



# Frequently Asked Questions

## What are the age divisions?

Your competition division is determined by your age as of **June 1, 2025**: Jr. Princess (4-6), Princess (7-9), Preteen (10-12), Jr. Teen (13-15), Teen (16-19), Miss (20-25).

## What titles will be awarded?

We will be crowning 6 Florida divisional winners who receive their entry fee to nationals, along with an impressive prize package, and personalized preparation for nationals. Titleholders are responsible for required national package fees, optional entries, tickets, etc. as outlined at [www.usanationalmiss.com](http://www.usanationalmiss.com). If you do not win a title at UNM Florida, you are still eligible to compete at nationals with an open state/regional title!

## What is the Southern Sweetheart Practice Pageant? [Click Here To Register for Southern Sweetheart](#)

The Southern Sweetheart practice pageant is being held in conjunction with the Florida UNM pageant. The age divisions are the same, but the age is as of October 15, 2024. The Southern Sweetheart winners will not advance to nationals. The Southern Sweetheart contestants are eligible to compete in all Florida UNM optional competitions. The Southern Sweetheart entry fee is \$175 and includes your opening number shirt and photo in the program book. These contestants do not pay the \$100 registration fee for Florida UNM.

## What are the areas of competition?

All delegates compete in Personal Interview (40%), Onstage Runway (30%), and Onstage Evening Gown (30%). Jr. Princess and Princess will interview “round robin” style with each judge for one minute. Preteen, Jr. Teen, Teen & Miss will have a 3-minute panel interview, which includes a 20 second personal introduction/ice breaker. Optional competitions are Casual Wear, Cover Model, Supermodel and Role Model. Delegates, including Southern Sweetheart, will wear the official UNM Florida shirt and denim for the opening number.

## What are the pageant dates?

The USA National Miss Florida 2025 pageant will be held October 18-19, 2024, at the Avanti Palms Resort and Conference Center, 6515 International Drive, Orlando 32819. The queen’s breakfast, contract signing, and distribution of prizes will take place Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>.

## What is the pageant schedule?

Pageant weekend begins Friday evening with early registration and a welcome party. Final registration will take place Saturday morning, along with interviews and rehearsals. Additional rehearsals will continue Saturday afternoon, followed by onstage Casual Wear. Runway, Formal, awards, and crowning will take place late Saturday afternoon/early evening. Arriving Friday is not required.

**Do I have to win a preliminary to compete at USA National Miss Florida?**

Not at all! We offer practice pageants as opportunities to prepare for the state pageant or wherever you are planning to compete in the future.

**If I cannot compete at the UNM Florida pageant, can I attend nationals at large?**

After the Florida UNM pageant has concluded, there will be a total of six open titles available on a first come, first served basis if you did not compete at the state pageant. Registration and awarding of these titles are handled via the national office.

**How do I register for USA National Miss Florida or Southern Sweetheart?**

Registration is at [www.usanationalmiss.com/florida](http://www.usanationalmiss.com/florida) or at [www.southernpageantry.com/register](http://www.southernpageantry.com/register). A \$100 non-refundable registration fee will be due in addition to your entry fee. All contestants pay the registration fee, including practice pageant winners. Once registered, you will receive an email with information to log onto our website as a delegate, download the handbook, and book your hotel room. All paperwork, optional entries, photo submissions, etc. are handled in the delegate login. The only item brought to pageant weekend is your Role Model optional entry.

**What is the UNM Florida entry fee?**

The UNM Florida entry fee is \$395 and includes a half-page color ad and design for the program book, official shirt, and additional sponsored items. A non-refundable registration fee of \$100 is due at the time of your registration. You can make payments, with balances due no later than October 1, 2024. Optional local title crowns and sashes are available to purchase, after we receive your entry fee in full.

**When is the entry deadline?**

All paperwork and fees are due in our office no later than October 1, 2024.

**Am I required to attend USA National Miss if I win a Florida Title, and do I have to sign a contract?**

Yes, if you win one of our titles at USA National Miss Florida, you will be required to attend USA National Miss in Orlando July 13-19, 2025. In addition, you will not be able to compete at another National level scholarship pageant prior to USA National Miss. We do allow you to compete at smaller pageants to practice onstage prior to nationals, so long as we are made aware of your plans. Contracts for the Florida queens include appearances after nationals and returning to the 2026 pageant to crown your successor. Contract signing will take place Sunday morning, October 20, 2024, during the Royalty Breakfast. If for any reason you are unable to compete at USA National Miss 2025, you will forfeit your crown & sash, along with all prizes you have received, and will be responsible to pay USA National Miss at \$250 withdrawal fee.

**How do I contact USA National Miss Florida?**

Our email address is [floridaunm@gmail.com](mailto:floridaunm@gmail.com). You can find us on Facebook and Instagram USA National Miss Florida. Visit our website at [www.southernpageantry.com](http://www.southernpageantry.com). We look forward to hearing from you soon!

## USA National Miss Hair and Makeup Rules

**Jr. Princess & Princess:** are not allowed to wear full makeup in any phase of competition. However, they may use light, natural looking makeup during stage competitions only if necessary to enhance their features as they will be under stage lighting. Natural looking makeup includes powder, blush, lip gloss and a small amount of mascara to avoid being washed out. **NO makeup is allowed in interview.** Extensions/hair pieces/wigs are NOT allowed. False eyelashes are NOT allowed for any competition for interview or onstage competitions. The use of additional makeup other than what is allowed for delegates will result in deductions at the judges' discretion. We want our delegates to always look age appropriate throughout the pageant.

**Preteens:** are allowed to wear light makeup as stated above for stage and interview competitions. Extensions, wigs and false eyelashes are NOT allowed. The use of additional makeup other than what is allowed for delegates will result in deductions at the judges' discretion. We want our delegates to always look age appropriate throughout the pageant.

**Jr. Teen & up:** are free to groom themselves as they wish, keeping in mind their age and that we want each delegate to represent her age appropriately. Extensions and false eyelashes are allowed. Full wigs are NOT allowed. Again, delegates should always look age appropriate.