

# Princess of America

## Nebraska/Iowa/Great Plains

PAGEANT DATE: March 4th-5th, 2017

VENUE: Ramada Plaza Hotel & Convention Center  
3321 S 72nd St, Omaha, Nebraska 68124  
(402) 393-3950

Book your room as soon as possible to qualify for our group hotel rate. Be sure to tell the front desk you are with Princess of America.

We are excited that you have chosen to join us for your state Princess of America Pageant this year! We believe that a pageant is not just about winning a crown, but developing skills, building confidence, making friends, and of course, having tons of fun! This information is designed to help you in your pageant preparation. If you have questions not answered by this information or the website, please contact us at [marissa@princessofamerica.org](mailto:marissa@princessofamerica.org)



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MEETING YOU AT THE PAGEANT!**

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# AGE DIVISIONS

(Age as of January 1st, 2017\*)

Tiny Miss 4-6  
Little Miss 7-9  
Preteen Miss 10-12  
Teen Miss 13-15  
Junior Miss 16-18  
Miss 19-24

\*Contestants may “bump up” an age division depending on date of birth with director’s approval.

We will be crowning 24 lucky girls! (8 Nebraska, 8 Iowa, 8 Great Plains) There will be one titleholder selected in each age division, as well as one Sweetheart (people’s choice winner) and one Superstar (overall talent winner). Titleholders will receive the POA custom state crown, custom rhinestone state banner, trophy, flowers, and entry into the national Princess of America pageant. They will be featured on their state page on the national web site and are encouraged to make appearances and participate in community service throughout their reign. State and regional titleholders will represent their state or region at the national pageant in Branson, Missouri!

## ADDITIONAL TITLE CONTEST

Another way to advance to nationals!

For an additional fee, contestants may choose to enter the additional title contest. This will double your chances of taking home a crown and qualifying for nationals! The highest scoring contestant in each age division, who is not awarded their state title, will be awarded the Miss Great Plains regional title and will advance to nationals. Miss Great Plains Sweetheart and Superstar titles will also be awarded. Girls from any and all states are eligible to compete for the Miss Great Plains title.



# MAKEUP

Princess of America is a natural pageant system. Tiny Miss and Little Miss divisions should not wear make up with the exception of clear lip-gloss. Preteen Miss division is allowed to wear light, natural makeup on stage, but should not wear any in interview unless they wear it everyday. Use caution with makeup. Judges are instructed that girls should look age appropriate and makeup can work against you if you are not careful.

Advice to Preteen Miss contestants who choose to wear light makeup....

No black eyeliner (choose brown or lighter shade).

No false eyelashes.

No dark lip colors.

Teen Miss, Junior Miss, and Miss contestants can be more glamorous but should still look their age.

# OPENING NUMBER

The opening dance number will be taught during the scheduled rehearsal times pageant weekend. Contestants will wear their own white capris and white sneakers. These will be worn with the opening number t shirt, which will be given to each contestant at pageant check-in. The opening number is not judged.



## HELPFUL HINT

We always tell our judges we are looking for girls who are "polished not plastic" Focus on being your best self!





# AREAS OF COMPETITION

## INTERVIEW

Each contestant has a personal interview with each of our judges. Questions will be age-appropriate, conversational, and will help the judges learn more about each girl. The judges are looking for personality, confidence, and the ability to express themselves verbally. Tiny Miss and Little Miss will have 1 minute. Preteen Miss and Teen Miss will have 2 minutes. Junior Miss and Miss will have 3 minutes.

WARDROBE: Suit or dress recommended. No Jeans.

## PERSONAL INTRODUCTION

Each contestant will introduce herself on stage. You may include things like your name, hometown, activities you enjoy, futures goals, or something interesting about yourself. The introduction will be judged on confidence, personality, articulation, and presentation. The best introductions are 15-30 seconds long. Please do not exceed this time.

WARDROBE: Wear your interview outfit for this portion of the competition.





## FORMAL WEAR

Contestants will appear on stage in the formal wear competition. This portion of competition is judged on poise, confidence, and presentation.

**WARDROBE:** Gown of your choice. Gown should be floor length and age appropriate. Slits should be a modest height. We are not looking for anything too sexy or revealing.

## ON STAGE QUESTION

All contestants, except for those in the Tiny Miss division, will be asked an on stage question. Teen Miss, Junior Miss, and Miss divisions will not know what questions will be asked. Little Miss & Preteen Miss divisions will receive a list of potential questions and will be given the list at pageant check in. Questions will be age appropriate and not political.

**WARDROBE:** Wear your formal wear gown for this portion of the competition.





# OPTIONAL COMPETITIONS

These competitions are not figured into the scoring system that determines the age division titleholders.

## PHOTOGENIC

Please bring a photograph no larger than 8 x 10 to pageant check in. No glitz photos. Please adhere to makeup guidelines. You may enter as many photos as you would like. Each photo is \$25.



