

# Welcome to Florida's Our Little Miss

Welcome to the Our Little Miss family! We are excited to have you join us for our 2023 Official State Scholarship Competition. Our Little Miss is celebrating over six decades of pageantry, and the best is yet to come.

Get ready to have a great time, have tons of fun, and make memories that will last a lifetime.

This serves as your handbook for the state pageant.

STEP 1: COMPLETE THE FIRST REGISTRATION FORM ONLINE AT floridasourlittlemiss.com

# **Age Divisions**

Girls Divisions

0—2 years, 3—6 years, 7—9 years, 10—12 years, 13—15 years,

16—20 years, 21—28 years, and 29+ years

Boys Divisions

0-2 years, 3-6 years, 7-9 years, 10+ years

### **Required Competitions**

All age divisions must compete in Interview, Casual Wear, and Party Dress/Evening Gown.

Ages 7—20 years are also required to compete in Talent.

Ages 21+ are also required to compete in Community Forum.

Clothing guidelines and examples can be found here in this handbook as well as on our website.

# **Optionals Offered**

We offer the following optionals at our state competition:

Miss Photogenic, Livin' Doll, Florida's Ambassador, Commercial Print Categories, Pro-Am Modeling, Optional Talent, Prettiest Eyes/Hair/Smile, Best Dress/Sportswear, Practice Interview, Popular Miss, People's Choice, and Charitable Miss or Mister.

Descriptions of all the optionals can be found on a later page in this handbook.

### **Award Information**

The following awards will be given in each division:

Overall Divisional Queen, Princess (Successor to the Crown), Personality Plus or Talent, and Mini Queen, followed by Alternates, Finalists, and Semi Finalists.

#### **Overall Divisional Winner's Package:**

Official Our Little Miss Rhinestone Round Crown, Monogrammed Banner, Official Scepter, Use of Robe for 1 year, Community Appearances, Gifts, Queens Party, & Cash Scholarship\*.

\*Scholarship given if reign is fulfilled and winner MUST compete in the World Competition!

# **Clothing Rules / Pageant Regulations**



# FIRST REMEMBER THAT WE ARE A NATURAL PAGEANT SYSTEM! ALL HAIR AND MAKE-UP MUST BE AGE APPROPRIATE!

We want the GIRL to shine, NOT the clothes! No fake hair, teeth, etc. are allowed!

#### **EVENT**

#### WHAT IS IT?

#### WHAT DO I WEAR?

# Close—Up Appraisal (Interview)



This is a time for the judges to see contestants up close and get to know them better! Chaperones for 0-2 contestants will introduce their contestant with their name, age (in months) and hometown. They will then tell the judges 2 or 3 fun/interesting facts about their contestant. Contestants ages 3 and up will introduce themselves to the judges by stating their name, age, city, and state followed by a basic pivot. Contestants will then answer a set of age-appropriate questions.

# **RECOMMENDED ATTIRE:** DRESS/PANTSUIT / SKIRT AND TOP/JACKET

Think interviewing for a job!
For younger contestants, we recommend
a nice Sunday's Best Dress. For older
contestants, we recommend a pantsuit or skirt
with top/jacket. We highly suggest either no
sparkle or very little sparkle on outfits! Keep it
simple and classic!

Additional clothing guidelines below! See examples on the next page!

#### **Sportswear**



Sportswear is our Casual Wear Competition. All contestants will individually model their outfits on stage. Once each contestant has modeled on stage, the whole age group will come back on stage for a parade of beauties.

#### RECOMMENDED ATTIRE: CASUAL WEAR

Casual Wear should be a pant, short, or skirt outfit, or a dress that shows off their personal style. The outfit can be as simple or as formal as you would like! It should be modest, age—appropriate and should not be high glitz or costume looking.

Additional clothing guidelines below!

See examples on the next page!

### Party Dress



Party Dress / Evening Gown is our Beauty Wear competition. All contestants will individually model their beauty wear on stage. Once each contestant has modeled on stage, the whole age group will come back on stage for a parade of beauties.

#### RECOMMENDED ATTIRE: BEAUTY DRESS

Contestants ages 0—9 should wear a short pageant style dress while contestants ages 10 and up should wear a floor length gown. We love sparkle, but please no glitz dresses!

Additional clothing guidelines below!

