

Hello! And Happy New Year!

*Welcome to **the Southeast (Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee) U.S. United Pageant!** We will be honoring females, ages 7 and older for their personal, professional, and community achievements. Our pageant will showcase each contestant on her own merits and personality. We will also be showcasing our “littles” (Princesses ages 3-4 and Tiny Miss ages 5-6) who are just beginning their pageant journey or who want to have the experience of being on stage. We focus on the individual inner beauty of each contestant, as well as her individual achievements, community involvement and personal strengths and talents. We do not believe in comparison judging. The 2026 Southeast Pageant will take place February 21, 2026, at the Tucker Recreation Center located at 4898 Lavista Road in Tucker, GA. This will be a One-day pageant open to females who live, work, have property in or go to school in Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, Tennessee, North Carolina and South Carolina.*

Winners from this pageant will advance to the U.S. United national pageant August 5-9, 2026, in Atlanta, GA. Winners in the Princess and Tiny Miss divisions will be presented at the national pageant in August; however, they will not compete.

Please read the following information in its entirety.

Do not hesitate to contact our office if you have any questions.

We have created a New Year Special for those of you who may want to compete but may not have the entry fee. NO PROBLEM AT ALL! Our special requires that you enter our Entry Fee People's Choice competition. Ask family and friends to help sponsor you!

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS!

1. Submit your application and \$50 registration fee. Your application will be reviewed and someone from our office will contact you within 24 hours of receipt.
2. Submit a headshot for our sponsor page.
3. Share your sponsor link with family and friends and ask them to assist you.
4. **You must collect at least 175 in sponsorships.**
 - a. You may sponsor yourself for \$175 **OR**
 - b. Get 10 people to give you \$10 and 15 people to give you \$5.
 - c. Get 20 people to give you \$10 and enter 1 optional competition.

THAT'S IT! You'll be surprised at how many people will be willing to help you. Get started today! Once we receive your headshot, your sponsor page will be set up.

BUT WAIT! THERE'S MORE!

The contestant who receives at least \$600 in sponsorships will automatically advance to the national pageant!

ENTRY DEADLINE:

The pageant's entry deadline is **January 21, 2026**. This is when all applications, fees and paperwork must be turned into the Pageant Office. If you know someone that would like to compete, please urge them to go ahead and submit their application.

ALL FEES MUST BE paid in full by **January 31, 2026.**

FEE PAYMENT:

Your Pageant fee is as follows:

\$50.00 (non-refundable) Registration fee
\$175.00(non-refundable sponsor fee)

Total fee is \$225.

THE COMPETITION FEE FOR PRINCESSES (AGE 3-4) AND TINY MISS (AGE 5-6) IS ONLY \$75! THERE IS A \$25 APPLICATION/PROCESSING FEE WHICH SHOULD BE SUBMITTED WITH THE APPLICATION.

PRINCESSES COMPETE IN FORMAL WEAR ONLY.

THERE IS A MANDATORY \$20 PHOTO FEE FOR ALL CONTESTANTS. THIS FEE WILL INCLUDE 3 ONSTAGE SHOTS (DOES NOT INCLUDE CROWNING SHOTS. THIS FEE MUST BE PAID AT REGISTRATION.

You may pay your fees through **PayPal, Zelle or Cash App.**

The PayPal address is

legacypageantsus@gmail.com

(Paypal does charge a 3.9% fee.

The fee will be added to your last payment if not paid with your fee

Zelle

info@usunitedpageant.com

Cash App

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HOTEL INFORMATION

There are several hotels and restaurants near the Recreation Center. A list will be provided in the email group.

QUEEN'S CONTRACT

Each divisional winner will sign a Queen's Contract. This contract spells out in detail what is expected of you. **All winners ages 7 and older are required to compete in the national pageant in August 2026 in Atlanta. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RESULT IN RELINQUISHMENT OF STATE TITLE. STATE SASH, CROWN, AND TROPHY MUST BE RETURNED IN THE SAME CONDITION IT WAS PRESENTED. A \$350 FINE WILL ALSO INCUR AND WILL BE PAID TO THE NATIONAL OFFICE. State Royalty must register for the national competition, as well as ensure payment of a \$195 deposit towards her national finalist package. This deposit will be paid immediately following the crowning of the state royalty during the signing of contracts.** The fee may be paid through Paypal, Cash App or Zelle to the national office. If paying via PayPal, the fee must be paid to the national paypal address (legacypageantsus@gmail.com) and MUST include the 3% Paypal fee.

PLEASE NOTE A state queen will not sign a state contract or receive her state title if the \$195 deposit to the national office is not paid immediately following the state pageant. This deposit will be deducted from her national fee.**

Competition Wardrobe And Judging Guidelines

Personal Interview – 40%

PRINCESSES AND TINY MISS WILL NOT COMPETE IN PERSONAL INTERVIEW.

Contestants should wear a business suit or business dress. You should look as though

you are going to a job interview or making an appearance. Please be mindful of the length of your skirt. You will be judged on your oral communication skills, confidence, poise, charisma, projection of personality and sincerity of your answers.

Outfit of Choice – 30%

This is an outfit of choice that best reflects your personality. Should you choose to wear a hat, PLEASE be sure your full face is visible to the judges at all times. You will be judged on poise, personality, charisma, overall presentation, and confidence. Have fun, let your personality shine! This outfit SHOULD NOT be an evening gown; however, you may wear a dress with a high/low hemline. This SHOULD NOT be a costume.

