2024 Southern Orange Blossom™ Pageant

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When: Sunday, April 29th

Where: Avanti Palms Resort & Conference Center, 6515 International Drive, Orlando

Entry Fee: \$150 in advance via our website or \$200 at pageant registration. Optional competitions are \$15 each or 4/\$50. Optional Interview Videos are \$50. Entries will be accepted online until Saturday, April 27th at 5:00 PM. In person registration will begin at 8:30 am.

<u>Tickets:</u> \$10 available at registration and until showtime.

<u>Age Divisions:</u> Jr. Princess 4-6, Princess 7-9, Preteen 10-12, Jr. Teen 13-15, Teen 16-19, & Miss 20-25. Age is as of April 28, 2024**. <u>NO RESIDENCY RESTRICTIONS!</u>

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<u>Areas of Competition:</u> All divisions compete in interview, fun fashion, and formal attire. Formal attire can be long or short. Each area of competition is 1/3 of your final score.

<u>Interviews:</u> All contestants will have a 2-minute panel interview. If you are preparing for a pageant with an introduction, you may use it during your interview. All contestants will bring 3 copies of an interview bio to registration or the judges will ask the age appropriate questions provided to the panel!

<u>Optional Competitions:</u> The optional competitions are Most Photogenic, Best Smile, Hair & Personality. Photogenic entries are limited to one per contestant. Bring your photo with you to registration with your name & age on the back. Smile, hair, and personality will be judged during your interview.

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Pageant Schedule:

Boardroom Lobby Registration: Jr. Princess, Princess & Preteen 8:30-9:15 am/Jr. Teen, Teen & Miss 9:15-10:00 am. Open stage practice 8:00-10:00 am. Interviews for Jr.

Princess, Princess & Preteen will begin at 10:30. Interviews for Jr. Teen, Teen & Miss will begin at 11:30. Onstage competitions of fun fashion, followed by formal for all divisions will begin at 2:00 (this will be later if we have more than 35 contestants). Crowning will take place after a brief intermission.

Prizes:

The Southern Orange Blossom™ winners will receive a crown, sash, plaque, and their entry fee to USA National Miss Florida® October 19, 2024, if they choose to compete**, a Free Optional entry for the Sunshine Foundation Charity Pageant, and a \$100 discount to the North Florida Scholarship pageant (residency restrictions apply). One Overall winner (must be registered in all optionals) will also receive a large crown and an additional \$200 credit to be used towards UNM Florida in October. The Southern Orange Blossom™ pageant is non-binding, contract free, and a great opportunity to practice your skills prior to the upcoming summer pageant season! The pageant is open to all states. **Age as of June 1, 2025, determines competition division at UNM Florida in October.

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<u>Scores/Comments</u>: Scores and comments will be available immediately following crowning at no cost. If you do not pick these up at the pageant and request this information later, there will be a charge of \$10.00.

<u>Dressing Room/Hair & Makeup:</u> 1 wristband will be given to each contestant to be used by a FEMALE chaperone in the dressing room. Absolutely no males are allowed in the dressing room. All attendees, including chaperones, will need a show ticket. In addition, no photos are allowed in the dressing room. Hair & Makeup artists who have preregistered with the pageant will be allowed to setup early in the dressing room. No other artists will be permitted to do so.

<u>Photography:</u> Baron DaParre is our official photographer and will be selling photo packages at registration. No photography is allowed in the ballroom.

<u>Hair & Makeup:</u> We do not have hair and makeup rules, but prefer a more natural look versus glitz.

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