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National Handbook

2024

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WELCOME TO AEM!

Congratulations on being awarded a state title with America's Elegant Miss! We are so excited to welcome you to our scholarship program and pageant family!

Within 10 days of receiving your title, please complete the required paperwork sent in your Welcome Email.

Once your paperwork has been received, you will be invited to join our private delegates Facebook group where you can meet other contestants, learn about upcoming events, and get ready for nationals. Access to ALL paperwork will be through this group. You will also receive an invite to your official delegate titleholder page on Facebook - be sure to invite all of your friends and family to follow this page so they can support you in the journey to nationals.

We want your experience to be fun and enjoyable, making memories of a lifetime! We look forward to walking along side you in your journey to Nationals!

Miss Dana



AGE DIVISIONS

Princess 5-6
Jr. Preteen 7-9
Preteen 10-12
Jr. Teen 13-15
Teen 16-19
Miss 20-29
Ms/Mrs. 30+

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TO BE THE NEXT AMERICA'S
ELEGANT MISS





National Entry

All Inclusive Entry Fee

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Optional Entry Fee

Optionals are \$100 each. We offer a wide variety of optionals for each contestant to showcase their talents. Entering optionals gives you the opportunity to compete for additional awards and prize opportunities .



NATIONAL DIVISIONAL PRIZE PACKAGE

- America's Elegant Miss National Crystal Crown
- America's Elegant Miss embroidered stoned National Sash
- America's Elegant Miss Glass Medallion
- America's Elegant Miss Customized Swag
- America's Elegant Miss Official Title Holder Page
- America's Elegant Miss Fashion Shoot at NYFW
- America's Elegant Miss Rhinestone Backpack
- Branding Yourself Webinar from EPIC Pageant Consulting Team
- Gifts From all Delegates in Your Division
- Scholarship Cash Prize at the end of reign
- Surprise Queens Trip and Accommodations
- Modeling on the Runway in a Fashion Show
- Official National Queens Robe
- Official National Queen Pajamas
- Official National Queens Photo shoot
- Official National Queens Luncheon
- Official National Queens Jewelry
- Official National Queens Weekly Calendar
- Official National Queens Autograph Card Design
- Official National Queen Discount for Crown Box

And So Much More!

Prize package sent throughout the year



ADDITIONAL AWARDS

Duchess Award - The contestant with the most referrals that attends the national pageant and the most ad page sales will be the America's Elegant Duchess. Will be honored with the Duchess crown & embroidered sash.

People's Choice Scholarship Award - winner will receive 50/50 scholarship jackpot. Entries will be accepted starting prior to the pageant and will end the day of final competition. There will be 1 winner chosen from all delegates.

America's Rising Star - Contestants that compete in 4 or more optional categories (one being Runway), will automatically be entered to win the title of America's Rising Star. The winner is determined from their runway score plus three highest combined optional scores. Winner will receive a Marc Defang gift and free registration for the 2024 National Pageant. You cannot win both America's Rising Star and America's Elegant Star. Ages Divisions 5-12, 13 and up.



ADDITIONAL AWARDS

America's Elegant Star - Contestants that compete in 5 or more optional categories (optionals must include Runway and Print Model Live). This is a NATIONAL TITLE. The winner is determined from their 3 highest optional scores plus runway, print model live, interview, and introduction scores.

Winners will receive:

- America's Elegant Star national crystal crown
- Embroidered Star sash
- Elegant Star photo shoot
(for print ready composite card)
- Industry standard modeling resume
- Exclusive Branding Yourself class from Team EPIC
- Modeling contract opportunities
- Invitation to national divisional queen outings.
- Winners will also walk for a designer at NYFW in September 2023 or February 2024!

Age Divisions 5-12 and 13+.



AREAS OF COMPETITION

MANDATORY COMPETITION

All divisions compete in Beauty Gown, Fun Fashion, Introduction (during interview process), and Interview (3 min. panel style). The Top 5 in each division will have an on-stage question and will re-compete in their beauty walk.