Evening Gown – 30%

Contestants should wear a floor length gown. The price of the gown is not important. You will be judged on poise, grace/elegance, overall presentation, eye contact, and confidence while on stage. Be sure your gown fits you well and is not too tight, too long or too short. Make sure it compliments your figure and is age appropriate. Girls in the princess and tiny miss divisions may wear a short or long pageant dress.

Other Clothing Needed

Comfortable clothes for rehearsal.

All outfits and shoes should be age appropriate

Optional Competitions

Scores from optional competitions have no bearing on the division winner. Contestants are not required to enter the optional competitions

Optional Competition Fees are due by February 10, 2026.

All optional winners will receive a commemorative award.

Talent Competition (optional \$25.00 fee)

The Talent Competition is an optional competition and does not affect the overall outcome of the pageant. You will need to have your Talent Entry form & Entry Fee to the Office by **February 10, 2026**. We need this information ahead of time because these names have to be added to the computer score sheet. Talent must not be longer than 2 minutes. Song, if applicable must be emailed to the national pageant office no later than February 5, 2026.

Photogenic Competition (optional \$25.00 fee)

Contestants in this competition should submit no more than 2 photographs. You should bring them with you and turn in at registration. Please be sure you pick them up before the pageant. Photos will not be mailed. Photographs should be at least a 4 X 6 and no larger than an 8 X 10 and may be either in color or black and white. Photos should be

professional and not a snapshot. Photos CANNOT be older than three years.

Community Service Scrapbook (optional \$25.00 fee)

You should bring your scrapbook with you. Please be sure to pick this up after the pageant. Your scrapbook should showcase your activities in your community and should be arranged by the most recent activities first.

People's Choice

All contestants will participate in the People's Choice competition. The People's Choice is chosen based on the contestant who has the most online votes. (\$1/vote) The People's Choice winner will receive an automatic entry into the national pageant and ½ of her national fee will be waived. If she wins her division, the People's Choice award will be awarded to the next contestant; however, she will be announced as the actual winner. She will also receive a crown, trophy, and sash.

The princess and tiny miss People's Choice winner will receive a large crown, trophy and a cash award.

Portfolio (\$25)

Contestants who enter this competition will present a modeling portfolio of 5-10 photographs.

Rip the Runway (\$25.00 fee)

Contestants who enter this competition will model an outfit of her choice. Judges will be looking for a young woman/woman with style, poise, modeling ability, choice of outfit.

U.S. United Scholar (no fee)

Contestants who enter this competition will submit an official school transcript and a short essay on why she feels she should receive this award.

Cover Girl (\$25.00 fee)

Contestants who enter this competition will submit up to 2 photos to be judged. Winner will have her photo printed on the program book cover.

PHOTOS MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN February 1, 2026, FOR JUDGING.

State Pageant Age Divisions

Princess (3-4 years)

Tiny Miss (5-6 years)

****The above divisions will not compete in the national pageant**

Little Miss (7-9 years)
Junior Teen Miss (10-12 years)
Teen Miss (13-16 years)
Miss (17-29 years)
Ms. (30-45 years)
Elite Ms. (46 and older)
Miss Plus (18-29 years, Size 16 and above)
Ms. Plus (30 years and older, Size 16 and above)
Mr. U.S. United (age 21 and older)

State Prize Package

All Southeast U.S. United Pageant Division Winners

*Official State Rhinestone Crown
Official Embroidered State Banner
Commemorative Award
Official Portrait Sitting
Opportunity to compete in the National Pageant
Free Pageant Prep Workshop (provided by Pageant Prep)
Other Prizes Will Be Added as They Become Available
\$50 Discount Off National Fees*

Each winner is required to purchase the National Finalist Package of \$620 which includes all National Activities and National Paperwork.

Admission to Meet and Greet
Admission to Themed Party
Admission to Pink Breast Cancer Breakfast
National pageant T-shirt
Full page ad in national program book
Gift Exchange
Admission to all pageants during pageant weekend

Fees MUST be paid in full by January 31, 2026.

Each State Queen will sign a State Queen's Contract

First Runner-Up

Awarded the "Georgia Peach" title

Commemorative Award

Will advance to the national pageant

Second Runner-Up

Commemorative Award

Awarded the "Heart of Georgia" title

Will have the opportunity to compete at the national level. Must pay national pageant fee

*****All Southeast U.S. United Division Queens are required to make at least 3 appearances before Nationals in August.**

Princess and Tiny Miss Prize Package

State crown

Embroidered State Sash

State Trophy

Gift Bag

Opportunity to Attend the National Pageant in August

***The U.S. United Pageant System is not responsible for prizes forfeited by sponsors. ***

***THE SOUTHEAST U.S. UNITED PAGEANT IS A PRELIMINARY PAGEANT FOR THE U.S. UNITED PAGEANT SYSTEM. WINNERS WILL ADVANCE TO THE NATIONAL PAGEANT. THIS IS NOT AN OPTION. WINNERS WHO DO NOT ADVANCE WILL HAVE THEIR TITLE REVOKED AND STATE SASH, CROWN, AND TROPHY MUST BE RETURNED TO THE STATE OFFICE. A \$395 FINE WILL INCUR.**

IT'S IMPORTANT THAT YOU KNOW YOUR BUDGET. WINNING A STATE TITLE AND SAYING YOU DON'T HAVE THE MONEY TO COMPETE AT NATIONALS IS NOT AN OPTION.

Questions?

**Contact our office at
info@usunitedpageant.com**

**WINNERS MUST OBTAIN AT LEAST A 60% TOTAL SCORE IN ORDER TO ADVANCE TO THE
NATIONAL PAGEANT**