



State Pageant Handbook

Welcome



Dreams Do Come True and This Is Where They Start!

As National Director for Miss American Coed it is my pleasure to welcome you to our pageant family! This year we are excited to bring our program back to the state level. Our pageants will be one day events featuring our overall phases of competition. We hope that this one day format will make getting involved in American Coed easier and more affordable while we continue to manage the impact of Covid19. This handbook provides a great reference for preparing for your state pageant experience. Whether this is your first time or you've been with us for years I am so happy that you will be joining us and if I can help in any way please feel free to reach out to our office anytime!

*Best Wishes,
Michelle Landry*



**2021 National
Queens**

State Pageants

It is almost time for our State Pageant season and we could not be more excited! At each of these events, our contestants will compete in Eveningwear, Interview, and Interview Appearance & Introduction. After tabulating the scores a winner from each state listed will be selected in each age group to move on to our National Pageant!

Northeast

April 25, 2021

Sonesta - White Plains, New York
New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania

West Coast

May 16, 2021

Virtual Pageant
California, Nevada, Oregon, Washington

Southeast

May 29, 2021

Wyndham Disney Springs - Orlando, Florida
Florida, Georgia, South Carolina

East Coast

July 18, 2021

The Main - Norfolk, Virginia
Virginia, Maryland, Delaware,
District of Columbia

New England

July 25, 2021

Sheraton Bradley Airport - Windsor Locks, Connecticut
Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Hampshire
Rhode Island

Competition Information

Interview Appearance & Introduction

For Interview Appearance our goal is to teach our contestants the importance of making a strong first impression. Judges will be looking to ensure that not only was the dress code met but also that the outfit choice and styling choices compliment the contestant. In Introduction our goal is for our contestants to learn public speaking skills that can be utilized in your future studies and career. With that in mind our judges will be looking for a confident and natural delivery. Contestants can be creative but please note that the panel is not scoring based on content or uniqueness but rather on your approach, poise, and speaking ability. In addition, it is important to remember that this category is comprised of two elements. You will only receive one score but it will encompass the Judges' ratings on both the styling and the delivery of the introduction.

Interview

Our judges will not be looking to stump or trick you and we do not base our questions on controversial issues. They want to get to know you and find out why you want to be the next national queen. They will be looking for a natural conversationalist who is confident, comfortable, and poised. Often times the hardest questions are those that are the simplest in nature such as, "Why do you want to win?" Or "What do you do for fun?" Remember during your preparation to practice a variety of questions both challenging and simple so that you are not caught off guard and can show the panel all sides of your personality.

Eveningwear

In Eveningwear our judges will be looking for a natural walk that shows confidence and comfort on stage. Ideally your walk would have limited poses, an excited and happy expression, relaxed arms and shoulders, and picking up or holding your gown is discouraged. Judges will be looking for your stage presence, the ease in your movements, and poise in your moment in the spotlight.

