

POA National Pageant July 18th-24th, 2021

The Mansion Theatre 187 Expressway Ln Branson, MO 65616

Welcome! Thank you for your interest in Princess of America! It is truly an experience like no other. POA focuses on building self confidence, providing a positive environment where each girl has the opportunity to shine, and creating an atmosphere that fosters friendship and camaraderie rather than competition. You'll meet amazing new friends from all across the country and be part of a fabulous on stage production. You'll enjoy fun activities all week long including the iconic "Pink Party". We are excited to be hosting our ninth annual national event in beautiful Branson, Missouri. It's truly a one of a kind destination with fun for the entire family! Please feel free to email us with any questions at info@princessofamerica.org.

We look forward to working with you!



AGE DIVISIONS

Ages are figured as of January 1st, 2021. Any delegate attending as a Superstar or Ambassador titleholder will compete within her age division.

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

AREAS OF COMPETITION (REQUIRED)

INTERVIEW

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

WARDROBE: Interview Outfit (dress, suit, pantsuit, etc.) No Jeans.

PERSONAL INTRODUCTION

Each delegate will introduce herself on stage. You may include things like your name, hometown, activities you enjoy, future 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. Introductions are not timed but judges are instructed that introductions should not drag on. *WARDROBE:* Interview Outfit.

FORMAL WEAR

Delegates 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

Delegates, except for those in the Tiny Miss division, will be asked an onstage 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. The questions will be age appropriate and not political. *WARDROBE:* Wear your formal wear gown.

*The top finalists will be the only delegates to receive on stage questions.

NATIONAL TITLES

We will crown 10 national titleholders! These lucky ladies will become the faces of Princess of America for the next year. They will be the recipients of the national prize package, which includes custom national crown and banner, trophy, cash award, custom POA gifts, professional photo shoots, queens trip, and more!

• **TINY MISS**-Highest scoring delegate of age division in the required areas of competition.

• **LITTLE MISS**-Highest scoring delegate of age division in the required areas of competition.

• **PRETEEN MISS**-Highest scoring delegate of age division in the required areas of competition.

• **TEEN MISS**-Highest scoring delegate of the age division in the required areas of competition.

• **JUNIOR MISS**-Highest scoring delegate of age division in the required areas of competition.

• **MISS**-Highest scoring delegate of the age division in the required areas of competition.

• JUNIOR SUPERSTAR-Highest scoring talent contender in the Tiny Miss, Little Miss, and Preteen Miss age divisions combined, who has not already been awarded a national title. (See page 5)

• **SUPERSTAR**-Highest scoring talent contender in the Teen Miss, Junior Miss, and Miss age divisions combined, who has not already been awarded a national title. (See page 5)

• JUNIOR AMBASSADOR-Highest scoring Ambassador contender in the Tiny Miss, Little Miss, and Preteen Miss age divisions combined, who has not already been awarded a national title. (See page 5)

• **AMBASSADOR**-Highest scoring Ambassador contender in the Teen Miss, Junior Miss, and Miss age divisions combined, who has not already been awarded a national title. (See page 5)

TITLE OPPORTUNITIES

Princess of America is proud to crown 10 national titleholders! Each of these prestigious titles will be awarded the same amazing prize package and have the same opportunities during her reign. In addition to our six age division titles, we will award 4 additional titles. The competitions listed below are optional and require an additional fee. A brief description of each additional title is provided below.

SUPERSTAR & JUNIOR SUPERSTAR

The Superstar competition is a way to showcase your talents! Entries have a time limit of 2 minutes 30 seconds. Points will be deducted for exceeding this time limit. Live accompaniment is not allowed. Only the delegate may perform.

AMBASSADOR & JUNIOR AMBASSADOR

The Ambassador competition is a way to celebrate those who have a heart for service. Delegates will assemble a portfolio of their community service work and positive things she has done to make a difference with her Princess of America state/regional title. Portfolio must be turned in at pageant check-in. Ambassador forms will be sent separately.

Delegates will also speak with the judges about their journey with Princess of America. Delegates will have a panel interview with the judges and be asked questions based on the portfolio and what they have achieved with their Princess of America state title.

