

## **Terms and Conditions**

### **Agreement to Rules & Regulations**

Completed registration will serve as participants' agreement to abide by all rules and regulations stated by A.M.P.

### **Privacy Policy**

Arkansas Miss Pageants and its directors will not publicly release a contestant roster. Nor will we sell or disclose in any way any personal information of contestants, judges, spectators, or any other affiliated person. Photographs and/or video content may be used for promotional purposes. Contestants' completed registration will serve as their agreement to have their images published on social media, the A.M.P. website, and like outlets.

### **Accessibility Statement**

Arkansas Miss Pageants and its directors will not discriminate based on physical or mental disabilities. We strive to offer an inclusive experience for all contestants and spectators, regardless of any limitations. Accommodations may be made on an individual basis to meet special needs of participants.

### **Waiver of Liability**

Arkansas Miss Pageants and its affiliates are not responsible for any bodily harm or property damages incurred before, during, or after any event. Contestants and their representatives agree to hold A.M.P. blameless for any accident that may occur.

### **Refund Policy**

Any funds paid to Arkansas Miss Pageants are non-refundable. No refunds will be given for any reason. We do have bonding insurance to protect contestants in an emergent event.

**Entry Fee:** A.M.P. strives to offer a quality pageant experience at an affordable rate to be accessible to more families. Fees collected are used to fund upcoming events and are allocated toward associated costs including the purchase of prizes, venue rental, etc. Therefore, each contestant's entry fee of \$65 must be paid in full at the time of sign-ups. Sign-ups will close two weeks prior to the pageant date, with all payment due. A \$0 balance is required for registration to be considered complete. A link for payment is available on the registration page as well as our website.

**Line Up:** A.M.P. values punctuality. Day-of registration is at 1:00 pm. This time is important to account for attendance, collect Photogenic submissions, and distribute numbers. Contestants must be fully dressed, with hair and make-up preparations complete and the number pinned visibly to the outfit, prior to the event's stated start time. When it is time for each portion of the competition to begin, contestants must be lined up backstage in numerical order. Any contestant not ready when it is her turn to go onstage may be skipped.

**Outfit of Choice:** For contestants ages 0 to 14, the first event in the competition will consist of an Outfit of Choice. The OOC can be anything relating to the event theme. Point deductions may be taken for outfit choices that are not in theme. Attire must be modest and non midriff-bearing. A.M.P. will provide upbeat music while the contestant is on stage. No music requests or custom music mixes will be allowed. No props. All enhancements (make up, hair pieces, tanning, flippers, etc.) are allowed.

**Interview Wear:** For ages 15 and up, the first event in the competition will be a private interview. Contestants should wear business formal attire. All enhancements (make up, hair pieces, tanning, flippers, etc.) are allowed. Following their interviews, contestants will remain in their interview wear for a brief onstage introduction.

**Beauty:** Formal attire is required for the Beauty portion of the competition for every age division. Each contestant's choice of evening gown should reflect her age and fit well. Beauty wear may be considered semi-glitz or glitz. No two-piece formal wear. Ages 15+ will remain in beauty wear for divisional onstage conversations.

**Photogenic:** One contestant will be named Most Photogenic in each age division. To be eligible for this side award, a contestant must either upload a headshot when signing up or turn in a 5x7 or 8x10 headshot at registration the day of the pageant. Printed photos should have the contestant's name and age division on the back. The photos will be available for you to pick up after crowning. Only one photograph is allowed per contestant. Photos may be considered natural or glitz. All photo editing is allowed with the exception of AI generation.

**Judging:** A.M.P. judges are experienced members of the pageant community. To maintain impartiality, their identities will remain private prior to pageant day. There will be three judges for all stage events. Each competitor will be assessed using the same score sheet based on pre-established criteria. Score sheets from the three judges will be combined to tabulate numerical results. An auditor, separate from the judges, will verify scores. Contestants may not dispute judges' decisions. Score sheets with judges' commentary will be available for pick up after crowning.

**Crowning:** One queen will be awarded from each age division. This recipient of the Queen title will be the highest scoring contestant. She will earn a crown, sash, and trophy. All remaining contestants ages 0-14 will receive a princess tiara. The first runner-up in each age division ages 15+ will receive a certificate award. Additionally, the following side awards will be distributed for each age division: Best Evening Gown, Best Outfit of Choice (ages 0-14), Best Interview Outfit (ages 15+), Best Hair, and Best Stage Presence. The Photogenic winner in each division will receive a medal. Everyone will go home with a goody bag of treats.

**Conduct:** All pageant participants (i.e. contestants and their representatives) must adhere to a strict code of conduct. A.M.P. expects its contestants to act like ladies with class, dignity, and grace. Behavior should reflect the poise of a queen. Respect must be shown to fellow

contestants, judges, and directors. Any contestant exhibiting poor sportsmanship may be disqualified without refund. This applies to parents, family members, or other spectators as well.

## **Our Vision**

**Quality:** A.M.P. promises a quality pageant experience. We aspire to deliver unparalleled events showcasing contestants in a positive environment with the highest standards of elegance and class. No gimmicks. No cheese. No popularity contests, cliques, or exclusion. We promote sisterhood, growth, grace, empowerment, and poise - win or lose. We ensure that our system is encouraging and will build inner confidence that translates to stage presence. We value both inner and outer beauty. Our commitment to excellence guarantees a platform where beauty and decorum come together, creating an inspiring experience for everyone involved.

**Inclusion:** We want A.M.P. to be accessible to anyone. Our entry fee and ticket price are some of the lowest in the industry to be affordable for families on a budget. We also will happily offer necessary accommodations to any contestant with limitations so she will have the opportunity to participate in the pageant experience alongside her peers. We celebrate diversity and appreciate each individual's uniqueness. A.M.P. is suitable for any level of participant, whether a beginner or a seasoned pageant pro. No previous title or pageant experience? No problem! We welcome all - all ages; all sizes; all abilities.