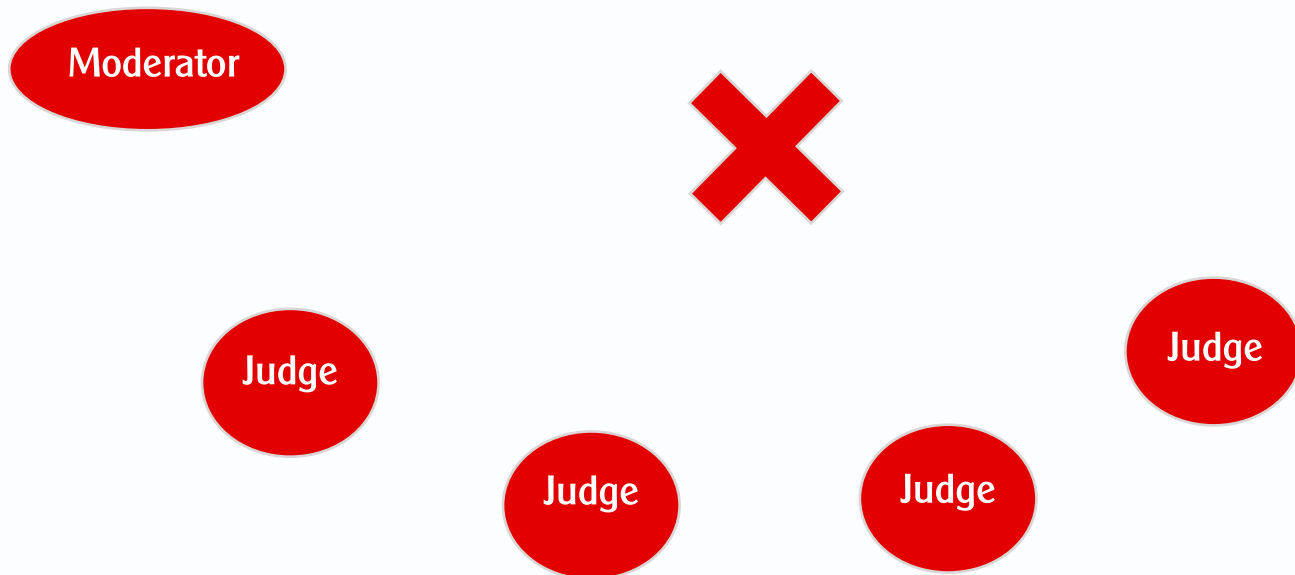
Competition Information

- Each phase of competition counts for an equal 1/3 of the total score
- Judges will score independently and will not discuss or come to a consensus
- Judges will sign a questionnaire disclosing any acquaintance with a contestant that would impair their judgement. If this situation should arise, an average of the other Judges scores will be used.
- Judges will not be allowed to discuss results with contestants or parents either during or after Pageant Weekend.
- Scores will be provided prior to the national pageant free of charge.
- Judges are not informed of overall standings or placement in advance.
- If there are no contestants in attendance from a state, the national office may award that title to a contestant from another state or reserve it for use as an appointed title.
- Contestants crowned as State Queens are required to attend the National Pageant. They will receive their \$550 National Title Fee paid and will only be responsible for their \$300 Entry fee, their production outfit fee, and their optional competitions.
- If a State Queen cannot attend the national pageant, they will forfeit the title and it will be awarded to the contestant with the next highest score.



Interview Room

To start our “Round Robin” Interview and the Interview Appearance & Introduction phase, contestants will meet in the interview waiting room where they will be separated into their groups. Once the judges are ready to begin, contestants will be brought into the room by a staff member. Each contestant will be asked to step forward to the marked “X” to perform their introduction followed by a turn to model their interview outfit. Contestants in the Princess age group may perform a pivot or circle turn. Contestants in all other divisions should perform a pivot turn. After all contestants in the group have performed their introduction, the moderator will bring the group to the room and direct each contestant to their first judge to start the interview. The moderator will remain in the room to keep time and will notify contestants when they will rotate to their next judge. Once all of the contestants in the group have met with each judge, they will be sent off to take photos and get ready for their next event. Final diagrams of the Interview Room and Stage will be sent in your newsletters and any updates will be emailed prior to pageant weekend. Please remember to arrive 15 minutes early to the interview holding room to be lined up.



Eveningwear Dress Code

Princess, Sweetheart, & Preteen Divisions

- Ball Gown styles are strongly preferred
- Judges are looking for age appropriate styles and are allowed to use their discretion on what is considered age appropriate
- Gowns may not be strapless. Halter and One Shoulder are allowed
- Gowns should be floor length
- Shoes for the Princess & Sweetheart divisions should stay under 2 and a half inches tall, Preteens should stay at or under 3 inches
- Trains are permitted
- No Makeup of any kind is allowed for this event
- Light and/or bright colors are generally preferred but darker colors are allowed

Junior Teen Division

- Judges are looking for age appropriate styles and are allowed to use their discretion on what is considered age appropriate
- Gowns may be any style but should be considered appropriate for the age division and not viewed as sexy or revealing
- Back of the gown may have modest cutouts or use netting or beading
- Gowns should be floor length
- Trains are permitted
- Necklines with beading or netting may be worn but should be modest
- Light and/or bright colors are generally preferred but darker colors are allowed

Teen & Coed Divisions

- Judges are looking for age appropriate styles and are allowed to use their discretion on what is considered age appropriate
- Gowns may be any style but should be considered appropriate for the age division and not viewed as overly sexy or revealing
- Back of the gown may have modest cutouts or use netting or beading
- Gowns should be floor length
- Slits are permitted but should be modest; judges will use their discretion to determine what is considered modest
- Necklines with beading or netting may be worn but should be modest; judges will use their discretion to determine what is considered modest
- Dresses may be any color that compliments the contestant

Ms, Woman, & Classic Woman Divisions

- Judges are looking for age appropriate styles and are allowed to use their discretion on what is considered age appropriate
- Gowns may be any style
- Back of the gown may have modest cutouts or use netting or beading
- Gowns should be floor length
- Slits are permitted
- Necklines with beading or netting may be worn
- Dresses may be any color that compliments the contestant