<u>NOT E:</u> The Junior Superstar & Junior Ambassador titles will come from the junior divisions (Tiny Miss, Little Miss, and Preteen Miss age divisions combined). Superstar & Ambassador titles will come from the senior divisions (Teen Miss, Junior Miss, and Miss age divisions combined).

OPTIONAL COMPETITIONS

We are excited to offer a variety of optional competitions! The competitions listed below are optional and require an additional fee. More information on each optional competition will be in the national handbook.

- PHOTOGENIC
- CROWN COVER MODEL
- CASUAL WEAR
- PINK CARPET COUTURE
- STATE COSTUME
- SPOKESMODEL
- TOP MODEL
- SPECIAL AWARDS

VIP AWARDS All contestants are automatically entered into the following VIP awards.



BEST ATTITUDE (staff choice)

BUTTERFLY AWARD PRINCESS PICK MISS PERSONALITY (director choice) (queens choice) (contestant choice)

PLATFORM

It is required that all national delegates select a platform. After all, Princess of America's motto, is "A Crown With A Cause".

What is a platform? A platform is your 'cause'. Choose something that sparks passion within you. You can choose a specific organization that you volunteer with or even create your own organization. It can even be something as simple as promoting kindness in your community. Know your platform, and be prepared to potentially answer platform based questions in your interview or for on stage question.

MAKEUP

Princess of America is a natural pageant system. Makeup guidelines apply during ALL areas of competition. This includes the required areas of competition, Superstar, Ambassador, and all optionals including Photogenic and Crown Cover Model.

Tiny Miss and Little Miss divisions should wear no noticeable makeup.

Preteen Miss division is allowed to wear light, natural makeup. Use caution with makeup. Judges are instructed that girls should look age appropriate so makeup can work against you if you are not careful.

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

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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

This tentative schedule us subject to change. You will receive a final schedule one month prior to the pageant.

SUNDAY, JULY 18TH Check-In, Rehearsal, Top Model, Pink Party MONDAY, JULY 19TH Orientation, Rehearsal, Superstar TUESDAY, JULY, 20TH Optional Competitions & Ambassador WEDNESDAY, JULY 21ST Interviews THURSDAY, JULY 22ND Rehearsal, Preliminary Competitions FRIDAY, JULY 23RD Rehearsals, Final Shows, Crowning SATURDAY, JULY 24TH New Queens Photoshoot

PAYMENTS & DEADLINES

•Entry Fee/Application-\$325: This covers custom state crown, custom rhinestone satin banner, t shirt, and entry into national pageant. If not selected, \$300 will be refunded.

If selected, required national fees include:

- POA Opening Number Dress-\$200
- Official Opening Number Shoes-Prices vary and will be offered at a discount.
- Sponsor Page-\$255

• **Final Payment-\$275**-This includes POA t shirt, pen, tote bag, trophy, scholarship fee, one pageant pass (which is a ticket to all pageant shows), admission to the pink party, and entry into the VIP awards.

YOUTUBE

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

Click here to visit Princess of America's YouTube channel!



AGREEMENT

Please be sure you have read and agree to the state/regional titleholder agreement.

<u>Click here to read the titleholder agreement!</u>

READY TO APPLY?

Step 1: Visit <u>www.princessofamerica.com</u> and click "Register Now"

Step 2: Click on your state of residence if you are new to POA or click "returning delegate" if you are returning to POA.

Step 3: Click on the application and fill it out!

To increase your chances of being selected, you may submit a talent video performance to be considered for a Superstar title and/or a community service based letter of recommendation to be considered for an Ambassador title. Superstar and Ambassador titleholders will compete within their age division at the national pageant. Please send videos and letters via email to <u>info@princessofamerica.org</u>.

After you have submitted your application and payment please allow 2-4 weeks for acceptance. Feel free to email us at info@princessofamerica.org with any questions. We look forward to working with you!

GOOD LUCK!

We can't wait for you to get started on this exciting journey! The skills and experience you gain through participation in this organization will serve you well in all areas of your life and benefit you far beyond a pageant stage.

