



MISS AMERICAN TEEN  
*International*

*Confidently Smart,  
Perfectly Beautiful*

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# Welcome



Dear Delegates,

On behalf of the Miss American Teen Pageant family, welcome to our pageant! Like no other in the world, our pageant provides a unique and fun experience, always in the most exciting places on earth.

Miss American Teen was founded for the modern American teenager on her way to success. Our time together this summer will hopefully culminate in a bond of sisterhood and friendship that will provide memories for a lifetime.

To begin preparing for the pageant, please read through this handbook carefully with your parents. We hope our time together will be enjoyable for both you and your entire family. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to the Pageant office for assistance. We are always here for you.

Sincerely,

Betty Davis Reliford  
Executive Director  
Miss American Teen Scholarship Pageant, Inc.

# Contact & Links



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# Welcome to Miss American Teen



9th Annual Pageant | July 14-15, 2026 | Dallas, TX

## **INTERNATIONAL TITLES**

We are awarding two prestigious International titles, Miss American Teen (ages 16-18), and Miss American Jr. Teen (ages 12-15). Delegates across North, Central, and South America are welcome to compete.

## **DELEGATE COMMUNICATION AND OFFICIAL PREPARATION**

The “Backstage” of our website is your go-to place for everything you need to prepare for the Pageant. Here you will find the official “To Do” list, important links to resources and forms, and a portal for submissions. Please do not ignore important preparation, as this may count against you in discretionary areas of scoring. Please add our email address [mail@missamericanteen.org](mailto:mail@missamericanteen.org) to your email contact list so you will receive our email updates. We also have a Facebook group and will start a group text prior to pageant weekend for communication while at the pageant.

# *Mission Statement*

## The Miss American Teen International Creed:

“The Miss American Teen International Pageant was founded for the modern American teenager on her way to success. As a role model to her generation, millions of young women and girls across the Americas will learn from her example and make positive changes in their lives. We believe that lifelong learning, giving back to others, and introspective self-improvement are keys to a healthy and empowered life. As such, we strive to be our best authentic selves every day and to allow our inner beauty to reign.”



Nathalia Santana-Shalwani  
Miss American Teen 2025

Daylena Rodriguez  
Miss American Jr. Teen 2025

***“Where Dreams Come True and the Magic is Real.”***

# Venue / Accommodations



## Host Hotel

This year's host hotel will be the Hilton Garden Inn Dallas Lewisville, 785 State Hwy 121, Lewisville, TX 75067. It is strongly recommended that delegates needing overnight lodging stay at the host hotel. However, delegates are free to stay elsewhere if they have other affiliations, points, or discounts. *Delegates under the age of 18 must stay with a parent or guardian over 25 years old.*



## Arrivals / Departures and Registration

Schedule your arrival and pageant check-in at 8:00pm on Wednesday, July 15th for the Final Competition pageant. It is important for delegates to fully understand that pageant fees must be submitted by the published deadline as headcount must be confirmed for score sheets, meals or snacks, t-shirts and purchases needed per person. However, you will be able to purchase pageant tickets and any available royalty merchandise on site.

# Mandatory Competitions



## **INTERVIEW, 40 POINTS**

Wear an interview outfit that showcases your personality, style, and makes you feel confident. The interview will be panel style (all judges at once). It will be brief, but will give you the opportunity to introduce yourself and discuss your personal goals and objectives. Questions will be based on your Interview Resume' (mandatory submission).

## **FUN FITNESS, 30 POINTS**

Select a coordinated athletic-wear outfit that is fashionable and represents your Teen Spirit to receive a fun fitness score. Judges will be looking for the individual who is confident, energetic and healthy, with a strong sense of self-esteem. Modeling only, no workout routines allowed onstage.

## **EVENING GOWN, 30 POINTS**

The evening gown competition gives each delegate the opportunity to capture the audience and judges through her natural beauty, personality, poise and grace in a floor length gown. A variety of gown types are permitted. Delegates should ensure their choice is age appropriate and makes them look and feel their best.