See examples on the next page!

# Talent

**Ages 7—20 yrs** are required to compete in talent. Times for talent **CANNOT** go over 2 minutes in length. Music should be emailed to floridasolm@gmail.com by April 23, 2023.

Talent clothing must follow the clothing rules. Ex: No midriffs, no strapless, etc. Additional clothing guidelines below! See our website for examples!

### Additional clothing GUIDELINES

We are a natural pageant system! Clothes should be modest, conservative, and age appropriate! *We recommend:* 

- •No slits above the knee
- •No strapless outfits—1" straps for ages 0—12 and at least spaghetti straps for ages 13+
- •No tattoos visible on stage or in interview (This includes 0—2 chaperones)
- •No exposed stomachs or midriffs
- •No overdone jewelry or make—up for younger divisions especially
- •Community Forum for 21+ should follow the interview recommendations listed above.

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# **Clothing Examples**

# Close—up Appraisal (Interview)





















# **Casual Wear**



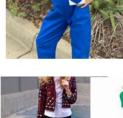
















# Party Dress/Evening Gown (Beauty Wear)



















# **Modeling Formation**

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Sample Stage (Subject to Change)

#### 0—2 Contestants:

Chaperones will model their contestants (see rule below). We recommend turning your baby around at the front X so the judges can see the back of their outfit/hair/etc. Your baby can walk or be carried! It's your choice! Show off your baby, but remember....NO COACHING YOUR BABY ONSTAGE! Audience members can cheer for every contestant, but NO COACHING from the audience either!

#### 3 and up Contestants:

Smile big! Don't forget eye contact with the judges! Don't go too fast or too slow! We prefer a nice, natural model! Contestants are free (not required) to do a step-step-turn or circle turn at the front X. We are a natural system and want natural modeling! AVOID sassy walks, hands-on hips, kissy faces, etc.

#### **Group Line Up**

For Sportswear and Party Dress, each age division will model individually. After everyone has modeled in that age group, the entire age group will go back on stage for a group line up. We will most likely ask the group to turn around once to see back of outfits/hair/etc.

#### **On Stage Introductions/Questions**

For the beauty wear competition, we will do a parade of beauties! Each contestant (or baby chaperone) will say their name, age, and hometown on stage to introduce themselves. They will then model beauty wear. If the judges request it, ages 3 and up will also answer an age-appropriate onstage question.

# Hands-On Regulation for 0-2

ALL contestants in the 0-2 age division have a

#### **HANDS ON RULE**

for every competition. For safety purposes, the contestant's chaperone must keep his/her hands on the contestant at ALL times during official competition.

Don't let go on stage! Don't let go in interview!

This does not include the party or optional talent! Let them dance and have fun at the party. If they are competing in optional talent, the chaperone just needs to stand close to them.





# **Optional Competitions**

Optional competitions are offered for extra practice and opportunities for optional category awards. Optional competition results do NOT change the outcome of the official results. All optionals are judged by a separate panel of judges. The official judges do not know who enters or wins the optional categories.

#### **Miss Photogenic**

Do you have a beautiful photo? To enter Miss Photogenic, your photo must be emailed **floridasolm@gmail.com** by **April 23, 2023**.

No late entries will be accepted. Winner's will receive a full page in the program book along with a crown and banner. Glitz photos are not

program book along with a crown and banner. Glitz photos are not accepted. Judging is based on beauty, clarity, and personality of photo.



#### Livin' Doll (Highly Recommended)

Livin' Doll is a fun competition that is judged solely on facial beauty and stage presence by a different panel of judges. All you need is a beauty dress! It can be the same dress that you will wear for the main competition or a different one! **No rules for Livin' Doll dress**, so feel free to bring out the **SPARKLE**! This is a GREAT chance to practice your beauty modeling before the main competition. Winners will be crowned right after the event!



Divisions: 0—18 months, 19—36 months, 3—4 years, 5—6 years, 7—9 years, 10—12 years, 13—17 years, 18+ years

#### **Commercial Print Categories**

We love to see your print work! Enter your Portfolio, Best Head Shot, Tear Sheets, and/or Zed Cards! Commercial print is judged based on all photogenic aspects: beauty, personality, clarity, and variety. All entries must be turned in at Registration...do not mail these items!!!

