

*It's More
Than a
Pageant!*SM

We are so looking forward to seeing you at your pageant. It's going to be one of the best experiences of your life!

We encourage you and your parents to read this booklet before you arrive. It will help you be fully prepared and ready for fun!

Sincerely,

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National Directors

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National American Miss

The Official National American Miss Guide to realizing your dreams.

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HEY, GIRLS, LET'S GET THIS PARTY STARTED!

Girls, it is IMPERATIVE that you arrive within the Pageant Check-In period shown on the schedule you received. This is the ONLY time allotted for Pageant Check-In. In order to keep on schedule, we must have you check-in during this time only! Please be sure to allow enough time to check-in before the end of the check-in period, as we will close promptly at the posted time. Check-In takes approximately 30 minutes from start to finish.

Please check your account by reviewing the Contestant Statement that you receive from the pageant office by mail just prior to the pageant. If you have any questions, contact us immediately. You may also view your account online any time on any day at myNAMiss.com.

Please have your payments ready for all purchases, of which you are aware, prior to arriving at the check-in line. **Note that we cannot accept personal or business checks on pageant weekend.** Acceptable forms of payment are cash, major credit cards, debit cards, money orders, and cashier's checks. One of the stops in the check-in line will be the "cashier." At that time you will be making one payment for all fees due, tickets purchased, as well as any optional contests that you have added.

Please have the following items filled out and ready to turn in when you check-in:

1. TICKET MONEY FOR ALL SOLD TICKETS (Required of ALL State Finalists)

As you know, everyone attending the Pageant Final Show will need a ticket. Preliminary events and optional contests are free of charge. NOTE: Children UNDER 3 years of age will not need a ticket IF they sit in a parent's lap (they do not use a chair). You may order tickets at myNAMiss.com or at your Pageant Check-In. Please know the number of tickets you will need before arriving at check-in. Again, everyone will need a ticket for the Pageant Final Show, except the contestant.

2. EMCEE CARD (Required of ALL State Finalists - **included in Magazine #3**) PLEASE CUT YOUR CARD!

3. STATE FINALIST RESUME (Required of ALL State Finalists - **included in Magazine #3**)

Please make sure that your resume is neat! It will be used by the optional judges for Best Resume. (Remember to circle your grade point average if you are a Pre-Teen, Jr. Teen, or Teen.)

4. COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT FORM (Required of ALL State Finalists - **included in Magazine #3**)

This form is required for a full 10% of your pageant score. Please donate your items BEFORE COMING to the pageant to a charity of your choice. Due to Covid-19, we will not be collecting books or school supplies on pageant weekend. Fill out the form with the donation description and turn in at Pageant Check-In for 10% of your overall score.

5. RECOMMENDATION FORM (form found in Magazine #3) - OPTIONAL

Please refer any friends or relatives whom you feel would be interested in next year's pageant. You may refer girls from age 3 through 23. PLEASE USE THE COMPLETE ADDRESS! Special prizes (shown at the top of your Recommendation Form) will be given out. A special trophy will be presented at the Final Show to the girl who refers the most girls for next year! You may make extra copies of the form, or just use blank paper, if you need more room. It's ok to photocopy directories, etc., if you are careful to include all info: names, ages, addresses and zip codes. Please only refer girls. You can also submit your recommendations at myNAMiss.com.

6. PHOTO(S) if you are competing in the **PHOTOGENIC CONTEST - OPTIONAL**

Most pictures brought to the pageant are 5x7s or 8x10s, but any size up to 8 1/2 x 11 inches will work. LIMIT 4 ENTRIES. Place your NAME on the back of the photo. Turn in the picture(s) only; please do not use frames, plastic sleeves, or any other enclosures around your photo(s) when you turn them in. Photos will be returned to you after your interview.

7. TALENT, ACTRESS, CASUAL WEAR MODELING™, and/or SPOKESMODEL™ (forms included in Magazine #3)- OPTIONAL if you are competing in any or all of these.

PLEASE CUT YOUR CARDS. Please remember that the SPOKESMODEL™ contest is not available to the Princess or Jr. Pre-Teen age divisions.

8. BEST THANK YOU NOTE TO SPONSORS - OPTIONAL

If you are participating in this contest, remember to only turn in ONE note. Write each of your sponsors a thank you note. You can turn in a photocopy or a sample original as your Best Thank You Note Entry. Entries will NOT be returned to you.