## **ON-STAGE QUESTION, 10 POINTS (TOP 3)**

The Top 3 delegates in each division will answer a question for additional points.

# Optional Competitions



## **MOST PHOTOGENIC**

- ☑ One winner per age division
- ☑ Black and white or color photos are accepted and may be up to size 8" X 10" in size. Photos must be printed for the judges to review in person. No digital submissions.
- ☑ All photos must be submitted at pageant registration. Be sure to include name and age division on the back of all photos
- ☑ Fee \$50 per photo (unlimited entries)



## **TOP COVER MODEL**

- ☑ One winner per age division
- ☑ Delegate will submit a photo as it would appear on a magazine cover. Magazine "mock-up" encouraged, but not required.
- ☑ Delegate must coordinate her wardrobe, makeup, hair-style and accessories to execute her theme for the cover.
- ☑ Delegates are judged on modeling ability, creativity, and professionalism.
- ☑ Fee \$50 per photo (unlimited entries)



## **BEST PORTFOLIO**

- ☑ One winner per age division
- ☑ Delegates submit their modeling portfolio containing a variety of casting, commercial and editorial style photography
- ☑ Photos must be bound together, no loose photos
- ☑ Delegates are judged on content, professionalism and overall presentation
- ☑ Fee \$50

# *Optional Competitions*

## **FASHION RUNWAY**

- ☑ One winner per age division
- ☑ Delegates will models a "red carpet" or fashion outfit of her choice to showcase her personality and sense of fashion style on the runway. Judges will be looking for modeling ability, personality, overall appearance and stage presence.
- ☑ Fee \$50



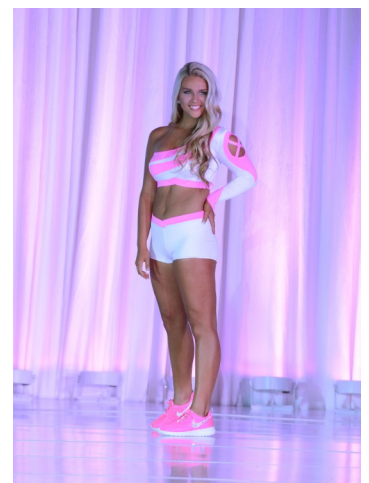
## **BEST EVENING GOWN**

- ☑ One winner per age division
- ☑ Winners are chosen based on the judges' choice of Evening Gown design and fit (not the entire onstage competition).
- ☑ Fee \$50



## **BEST FITNESS ATTIRE**

- ☑ One winner per age division
- ☑ Winners are chosen based on the judges' choice of Fitness Attire, including design, creativity and fit (not the entire onstage competition).
- ☑ Fee \$50



# *Optional Competitions*

## **TOP SCHOLAR AWARD**

- ☑ One winner per age division
- ☑ Delegates must submit current school transcript
- ☑ Current Academic Grade Report showing both cumulative and latest grading period must be submitted to qualify
- ☑ Fee \$0

## **NATIONAL COMMUNITY SERVICE / MISSIONARY AWARD**

- ☑ One winner per age division
- ☑ Delegate must submit a written essay describing their service project experience, the impact made, and what they learned from the experience
- ☑ Fee \$0

# *International Royalty*

## **What is expected of Titleholders?**

The Miss American Teen International Royalty Court will become a part of a small, but growing sisterhood like no other. International queens are typically invited to attend pageants and events across the country and can use their titles to promote their personal platforms on a national level. As our pageant system grows, so will the responsibilities and benefits of our titleholders.

If selected as Miss American Teen or Miss American Jr. Teen, keep in mind that you are always representing the pageant and, as such, will be held to the highest standards of conduct. Winners are expected to promote their titles during their reign. Bullying, hate speech, violence, unsportsmanlike conduct or any behavior not representative of the morals and ideals of the pageant system will be grounds for contract termination and loss of title and prizes.

