

2021 Miss Sumter County Pageant

Junior, Teen and Miss Guidelines

February 27, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Access to Dressing Room begins at 10:00am. Enter through the door to the right of the auditorium. You may have help unloading (NO MALES Please as younger group will be dressing already). During the pageant, each contestant will be allowed one person to remain in the dressing room with her. Beginning at 5:30 p.m., only the contestant and this person will be allowed in the Dressing Room. Contestants and helpers WILL remain in the Dressing Room for the entire pageant. Auditorium will open to spectators at 5:00 p.m. Auditorium will be cleared between Pageants.

The pageant will consist of the following judged categories:

INTERVIEW:

- ❖ All Teen & Miss contestants will be required to attend a private interview conducted in the new Sumter Fair Conference Room located at the fairgrounds. Interviews will begin around 1:00 p.m. (depending on the number of contestants).
- ❖ Interview will include the contestant and the pageant judges. It will last 7 minutes.
- ❖ An interview schedule will be given to contestants on Wednesday, February 24, after contestant numbers are drawn. You are required to be at the Interview site 15 minutes prior to your scheduled interview time.
- ❖ Contestants should dress appropriately for an interview. Professional, business-like dresses or suits, age appropriate. Be yourself. Have fun! This is where the judges want to get to know you, unrehearsed.
- ❖ Contestants will be judged on personality, communication, and conversational skills.

OPENING NUMBER:

- ❖ All contestants will perform a group dance number. This will not be judged. It is a time to show your personality and have fun! Contestants will be required to wear black knee length dress and black shoes (closed or open toed). Your outfit should be age appropriate and reflect your personality. Please remember you will be dancing when choosing your shoes.

ON-STAGE INTRODUCTION & OUTFIT OF CHOICE (OOC):

- ❖ Contestants will return to the stage (one at a time) in their outfit of choice. Accessories are allowed but must be carried or worn by the contestant.
- ❖ Each contestant will introduce herself on stage. Introductions should be approximately 20 SECONDS. Contestants will be judged on personality, poise and projection.
- ❖ Following the introduction, contestant will model her OOC.
- ❖ Contestant will be judged on fit of outfit, modeling and personality.

TALENT:

- ❖ Talent should be age appropriate and pageant appropriate (family-friendly).
- ❖ Talent should not last more than 2:00 minutes.
- ❖ All props must be USED by the contestant during the talent and be brought on and off the stage by her (Piano/keyboard is an exception).
- ❖ Instrumental tracks should be used for vocal performances.
- ❖ "Talent Request Form" and music (2 CD Format) must be completed and turned in no later than 7:00pm Friday, February 12th. Talent can be practiced at this scheduled pageant practice, at Dress Rehearsal, and you can schedule a time during fair office hours by calling the Fair office, if you would like additional time to rehearse.
- ❖ Talent performances will be approved on a first-come, first-serve basis. Identical talents with the same song will not be allowed.
- ❖ Contestant will be judged on talent abilities, entertainment value, poise and projection.

DRESS & ON-STAGE QUESTION:

- ❖ Contestant should wear a long pageant/evening dress.
- ❖ Dress should be age appropriate.
- ❖ Contestant will be judged on fit of dress, poise, and stage presence.
- ❖ After modeling evening gown, contestant will answer an On-Stage Question before exiting the stage.
- ❖ She will draw a question from the bowl and hand it to the emcee. The emcee will ask the question and the contestant will give her answer. Contestant will be judged on completeness, ability to articulate answer, poise and projection.
- ❖ After answering her question, she can exit the stage.