9. ART CONTEST - OPTIONAL (Princess, Jr. Pre-Teen & Pre-Teen)

If you are participating in this contest, turn in the completed art form that you downloaded in your Magazine #3. Entries will NOT be returned to you.

10. HEART OF SERVICE™ - OPTIONAL (Pre-Teen, Jr. Teen & Teen)

If you are participating in this contest, turn in the completed Heart of Service™ Form that you downloaded in your Magazine #3. Entries will NOT be returned to you.

11. ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT - OPTIONAL (Jr. Teen & Teen)

If you are participating in this contest, turn in the completed Academic Achievement Form that you downloaded in your Magazine #3. Entries will NOT be returned to you.

All forms mentioned are found at namiss.com/stateforms for Magazine#3. We will have extra copies available at check-in if you need them.



★ SPIRIT OF AMERICA ★ Award



Here is some great news about an exciting achievement award that every State Finalist can earn at the State Pageant!

The Official “**Spirit of America**” Award recognizes each of the State Finalists who becomes involved in a variety of activities at the state pageant. This is our way of saying, “**We are proud of you! It’s great to try new things!**”

The more Optional Contests you enter, the more chances you have of earning the “**Spirit of America**” Award!

Every contestant who earns the “**Spirit of America**” Award automatically qualifies to attend the **National Pageant** in Orlando, Florida this November!



Every State Finalist can earn this award!
Here’s how it works!

You will receive the Spirit of America Award by earning five or more credits.* The credits are acquired by participating in your choice of the following Optional Contests:

Talent – One credit per entry. Limit two entries. Available to all age divisions.

Photogenic – One credit per entry. Limit four entries. Available to all age divisions.

Casual Wear ModelingSM – One credit per entry. Limit two entries. Available to all age divisions.

SpokesmodelSM – One credit per entry. Limit two entries. Available to Pre-Teen, Jr. Teen, Teen, and Miss age divisions.

Actress – One credit per entry. Limit two entries. Available to all age divisions.

Top Model SearchSM – One credit per entry. Limit two entries. Available to all age divisions.

Runway Model SearchSM – One credit per entry. Limit two entries. Available to all age divisions.

Cover Girl/Spotlight ContestSM – For each full Spotlight ContestSM page you complete, you will receive two credits. For Spotlight ContestSM spaces totaling less than a full page, you will receive one credit. Available to all age divisions.

Tickets – For every 15 tickets you sell to the Final Show you’ll receive one credit.

There is no additional fee to participate in this program (other than the fees of the individual contests that you choose). By participating and earning enough credits, you will automatically receive the beautiful Spirit of America Award at your State Pageant!

Remember, every State Finalist has the chance to earn this award.

*Credit(s) are earned for each paid item listed above, as well as participation in the Optional Spotlight ContestSM.



CLOTHING TIPS

Here's a clothing tip! As you may know, meeting rooms and ballrooms (like movie theaters) can have temperatures that fluctuate frequently. You may want to throw a sweater in the suitcase.

ALSO, DO NOT FORGET YOUR WHITE TENNIS SHOES, AND BLUE JEAN SHORTS THAT GO WITH YOUR OFFICIAL PAGEANT PRODUCTION NUMBER T-SHIRT AND ACCESSORIES. You will purchase the official T-shirt and socks that complete this outfit for a total of \$35 at Pageant Check-In.

OUTFIT RULES AND REGULATIONS

BE SURE TO READ YOUR MAGAZINE #1 CAREFULLY. It lays out for you the OUTFIT RULES AND REGULATIONS. These are the actual rules the judges receive. To keep us all on the same page, the judges receive an actual photocopy of that page. Magazine #1 shows the rules. Please read them carefully and follow them.

Helpful Hints & Suggestions!

HERE ARE SOME TIPS TO HELP YOU PREPARE

As you know, you will be scored in four different areas of competition for your state's title. Here are a few helpful hints as you prepare for pageant weekend! Each aspect of the Required Competitions is outlined for you.

1. FORMAL WEAR

30% of your score comes from this category. Remember, it is not the dress itself that is being judged, but your overall presentation in that dress. The judges are looking for a girl to represent your state. She should be someone who has poise and exhibits confidence and a friendly appearance. Practice SMILING for the audience and judges-this is one of the most important things-HAVE FUN and show us how beautiful your smile is! You will have the opportunity to rehearse your walk during pageant weekend. See your schedule for times.