International titleholders will receive modeling invitations for fashion shows both domestic and international. However, personal expenses for their travel allowance may be incurred. Sponsors may be recruited to assist with personal travel costs.

*International titleholders must make a minimum of four (4) in person appearances (once every three months) throughout the year and post at least once per week on their official social media accounts.*



# Competition Policies



## Sponsorship Fees / International Package Fees

Our Sponsorship Fee covers the cost of all mandatory competitions to win a division title. The International Package Fee covers all Optional competitions.

## Separate Costs

In addition to their pageant fees, delegates may purchase individual optional competitions or activities when available. Competition related costs are at the delegate's own expense, such as photography, hair and makeup, competition wardrobe and incidentals. Cost of optional activities and competitions are posted on our website, along with approved vendors for hair and makeup.

## Dressing Room Policy

Delegates may have one parent or guest to assist them backstage; however, the helper must purchase a ticket. It is strongly suggested that delegates choose outfits and hairstyles that are easy to maneuver quickly without a parent's assistance. Do not leave money or valuables in the dressing rooms as they are unsecured. Miss American Teen will not be responsible for lost items or valuables. **Food will be allowed in the dressing rooms, but everything must be discarded in the trash receptacles before leaving the theater.**

**Important Notice:** Absolutely NO CAMERAS or cell phones are allowed in the dressing rooms. Picture taking is not allowed in the dressing rooms – no exceptions. Anyone found in violation of this policy will be disqualified.

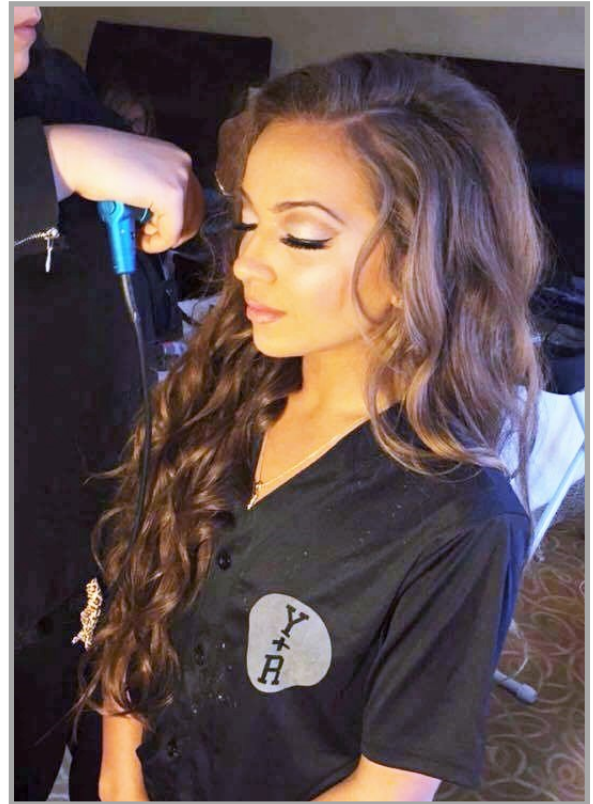


# Pageant Vendors

## Hair and makeup Team

Our hair and makeup vendor is will be announced soon. Using this service is optional and there is no requirement to use our preferred hair and makeup team. If the delegate brings her own vendor, the vendor must purchase a ticket and receive a special vendor backstage pass.

Contact information and links available for booking will be accessible from the Backstage page.



## Pageant Photography Package

Our approved photography vendor is **Baron DaParre**. A basic package of photos from the weekend events will be available for purchase. Photos of each delegate in their competition wear, as well as photos from the events are included in the Basic Photo Package.

Contact information and link for booking will be posted on the Backstage when available.



*Wednesday, July 15, 2026*

**LEWISVILLE GRAND THEATER**

8:00 AM

CHECK-IN

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100 N Charles St, Lewisville, TX 75057

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