

THE

## LOUISIANA

PAGEANT



Louisiana



May 5, 2024



Jr. Teen Louisiana North America Jr. Miss Louisiana North America Teen Louisiana North America Miss Louisiana North America Ms. Louisiana North America Elite Louisiana North America

Miss Louisiana US International

# WELCOME

Congratulations and welcome to The Louisiana Pageant crowning North America and Miss US International state titleholders for 2024.

Enclosed you will find all the necessary information regarding this spectacular state event which feeds directly into the Miss US International and North America pageant systems. I am sure you will find this to be a wonderful experience and enjoy the opportunity to meet some amazing women from your region, make new friends and the chance to become Louisiana's State delegate at one of the most prestigious pageants for women!

Our state winners will win their entry fees to the national and international pageants paid as a part of her prize package. You could be the one to wear the coveted custom designed and original State Crowns...fit only for a Queen and be on the road to becoming the NEXT National or International titleholder!

Our staff is working very hard to make this an unforgettable experience for you.

Please be sure to read all the enclosed materials, as there is a DEADLINE to enter the pageant. There is also information you will need to prepare for this event, please review carefully. If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to email me.

Please keep in mind that things might change slightly from here to the event. However, I will keep you updated to the very latest every single moment...nothing will be a surprise for anyone. All changes and updates will be posted on the state group Facebook page which you will all be added as a member once you are registered..

Sincerely, Christi Woolard State Director

# MISSION, PRIZES, & AREAS OF COMPETITION

MISSION

Emphasizing beauty, style, and cultural appreciation, the North America & Miss US International Pageants are personal development opportunity of young ladies of the USA and North America. The delegates who become part of the Louisiana Pageant systems gain confidence and poise in an increasingly competitive world. The pageant affords each delegate the opportunity to grow and advance her personal goals while acting as a role model in her community.

### GIFTS & PRIZES TOTALLING OVER \$1000

#### **Custom Crown**

Custom Embroidered Rhinestone Edged Sash
Custom Embroidered State Titleholder Jacket
Rhinestone Crown T-shirt
Full Color Ad Page in International Program Book
Opening Number Outfit for Internationals
Activewear/swimwear for internationals
Entry Fee to Interationals PAID
CASH prize from Peoples Choice Voting
Contestant Swag Bag

### AREAS OF COMPETITION

### JR. TEEN & JR. MISS

Interview- 25% Fitness Wear- 25% Evening Gown- 25%

**Stage Presence-25%** 

MS.

Interview- 40%
Swimsuit/Fitness- 20%
Evening Gown- 30%
Stage Presence- 10%

#### <u>TEEN</u>

Interview- 30% Swimsuit - 30% Evening Gown- 30% Stage Presence- 10%

#### **ELITE**

Interview- 50% Swimsuit/Fitness- 20% Evening Gown- 20% Stage Presence- 10%



#### MISS

Interview- 30%
Fitness Wear- 30%
Evening Gown- 30%
Stage Presence- 10%

#### **US INTERNATIONAL**

Interview- 10% Fitness Wear- 45% Evening Gown- 45%

### **QUALIFICATIONS AND TITLES**

Genetically born natural female over the age of 12 who are citizens of the United States of America and have a verifiable residency, employment or schooling in Louisiana and can provide proof of gender, age, and citizenship upon request are eligible to participate.

#### **DIVISIONS**

### Jr. Teen Louisiana North America ~ 12-13 years old

Delegate must not be married or have been married or given birth. Delegates have to be at least 12 and not turn 14 before July 21, 2024

### Jr. Miss Louisiana North America ~ 14-15 years old

Delegate must not be married or have been married or given birth. Delegates have to be at least 14 and not turn 16 before July 21, 2024

### Miss Teen Louisiana North America ~ 15-19 years old

Delegate must not be married or have been married or given birth. Delegates have to be at least 15 or not turn 20 before July 21, 2024.

### Miss Louisiana North America ~ 20-29 years old

Delegate can be married, single, divorced, or widowed, with or without children. Delegates have to be at least 20 and not turn 30 before July 21, 2024

### Ms. Louisiana North America ~ 30-49 years old

Delegate must be at least 30 years old before July 21, 2024. Delegate can be married, single, divorced, or widowed, with or without children.

### Elite Louisiana North America ~ 50+ years old

Delegate must be at least 50 years old as of July 21, 2024. Delegate can be married, single, divorced, or widowed with or without children.

#### Miss Louisiana U.S. International

Delegates between the ages of 18 & 28, as of November 1, 2024, who are not married or have never been married or given birth will also qualify for the Miss Louisiana U.S. International title, if available, and will move on to represent Louisiana at the Miss US International pageant also held in Orlando, Florida. The winner of the Miss US International pageant will represent the USA at the 2024 Miss International pageant, held annually in Japan with her flight, hotel, and meals paid as well as many gifts and prizes.