- → Portfolio: Must be submitted in a picture book of some kind. Must contain 5 or more different shots. Pictures can be any size and picture color does not matter.
- → Best Head Shot: You can enter as many photos as you like for Best Head Shot. Must be individual pictures and should be a head and shoulder shot. Size and color of picture does not matter.
- → Tear Sheet: Have you ever been photographed for a magazine, newspaper, or any print item? If so, submit a copy of your work! Items must be fairly recent to your current age. Simply "tear" your work out and compete in Best Tear Sheet!
- → Composite/Zed Cards: Do you have an official modeling composite/zed card that you use at auditions? If not, feel free to make one and enter the Best Comp/Zed Card Competitions. Cards can be any size (5x7 is most popular) and on the front should be your best head shot and on the back should be a variety of your photos. Include your stats—Eye Color, Hair Color, Height, Weight, and any other information you use to book jobs! Color or BW pictures are accepted!





#### Florida's Official Ambassador Title

Florida's Ambassador is an additional fun competition, but is not considered an official title. The winner is not required to compete at the World level. Areas of required competition include Party Dress / Formal wear, Close Up Appraisal, and Casual Wear / Sportswear. Contestants compete at the same time as Official Competition, and will have the same judges. This is an add-on competition, or can be entered separately. Note: If you are signed up for Official competition and Florida Ambassador you cannot be double crowned for both. If you win the queen title in your division, you will forfeit the right to the Ambassador title.



# **Optional Competitions Continued**

#### Pro Am Modeling (Highly Recommended)

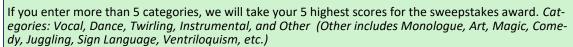
This competition is a fun way to get stage practice while modeling your favorite outfits/costumes. Judging will be based on stage presentation, facial beauty, grooming, and overall personality. Glitz and/or High Fashion model is not required. 1 score sheet per outfit will be given and a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place will be awarded in each category per age division. This is also a great way to pick which sportswear and/or party dress/evening gown you want to use during official competition if you are having trouble deciding on one! Competition clothing rules, do not apply for Pro Am Modeling! Enter as many as you like, but enter <u>5 or more</u> and you will be eligible to win sweepstakes for your age division and possibly win <u>the Model of the Year Title!</u> If you enter more than 5 categories, we will take your 5 highest scores for the sweepstakes award.



Categories: Formal Wear (Party Dress/Evening Gown), Casual Wear, Vintage Wear, Suede/Leather Wear, Sleepwear, Rainwear, Today's Fad, Western Wear, Animal Print, TV/Movie Costume, Hat Wear, State/Country Costume, Sports Fan Wear, and Glamo-Camo Wear.

#### **Optional Talent**

Do you love to perform? Now is your chance! Open to ALL age groups! 1 score sheet per performance will be given and a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place will be awarded in each category per age division. Please follow OLM guidelines for clothing. All acts must be appropriate for a family audience and talent time cannot exceed 2 minutes! Enter as many as you like, but enter 5 or more and you will be eligible to win the Entertainer of the Year Title!





#### Prettiest Eyes, Hair, Smile, Dress & Sportswear

One winner will be chosen per division per category. These will be judged throughout the entire pageant and the winners will be announced during Finals. This is an easy way to compete for extra awards!



#### <u>Practice Interview (Highly Recommended)</u>

This optional is intended to help you practice your interview skills before the actual event. You will go through a mock interview session and will be given a score sheet with your critiques. This will allow you to feel more confident before entering the real event!



#### **Popular Miss**

Sell ads for our program book and not only get discounts off your fees, but you will also gain points towards our Popular Miss Award. If you sell 5 or more full page ads or a combination of sizes to make full pages, you will be in the running for this award. You will win a free entry to next season's state competition, crown, and banner.



#### People's Choice Voting

Online People's Choice voting will take place prior to the state pageant and will conclude before Finals. Votes will be \$1 each and can be purchased online by friends and family. This is a great way to show support of your favorite contestant. The winner will earn a portion of their vote money to be applied to their **WORLD FEES**!!!



# **Program Book**



### **Program Book Pictures: Picture Deadline**

**April 23, 2023** 



#### **Roster Photo:**

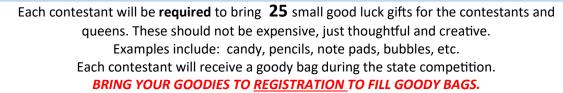
Every contestant will get her picture printed in the State Program book. You must submit one picture with your forms by the deadline. The picture cannot be glitz and/or retouched. Natural photos only! Headshots work best!