Interview Dress Code

Princess, Sweetheart, & Preteen Divisions

- Interview outfit may be a suit or tailored dress in the color or print of your choice
- Dress necklines must be modest and cannot be strapless, one shoulder, or halter style
- Dresses may have sleeves or be sleeveless
- Shoes may be any color that compliments your outfit and may be closed or open toe
- Pantsuits or jumpsuits are not permitted
- Pantyhose may be worn but are not required
- Shoes for the Princess & Sweetheart divisions should be at or under 2 and a half inches tall, Preteens should stay at or under 3 inches
- Skirt length should be modest. Judges are allowed to use their discretion to determine what is considered modest.
- Judges are looking for age appropriate styles and are allowed to use their discretion on what is considered age appropriate
- No Makeup of any kind is allowed interview or introduction

Junior Teen & Teen Divisions

- Interview outfit may be a suit or tailored dress in the color or print of your choice
- Dresses cannot be strapless
- One Shoulder, Off Shoulder, and Halter styles are permitted
- Dresses may have sleeves or be sleeveless
- Shoes may be any color that compliments your outfit and may be closed or open toe
- Pantsuits or jumpsuits are not permitted
- Pantyhose may be worn but are not required
- Skirt length should be modest. Judges are allowed to use their discretion to determine what is considered modest.
- Judges are looking for age appropriate styles and are allowed to use their discretion on
- what is considered age appropriate

Coed, Ms, Woman, and Classic Woman Divisions

- Interview outfit may be a suit or tailored dress in the color or print of your choice
- Dresses cannot be strapless
- One Shoulder, Off Shoulder, and Halter styles are permitted
- Dresses may have sleeves or be sleeveless
- Shoes may be any color that compliments your outfit and may be closed or open toe
- Pantsuits or jumpsuits are not permitted
- Pantyhose may be worn but are not required
- Skirt length should be modest. Judges are allowed to use their discretion to determine what is considered modest.
- Judges are looking for age appropriate styles and are allowed to use their discretion on what is considered age appropriate



Example Questions

Princess & Sweetheart

- What makes a good friend?
- What are you most excited about for pageant week?
- What is the first thing you would do as the new queen?

Preteen & Junior Teen

- What are your favorite and least favorite phases of competition?
 - If you could travel anywhere, where would you choose?
 - If you had a million dollars, how would you spend it?
- What are the most important qualities a titleholder should have?

Teen & Coed

- Why do you think you'd make a great national queen?
- If your family were here, how would they describe you?
- What does success mean to you?
- If you could change one thing about yourself would you?

Ms, Woman, & Classic Woman

- What three things do you always have in your bag?
- If you could relive a moment in your life, would you?
 - Why do you want to represent American Coed?
 - What life experience has taught you most?

Example Introductions

Princess & Sweetheart

A future model and prima ballerina, I live for the stage! Someday I hope to grace the stage, but for now I enjoy playing with my friends and spending time with my favorite pets. Coming to you from Massachusetts I am.....

Junior Teen & Preteen

Eleanor Roosevelt once said, the future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams. As an aspiring teacher my dream is to educate the youth of our country. A volunteer tutor and honor roll student I am well on my way to accomplishing my goals. Until then, I can be found kayaking, cheerleading and volunteering for the American Heart Association. Representing Massachusetts, I am

Teen & up

Working in direct care I truly believe that we give our hands to serve and our hearts to love. Whether its working one on one with my clients or studying for my degree I know that my work will make a difference. In my spare time this avid runner can be found training for my next race, enjoying the outdoors with my two dogs, or finding the latest binge-worthy shows. Hoping to leave a lasting impression from Massachusetts, I'm.....

Please Note

Introductions have a maximum time limit of 30 seconds and should not include your age. A staff member will be present to keep time for each contestant.



Age Divisions & Fees

State Pageant Age Divisions

During our State Pageants we will be crowning a queen for each state in the Princess, Sweetheart, Preteen, Junior Teen, Teen, and Coed age divisions. Our appointed queens are invited to participate in the state pageant of their choice for our Pageant Prep. This allows queens from our Ms Divisions who have already been appointed by our national office to gain experience, confidence, and scores to help them prepare for the national pageant.

State Entry Fees

For our contestants competing for State titles in the Princess, Sweetheart, Preteen, Junior Teen, Teen, and Coed age groups the State Pageant Entry Fee is \$270. For our appointed queens that wish to participate as Pageant Prep the entry fee is \$150.



Stay Tuned!

Keep an eye on your inbox for important updates, pageant day schedules, and tips to help you prepare for your moment in the spotlight!





National Miss American Coed Pageant

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