

# Welcome to the *Central States U.S. United Pageant!*



We are excited to welcome you to our winning team! Our pageant features contestants ages 7 and older in the areas of interview, fun fashion, and evening gown. We focus on each girl's inner beauty, individual and community achievements, and personal merits alongside her individual strengths and talents.

**The Central States U.S. United pageant will take place February 9-10, 2024 at the Double Tree by Hilton in Springfield, MO.** This is a two-day pageant open to females who live, work, have property or attend school in **Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, or Oklahoma.** Winners from this pageant will proceed to Atlanta, GA for the national U.S. United pageant in July 2024. Below is important information about the Central States pageant. Please read the information in its entirety and do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. Our email is [centralstatesusunitedpageant@gmail.com](mailto:centralstatesusunitedpageant@gmail.com). Emily Gallup, Miss U.S. United 2019/2020, U.S. United Queens' Ambassador 2021, and 2023 Director of the Year is your Central States Director. Valerie Gallup, Elegant Elite Ms. U.S. United 2015 and Lifetime Queen, is your assistant director.

## Venue Information:

The 2024 Central States U.S. United pageant will be held at the **DoubleTree by Hilton** located at 2431 N Glenstone Ave. in Springfield, MO. All events on Friday and Saturday will take place in the hotel. There is a Houlihan's and breakfast café, as well as complementary coffee during your stay.



You are required to stay at the host hotel, with a room cost of \$129 per night. Suites are \$179 per night. Our room block information will be sent in your confirmation email.

Official Communication and updates will come via email and our official Central States Contestants Facebook Group; Please provide the Central States office with your Facebook profile information so that you can connect with us and receive real time information and updates.

## Fees:

*The entry deadline for this pageant is January 13, 2024*

All applications, paperwork and fees must be paid to the Central States U.S. United pageant office.

**All pageant fees must be paid in full by January 13, 2024.** There will be NO exceptions. Fees for stage optionals, photogenic, portfolio, and community service may be paid at registration. CoverGirl must be paid for and submitted by January 1, 2024. All fees are non-refundable and non-transferrable.

### The fee schedule is as follows:

\$25 application fee

\$275 pageant fee\*

The total fee is \$300 and may be paid via PayPal to

[CentralStatesUSUnitedPageant@gmail.com](mailto:CentralStatesUSUnitedPageant@gmail.com).

Your fee includes entry to the welcome orientation and Fairytale Party, as well as other pageant sponsored surprises which may occur throughout the weekend!



## Divisions:

All divisions will compete in Personal Interview, Fun Fashion, and Evening Gown

Little Miss: 7-9 (no makeup allowed)

Junior Teen Miss: 10-12 (lip gloss and mascara allowed)

Teen Miss: 13-17 (natural makeup only)

Miss: 18-29

Ms.: 30-45-single, married, widowed, divorced

Elite Ms.: 45 and older

Miss Plus: 18-29 and size 16+

Ms. Plus: 30 and older, and size 16+



## Phases of Competition:

Personal Introduction (10%) and Personal Interview (30%)



Alyssa Miles, Royal Mrs. U.S. United; Kelli Green-Lassman, Mrs. Kansas U.S. United

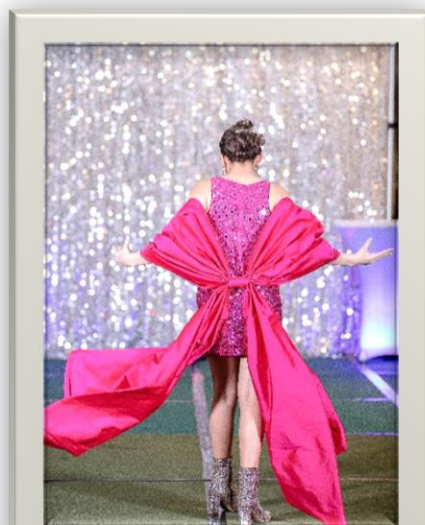
Contestants should wear a business suit, pant suit, or business dress. You should look as though you are going to a job interview or making an appearance. Please be mindful of the length of your skirt. Each contestant will prepare a 20 second introduction speech. You will be judged on oral communication skills, confidence, poise, charisma, projection of personality and sincerity of your answers. Judges will ask general questions about yourself and possibly something that you said in your introduction. Religious, political, and controversial questions will not be asked unless mentioned in your introduction.