#### Miss Photogenic:

All entering Miss Photogenic will get an additional picture printed in the book. This picture can be the same or different from your Roster Photo.

All Roster and Miss Photogenic pictures MUST be emailed to floridasolm@gmail.com

# **Goody Bag/Royalty Gifts**





Every contestant is **required** to bring **2 royalty gifts to state**. These should be small gifts that will be given to the outgoing and incoming queens in their age division. Each gift should cost no more than \$5—\$10 and should be appropriate for your age division. Please write your name and age division on each gift.

BRING BOTH INCOMING & OUTGOING QUEEN GIFTS TO REGISTRATION.

# **Wild About Our Little Miss Theme Party**



# Wear your favorite animal outfit to the theme party and get Wild About Our Little Miss!

We will have music, games, and surprises in store!

One Contestant Ticket and One Chaperone Ticket is included in your entry fee!

Additional guests (ages 3 and older) will need
to purchase a ticket if they would like to attend!

Additional party tickets are \$25 and can be purchased in advance, at registration, or at the door, subject to availability.

### **Crowns for a Cause**

We are proud to support Children's Miracle Network through Crowns for a Cause. We ask that you collect childrens or adult cute socks that will be donated to the CMN Hospital in Pensacola. The contestant bringing the most socks to the Florida State pageant will receive the title of Charitable Miss or Mister. Contestants, Visiting, State, and World Queens are eligible for this title. Learn more at www.facebook.com/crownsforacauseorg.



### **Event Location**

All events will be held at
Walton High School
449 Walton Rd, Defuniak Springs, FL 32433

# **Guest Badges / Door Admission**

Having family, friends, or other guests coming to watch? Everyone **ages 3 and up** needs a Guest Badge!

Each contestant will receive ONE Guest Badge as part of their entry fee!

Other guests **ages 3 and up** will need to purchase a guest badge to watch the competitions. Badges can be purchased for a single event or bundle and save by getting a weekend pass! Prices are below! Please inform your guests that they will need a badge to enter!

Single Events = \$10 each

Does **NOT** include Grand Finals.

Weekend Badge = \$40

Includes **ALL** staged events **INCLUDING** Grand Finals

**Grand Finals Only Badge = \$20** 

This badge is good for Grand Finals **ONLY**.

Please note the above does NOT include the theme party.

Theme party tickets are sold separately.



# **Entry Deadline**

Deadline for Entry is April 23, 2023

Questions? Email Tina Jackson or Chancey Rushing at floridasolm@gmail.com

# **Pageant Fees**

This is a worksheet for you to use to help before you fill out the online forms!

#### Mandatory Fees—Choose one of the options below!

Entry Fee for all female contestants is \$450. Contestants who attended a preliminary pageant are eligible for a discounted entry fee (listed below) based on their placement at the preliminary pageant. Honor Roll contestants (have attended a state pageant in the past) are also eligible for a discount (listed below).

