

Miss Nightmare in Vegas: Contestant Hub

You've found the official home for all things Miss Nightmare in Vegas, your one-stop guide for how the pageant works, what to expect, and how to prepare for your hauntingly glamorous moment under the spotlight.

Pageant Format

The Miss Nightmare in Vegas Pageant is a celebration of vintage glamour with a sinister twist. This isn't your average Halloween costume contest, it's a theatrical, high-energy pinup showcase built for fierce femme-fright queens with a flair for the fabulous.

The competition includes two dynamic rounds, followed by a final celebratory walk:

1. Costume & Style Showcase

This round is all about **pinup meets paranormal**, not just "best costume," but a full embodiment of your spooky-glam persona.

We're not looking for fake blood and fishnets with no story. We're looking for retro horror beauty queens who serve character, polish, and style.

What we're looking for:

- Authentic vintage pinup styling (hair, makeup, silhouette)
- A horror or Halloween theme (witches, vamps, ghosts, monsters)
- Creativity, character, and storytelling

Channel your inner haunted housewife, devilish lounge singer, sultry witch, or monster mummy muse... just make sure she's pinup polished and spooky fabulous.

2. Lip-Sync Lightning Round or Strut & Scream Walk-Off

This round is all about **stage presence and horror dramatics** — no singing required. Contestants will have **15 seconds** to either:

A) Perform a dramatic Strut & Scream — imagine a slow runway walk ending in your best horror movie scream!

OR

B) Lip-sync to a short spooky song clip

Suggested song options:

- “I Put a Spell on You” – Screamin’ Jay Hawkins or Hocus Pocus version
- “Witchy Woman” – The Eagles
- “Somebody’s Watching Me” – Rockwell
- Or choose your own 15-second clip!

👁️ *We want to see confidence, camp, charisma, and commitment. Think old Hollywood scream queens, theatrical flair, and show-stealing fright energy.*

3) Final Parade & Personality Pass

All contestants will take one last celebratory walk before the Top 3 are crowned. Judges will make final impressions based on **overall vibe, individuality, and fan energy**.

♥ Judging Criteria

Our judges will be looking for:

- **Pinup Styling & Execution** (Hair, makeup, outfit, silhouette)
- **Stage Presence** (Confidence, charisma, movement)
- **Creativity** (Storytelling, theme originality)
- **Engagement** (Energy, crowd response, personality)
- **Nightmare in Vegas Factor** (The full spooky pinup package)



Contestant Tips

- **Bring the energy.** Whether it’s your first pageant or you’re a seasoned vamp, we want charisma!
 - **Watch your inbox.** All notifications will be sent by email, check your spam folder too!
- The backstage is tight.** Arrive in hair/makeup, and be ready to roll.



Rules, Eligibility & What to Bring

Eligibility:

- Must be 18+
- Open to all femme-presenting pinups who love Halloween, horror, and vintage glam
- No modeling or stage experience required — all spooky starlets welcome!

Rules & Expectations:

- Check in **on time** before the event kickoff (more to come on this once we get closer to the event)
- PG-13 outfits only — no nudity or overly explicit themes
- Be kind, supportive, and spooky — we're building community, not drama
- Judges will reward creativity, personality, and polish — not just looks

What to Bring:

- Your main competition outfit
- Optional prop or spooky accessory
- Comfy backstage shoes
- Hair/makeup ready (limited touch-up space)
- Big energy, spooky sparkle, and your best undead smirk



Fan Favorite Wild Card

We're inviting the public to weigh in!

Before the event, all contestants will be featured online for a **Fan Favorite Vote**. The highest-voted ghoul will earn **automatic placement in the Top 10-15** at the live pageant.

More details on voting launch coming soon.