Remember to re-read the rules that concern the dress, makeup, etc. in your Magazine #1. If you violate the rules you will not be pulled off the stage or embarrassed. However, the judges have read the same rules you received. They will count off points for rule violations. You will not finish as well as you could have. For instance, you may finish in fifth or fiftieth place, instead of winning for having a thigh-high slit or a four foot long train.

Your dress needs to be appropriate for your personality and age. Be aware that if you have a question in your mind as to whether a dress is appropriate for your age, then a judge may have that question in their mind also. Wear shoes that are comfortable and that go with your formal dress. Break them in before you get to the pageant, so they are your "friends" and not your "enemies" on pageant weekend. We are often asked if ballet-type slippers are acceptable to wear with a formal dress. Yes, they are allowed. Be sure that you can walk comfortably and safely in any shoes that you choose to wear.



2. INTERVIEW

30% of your score comes from a fun Interview with each of the Required Competition judges. Good posture and a natural positive attitude work together to make a poised, charming young lady. The girl with these special characteristics will always be one step ahead in ANYTHING she does. To sit properly, sit with your back straight and away from the back of the chair, legs crossed at the ankles, no slumping. Place your hands comfortably in your lap.

This is basically a job interview format; these are the skills you are learning. You will meet with each judge for a short period of time before rotating to the next table. The tone is VERY light and friendly. Just be the happy person you are. Remember to keep your eyes on the new friend you are meeting (the judge), instead of looking at the ceiling or the floor.

The Interviews take place in a large meeting room. There are about six tables arranged in a large semi-circle. There is one judge at each table and an empty seat for you across from them. You will be directed to your first table. Do not shake the judge's hand.

SAMPLE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS:

1. What would you like to do if you were chosen as the queen for your state?
2. What is your favorite movie, TV show, book, etc.? Why?
3. If you could have one wish, what would you wish for?
4. If you could change one rule in your school, what would it be?
5. What do you enjoy doing with your family?
6. What makes you smile?
7. If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you like to go, and why?
8. What goals have you set for yourself, both for school, and in life? (for Pre-Teen, Jr. Teen & Teen)

None of the questions will have a "RIGHT" or "WRONG" answer. We just want the State Finalist's personality to SHINE and to see who she is on the INSIDE! Try to answer in complete sentences that are descriptive. A very simple example would be "What is your favorite color?" An example of a good answer: "My favorite color is blue because everything in my room is blue!" An example of a blah answer that tells the judge nothing about you would be just: "blue."



3. PERSONAL INTRODUCTION

30% of your score comes from this category. In this portion, each State Finalist will introduce herself to the audience using the microphone. She will be in her Interview Outfit. She will say her name, hometown, and ambition or something interesting about herself into the microphone. **Remember, there is a 30 second time limit. The introduction can be less than 30 seconds, but no more than 30 seconds in length.**

Practice this loudly and clearly at home. As an example, you might say, "Hello, my name is Jane Doe, I am from Houston, and my ambition is to be a TV news reporter!"

You will be doing this on stage. Walk over to the microphone; speak clearly and confidently into it (it should be about 2 to 4 inches from your mouth). You can practice this at home by walking into the room, looking across the room toward your imaginary table of judges (that will be in front of the stage on pageant weekend), and speaking clearly – delivering your name, hometown, and ambition or something interesting about yourself confidently and with a smile. With a little practice at home, you can easily do very well in this category! This is a great opportunity to develop your public speaking skills!

Remember, the judges want to select a girl who can communicate effectively to represent your state.

If you wish, you can add some verbiage to the required "name, hometown, and ambition." However, this by itself will not enhance or detract from your score. An example would be: "Good morning, my name is Jane Doe. I am from Houston, the oil capital of the world. My ambition is to be a _____!" Or perhaps: "Good morning, I'm Jane Doe from Houston. After graduating from _____ I plan to be a _____!" If you do add something, it's usually a good idea to keep it short. Yes, if you have a longer introduction, it can be impressive, but it also can lose the listener's attention, and you can stray. Experiment at home with a few different approaches – for example, try putting your name at the end. Whatever you do, PICK ONE INTRODUCTION, practice it at home, and stick with it. When you arrive at the pageant, you will be able to confidently NAIL 30% of your score!

4. COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

10% of your score comes from this category. This area of your overall competition is incredibly fun, easy and rewarding. All you have to do is donate a new or very slightly used children's book or new school supply, to a local organization or charity in your hometown. Please donate your book and/or school supplies before coming to the pageant. Due to Covid-19, we cannot accept donations during pageant weekend.

We hope these ideas will help in your final preparations!

Remember, Practice Makes Perfect!



★ Portfolio Award ★

HERE'S A GREAT NEW WAY TO EARN AN ADDITIONAL GUARANTEED AWARD ON PAGEANT WEEKEND!

The most popular Optional Contest on the pageant is the Photogenic Contest. When you enter four photos in the Photogenic Contest, you will automatically earn the beautiful *Portfolio Award*!

Miss Photogenic will be selected from photo(s) brought to Pageant Check-In. You may enter one, two, three or four photos, and each photo provides another opportunity to win! The photo(s) may be either color or black and white.

You may not submit photos larger than 8 1/2 x 11 inches. Headshots generally work best. The photos will be handed back to you following your Interview Competition. Photos must be submitted at your Pageant Check-In. Do not mail them. You may submit up to four photos in total. Each photo entry is \$75.



More good news!

As you may already know, each one of your Photogenic entries counts as a "credit" toward the five credits needed to earn the beautiful **Spirit of America Award**. You can enter the Photogenic Contest up to four times, and by doing so you'll be only one credit away from receiving the Spirit of America Award too!

Remember...

When you enter both the Photogenic and Casual Wear ModelingSM contests, **you are automatically entered into the Most Promising ModelSM contest for FREE!** The winner and first runner-up will win trophies!

SOME PERSONAL NOTES FOR PARENTS, FAMILIES, & STATE FINALISTS:

With the utmost respect for you and your family, and as your directors, we would like to say some things here to everyone, even though there are many families that do not need to hear everything we have to say. **EVERYONE, PLEASE READ THIS SECTION.** If you have any questions, please call us because your family's welfare is our combined concern. It is for this reason that we need to share the following items with everyone. Please read these items carefully because they are important. **Share these concepts with other family members or guests that will be attending your pageant.** They are all part of your support team.

State Finalists, you should read the following also. Someday YOU may be a parent, and it is important for you to know and understand these concepts as well.

PERSPECTIVE: This weekend is about creating a special time for caring, sharing, growth, and love in your family. IT IS about having a time to be special, gaining confidence, and meeting fun new friends from across the state. IT IS NOT necessarily about who wins this or that or makes it as a top finalist. The gauge of how well you did, or even if it was a "good" pageant, is not at all dependent on the outcome of the competitions

PARENTS: Please do not go in with an attitude of "...well as long as she makes it into the top____, then we will be pleased...that's all; we aren't pressuring her to win...". Please know that you have just put the maximum pressure on her if she overhears that statement, even though it was never your intent to pressure her.

UNCONDITIONAL LOVE: What IS important is that she knows you are behind her WHATEVER the situation or outcome. If she trips on her dress while walking across the stage, PLEASE do not dwell on it...do not even mention it. There is NO reason to bring it up during pageant weekend. Just let her know how proud you are that she remembered to smile and get up and keep going – that it took courage for her to finish. THERE WILL BE MANY TEACHABLE MOMENTS FOR YOU AS A PARENT DURING PAGEANT WEEKEND. They are priceless; use them responsibly.

BE AN ENCOURAGER: Your love, patience and encouragement during pageant weekend will be a cherished memory that will last a lifetime. However, if you choose to dwell on negatives and be harsh, please know that these are the things she will remember for a lifetime. She will also learn that the penalties for loss outweigh the benefits of trying, and she will be less willing to try new things throughout life. Parents, whatever your situation is, from this day forward make the choice to support and love your daughter unconditionally... and show it.

After the pageant is over, no matter how your daughter did – first place, third place, or last place, PLEASE keep your focus on what is truly important. Remind her that she is always a winner in your eyes. Remind her that the pageant is for EVERYONE, not just the winner. You may even encourage her to congratulate the winner; this is a time to build character. The true winners know they should show kindness not only when they win, but also when they do not.

Do not take the time following the pageant to analyze how or why things went the way they did. The time for analyzing is MUCH later; perhaps when she is preparing for next summer's competition.