OPTIONALS:

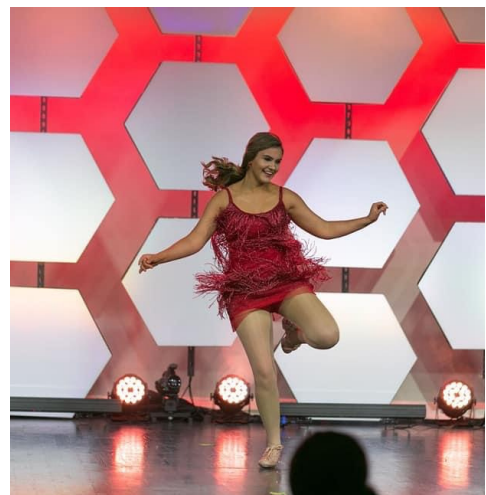
Optionals are competed in groups ages 5-12, and 13+

- Photogenic
- Portfolio
- Print Model
- Print Model Live
- Denim and Diamonds Wear
- Fitness Wear
- Swim Wear
- State Wear
- Spokesmodel
- Actress
- Runway
- Talent
- Scrapbook
- Casual Wear
- Patriotic Wear

FREE OPTIONALS:

Free optionals are open to ALL ages.

- Academic Achievement
- Spirit of Community Service Log



For specific information about all optionals, please read the Optionals Handbook in the delegate Facebook group.



ATTIRE AND SCORING

REQUIRED AREAS OF COMPETITION

Interview

A 3 minute panel-style interview. Will be judged on elegance, appearance, and answer content. The questions asked will be age appropriate and pertain to getting to know the contestant, their ambitions, platform, and community involvement. Question could come from interview resume completed by delegate, contestant introduction, or questions about the AEM system. For interview, contestants should wear job interview attire. You are interviewing for the job of America's Elegant Miss. Clothing should fit properly and should be dresses, jumpsuits, or suites.



Fun Fashion

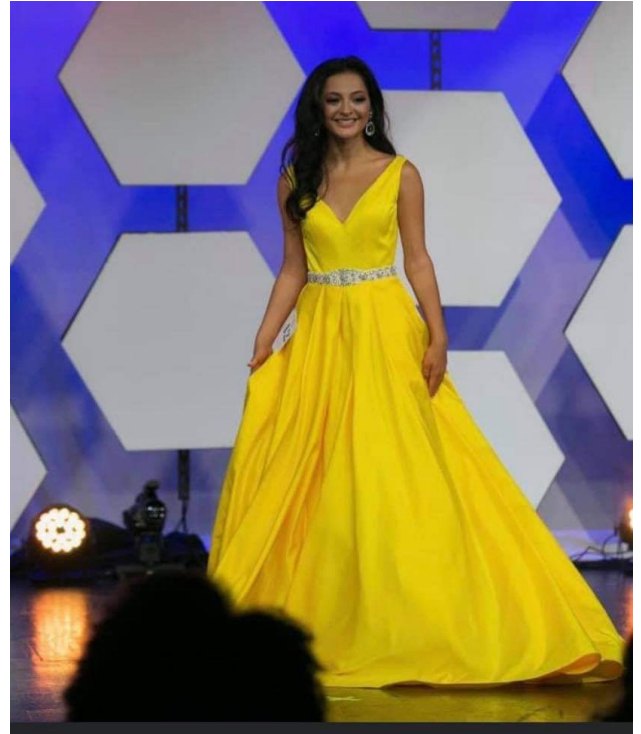
Outfit should express the personality of the contestant and be fun. Judged on elegance, modeling, fit, and appearance. Jumpsuits, rompers with over skirts and high low dresses are all acceptable. Show us your style!



ATTIRE AND SCORING REQUIRED AREAS OF COMPETITION

Gown

Scoring: We judge based off of overall elegance, overall appearance, modeling, facial beauty, poise, and personality. Natural or semi-glitz dresses are all appropriate for contestants and gowns should be floor length. We want to see that the dress fits and flatters the contestant and is age appropriate.



Introduction

Contestants have 30 seconds to introduce themselves to the judges panel. Will be judged on elegance, content and presentation. We encourage delegates to include community involvement, platform, social activities, name and state title. The introduction takes place at the beginning of the interview process inside the interview room.



