



Cameo Club

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### MS. NEW JERSEY SENIOR AMERICA PAGEANT 2023 "The Age of Elegance"

*Welcome!* Below are the forms for entering the *Ms. New Jersey Senior America Pageant*. The Application Fee is **\$250.00**. Please make your check payable to *Ms. New Jersey Senior America, Inc.*, along with proof of age. A *copy of your driver's license will be sufficient*. Once you have completed the forms and paid the fee, you will be assigned a *mentor* from your region to guide you through the preparation process.

The Pageant will be held in the first week of June 2023 at Harrah's Resort and Casino, Atlantic City, NJ. Once the date is confirmed, you will be notified.

The Pageant consists of four (4) categories:

1. **Interview** – *counts for 30% of your score*. It consists of five minutes (5:00) with five (5) distinguished judges and is conducted on the morning of the Pageant. The interview is based partially on your application which the Judges will receive *before* the Pageant. *We ask the Judges not to ask political, religious, or current controversial questions.*
1. **Talent** – *counts for 30% of your score*. It consists of two minutes and forty-five seconds (2:45) maximum. If this time is exceeded, a penalty of -3 points is assessed by the Timer.
2. **Evening Gown** – *counts for 20% of your score*.
3. **Philosophy of Life** – *counts for 20% of your score*. It consists of thirty-five seconds (0:35) maximum. If a contestant exceeds the time limit of 35 seconds, a penalty of -2 points is assessed by the Timer.

The **ranking** includes five **(5) titles**:

- Queen (*Winner*)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-up
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-up
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Runner-up
- 4<sup>th</sup> Runner-up

You will be invited to our Contestant's Meet and Greet Luncheon. The location, date, and time of this Orientation will be announced at a later date. It will be held during April 2023. You will be introduced to the Board of Directors of *Ms. New Jersey Senior America, Inc.*, at that time, in addition to the other Contestants.

The **prize** for the Ms. New Jersey Senior America queen includes entrance into the National Pageant (*location to be determined*). There is also a cash prize for the winner and her court. The winner (*Queen*) appears in many parades and events and is the highlight of all our events. She must also comply with the appearance requirements of our *New Jersey Cameo Club Showcases*.

Our Ms. New Jersey Senior America Pageant is one of the best in the country, and we have representatives from various states who attend. Throughout the past years, many New Jersey Queens have placed in the top 10 in the *National Senior America Pageant*, which is a great accomplishment. In 2017, Carolyn Slade Harden won *Ms. New Jersey Senior America* and then went on to win the title of Ms. Senior America.

Everyone is a *winner* in our organization. Once you compete in the Pageant, you are invited to continue performing throughout the State in diverse venues by joining our fabulous *New Jersey Cameo Club*, the service wing of *Ms. New Jersey Senior America*. We are one of the country's most active and progressive Cameo Clubs.

For more information, visit our website at: [www.NewJerseySeniorAmerica.org](http://www.NewJerseySeniorAmerica.org) and our Blog at: [www.MsNewJerseySeniorAmerica.Blogspot.com](http://www.MsNewJerseySeniorAmerica.Blogspot.com).