

# Welcome to UNITED STATES of AMERICA MISS ILLINOIS PAGEANT!

UNITED STATES of AMERICA PAGEANTS are designed to help women ACHIEVE their dreams and make them feel BEAUTIFUL inside and out! Our motto is to EMPOWER Women, INSPIRE others, and UPLIFT everyone! We focus on empowering women, promoting positive self-image and providing an avenue of achievement for today's modern woman. But more importantly we are an elite sisterhood that provides support and encouragement to inspire each delegate to be the best version of herself!

*"There is no tool for development, more effective than the empowerment of women"-Kofi Anna*

## **HOST CITY AND HOTEL INFORMATION**



### **Elkhart Lake, WI Osthoff Resort**

101 Osthoff Ave, Elkhart Lake, WI 53020

<https://osthoff.com/>

**Call to reserve Room Block Rate: 1-800-876-3399**

\*Must mention the United States of America's Miss Wisconsin & Illinois pageant to get room block rates.

### **November 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>**

**November 5<sup>th</sup>** – Pageant Check-In, Orientation, Queens Farewell Dinner

**November 6<sup>th</sup>** – Interviews, Rehearsals, Pageant Finals & Show in Evening

**November 7<sup>th</sup>** – Onsite Photoshoot Day for Winners

*\*Schedule subject to change, updates will be provided closer to pageant weekend\**

# ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

## Age Divisions:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA'S TEEN: Ages 13-17

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA'S MISS: Ages 18-28

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA'S MS. 29+

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA'S MRS. 18+ (Married)

1. Is a U.S. citizen, naturalized or has been granted Permanent residency by the United States
2. Is a resident, works, or goes to school in the state they are competing.
3. Is a natural born female.
4. Has never posed nude in film or print media.
5. For Teen and Miss divisions – is not pregnant and has never given birth
6. Must meet age and division requirements as of January 1<sup>st</sup> 2022.

## WARDROBE REQUIREMENTS

**Opening Number-** Black cocktail dress or jumpsuit of your choice with silver, clear or nude colored shoes.

**Interview Outfit-** You will need a nice dress or skirt suit, something that reflects your style and personality. The outfit you select should be suitable for a job interview. Solid colors work best.

**Swimsuit or (Fitness wear for Teen Division):** You will have the choice to wear a one piece or a two-piece swimsuit. You will need clear or nude colored shoes. Wraps or sarongs are optional. No thongs will be allowed, and bottoms must provide adequate coverage. Teen Division must wear fitness wear, NOT a swimsuit.

**Evening Gown-** You will need a floor length formal dress, any style, any color. The value of the gown will not be evaluated. Select a dress that flatters your figure, complexion, and makes you feel beautiful!

## Backstage rules and regulations

**No one** is allowed in the backstage dressing area during the pageant other than the contestant. We will have staff backstage to help with changing if necessary. Hair and Makeup Sponsor will be allowed backstage.

## **AREAS OF COMPETITION**

### **Personal Interview – 25% of Score**

In this segment of the competition, each Delegate is judged individually by five judges in round robin format. The Judges will have approximately three (3) minutes with each Delegate.

#### **Judging Criteria:**

Content of Judges Bio, Knowledge, Perception, Self-Expression, Spontaneity and Personality will be evaluated. Also important are the Use of Vocabulary, Voice, Appearance and Grooming. Here are some things the Judges will be thinking about:

How well did the Contestant answer the question in terms of content and knowledge?

How quickly was the contestant able to think on her feet?

How articulate and personable was she?

### **Swimsuit or Fitness Wear (Teen) Competition - 25% of Score**

#### **Judging Criteria:**

Confidence, Choice of Swimsuit, Poise, Posture and Execution of Movement will be evaluated. Here are some of the questions the Judges will be thinking about during this segment of the competition:

How well did the contestant model her swimsuit in terms of style and grace?

How well did the contestant's swimsuit flatter her particular figure?

How well did the contestant convey confidence with body type & choice of swimsuit?

### **Evening Gown Competition – 25% of Score**

#### **Judging Criteria:**

Confidence, Choice of Evening Gown, Poise, Posture, Personality, Charm, Style, Charisma, Grace, Execution, Overall Appearance and Stage Presence will be evaluated. Here are some of the questions the Judges will be thinking about during the Evening Gown Competition.