BECOMING A REAL WINNER:

A true winner shows grace when she wins and especially when she does not. Parents, one lesson you DO NOT want your daughter to learn on pageant weekend is that "...if you do not win or place it is because things were not fair..." Here are some examples:

- "Honey, it is not your fault you lost, they obviously were looking only for short redheads this year..."
- "I did not like the selection of judges at all. The year that our friend, Amy, won, now that was a good panel."
- "That girl had a dress that I think may have violated the rules and she still made it into the Top 5; they should have thrown her out! There's no way she could have made up enough points in the Interview and Personal Introduction to overcome that dress!"
- "I heard from someone, who told me they are very well informed, that the girl who won is really not a very nice person...I don't think I like her; she's not at all like us."
- "I heard from someone, who knows like everything, that the girl who won Talent does dance competitions, was in the pageant four years ago, and has even been in a Six Flags commercial. That's not fair; they should not let her in the pageant. That's how they did my daughter's T-ball league. Once the girls won anything, they were never allowed to compete again. That's fair!"
- "Half of the girls in the Top 10 looked phony to me...they were too prepared...they probably practiced a ton or got some help...there should be a rule against that. They should be more like us."

We have some of these feelings too sometimes. It is human. However, you must rise above these negative emotions.

These and other well-meaning comments to your daughter or those around her will serve NO positive purpose or outcome. They will only reinforce to her that if she does not win throughout life, then it is because things were "not fair." That is not the legacy you want handed down to your children and hence to your grandchildren.

RUMORS AND/OR GOSSIP:

An area we need to caution you about is gossip. Hey, it is only human nature and has been around since time began. During pageant weekend there will be times when you will be waiting for the next event, etc. and there will be a lot of folks standing around. To a few people this void must be filled with gossip. DO NOT BE A PART OF IT. It is neither good for you nor your family, nor for the person dealing it out. If someone starts saying "...I heard that... ..she said that... ..you won't believe it, but I heard that..." then just close your ears – you are encouraging it by listening.

If there is ANYTHING that appears to be contrary to the rules, as stated in the magazines you have received, or that you feel has anything to do with issues of fairness, PLEASE contact us directly and let's get it out in the open. Rumors thrive in the darkness of speculation, but fade away in the light of truth. Gossip has no place at our pageant. We will not tolerate it, and it is destructive for everyone concerned.

For more than 35 years, we have produced 900 plus pageants among 39 states. We run a squeaky clean show and have a solid record of serving families. We will not have that record, and the feelings of families, compromised by speculation, rumors, and gossip. If we hear of gossip, just consider us to be like the most straightforward school principal you have dealt with. We will want to know the names of whoever said whatever, so we can get to the bottom of it–We deal in truth. Again, gossip and rumors are destructive and have no place at our pageant.

SCORING:

We will provide a level playing field at the pageant. We take all of the standard time proven steps to ensure this; a few are discussed here. We use large panels of judges; this helps ensure balance and equity. Also, our judges come from a wide variety of backgrounds, cities, and states; all qualified and are very consistent. Neither they nor we have any interest in one girl placing above another. The judges have no collective attitude about hair color or anything else, because they are forbidden from discussing anything about their scoring with each other. If a judge knows a girl personally (and the odds are that this will happen occasionally), then of course, that judge does not score that girl, and the average of the other judge's scores is inserted in that judge's blank. This does not help, nor hurt that girl.



THE JUDGING SEQUENCE:

A question we are often asked is: "Are the girls scored during other times than the event itself, such as their neatness in the dressing room?" ABSOLUTELY NOT. We do not want you to have to wonder or worry about how or when the judging is taking place, so let's take a moment to go over the simple two-step scoring sequence.

FIRST, during each event (such as Interviews, Formal Wear, etc.) each judge is individually scoring each girl in each category as the event takes place. The scores are tallied on a computer and triple verified. Very simply, the sum of those scores determines the top-qualifying finalists.

SECOND, during the Final Show, ALL of the pageant State Finalists participate in the show equally. All the girls will appear in the exciting opening production number and parade of formal wear. However, during the Final Show, the top-qualifying finalists will be ranked by the judges on their new individual ballots (which they receive just prior to the beginning of the Final Show). As with any pageant or similar competition, the judges are taking this final opportunity to more closely evaluate each of these top-scoring girls in such areas as:

- Does this girl smile only when she has to, or is she a sincerely happy person?
- Does she have good overall poise and appearance?
- Given her age, how well does she follow the stage instructions she learned in rehearsal?
- Does this girl relate natural confidence in the way she carries herself?
- Is she kind to the other State Finalists around her, or does she, for example, shove others to get out in front?
- Is she capable; could she handle herself when meeting the State Governor or other celebrities; is this the right girl to represent the state?