Fun Fashion (30%)



McKenna Simitjis, Little Miss U.S. United

This is an outfit of your choice that best reflects your personality. You may use accessories. 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.



Isobel Murphy, Royal Teen Miss U.S.  
United

Evening Gown (30%)



Alyssa Miles, Royal Mrs. U.S. United



McKenna Simitjis, Little Miss U.S. United

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 big, too long or too short. Make sure it compliments your figure and is age appropriate.



Megan Murphy, Teen Miss U.S. United



Isobel Murphy, Royal Teen Miss U.S. United

## Other Clothing Needed:

**Opening Number:** Sparkling cocktail-length dress (any color except gold,) complementing shoes

**Group Photo:** Dark blue jeans (no holes,) fashionable pink top

**Theme Party:** Dress like your favorite fairytale

**Contract Signing:** Cocktail-style dress of your choice

**Rehearsal:** Fashionable and comfortable outfit

Each contestant is being offered a 20% discount at Natalie M. in Leawood, KS to help with her wardrobe needs and prepare her for our regional pageant.



Alyssa Miles, Royal Mrs. U.S. United; Antonio Bowen, U.S. United Duke; Zaria Gardner, Junior Teen Miss U.S. United



## Optional Competitions:

Optional competitions are a fun way to showcase various talents.

**These competitions do not have any bearing on the divisional winner. Each contestant is automatically considered for the People's Choice, Spirit of Pageantry, and Supermodel awards. Contestants are not required to enter optional competitions. Each winner will receive a trophy or commemorative award.**

### People's Choice: No fee

Each contestant is automatically entered in this competition and will bring a decorated container with her name and photo for the audience to select their favorite contestant. Online voting will also take place, and close on Friday night.

### Spirit of Pageantry: No fee

Each contestant is automatically entered in this competition. At the end of rehearsal, contestants will discreetly vote for the girl who best encompasses the pageant spirit.

### Supermodel: No Fee

The contestant with the highest overall style score in interview, fun fashion, and evening wear combined. At Nationals, this is the Queen of Distinction and is a national title.

### Talent: \$20

Talent is limited to 3 minutes in length. Your talent music must be emailed to [centralstatesusunitedpageant@gmail.com](mailto:centralstatesusunitedpageant@gmail.com) at least one week prior to the pageant.

### Community Service: \$20

Contestants participating in the Community Service optional will bring a scrapbook showcasing her contributions to her community. The scrapbook should begin with her most recent activities and will be picked up after the pageant. This will not be mailed back.

### Cover Girl: \$20

Interested contestants will submit up to 2 photos to be judged by a panel of photographers. There will be one winner in the Junior and adult divisions. The winners will have their photo placed in the program book. Entries and fees must be sent by email to [centralstatesusunitedpageant@gmail.com](mailto:centralstatesusunitedpageant@gmail.com) in jpeg format by January 1, 2024, for judging.



McKenna Simitjis, Little Miss U.S.  
United



Kelli Green-Lassman, Mrs.  
Kansas U.S. United

### State/Country Costume: \$20

Each contestant who participates will create either a state or country costume that depicts something about their state or country. Costumes should be creative and original. Costumes will be judged on originality and creativity.

### Fitness: \$20

Participants will wear a fitness outfit of your choice. Outfits should fit well, be flattering, and highlight your personal fitness. You will perform a small fitness routine onstage as well as model your outfit.

### Best In Attire: \$10 each/\$25 for all 3

This is a separate score for the Best in Interview, Best in Fun Fashion, and Best in Evening Gown attire awards.

### Portfolio: \$20

This competition involves submitting 5-10 photos in a physical modeling portfolio. You will be responsible for picking up your photos at the end of the pageant, as they will not be mailed back to you. These may either be in color or black and white.