How well did the contestant model her gown in terms of technique and elegance?

How well did the contestant's gown flatter her figure?

How well did the contestant convey confidence with body type and choice of gown?

### **Onstage Question-25% of Score**

\*If 6 or more contestants are in a division, then top 3 will get onstage question. If 5 or less contestants are in the division, everyone will receive a question. The same question will be asked to each contestant per division.

#### **Judging Criteria:**

Knowledge, Spontaneity, Personality, Vocabulary, Voice, Confidence, and Sense of Values will be evaluated. Here are some of the questions the Judges will be considering during the On-Stage Interview Competition:

How well did the contestant answer the question in terms of content and knowledge?

How quickly was the contestant able to think on her feet?

How articulate and personable was she?

***In the event of a tie, the delegate with the higher interview score shall prevail as the winner. \*Judge's decisions are FINAL!***

## **Entry Fees**

\$595 + \$299 ad Page

Includes:

- Official entry to participate in the State Competition
- Official local title holder's sash
- Official local title holder's tiara
- Full Page Contestant Spotlight Advertisement in the program Book
- Program Book
- Contestant Swag Bag and Gift
- Crowed Queens Full Paid Entry to National Pageant

## **Payment Information**

Payment #1) \$195 Deposit due immediately! Reserves Local Title

Payment #2) \$200 Orders Sash and Crown

Payment #3) \$200 Ships Sash and Crown

Payment #4) \$299 Final Payment for Ad Page – Due October 6<sup>th</sup>

## **ALL FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE AND NON-TRANSFERABLE**

ALL FEES ARE DUE on October 6<sup>th</sup>

Payments can be made at [www.usoamissillinois.com](http://www.usoamissillinois.com) OR contact Director for payments through Paypal or Venmo

\*A late fee of \$100 will be incurred if all required payments and documents are not received by the deadline

### **Prizes For Each Division Winner**

- Official Queen entry to national pageant (\$2295 value)
- Official State Embroidered Sash and Crown
- Opening number cocktail dress for nationals
- Full Page contestant spotlight advertisement in national program book
- National program book
- National Photo Package
- 4 nights' accommodations at the South Point Hotel in Las Vegas
- 2 provided meals per day at nationals
- Official United States of America Pageant shirt
- Photoshoot and photo package by Dazzleshot Images
- Pageant Coaching Package for the National Competition provided by Crystal Cavey. Coaching in Interview, Stage, and Wardrobe
- Stage Photos from Michael Solberg Photography
- Customized Tumbler & phone case from Three Wysh Creations
- Pageant Earrings from Autumn's Pageant Closet
- Red Aspen Lashes and Adhesive by Charli Bryn Beauty
- Skin Care Kit from Jordan Essentials by Catherine Bonaparte
- ***Many More prizes to be added!***

## REQUIRED ADVERTISEMENT PAGE

Each Contestant will need to have ONE FULL PAGE COLOR ADVERTISEMENT in the Program Book.

Each ad sold after the mandatory page, the contestant will receive 50% back.

<b>Full-Page</b> <b>8.5" W x 11" H</b>  (please include a 1/8" bleed)	<b>Half-Page</b> <b>7.5" W x 4.75" H</b>  (no bleed)	<b>Quarter-Page</b> <b>3.5" W x 4.75" H</b> (no bleed)  <b>Eighth-Page</b> <b>3.5" W x 2.5" H</b>
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### Fundraising Programs

To help with the associated costs of competition you can sell ADDITIONAL advertisements in the program book and earn money! We have set up an incentive program for you to help offset your expenses. Listed below are the available advertisements, their costs, and the amount that you will receive for selling the advertisement! You will be provided a sponsorship letter to help you secure sponsors.

The delegate with the most advertisement sales will receive an onstage award!

### Available Advertising in Official Pageant Program Book

Advertisement	Advertisement Cost	Incentive
Back Cover	\$599	\$300
Inside Covers	\$499	\$250
Two Page Spread	\$399	\$200
Full Page	\$299	\$150

## **DOCUMENTS NEEDED**

To compete in the Pageant, you **MUST** turn in the following.