HAIR AND MAKE UP

We highly suggest hiring a professional hair and makeup artist during the pageant. A list of vendors will be available for hire and will be added to the delegates Facebook group. It will take so much stress off of you and the delegate.

Our official spray tan artists will also be available for hire.

Professional makeup and hair is allowed.

NO FLIPPERS,

Spray Tan allowed in ALL ages divisions

POINTS WILL BE DEDUCTED FOR NOT FOLLOWING HAIR AND MAKEUP GUIDELINES!

We only allow our preferred vendors backstage for hair and makeup.



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TOP 5 AND CROWNING

Top 5 in each division will be announced at Finals Night. Each of the top 5 contestants will re-compete in onstage question, beauty, and modeling.

All scores from preliminaries will be calculated and contestants will be rejudged on stage beauty, onstage question, modeling technique, volunteer service postings from their official AEM delegate title holder page. Each portion will weigh equally 25% each to equal 100%.

Each time community service is posted on your official AEM title holder page it counts towards your required 3 volunteer activities. Volunteering will be checked and counted for each month from the time you register for nationals. Each month 3 volunteer service activities are required.

Example: Volunteer 3 times in April you have 100% score for April. We are looking for girls that are representing their title through social media through volunteering within their community. Be sure to post your volunteer work on your title holder page through social media wearing your crown and sash - and always tag America's Elegant Miss!

Volunteering: We require each state delegate to volunteer 3 times per month. Each volunteering activity will be tallied and become part of your final score. Volunteer activities should be posted to your title holder social media page within 24 hours of completing the event/activity for it to count toward this requirement.

Crowning will be held on finals night.

Optional Award Winners will be announced, followed by America's Elegant Star. We will then announce the 2nd runner up, 1st runner up, and divisional national queen. All national division winners are required to stay through Monday. Contract signing for all national queens will immediately follow the pageant on Sunday night.



PEOPLE'S CHOICE

PEOPLE'S CHOICE HEAD SHOT

ALL delegates are required to submit a high resolution head shot photo for people's choice.

The People's Choice competition will take place on AmericasElegantMiss.Com

Voting will begin Aug 1, 2024 and will end at midnight day of Finals National Pageant begins.

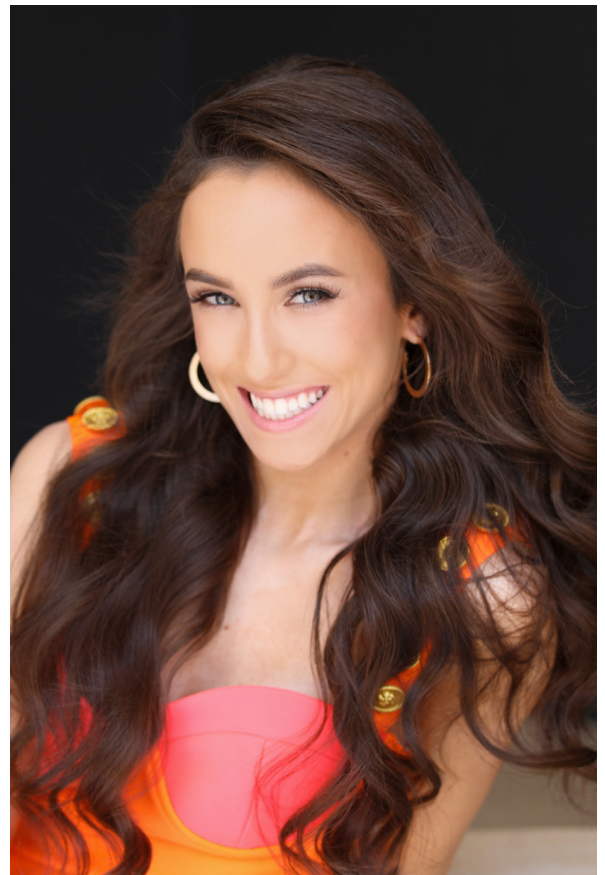
The People's Choice winner will win •50/50 cash prize.

