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2024



IOWA | NEBRASKA

Official State Pageant of USA National Miss

PAGEANT INFORMATION

USA National Miss Iowa | Nebraska State Pageant
February 23-25, 2024 | Register at USANationalMiss.com/ia-ne

VENUE & HOST HOTEL

Sheraton West Des Moines
1800 50th Street
West Des Moines, IA 50266

FEES

State Entry Fee: \$325
Sweetheart Division Entry Fee: \$125

The Sweetheart Division is UNM Iowa | Nebraska's non-competitive pageant experience. Participants will appear before the judges in the Evening Gown, Runway and Interview competitions and join all parties and activities with the State Title competitors. Participants will be recognized on stage at the final show and judges comments will be provided to participants after the pageant.

All fees must be paid by January 10, 2024.

Show Tickets:

Show ticket pricing will be provided prior to the pageant.



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AGE DIVISIONS & ELIGIBILITY

We offer six age divisions for young women ages 13-25 and little girls ages 4-12. You must compete in the age division based on your age as of June 1, 2024.

MISS	Ages 20-25
TEEN	Ages 16-19
JR. TEEN	Ages 13-15
PRETEEN	Ages 10-12
PRINCESS	Ages 7-9
JR. PRINCESS	Ages 4-6

You must live, go to school, work or own/rent property in the state in order to compete. All delegates must be a natural born female and compete as such, never married and never been pregnant or had a child. All delegates must reside in the United States and be a US citizen.

NATIONALS ADVANCEMENT

All delegates who receive titles during the state pageant must compete at the national pageant in Orlando, Florida representing their title and are responsible for paying their National Package Fee.

Great news! Even if you do not win a title at our state pageant, you will have the opportunity to take any open title available nationwide to advance to nationals. There is no residency requirement for open state titles. Titles are appointed by the national office.

MAKE-UP & DRESSING ROOM RULES

Make Up Rules are enforced for delegates ages 4-12.

Ages 4-9: Translucent powder, blush on cheeks, light colored lip gloss and mascara are allowed during stage competitions only. No make up is allowed in interview. No false lashes, flippers, or extensions are allowed.

Ages 10-12 - Translucent powder, blush on cheeks, light colored lip gloss and mascara are allowed during stage competitions and interview. No false lashes, flippers, or extensions are allowed.

State queens ages 4-12 must not wear more than the above allowable make up at any time while representing USA National Miss during their year. Delegates 13 and up can groom themselves as they wish.

Only 1 natural born female assistant is allowed in the dressing room with each delegate. No photos, videos or any form of social media is allowed to be posted from the dressing room. Posting photos or videos from the dressing room will result in disqualification.



REQUIRED COMPETITIONS



EVENING GOWN

Wear a floor length evening gown of your choice. Judges will be looking for elegance, grace, and poise on stage in a gown that is flattering, fits well and is age appropriate. The Evening Gown competition is 30% of your overall score.

INTERVIEW

Wear an interview outfit of your choice that showcases your personal style and makes you feel empowered.

Ages 10-25 will interview "panel style" in front of all judges for two minutes and must present a brief un-rehearsed ice breaker introduction upon entering the interview room.

Ages 4-9 will interview "round robin" having 1 minute with each judge individually.

Interview questions will come from your Interview Bio Sheet which can be found on our website. The judges are looking for how well you can hold a conversation, be engaging, connect with others and articulate your thoughts, as well as age appropriate attitude. Interview is 40% of your overall score.

RUNWAY

Wear a red carpet style outfit of your choice in this fun and upbeat competition that allows you to showcase your personality and sense of fashion style. Judges will be looking for modeling ability, personality, age appropriate attire and stage presence. The Runway competition is 30% of your overall score.

All competitions are scored on our secure online scoring system.

OPTIONAL COMPETITIONS



COVER MODEL

Our photogenic competition can win you the State Cover Model award and qualify you for the Supermodel Competition. One winner per age division.

FEE: \$50 per photo, maximum 3 entries.

PHOTOS: Photos must be age appropriate and professional quality. Ages 4-12 must not have more make up than what is allowed by USA National Miss.