1. Official Application- **Due Immediately**
2. Deposit- **Due Immediately**
3. Official Paperwork- **Due Immediately**
  - Credit Card Authorization Form (Only used if in violation of contract or on delinquent accounts)
  - Photo release
4. Headshot, professional photo, NO sash and crowns allowed
5. Copy of birth certificate, naturalization, or permanent resident card
6. Final divorce decree for any previously married MS contestants
7. Ad Page artwork/fees/forms (as soon as they are ready, but NO LATER than October 3<sup>rd</sup>)
8. MRS- Copy of marriage license.
9. Any other documents requested by director.
10. Judges Bio Form-Emailed to Director as well as 6 hard copies, typed and three hole punched! (Due at orientation/registration)

\*Items 4-10 are due no later than 6 weeks before the pageant

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA'S MISS Wisconsin & Illinois**  
**Pageant Itinerary**  
**\*Subject to Change\***

Date	Time	Activity
Friday November 5 <sup>th</sup>	2:00PM-3:00PM	Pageant Check in/Registration
Friday November 5 <sup>th</sup>	3:00PM – 4:00PM	Orientation
Friday November 5 <sup>th</sup>  MIX, MINGLE, SHOPPING, DINNER EVENT TO SUPPORT OUR CHARITY PARTNER A MOMENT OF MAGIC!	5:00PM – 9:00PM	<b>Queen's Farewell Dinner – Princess &amp; Superhero Theme Night.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Come early to enter raffles, shop, and mingle</li> <li>- Dinner served 6:30PM</li> <li>- Guest Speakers During Dinner</li> </ul> <p>This is an option event. We will be celebrating our current Queens and raising money for our charity partner. The event is open to all contestants and family &amp; friends. Tickets must be purchased and will go on sale 2-4 weeks prior to the pageant.</p>
Saturday, November 6 <sup>th</sup>	9:00AM-10:00AM 10:00AM -11:00AM	Interviews for Wisconsin Interviews for Illinois
Saturday, November 6 <sup>th</sup>	12:00PM-3:00PM	Rehearsals
Saturday, November 6 <sup>th</sup>	3:00PM-5:30PM	Break
Saturday, November 6 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 PM	Back-Stage Check-In
Saturday, November 6 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 PM	Pageant!



Sunday, November 7 <sup>th</sup>	8:00AM	Winners Prizes / Photoshoot Get Ready
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## **CONTESTANT CHECK-LIST**

### **Due to State Director by October 6<sup>th</sup> OR SOONER:**

- All Payments (Entry Fee & Ad Fee)
- Contract Signed
- Headshot, professional photo, NO sash and crowns allowed
- Copy of birth certificate, naturalization, or permanent resident card
- Final divorce decree for any previously married MS contestants
- Ad Page artwork (as soon as they are ready, but NO LATER than October 6<sup>th</sup>)
- MRS- Copy of marriage license.
- Judges Bio Form-Emailed to Director
- Any Additional Ads sold fees and artwork due

### **Additional Reminders:**

- Booked Hair & Makeup spot
- Purchased Stage Photos
- Purchased Video Package

### **Wardrobe Items to Pack**

- Opening Number Dress/Jumpsuit (black)
- Swimsuit
- Gown
- Interview suit
- Princess or Superhero theme outfit for Friday Queens Dinner
- Rehearsal clothes
- Pageant jewelry for weekend
- Optional – Extra wardrobe pieces to be used for winners Sunday photoshoot

### **Other Items:**

- Raffle Basket to be handed in for Queens Dinner – Please bring to check- in/ orientation – All contestants required to bring a raffle item/basket
- Queens Dinner tickets – purchased in advance

## **FAQ'S**

### **Is there a minimum amount of tickets I am required to sell?**

It is advised that each contestant sell 5-10 tickets. However, not required.

### **Do I get a free ticket for my parent or husband?**

No, all tickets must be paid for

### **When do tickets go on sale?**

Tickets typically go on sale 2-4 weeks prior to the pageant. You will be notified when they go on sale and given instructions on how to purchase tickets.

### **Do children under 3 need a ticket?**

No, children 3 and under do not require a ticket.

### **Will the pageant be livestreamed?**

Likely not but could change.

### **Are there any required rehearsals prior to the pageant?**

No. All rehearsals will take place during pageant weekend.

### **How do I sell advertisements in the program book to raise money towards my pageant expenses?**

Once you are registered as a contestant, you will be provided a sponsorship letter to present to businesses, friends and family whom may wish to support you by either purchasing an advertisement to simply wish you good luck or to promote and highlight their business!