These girls appear with everyone else during the Final Show; they are not singled out in any way. The top qualifying finalists are not announced until the END of the show; until then, ONLY the judges know who they are (and the judges are not even given their final ballot lists until immediately before the Final Show begins). At the point when the top qualifying finalists are announced, the judges make their FINAL ranking. Finally, these rankings are then tabulated and from that final tabulation alone, the winner is selected.

Please do not spend a moment's time discussing whether you (or anyone else) "made it into the top" or not. Generally this is not healthy and puts the focus on the wrong area. After the preliminary events are completed, you should just concentrate on getting rest and doing your personal best during the Final Show. You will always be a winner when you do your best.

SCORE REPORTS

At National American Miss, we feel that being able to receive a score report is an important part of the learning process. While most pageants do not provide score reports, we are proud to provide the most comprehensive score report anywhere. The chances are good that this will be the most thorough report you receive for any competition of any kind in any sport or other competition in which you participate.

We feel that good scoring is the backbone of a good event, and that receiving a thorough score report is an integral part of maximizing your growth and learning from the event. By seeing the areas in which you excelled, as well as those where you have opportunity to improve, you will have more confidence in preparing for next summer's National American Miss pageant. It also helps you prepare for Nationals this fall, if you qualify for Nationals through the Required Competitions or through one of the Optional Contests.

This is a free service that we provide for you. The reports are patterned after the standardized test reports that you receive at school. Each report shows the quartile breaks of the score ranges at your pageant for each category. The report also shows the highest score of any participant for each category, as well as your individual score in that category. The report shows each of the required overall categories, as well as any of the major optional contests that you chose to enter.

In the past, you had to send us a written request for a score report, but now we send out the scores to all participants automatically! The score requests are processed at one time – when we are through producing the summer's pageants and are back in the office. We finish in September and the score reports will be prepared and mailed at the end of October.

STRESS:

The pageant will be about fun and learning. It will also occasionally be about stress. That comes with anything – whether you are going on a family vacation or even going out to lunch in your hometown...life can be stressful. The best way to prevent stress is to **be prepared**. It is said, "Success is what occurs when preparation meets opportunity." Be prepared. Read your magazines, bring the items on your checklist, do not be late, pack smartly, bring some traveling and spending money, and **get a good night's sleep** before you go and during EACH night that you are at the pageant! Good preparation will help ensure an enjoyable time for the whole family.

HOTEL:

Hopefully, you have made your hotel reservations if you are planning to stay at the host hotel! If you have not, please do so IMMEDIATELY, as the deadline to ensure yourself a room may have passed! Call the hotel immediately for information! If the hotel is sold out, then they can probably help you locate a room at a nearby hotel for your family. For the hotel name and phone number, please refer to your Magazine #1 Pack or go to the "Find Your State" section of namiss.com.



TICKETS:

See page 1 of this booklet for instructions. All of our Required Competitions (excluding the Personal Interview) and Optional Contests (excluding the Top Model Search™ Contest) are open to the public at no charge. However, the Final Show requires every person attending to have a ticket except the State Finalists competing in that Final Show.

There are 3 ways to purchase tickets. You may purchase tickets online, by phone with your State Pageant Office, or at Pageant Check-In. Tickets will be picked up at Pageant Check-In. Tickets are only guaranteed, for purchase, through the end of your age division's Check-In. Please know how many tickets you will need before you arrive at your Pageant Check-In. If tickets are still available after Pageant Check-In, they may be purchased at the NAM Boutique. Tickets are non-refundable.

Each ticket is \$25. Remember that we cannot accept personal or business checks on pageant weekend. Acceptable forms of payment are CASH, VISA, MASTERCARD, AMERICAN EXPRESS, DISCOVER, DEBIT CARDS, MONEY ORDERS, AND CASHIER'S CHECKS.

If you would like additional tickets you may purchase them at Pageant Check-In. Tickets are limited and may not be available after Pageant Check-In.

