

THE 2013 MISS JACKSONVILLE USA® PAGEANT



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Miss Florida USA® Pageant
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Miss & Teen Jacksonville USA Pageants

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Studio Rehearsal, Interviews: Saturday, February 25, 2012
Theatre Rehearsal, Pageant Competition: Sunday, February 26,
2012

Venue: Wilson Center for the Arts,
Florida State College at Jacksonville, South Campus

Local Pageant of MiKyle Crockett, Miss Florida Teen USA !



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CONTESTANTS' INFORMATION

Who is Miss Jacksonville USA and Miss Jacksonville Teen USA? They are role models who care about their role and the role of women in society. They are attractive and poised women with a confident and commanding presence. They are intelligent, beautiful, and are independent and eloquent communicators. Miss Jacksonville USA and Miss Jacksonville Teen USA are ideal leaders, take pride in their health and physical fitness, and are involved with their community.

As Miss Jacksonville USA or Miss Jacksonville Teen USA, you will represent the Jacksonville/First Coast area as an official ambassador. You will gain much through the rich personal experience of meeting and associating with many exciting people throughout the pageant year.

The Miss & Teen Jacksonville USA Pageant is a part of the Miss Florida USA and Miss USA Pageants. You will represent the Jacksonville area at the Miss Florida USA Pageant or Miss Florida Teen USA pageant to be held later in 2012. The winner of the state pageants compete in the Miss USA Pageant and the Miss Teen USA Pageant. As you consider this opportunity today, remember, "YOU could be the next Miss Jacksonville USA or Miss Jacksonville Teen USA, Miss or Teen Florida USA, and even Miss or Teen USA." It's all up to you!

QUALIFICATIONS

To enter our local pageant, contestants must meet certain basic requirements and agree to abide by all of the rules of the local, state, and national pageants now in effect or announced hereafter. To be a contestant in the Miss or Teen Jacksonville USA Pageant, please refer to the Rules and Regulations sheets regarding all age, residency, and other requirements. Should you win the local pageant, you must make yourself available for public appearances during your reign and for competing in the state pageant.

COMPETITION

The Miss Jacksonville USA and Miss Jacksonville Teen USA Pageants will be held at **4:00 PM on Sunday, February 26, 2012, at the Wilson Center for the Arts, Florida State College at Jacksonville, South Campus**, in Jacksonville, Florida. There will be a couple of rehearsals, and an interview competition the day beforehand on February 25th, 2012, see separate schedule. Contestants will participate in a simple production number to start off the pageant. We will be having a sort of "sports" type theme in honor of our outgoing titleholder, Marissa, who is a Jacksonville Jaguar cheerleader! Contestants will compete in the following competitions, swimsuit (Sun.), evening wear (Sun.), and interview (Sat.). All contestants will supply their own wardrobe for the production number and all phases of the competition.

REGISTRATION

Contact the pageant today! Fill out an application, provide your birth certificate and proof of residency, and contact the Directors: Kevin & Cammie Sanders at (904) 384-3578. You may also contact the pageant through its email address: MissJacksonville@bellsouth.net to request paperwork via email, or when the paperwork is posted to the website, you can print up all paperwork from the pageant's website (www.JacksonvillePageants.com) and get signed up that way.

HOW TO GET STARTED

MEETINGS

As with any production, there are anticipated meetings and rehearsals, which will be announced as soon as they are set up (see the separate schedule information). A schedule of such meetings and/or rehearsals will also be posted to the website when established. Meetings, if any, prior to the pageant will be for informational purposes, answering questions, and for turning in paperwork and other requirements. A parent may attend with the contestant, but please only one additional person other than the contestant, due to possibly limited space. All contestants should regularly check the local pageant's website (www.JacksonvillePageants.com) leading up to the pageant for all last minute updates.

The pageant anticipates having at least one rehearsal prior to the Sunday pageant (most likely the day beforehand on Saturday), so please leave your schedule flexible for such until the schedule is finalized. The rehearsal will be to learn the production number, learn walking patterns, and the planned lay-out of the pageant itself. Failure to attend the rehearsal once it is scheduled may result in being left out of the production number, and possibly the pageant depending on circumstances. You will need to be present on Saturday for the interview anyway, so it will be easy to also make the rehearsal.

YOUR YEAR AS MISS OR TEEN JACKSONVILLE USA

As a winner of the Miss Jacksonville USA and Miss Jacksonville Teen USA pageant, you will serve for approximately one year as an "ambassador" for the city at social, civic, and community events on a volunteer basis. Selected members of the pageant committee will help to coordinate your preparation for the Miss Florida USA Pageant in July of 2012 (or Miss Florida Teen USA Pageant in October 2012).

MISCELLANEOUS

PLATFORM / COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

A platform or community involvement is not a requirement, but could be most helpful to a successful year as a titleholder. You should consider being affiliated with a charity or community cause that you feel strongly about. It is best to choose a platform or cause which the contestant is actively involved in and to which she has a strong personal commitment.