Images should be crisp and clear without any watermarks without crown and sash.

Images are due at registration.

Click below to Upload your headshot

<https://form.jotform.com/Americaselegantmiss/peopleschoice2024>





PROGRAM BOOK

Delegates are required to sell at least one ad page. The delegate with highest ad page sales will be awarded with picking their competition number for their division.

Ad Pages are \$300 per ad. Please provide print ready Ad pages in PDF format in highest resolution. Ad Page Submissions are due by July 1. Each page sold after Mandatory initial page contestants will get a credit of \$50 towards National Fees.

Please submit ad pages sooner rather than later! All ad pages submitted should be in high resolution in PDF format with no watermarks on images.

If you need suggestions on ad pages designers we will be happy to refer you.

Please use the submission form below to upload your ad page <https://form.jotform.com/Americaselegantmiss/adpage2024>



NATIONAL FEES

NATIONAL REGISTRATION ENTRY FEE

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Production Number Outfit. Each state delegate will need to bring a red, white, or blue cocktail dress for opening number. The contestant should choose a modest cocktail style dress.

OPTIONALS - \$100 each

EVENT TICKETS - Tickets Range from \$45-175 depending on the event. All-inclusive tickets are available to help you save for friends and family.

PROGRAM BOOK AD SALES -\$300 per ad page. 1 Ad page is required per contestant and included in your all inclusive package.. Each additional ad page sold contestants receive \$50 credit towards national fees and is \$300 per page.

PHOTOGRAPHY - Link for purchase for photographs for onstage events will be available in the private Delegate Facebook group. \$125 and Optionals are \$69 each available for purchase.



NATIONAL TICKETS

ALL ACCESS TICKETS

This package includes entrance to the AEM National Scholarship Pageant for preliminaries, optionals, finals, and parties. This ticket includes a digital copy of the national program book.

- Adult (10+) - \$175
- Child (4-9) - \$100
- Children ages 3 and under are free

PAGEANT ONLY TICKETS

This ticket includes entrance to the preliminary competition, optionals competition, optionals crowning, and finals.

- Adult (10+) - \$125
- Child (4-9) - \$75
- Children ages 3 and under are free

FINALS ONLY TICKETS - \$60 all ages

This ticket will allow you entry to the FINALS event ONLY. Children ages 3 and under are free.

WELCOME DINNER & NEON PARTY - \$45 All Ages (Ages 4+)

Includes dinner, dessert, and participation in our featured events like the mom's runway competition and the dad dance off! Contestants under the age of 16 are required to have at least one parent attend.

NATIONAL PROGRAM BOOK

The national program book will include the schedule of events, profiles on all national queens, state delegates, and national judges. It will also include ads from our national sponsors featuring special discounts! This is copyrighted materials and is NOT to be shared.

- Digital - \$75

Each person attending is required to have a ticket to every event. Contestants DO NOT need to purchase tickets for themselves - these are included in their national fees.



NATIONAL SPONSORS 2024

NYFW SPONSORS- Sept 24 and Feb 25

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Hemistry Fashion

Willow Bean Design Studios

Charjean Couture

and more

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Pop Pageantry

Crown Couture

Crown Clips

Puresk

Charjean Couture

Dana Davis Photography

Jose Martinez Photography

Bella's Bling

Rock Your Hair

Simmons Bank

And So Many More!!



BREAKDOWN OF NATIONAL PRIZES 2024

OPTIONALS AWARDS

- Spirit of Community - Cash Scholarship from Dr Charles and PJ Davis Scholarship Fund.
- Academic Achievement -Cash Scholarship from Dr Charles and PJ Davis Scholarship Fund
- Rising Star - March Defang Gift, Crystal Award, Crystal Medal, opportunity to walk at NYFW.
- Elegant Star - America's Elegant Star national crystal crown, embroidered sash, photo shoot for print ready composite card, industry standard modeling resume, exclusive Branding Yourself class from Team EPIC, modeling contract opportunities, and an invitation to national divisional queen outings.

- People's Choice - 50/50 cash prize
- Most Ad Pages Sold- Pick competition number in division.