

Hello!

*Welcome to **the Tri-State (Alabama, Georgia, 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 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 2025 Tri-State Pageant will take place March 7-8, 2025 at the Social Circle Theater at 680 Ashley Dr, Social Circle, GA. This will be a Two-day pageant open to females who live, work, have property in or go to school in Alabama, Georgia, or Tennessee.*

We welcome Donna Thompson as our Tri State Director.

Winners from this pageant will advance to the U.S. United national pageant July 17-20, 2025, in Atlanta, GA. Please read the following information in its entirety.

Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

ENTRY DEADLINE:

The pageant's entry deadline is January 15, 2025. 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 15, 2025.

FEE PAYMENT:

Your Pageant fee is as follows:

\$25.00 (non-refundable) Registration fee
\$175.00(non-refundable pageant fee)

Total fee is \$200.

You may pay your fees through PayPal. The PayPal address is

Tristateusu@gmail.com

HOTEL INFORMATION

The Host Hotel will be giving a discounted rate.

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 July 2024 in Atlanta. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RESULT IN RELINGUISHMENT 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 also must register for the national competition, as well as ensure payment of a \$195 deposit towards her national finalist package. 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%

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 be will 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.

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.

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 January 25, 2025.

Talent Competition (optional \$20.00 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 **January 25, 2025**. 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 January 25, 2025.

Photogenic Competition (optional \$20.00 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 \$20.00 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

People's Choice is chosen based on the 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.

Portfolio (\$20)

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

Rip the Runway (\$20.00 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 (\$20.00 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 JANUARY 25, 2025, FOR JUDGING.

Best In Attire \$20)

Contestants who enter this competition will be judged on their interview, fun fashion and evening gown attire.

State Pageant Age Divisions

Little Miss (7-9 years)

Junior Teen Miss (10-12 years)

Teen Miss (13-16 years)

Miss (17-29 years)

Ms. (30-45 years)

***Mrs. (must be married
and living with husband)***

Elite Ms. (46 and older)

Miss Plus (18-29 years, Size 16 and above)

Ms. Plus (30 years and older, Size 16 and above)

State Prize Package

All Tri-State U.S. United Pageant Division Winners

Official State Rhinestone Crown

Official Embroidered State Banner

Commemorative Award

Official Portrait Sitting

Complimentary Copy of the Pageant Program book

All National Paperwork

Gift at National Pageant

Other Prizes Will Be Added as They Become Available

Each winner is required to purchase the National Finalist Package of \$595 which includes all National Activities and National Paperwork.

Admission to Meet and Greet

Admission to Themed Party

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 June 1, 2025.

Each State Queen will sign a State Queen's Contract

First Runner-Up
Commemorative Award

Second Runner-Up
Commemorative Award

*****All Tri-State U.S. United Division Queens are required to make at least 3 appearances before Nationals in July.**

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

***THE Tri-State 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 \$495 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.

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