Guest Badges/Door Admission**

Having family, friends, or other guests coming to watch? Everyone **ages 3 and up** needs a Guest Badge!

## Each contestant will receive ONE Guest Badge as part of their entry fee!

Other guests **ages 3 and up** will need to purchase a guest badge to watch the competitions. Prices are below! Please inform your guests that they will need a badge to enter!

**Guest Badge = \$20** Includes **ALL** staged events Friday & Saturday

**Dinner/Theme Party Ticket = \$15** 



# **Entry Deadline**

Deadline for Entry is October 4, 2024 Questions? Email Tina Jackson at floridasolm@gmail.com

# **Pageant Fees**

#### This is a worksheet for you to use to help before you fill out the online forms!

## Mandatory Fees—Choose one of the options below!

Entry Fee for all contestants is \$450. Contestants who attended a preliminary pageant are eligible for a discounted entry fee (listed below). Honor Roll contestants (have attended a state pageant in the past) are also eligible for a discount (listed below).

These fees include entry into all mandatory competitions for your age group, one chaperone badge, 1 program book, theme party ticket for contestant and chaperone! The entry fees do not include any optionals you may choose to enter.

### Competed as a CONTESTANT at Preliminary Pageant= \$375 Entry Fee

For a contestant that entered any Our Little Miss Universal Beauty preliminary pageant this season.

Competing as a PARENT or SIBLING of a Contestant = \$275 Entry Fee

Discounted entry for the second family member entering the state pageant. First contestant at full price.

#### Honor Roll Contestant = \$350 Entry Fee

This option is for contestants that have entered an OLM state pageant in the past.

#### Contestant At-Large = \$450 Entry Fee

This option is for anyone that has never attended any Our Little Miss Competition.

#### Winner's Circle = \$125 Entry Fee

This option is for a contestant that has already paid their deposit into the upcoming world pageant. They are just competing for practice and cannot win a divisional title

My Mandatory Fees = \_\_\_

## **Optional Fees** Miss Photogenic-1/2 page in program = \$50 • Miss Photogenic - Full Page in program = \$75 Livin' Doll Contestant = \$50 Pro Am Modeling = \$20 per entry Categories: Formal Wear (Party Dress/Evening Gown), Casual Wear, Vintage Wear, Suede/Leather Wear, Sleepwear, Rainwear, Today's Fad, Western Wear, Animal Print, TV/Movie Costume, Hat Wear, State/Country Costume, Sports Fan Wear, and Glamo-Camo Wear. (Enter 5 or more and qualify for a chance to win MODEL OF THE YEAR) Prettiest Eyes = \$15 Prettiest Hair = \$15 Prettiest Smile = \$15 Best Dress = \$15 Practice Interview = \$15 Best Sportswear = \$15 Additional Party/Dinner Tickets = \$15 one contestant ticket and one chaperone ticket is included in your entry fee. Party/lunch tickets can be purchased in advance, at registration, or at the door subject to availability. Guest Badges = \$20 For additional quests (not chaperones) to enter all staged events (does not include the theme party)

My Optional Fees = \_\_\_\_





\*It is a requirement for Queen/Prince and Princess/Duke to attend as a condition of her/his reign

## Save the Dates for Florida's Our Little Miss Official Season

Prelims run Feb-March Florida State Official Pageant April 4-6th Location: TBD

Watch our website or Facebook for more info