This is a <u>bonus</u> title and is available on at at-large basis prior to the pageant, so it may not be available come pageant day

### FEES AND PAPERWORK

### ENTRY FEE

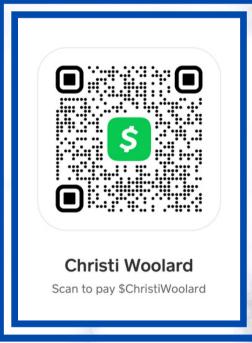
The entry fee to compete at the Louisiana Pageant is \$295. The national fees to send our winners to their national pageants is approximately \$2500 per state, the collected entrance fees go to pay for these fees, venue rental and tech services for the pageant. Staff, including the state director are all volunteer and are not paid for services.

#### PAYMENTS

You can send in your payment using Venmo, CashApp or Zelle.







Pay your full fee in a single payment by March 5, 2024 and receive \$100 off of your entry fee.

Pay your full fee in a single payment by April 5, 2024 and receive \$50 off of your entry fee.



# DEADLINES AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### DEADLINE TO ENTER IS

April 5, 2024

### WITHDRAWAL, FAILURE TO SHOW OR DISQUALIFICATION

If you choose to withdraw, are disqualified for breaching any of the rules included in this paperwork, or do not show up for the state pageant, you will not be refunded any fees.

### DISQUALIFICATION

By submitting the entry form and entry fee, you agree to abide by all rules and policies set forth by Great Lakes International LLC or Harrison Productions, LLC. You attest that all information submitted is true and accurate. Failure to comply with Great Lakes International LLC or Harrison Productions, LLC policies may result in immediate disqualification and/or forfeiture of prizes won without benefit of refund in full or in part at the discretion of Great Lakes International LLC or Harrison Productions, LLC

### NON-REFUNDABLE FEE POLICY

The pageant is a self-supporting event and all fees paid are not refundable. This includes entry fees, ticket sales, and any other fees paid, unless the pageant is cancelled in which case all fees will be refunded.

### IN THE EVENT OF A CANCELLATION

If the pageant is cancelled, all fees will be refunded and the titles will be offered on a first come first serve basis to attend internationals at large. In the case of a cancellation, the first delegate to pay her fee in full and submit her registration form will be the first delegate offered an at large title.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**



#### COMMUNICATION

Upon receipt of your online paperwork and deposit you will be added to a Facebook group where any updates and further information will be posted. You will need to make sure you check this group often as we do not send out e-mails. Please be sure to friend request the Executive Director, Christi Duke

### HAIR AND MAKEUP

Please arrive with your hair and makeup done. We do not provide space, or time in the schedule for HMU.

No HMUA or Parents will be allowed back stage or in the dressing room at any time.

### TICKETS

Tickets to the pageant are available for purchase at the door.

Tickets to the final event will \$30.00 at the door

Every guest requires a ticket regardless of age.

### ACCESS TO PAGEANT AND ACTIVITIES

No one, other than the staff of Harrison Productions LLC and their authorized third party service providers will be allowed backstage or at any activities sponsored by Harrison Productions LLC during the event. This is strictly limited for insurance and liability reasons and there will be no exceptions made.

### WE DO NOT HAVE A NON-COMPETE CLAUSE

As a titleholder in the North America and US International Pageant System you may compete for other titles in other pageant systems, following the national or international pageant in July, 2024 in Orlando, Florida. If you are the state winner, your main obligation is to participate at nationals/internationals, if you are unable to do so your title, crown, sash & prizes will be passed on to the runner up.

### QUEEN OF THE STATE

### NO OBLIGATION COMPETITION

Queen of the State is an add on program to the North America state pageants and it is set up for ladies who want to compete but either already hold a title in another system which has a non-compete, or they are unable to attend the national/international pageant in July, or they are new to pageantry and want to try it out before they commit to a system with a national or international obligation, or they just want to compete with no commitment to appearances or moving on to other pageants.

Queen of the State is held at the same time, along side of the state North America and Miss U.S. International pageants, with no distinction between the delegates. Everyone will compete together on stage and in interview in all of the same divisions with the exact same scoring system.

The judges are not informed who is in the Queen of the State division so the judging is done fairly and without bias. The ONLY people who will know who is in the Queen of the State division are the Executive Director and the Contestant who is competing as a Queen of the State contestant.

After the pageant, every Queen of the State contestant will receive a video of her interview, a copy of the judges notes as well as her <u>total</u> score and a review of what she can improve on based on scoring as well as from the Executive Director and if possible any staff members they interact with.

This part of the pageant is set up to be a training event for both new and advanced competitors to give them the best edge for moving forward in pageantry. There is no better way to improve than by hands on practice, and that is what this will give along with a full, honest unbiased review of what you can do to improve.

At crowning, each of the highest scoring delegates registered in the Queen of the State program will receive a state title and crown, FOR FUN. This award will have NO OBLIGATION and NO CONTRACT and will not affect any current titles held or future pageants you are already signed up for, except to help make you a better and stronger competitor!