SPONSOR(S) / ADVERTISER(S)

Each contestant is requested to seek at least one (1) sponsor page which will be placed in the official pageant program book. There is a special rate for a full page ad if such accompanies your entry fee when submitted. See our "combo" section of the sponsorship information page. The full size ad page will feature the contestant's photograph and recognition of the sponsor (see sponsorship paperwork for costs of sponsor page and for the benefits of obtaining a sponsor). This sponsor page can list more than one business or individual (preferably not over 3) who would like to "honor" the contestant. The pageant will set up this "sponsorship" page. For all other ad sales, you will need to submit camera ready ads. A non-camera-ready ad requires an additional set-up fee of \$25.00. More information is available by contacting the Directors.

INTERVIEWS

This year, the interview competition will be in the form of a private interview before a panel of judges. Questions could be on national, state, or local topics, as well as from personal information that you put on your information sheet. Be sure not to include anything on your information sheet that you are uncomfortable talking about or which you are not knowledgeable about. Try to be well-spoken, confident, and succinct (don't ramble) as you only have five minutes with the Judges. Also, try to interject your personality if possible into your response. As the interview starts, be prepared to give your own introduction (up to one minute), but it is recommended to be around 20 seconds or so in order to maximize your question-time with the Judges. Wear a sharp and current looking outfit, dress, or suit that would be appropriate for a job interview. Remember, you are trying to convince the Judges that you are ready for and right for the job as the Jacksonville USA titleholder!

PRODUCTION NUMBER

We hope to have a "sports" theme this year. You can wear any sports shirt for your favorite team. The team can be professional, college, or high school. Please do not wear large or oversized jerseys. Wear something cute and girly that fits you and shows off your figure. You will need a pair of white shorts or white Capri pants to go with your sports top. Please wear a respectable length pair of shorts, not too short! Wear cute sneakers with your outfit that compliment your color choice. Don't wear sneakers that are too clunky, big, or awkward as you will be doing some basic dance moves and don't want to be encumbered by your shoes. You can "bling" your sportswear, but don't go overboard.

You are not judged in this outfit, it is just for the fun opening number and introductions (see what you have in your closet already). Wear your hair exactly the way you want it for the swimsuit competition as that will most likely be the next category and will be a quick change.

SWIMSUIT

The Swimsuit Competition represents how you maintain good physical fitness. The judges will be looking for overall proportion of figure, beauty of face and figure, walk, poise, grace, and confidence. Give the Judges your best model walk (smooth, not bouncy). This pageant encourages the contestants to keep their costs down and to buy "off-the-rack" swimsuits. One-piece or two-piece swimsuits are acceptable, but two-piece swimsuits are more the norm in USA Pageants. Clear or skin-toned shoes are recommended.

EVENING WEAR

The Evening Wear Competition is your chance to show off your grace and glamour. Judges are looking for personality, sense of confidence, stage presence, walk, posture, and beauty. This pageant encourages the contestants to keep their costs down and to buy "off-the-rack" dresses (as opposed to custom made to order) whenever possible to reduce expenses on the contestant at this local level. Once you win our pageant and are headed to the state competition, you will be advised by your directors if another gown would be recommended for the Florida USA pageants.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Depending on the support for the pageant by the contestants, audience members, supporters, sponsors, and advertisers, the Miss & Teen Jacksonville USA Pageant plans to extend some scholarships to its winners and possibly finalists. This is to be determined closer to the pageant. Your support of our endeavors will help to make this possible.

AWARDS AND GIFTS

As our local titleholder, you will receive the official local USA preliminary crown and a trophy. Trophies will also be awarded to the finalists. (All scholarships, awards, prizes, and gifts are subject to final confirmation and will be officially announced in the program book and/or on stage.) Your entry into the state pageant is also covered by the NFSO, Inc. Prizes will be given to you periodically throughout your reign, and will not all be presented immediately upon your win. Scholarships will need to be utilized or redeemed during your reign so plan accordingly to request such within the guidelines of the scholarship rules.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you have any questions concerning the Miss Jacksonville USA and Miss Jacksonville Teen USA pageants, please call the Directors, Kevin & Cammie Sanders at (904) 384-3578. You can also e-mail the pageant at: MissJacksonville@bellsouth.net or clsanders@bellsouth.net. To get started, fill out the official application and submit a copy of your birth certificate. See our website for the rest of the paperwork and other requirements.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The completion of the official application, signing the Rules and Regulations, and presentation of your Birth Certificate are your first steps to becoming Miss Jacksonville USA or Miss Jacksonville Teen USA. Please complete the initial paperwork referenced above and return them to the North Florida Scholarship Organization, Inc., 817 Willow Branch Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32205. **The deadline is February 10, 2012** to get your application and all other requirements in, so you must act soon! Upon receipt of the initial paperwork, the Pageant Committee will verify the information and your qualifications. If you can turn in your requirements sooner, it is requested that you do so.

YOU MUST SUBMIT:

- The completed Application, Rules & Regulation (keep copies for yourself)
- A copy of your Birth Certificate (for age eligibility purposes)

YOU SHOULD START TRYING TO GET:

- Good quality 5 x 7 or 8 x 10 photo (no crown) (should be in color), photo may be submitted on CD or by email
- Start trying to find sponsor(s) or advertisers to support you in your endeavors.
- Begin working on the pageant's paperwork and other requirements (available at www.JacksonvillePageants.com).

The North Florida Scholarship Organization, Inc., a non-profit 501(c)(3) scholarship organization, composed of all volunteers. If you would like to become involved with this fun and exciting community project and scholarship pageant, please contact the Directors at 904-384-3578.