PRIZES: Official UNM State Award

SUPERMODEL

This modeling competition is based on your photo entries from Cover Model and your runway score during the Runway competition. One winner per division.

FEE: \$50

PRIZES: Official UNM State Award



OPTIONAL COMPETITIONS



FITNESS

Jr. Teen, Teen and Miss delegates can showcase their physical fitness in this fun optional competition. One overall winner.

FEE: \$75

ATTIRE: Wear any fitness attire comprising of an athletic top and leggings. Attire must be age appropriate.

PRIZES: Official UNM State Award

CASUAL WEAR

Work the stage in your favorite casual outfit to show your modeling ability. One winner per division.

FEE: \$75

ATTIRE: Wear any fun casual outfit of your choice. Props are not allowed. Outfit must be age appropriate

PRIZES: Official UNM State Award



OPTIONAL COMPETITIONS



TALENT

The stage is yours in this optional competition. You have 2 minutes to perform your prepared talent presentation and wow the judges. One winner per division.

FEE: \$75

PRIZES: Official UNM State Award

ROLE MODEL

This competition is based on community service and academic achievement as depicted in a digital scrapbook. One winner per division.

FEE: \$50

PRIZES: Official UNM State Award



OPTIONAL COMPETITIONS



MODEL PORTFOLIO

Submit 3 or more photos showing your modeling talents at pageant check in. Comp cards accepted. One winner per division.

FEE: \$50

PRIZES: Official UNM State Award

STATE PHOTO SHOOT

Work the camera in an optional photo shoot with a professional photographer. Contestant will be judged on modeling skills and ability to take direction. 1 winner per division.

FEE: \$100

PRIZES: Winners will receive an edited selection of their best photos to add to their portfolio.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OPENING NUMBER DRESS

Each delegate should bring a RED cocktail dress for the opening number production that kicks off the pageant show.

PEOPLE'S CHOICE

One People's Choice winner from Nebraska and one from Iowa will be crowned and will advance to nationals with their \$550 entry fee paid, crown and sash, and other prizes. People's Choice Nebraska will be crowned Miss Cornhusker State and People's Choice Iowa will be crowned Miss Hawkeye State.

PRIZE PACKAGE

Our state pageant is constantly growing! For a complete list of what winners will receive, please go to our website. All winners crowned will receive their \$550 National Entry Fee paid by the state office.

NATIONAL PLATFORM

Our state pageant is proud to support the USA National Miss national platform INSPIRE™. INSPIRE aims to inspire young women to find their passion for service through three pillars: INSPIRE KINDNESS | INSPIRE COMPASSION | INSPIRE EARTH. We encourage all delegates to get involved in their communities and make a difference. For more information on INSPIRE, please visit the national website.

EXPECTATIONS

We are a Positive Pageantry® system and poor sportsmanship is not allowed and will be cause for disqualification. State queens crowned at our pageant must make a minimum of two appearances each month, and understand that they are under a non-compete during their year. A full list of expectations and responsibilities is outlined in the State Titleholder Contract.

SCHEDULE

Tentative schedule will be posted on the official website Fall 2023. Final schedule will be available January 2024.



CONTACT US

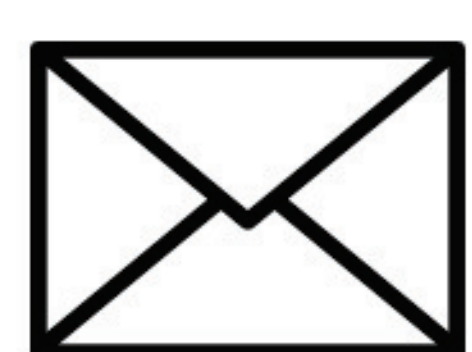
STATE DIRECTOR

I am thrilled to be directing the UNM Iowa | Nebraska state pageant and bringing this amazing organization back to the area. As a pageant mom, UNM has been one of the most exciting, empowering and uplifting pageants my daughters have ever been a part of and I'm excited to share that with you! You can expect a well organized, professional and fair pageant filled with fun, positivity and - of course - glamour! Please reach out to me if you have any questions.

See you in February!

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