



Ms. New Jersey Senior America, Inc.

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MS. NEW JERSEY SENIOR AMERICA PAGEANT 2024 "The Age of Elegance"

Welcome! Included in this mailing are the forms for entering the *Ms. New Jersey Senior America Pageant*. The Application Fee is **\$300.00**. Your payment also includes *New Jersey Cameo Club* dues for the balance of 2024, and one copy of a professional video of the Pageant.

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. This application portion secures your position as a contestant in the *2024 Ms. NJ Senior America Pageant*. You must return this initial application to me immediately with your check. I will then send the remainder of the application to you which you must return to me by **March 1, 2024**

In addition to the Application Fee, each contestant is required to sell a minimum of **\$200 worth of advertising**. These ads will appear in our traditional keepsake program book.

Our Pageant will be held during the first week of June 2024 at *Harrah's Resort and Casino, Atlantic City, NJ*. We will notify you once we have confirmed the date.

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.
- 2. Talent** – *counts for 30% of your score.* It consists of a two-minute and forty-five seconds (2:45) maximum act. If the contestant exceeds the maximum time, the Timer will assess minus three points (-3).
- 3. Evening Gown** – *counts for 20% of your score.*

- 4. Philosophy of Life** – counts for 20% of your score. It consists of a thirty-five-second (0:35) memorized statement of your philosophy. If this time limit exceeds 35 seconds, the Timer assesses a penalty of minus two points (-2).

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 *Queen (winner)* and her court. The *Queen's Court* consists of 1st Runner-up, 2nd Runner-up, 3rd Runner-up, and 4th Runner-up. The 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*.

We will be inviting you to our Luncheon/Orientation where we will be introducing you to the *Board of Directors of Ms. New Jersey Senior America, Inc.*, our *Public Relations Representative*, and other *Contestants*. Later, we will announce the location, date, and time of the Luncheon/Orientation scheduled for April 2024.

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, several New Jersey Queens have placed in the top ten 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, we encourage you to continue performing throughout the State in diverse venues by joining our fabulous *New Jersey Cameo Club*, the service wing of *Ms. NJ Senior America*. We are one of the country's most active and progressive Cameo Clubs.

For more information, visit our sites:

www.NewJerseySeniorAmerica.org

www.MsNewJerseySeniorAmerica.Blogspot.com.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me anytime! I can be reached at (908) 216-8534 or via email at TBM5201@aol.com.

WELCOME to the *Ms. New Jersey Senior America* family!

Sincerely,

Terry Meade
Director of Pageants

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