

# 2025 Miss Sumter County Pageant

## Little Miss, Princess, and Junior Miss

### Guidelines February 22, 2025 at

**11:00 am**

Access to Dressing Room begins at 8:00 a.m. Enter through the east door of the building. You may have help unloading (No Males Please). During the pageant, each contestant will be allowed one person to remain in the dressing room with her. Beginning at 10:30 am, 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 10am. Auditorium will be cleared between Pageants. The

pageant will consist of the following judged categories:

#### **OPENING NUMBER:**

- ❖ All contestants will perform an opening group dance number. This will not be judged. It's a time to show your personality and have fun! **Contestants will be required to wear the pageant t-shirt (pink shirt with white writing), and white bottoms of your choice. You may accessorize, any shoe color.** This is not judged.

#### **OUTFIT OF CHOICE:**

- ❖ Contestants will re-enter the stage (one at a time) in her Outfit of Choice (OOC). This is an outfit that exhibits the contestant's personality and creativity. Please NO costumes or sports uniforms. The contestant will be judged on poise, personality, and creativity.

#### **ON-STAGE INTRODUCTION:**

- ❖ During OOC, each contestant will introduce herself in 30 seconds or less before completing her walk on the stage. This introduction will be judged based on personality, poise and projection.
- ❖ Contestant will be judged on fit of outfit, modeling, and personality.

#### **TALENT- JUNIOR MISS DIVISION ONLY!!!!**

- ❖ Talent should be age appropriate and pageant appropriate (family-friendly).
- ❖ Talent should not last more than 2:00 minutes. \*2 point deduction will be applied to talent score for every minute over the time limit.
- ❖ 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. No pageant staff will be helping the contestant. This will be to the responsibility of the contestant to figure out the logistics of this talent).
- ❖ Instrumental tracks ONLY should be used for vocal performances.
- ❖ "Talent Request Form" and music (emailed to [MissSumterCofl@gmail.com](mailto:MissSumterCofl@gmail.com) with Contestant Name and Division) must be completed and turned in no later than 6:45 February 11<sup>th</sup> (first practice). Talent can be practiced at this scheduled pageant practice, at Dress Rehearsal.
- ❖ 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:**

- ❖ Contestant should wear a pageant or party-type dress. (Little Miss should wear a short dress, Princess can wear a short or long dress)
- ❖ Junior Miss wears floor length dress with fuller skirt
- ❖ Dress should be age appropriate.
- ❖ Please follow the modeling pattern. (Same as Outfit of Choice)
- ❖ Contestant will be judged on fit of dress, beauty and poise.

**ON-STAGE QUESTION:**

- ❖ Contestants will be asked one question before they begin their walk during evening wear.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ This will be an age-appropriate question. The contestant will be judged on confidence, poise, and projection.

**PHOTOGENIC COMPETITION:**

- ❖ This is a competition that will take place off stage with the judges exclusively.
- ❖ Contestants will submit an 8 x 10 photograph/headshot. This does not have to be a professionally taken photo.
- ❖ Photos will not be returned after judging.
- ❖ This category is included in your registration fee.