## CASUAL WEAR

Contestants will model the outfit of their choice. This is a fun, age appropriate ensemble that you would wear to the mall shopping or out to a movie with friends. Remember, this is not a costume. No props and no glitz modeling. Accessories that you wear such as a scarf, sunglasses, hat etc. are permitted. Judging is based on presentation and personality.

## SPOKESMODEL

Contestants will prepare an original speech to deliver to the judges and audience. Time limit is 90 seconds. Points will be deducted for exceeding time limit. Speech should be memorized. Choose the topic of your choice. Wear interview attire.



## TALENT- Winner advances to nationals!

Entries have a time limit of 2 minutes 30 seconds. Points will be deducted for exceeding this time limit. Costumes should be age appropriate. If you will need a piano you must provide your own. Please bring your CD, in a case, marked with your name to pageant check-in. It is a good idea to have a 'back up' CD with you as well. There will not be a rehearsal for talent pageant weekend. The overall talent winner will be crowned Superstar and will advance to nationals!





# SWEETHEART/PEOPLE'S CHOICE

Winner advances to nationals!

Participants will create a box or decorated container much like a valentine box with a slit for votes, good luck messages, and notes of encouragement and congratulations. Paper and pens are provided on the display table to write messages to your new pageant friends. You may choose to bring something special to put in the other girls boxes but it is not required. Make sure there is an easy way to remove the votes for counting. Boxes will be on display during the pageant and audience members will vote for the contestant of their choice. \$1.00 per vote. No limit to the number of votes per person. Good luck notes do not count as a vote. The winner of this contest will be awarded the Sweetheart title and will advance to nationals! Girls will take home their boxes filled with fun things from their new friends.

## SPECIAL AWARDS

\$45.00 to be eligible for all awards.

Best in Interview  
Best Interview Attire  
Best Personal Introduction  
Best in Formal Wear  
Best Gown  
Best On Stage Question  
Best Smile  
Best Stage Presence

All contestants are automatically entered into:  
Best Creativity (most creative sweetheart box-if applicable)  
Best Attitude (staff choice)  
Butterfly Award (director's choice)  
Princess Pick (reigning titleholder choice)  
Miss Personality (contestant choice)





# COMMUNITY SERVICE

Princess of America's tag line is "A Crown With A Cause" and we like to incorporate that into all of our state pageants. We will be collecting non-perishable food items. Each girl who brings at least five items to pageant check in will receive a community service medal. The contestant who brings the most items will receive the community service award on stage. These items will be divided between the new titleholders and will serve as their first community service act for their reign.

## REFERRAL PROGRAM

Earn a special award for referring your friends who might be interested in Princess of America! All referral forms must be turned in at pageant check in to be eligible for the award. See referral form on the bottom page.

## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

This tentative schedule is subject to change. You will receive a final schedule via email one week prior to the pageant as well as a hard copy at check-in.

### Saturday

Check In-12:00pm

Orientation-2:00pm

Rehearsals-3:00pm-7:00pm

### Sunday

Interviews-9:00am

Rehearsal-11:00am

Pageant-5:00pm





# PAGEANT TICKETS

Each contestant will receive one pageant pass. This pageant pass serves as a ticket and should be used for one female that will be allowed backstage to help change clothes. No men are allowed in the dressing room. All other tickets will be \$15 and can either be purchased at check in or at the door.

## PAYMENTS & DEADLINES

All fees (optional and required) are due 30 days prior to the pageant.

Required Fee: \$325 State Entry Fee

This includes all required areas of competition, one pageant pass, opening number t-shirt, and entry into Best Creativity, Best Attitude, Butterfly Award, Princess Pick, and Miss Personality.

Optional Fees: \$25 Photogenic (per photo), \$45 Casual Wear, \$45 Spokesmodel, \$65 Talent, \$45 Special Awards

All payments can be made at [www.princessofamerica.com](http://www.princessofamerica.com)

## REALITY CHECK!

It is important to understand that a pageant or any competition like this is completely subjective. It is not like a basketball game where the winner is easily determined by the number of points. It is based on people's opinions. It is quite simply the way a certain set of judges view a certain set of girls on a certain day. If there were different judges, you would likely have different results. Arrive at the pageant as prepared as you can be and focus on doing your best. This is the only real way to "win." Competitions are valuable because they encourage us to set goals for ourselves, step out of our comfort zone, and push ourselves to do a little better. The primary goal of Princess of America is to provide an experience like this for all involved. Focus on the fun and what you have accomplished by participating and you'll have a wonderful time!



# YOUTUBE

Want to see more of Princess of America before you arrive to your state pageant? Check out our YouTube channel! We have videos of past opening numbers, and examples of areas of competition.

# CHECK IN

What to bring to pageant check-in (if applicable):

Photogenic Photo(s)

Talent Music

Referral Form(s)

Sweetheart Box

Non-perishable food items for community service



**SEE YOU AT THE PAGEANT!**





# REFERRAL FORM

Contestant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Invite your friends who might be interested in Princess of America! The girl with the most referrals will win an award! If you need more space please print this form and fill it out multiple times. Please bring this form with you to pageant check-in.

Participant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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