NOVELTIES:

Due to Covid-19, many of our vendors' factories were closed. Our inventory is smaller than usual this year. There will still be a variety of exciting pageant novelties available to you and your family. Some examples are:

- Official participation crowns and banners (great for parades)
- Extra copies of your beautiful pageant yearbook (you will receive one free when you check-in for the pageant)
- NAM t-shirts and sweatshirts
- NAM make-up and crown cases
- NAM tote bags

You may want to bring some souvenir money; all of these items were recommended by our pageant families over the years and are quite popular! Most families bring about \$25 to \$50 for souvenirs. Cash, Money Orders, Visa, Mastercard, American Express, and/or Discover will be accepted.

PHOTOGENIC PICTURES:

The photo(s) that you turn in at pageant Pageant Check-In for the Photogenic Contest will be given back to the State Finalists and parents during the Interview portion of the pageant.

CASH AWARDS:

At National American Miss we are very proud that we award all monetary prizes right at the event. The prize checks will be at the emcee's podium immediately following the Final Show. If you earned a cash award, please be sure to pick up your award at that time.

AIRFARE AWARDS:

If you won the airfare to the national pageant in Florida, either as the new state queen for your age group, or by selling seven or more pages of Spotlight Contest™ advertising and selecting the national trip as your prize, then you will need to pick up your check for a full \$350 at the emcee's podium immediately following the Final Show. Gone are the days of travel agencies, forms, and reimbursements. We have found that families now prefer the freedom and immediacy of shopping online for their own airfares and making their own travel arrangements.

A FEW NOTES ABOUT THE STATE YEARBOOK:

We publish EVERY girl's photo that we can so that no one should be left out. There will be more girls listed in your book than will actually be competing at your pageant. Not every girl that registers completes her sponsorship fees. Also, for various personal reasons, some girls will be unable to attend during pageant weekend.



When you check-in at the pageant and receive your complimentary Yearbook, look for your photo in the State Finalist Section. If you do not see it listed alphabetically, then look at the end of the alphabet. If your sponsor fee, photo, or Yearbook card arrived after the original deadline, then your picture may have had to be put at the end of the alphabetical listing. Do not worry, you are not alone, and this does not affect the judging in any way. NOTE: at different times during pageant weekend, you may be scheduled to have an activity in groups divided, for example, by "Last Names beginning with A through L," or "M through Z," etc. If your picture is listed at the end of the alphabetical listing in the State Finalist Section of the yearbook, even if your name begins with an "A," you will automatically go with the "M through Z" group's schedule. Again, this does not affect the judging in any way.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

For your convenience, we have a handy link on our website where you can get a map and driving directions to the event from your home, courtesy of Google Maps! Just go to the "Find Your State" section of namiss.com and then select your state. You'll see your hotel address and phone number, as well as the link to the custom map and driving directions at the bottom of the screen. When you click on the link, you'll find that the address of the hotel has already been entered for you.

CRASH COURSE

We will be offering a Crash Course at the pageant! Look at your pageant weekend schedule to see the times for the Crash Course. **This Crash Course is COMPLETELY OPTIONAL!** The cost of the Crash Course is \$25 for the state finalist. You will receive a special pass as your admittance into the ballroom for the Crash Course. The price includes a special Welcome Party as well.

- You will be taught all the stage techniques (turning, standing, and sitting) that you will be using on pageant weekend.
- You will get to practice on a small stage similar to the stage used during the pageant.
- Each phase of competition will be discussed in detail, and the State Finalists will be allowed to practice.
- Sample interview questions will be asked.
- You will get the "jump" on things and be better prepared when things get rolling the next day. You will also get to meet other State Finalists and their families that evening so that you will already have some new friends for pageant weekend!

While the skills learned at the Crash Course will help you excel at pageant events, the emphasis that is placed on posture, good grooming, speaking, etc. will help you throughout your life no matter what you choose to do in the future.

FOLLOWING THE CRASH COURSE, THERE WILL BE A **WELCOME PARTY** FOR THE STATE FINALISTS! The party is free! There will not be food served at the party. You will have a great time and meet new friends at the Welcome Party!

Remember the cost of the Crash Course is \$25. If you can attend, we will see you then! IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND THE CRASH COURSE, PLEASE DO NOT WORRY, BECAUSE EVERYTHING WAS COVERED IN YOUR MAGAZINES, AND THE HIGH POINTS WILL BE TAUGHT DURING YOUR PAGEANT WEEKEND REHEARSALS!

We so look forward to seeing you soon!

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