### Photogenic: \$20

Contestants competing in this optional competition will bring 2 professional photographs to registration. You will need to write your name on the back of both photos, which should be at least a 4x6 and no larger than 8x10. You will be responsible for picking up your photos at the end of the pageant, as they will not be mailed back to you. These may either be in color or black and white and may NOT be older than 3 years.

### Rip the Runway: \$20

Contestants entering this competition will model an outfit of her choice which showcases her personal style. Judging will be based off poise, modeling ability, and choice of outfit.



Megan Murphy, Teen Miss U.S. United

## Prizes:

All Central States U.S. United queens  
will receive:

Official state crown and embroidered sash

Commemorative Award

Crown Pin

Scepter

Crown Case

Pageant Bootcamp

Discounted wardrobe with our official wardrobe  
sponsor, Natalie M. in Leawood, Kansas

Individual coaching by your Directors

**Other prizes will be announced as sponsors confirm  
participation. Be sure to check our Facebook page often!**

**Continue to check the Central States U.S. United Facebook page for announcements and updates.**

**Winners are responsible for the \$545 entry fee to the national pageant, \$50 National Application Fee,  
as well as your stay at the Nationals Host Hotel and transportation to the National Pageant.**

**Winners must obtain at least 60% of the total points to be able to advance to the National Pageant.**

**We will award up to two titles per division, per state: [Division] [State], and Heart of [State] IF both  
individuals meet the requirements to proceed to Nationals.**



Kelli Green-Lassman, Mrs. Kansas U.S.  
United

## Runners-Up will receive:



Isobel Murphy, Royal Teen Miss U.S. United

1<sup>st</sup> Runner-Up: Commemorative Award, free entry to next year's state pageant, invitation to compete as *State Nickname* at the National Pageant (if scoring 60% or higher at State)

Arkansas: Natural State

Kansas: Sunflower State

Missouri: Show-Me State

Oklahoma: Sooner State

2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-Up: Commemorative Award, 50% off entry to next year's state pageant

3<sup>rd</sup> Runner-Up: Commemorative Award, \$100 off entry to next year's state pageant

4<sup>th</sup> Runner-Up: Commemorative Award, \$50 off entry to next year's state pageant

Should the state queen be unable to fulfill her duties as a State Titleholder, the runner-up may be invited to take her place at the National Pageant.

Anyone competing as *State Nickname* will receive a crown, banner, crown pin, coaching from your directors, and invitation to Pageant Bootcamps.

## Queen of Queens and Junior Queen of Queens\*



*This is an honorary title and will be used for advertising purposes only. You will compete at the National Pageant under your state and division title. Requires a minimum of 8 adult contestants (Queen of Queens; Miss and up) and/or 8 junior contestants (Junior Queen of Queens; Little Miss-Teen Miss) A general Queen of Queens title will be awarded if those conditions are not met, however there is a minimum of 12 contestants between the junior and adult divisions.*

### Queen of Queens/Junior Queen of Queens will receive:

Custom embroidered sash

Luggage

\$50 application fee waived for the National Pageant\*

Other prizes will be announced as they become available

*\*\$50 fee will be waived upon confirmation by the Central States office that the remaining \$545 fee has been paid to the National Office*

## State Queens Contract:



Each division winner will be required to sign a queen's contract immediately following the competition. This contract spells out, in detail, what will be expected of the titleholder. Failure to sign the contract will result in immediate forfeiture of the title and prizes.

**If a queen signs the Central States U.S. United contract and chooses not to compete at the national pageant, she MUST return her state crown and sash to the regional office within 7 business days and pay a fine of \$350.**

This clause is included in the state contract and will be enforced. Exceptions may apply depending on the circumstances.

Each winner will be required to compete in the national pageant in Atlanta, Georgia.

## Additional Information

Please note that we may make divisional and title adjustments prior to nationals based on total number of entries in a division.

Planning and budgeting are important. Please do not hesitate to ask for help, ideas, and suggestions for fundraising and budgeting as you plan your pageant journey.

Tattoos must remain covered during the pageant events, pageant, and appearances.

One earring per ear is allowed. No other piercings will be allowed to be displayed during competition and appearances.

We are so glad to have you join us at our pageant!