The cost to participate as a Queen of the State delegate is \$195



# NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL

INFORMATION



Orlando FL



July 22 - 26, 2024



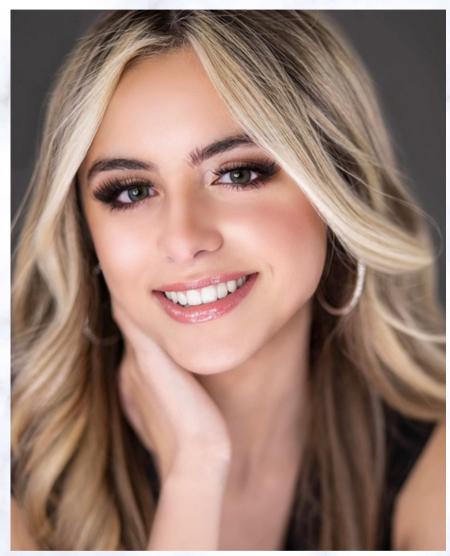
### IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR WINNERS

\*Each titleholder is required to pay a competition fee of up to \$600 for their international pageant which includes ad page, opening number dress, at the international level.

This fee does not include transportation, accommodation or competition wardrobe. \*This fee may be less, depending on the outcome of the Peoples Choice portion, but will *not* be more than \$600!

\*Each winner will be required to sign a contract immediately following the pageant. The contract will be available for all delegates to preview in the competition Facebook group prior to the pageant.

## Headshots









You must submit a headshot with your entry form, which will be used for the website as well as for the Online Peoples Choice Contest which awards a CASH prize to the winner.

Proceeds of the Peoples Choice Contest go towards paying the Competition Fee for the winners for the national and international pageants.

# Interview







Delegates must bring a fashionable outfit for the interview competition. It does not have to be an "interview suit". Any type of outfit that you deem appropriate for interviewing for this title is acceptable. Think "job interview for a fashion magazine". Fashion forward, showing your best self, while still maintaining a professional appearance.

Fitness Wear







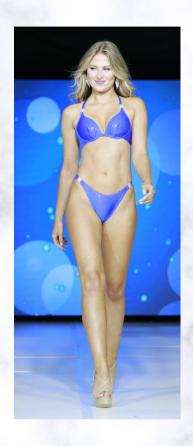
Delegates under the age of 17 will compete in fitness wear for this portion of the competition. Shoes must be clean sneakers. Logos and small color splashes are permitted.

Teen & Miss delegates who are over the age of 17 may opt to wear fitnesswear instead of swimwear but they will only qualify for the North America titles.

## Swimwear







Delegates over the age of 17 may opt for swimwear OR fitnesswear HOWEVER if a delegate opts for fitnesswear she will only be considered for the North America titles and not the Bonus Title Miss Louisiana U.S. International.

Each delegate will provide her own attire for fitness or swimwear, it can be 2 piece or one, she can wear a wrap or not. The swimwear can not be a thong or t-back suit, please also avoid fitness competition suits and brazilian cut bottoms. Shoes are required for the swimwear competition, they do not have to be 'tippy tops' but they should be nude or clear.

# Evening Gown









Delegates must bring a full-length evening gown in a style and color that best compliments them. Always bring a back-up gown! Gowns should also reflect delegate's style and personality. Any color is acceptable. Your gown is not scored, your performance on stage is.

# PAGEANT DAY INFORMATION SCHEDULE

10:00 AM SHARP Check In 10:30 - 11:30 Rehearsal 11:45 - 1:30 interview 2:00 - 4:00 SHOW TIME!

- Be at the venue at 10:00 AM sharp, not early, not late, Hair & Make Up Ready.
- You will be shown to the dressing room area. Put your things in place and get organized and report to the stage by 10:30 with your shoes.
- At 11:30 you will change to your interview outfit.
- Interviews begin at 11:45
- Remain in your interview dress for on stage introduction. Name, Age & City.
- Following introduction you will change into your swimwear or fitnesswear.
- Following swim/fitness you will change into your evening gown and remain in your gown until after crowning.
- Winners will sign their state contract immediately following the pageant.
- The schedule is tight and must be strictly adhered to so that everyone has a great experience with no stress. Everyone is expected to follow the same rules, guidelines and schedule so that everyone has the same opportunities and quality experience.
- NO ONE but contestants and staff are allowed in the dressing room area. This includes loading in and loading out. We will have staff and volunteers available to help with clothing changes.
- Parents are to drop their child off at 10:00 and may <u>not</u> watch or attend rehearsals, photo shoot, interviews, etc. Parents may return at 1:30 for the show.
- Doors open at 1:30, show starts at 2:00.

### **DELEGATE CHECKLIST**

### Required Paperwork/ Photos

- Entrance Fee
- Photo for Peoples Choice (Email)
- Rules & Judges Forms (Online Form)



### Packing List

- Interview Outfit, shoes & accessories
- Swimwear or fitnesswear, shoes & accessories
- Evening Gown, shoes, accessories