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These fees include entry into all mandatory competitions for your age group, one chaperone badge, 1 program book, theme party ticket for contestant and chaperone! The entry fees do not include any optionals you may choose to enter.				
☐ Won QUEEN, AMBASSADOR, or PRINCESS at Preliminary Pageant = \$375 Entry Fee For a contestant that just won QUEEN or PRINCESS at a preliminary pageant this season.				
☐ Won PERSONALITY or ALTERNATE at Preliminary Pageant = \$375 Entry Fee  For a contestant that just won PERSONALITY, or ALTERNATE at a preliminary pageant this season.				
☐ <b>Honor Roll Contestant = \$350 Entry Fee</b> This option is for contestants that have entered an OLM state pageant in the past.				
□ <b>Contestant At-Large = \$450 Entry Fee</b> This option is for anyone that has never attended any Our Little Miss Competition.				
□ <b>Winner's Circle = \$125 Entry Fee</b> This option is for a contestant that has already paid their deposit into the upcoming world pageant. They are just competing for practice and cannot win a divisional title				
☐ Florida's Ambassador/USA = \$325 Entry Fee (or \$100 as add-on to Official Entry) This option is for anyone that has never attended any Our Little Miss Competition.				
□ Boy's Division = \$350 Entry Fee				
My Mandatory Fees =				
Optional Fees				
☐ Miss Photogenic—1 photo = \$50	☐ Miss Photogenic—2 photos = \$80			
☐ Livin' Doll Contestant = \$50	☐ Dueling Divas = \$50			
☐ Commercial Print Portfolio = \$20	☐ Commercial Head Shot = \$20			
□ Commercial Zed Card = \$20	☐ Commercial Tear Sheet = \$20			
□ <b>Pro Am Modeling = \$15 per entry</b> Categories: Formal Wear (Party Dress/Evening Gown), Casual Wear, Vintage Wear, Suede/Leather Wear, Sleepwear, Rainwear, Today's Fad, Western Wear, Animal Print, TV/Movie Costume, Hat Wear, State/Country Costume, Sports Fan Wear, and Glamo-Camo Wear. (Enter 5 or more and qualify for a chance to win Division Sweepstakes and MODEL OF THE YEAR)				
□ <b>Optional Talent = \$15 per entry</b> Categories: Vocal, Dance, Twirling, Instrumental, and Other (Other includes Monologue, Art, Magic, Comedy, Juggling, Sign Language, Ventriloquism, etc.) (Enter 5 or more and qualify for a chance to win Division Sweepstakes and ENTERTAINER OF THE YEAR)				
□ Prettiest Eyes = \$10	☐ Prettiest Hair = \$10			
☐ Prettiest Smile = \$10	☐ Best Dress = \$10			
☐ Best Sportswear = \$10	☐ Practice Interview = \$10			
$\Box$ <b>Additional Party Tickets = \$25</b> (one contestant ticket and one chaperone ticket is included in your entry fee) Party tickets can be purchased in advance, at registration, or at the door subject to availability.				
☐ Guest Badges = See previous page for event pricing  For additional guests (not chaperones) to enter all staged events (does not include the theme party)				
My Optional Fees =				

# **Looking for ways to raise money?**

#### **PATRON LISTINGS**

Patron sponsors will be listed in the Official Program Book for only \$10 per listing. The best part of all... \$8 of every \$10 you submit from your patron sponsors will be applied to YOUR pageant expenses! Each listing will consist of your contestant's name, patron's name, and a good luck message or well wish!

There is not a set limit on how many patron listings you are allowed to sell!

#### **HOW DOES IT WORK? / WHAT DO YOU DO?**

Ask friends/family/co-workers/anyone to send a good luck message or a well wish to your contestant for \$10. You collect the \$10 from them and send the \$10 to State Headquarters.

When the \$10 is received, \$8 will be subtracted off of your state balance!

Send the money through PayPal (floridasolm@gmail.com as friends and family only).

# SUBMIT PATRON MESSAGES AT FLORIDASOURLITTLEMISS.COM Must be entered by April 15, 2022

Example: Good Luck, Brooklyn Jackson! We love you to the moon and stars! - Grammy and Poppa

My Patron Listing Worksheet				
Patron Listing	Price	You Receive		
Patron Listing	\$10	\$8 credit		

#### **ADVERTISING**

Sell ads to earn credits! Prices and credits are described below! qualify for Popular Miss by selling a combination of at least 3 pages!

There is no limit to the number of ads you can sell!

#### **HOW DOES IT WORK? / WHAT DO YOU DO?**

Ask friends/family/businesses/anyone to purchase an ad for our program book. It is similar to ads you see in a program at a football game or dance recital. You collect the money from them and send the money to State Headquarters. Your state balance will be credited after the money is received!

We can use business cards, flyers, or State Headquarters is happy to design something for you!

All information about the ad (name, ad size, graphics/photos, text, etc) must be emailed by the date below!

Send the money through PayPal (floridasolm@gmail.com as friends and family only).

# Submit ad details at floridasourlittlemiss.com Email ad information to floridasolm@gmail.com by April 23, 2023

My Ad Worksheet					
Page Size	Size	Price	You Receive		
Full Page	8 x 10	\$100	\$50 credit		
Half Page	8 x 5	\$75	\$37.50 credit		
Quarter Page	4 x 5	\$50	\$25 credit		
Eighth Page	4 x 2.5	\$25	\$12.50 credit		