**Preparation:** A.M.P. empowers and helps prepare its contestants for their futures. The skills and character qualities learned by participating in A.M.P. events will translate to other settings throughout life. The self-confidence gained will be carried into personal and professional lives. Speaking and improvisational skills, for example, may benefit ladies in the workplace, college interviews, or platform and charity work. Additionally, A.M.P. may serve as a stepping stone to prepare those contestants who wish to advance in other pageant systems. Our structure mimics those of larger systems for a cohesive transition.

**Community Engagement:** We actively seek engagement with the community through outreach, partnerships with local businesses, and sponsorship opportunities. We maintain a robust support network which enables us to offer a comprehensive list of recommended vendors. We will gladly connect contestants with community resources. Reach out to us if you or someone you know is affiliated with a business that might like to partner with us!

**Charitable Contributions:** One of the missions of A.M.P. is to serve. For each pageant, we will highlight one charitable organization. We will promote the organization as our Featured Charity on our website and live during the event. We are also committed to contributing to the cause financially by donating all of the proceeds from ticket sales.

**Growth:** A.M.P.'s goal is to grow as a pageant system. We are establishing our roots in our home community and aspire to expand to other regions and states and eventually host an annual national pageant.

## **Meet the Directors**

Haley Chism:

Lynsey Herrington: Lynsey is a faithful member of First Lavaca and an infant teacher at the Little Arrows Learning Center. She is also the mother of three young children, including a special needs daughter she adopted from foster care. She has fostered twelve children in her home, advocates for foster families, and has a goal of fostering teen moms while teaching them how to be young mothers.

Lynsey has always loved the stage and all things feminine and grew up gracing stages across the country as a ballet dancer. It was not until her daughter entered a local pageant that Lynsey was introduced to the world of pageants. She immediately noticed the crossovers and similarities to the dance world she grew up in and was attracted to the beautiful dresses, make up, and opportunities for friendships. She is excited to be partnering with Haley to AMP up the elegance here in the Natural State!

## **What to Expect**

Before the Big Day

Sign Ups: Determine which online registration form pertains to your contestant, whether for ages 0 to 14 or ages 15 and up. Complete and submit the online registration form. [PINK OUT for breast cancer awareness! PINK OUT for breast cancer awareness!](#) You may choose to upload a digital headshot if you prefer for us to print it. Proceed to payment through Square. A \$65 entry fee is due for each contestant upon signing up.

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Registration is contingent upon receipt of payment. Sign-ups will conclude at 11:59 pm two weeks prior to the event date.

Pageant Prep: Read the rules and regulations thoroughly. Familiarize yourself with the expectations of each stage event. Plan your outfits accordingly. Select corresponding accessories. Practice mock interviews, if appropriate. Plan ahead for your beauty regime and come well rested. Bring anything you think you may need, including snacks and extras.

The Day Of

Arrival: The pageant will be held at the Lavaca Performing Arts Center. The address is 701 S Davis Street, Lavaca AR 72941. It is located next to the Fine Arts Building. You may park in the

lots on either side of the building. Enter through the main glass doors in front. You will see our registration table set up in the lobby.

**Registration:** Registration will begin at 1:00. This is check-in time. A volunteer at the registration table will ask for your name and confirm your registration. You will be given a contestant number, which needs to be pinned near the right hip on each outfit. Unless you uploaded a digital headshot when signing up, you will turn in your 5x7 or 8x10 headshot at registration. Photos should have the contestant's name and age division written on the back and can be picked up after crowning.

**Dressing Room:** Once you have registered, contestants may proceed backstage. A dressing room on stage left is available for ages 0-14. Space is limited, so we ask that only one parent or guardian accompany each girl backstage. You may choose to use this time between registration and line up to finish getting ready and practice your stage walk. The dressing room on stage right is reserved for contestants ages 15+. These contestants should arrive mostly ready to go with only last minute touches needed to finalize their looks. Line up will be called from the dressing rooms. Contestants should be backstage, fully ready, and waiting to hear their numbers called before the scheduled start time of each event. Each age division will be called all together.

**Ages 0-14:** The pageant will begin at 2:00 with the Outfit of Choice stage event. We will start with the youngest age division and proceed by division in age order. Contestants will perform an individual stage walk, entering and exiting from stage left. Although contestants will not be directly scored on their walk pattern, A.M.P.'s preference is a T formation. We will place X's on the stage as guides. Upon exiting the stage, contestants should then change into their evening gowns. The Beauty portion of the competition will begin immediately following OOC. Contestants in the Baby Miss and Toddler Miss divisions must have an adult accompany them onstage to ensure their safety. Tiny Miss and Mini Miss contestants may have an escort if needed. Little Miss, Petite Miss, and Junior Miss contestants are expected to complete their stage walks independently.

There will be a brief intermission while scores are tabulated, and then all contestants will be invited on stage for crowning. Queens will be asked to remain onstage for individual and group photos before being dismissed.

**Ages 15 and Up:** We will start calling contestants from the stage right dressing room one at a time for private interviews at 1:30. You will be shown to the interview room where a panel of three judges will question you about topics from your registration form. Each private interview will last 7 minutes. Interview wear is required for this event.

Stage events for these age divisions will start after the younger divisions' crowning at about 3:00. Enter and exit from stage right. You will first give a brief onstage introduction of your name and hometown for the audience in your interview wear. A microphone will be provided. After exiting the stage, you will then be free to change into your evening gown. The beauty portion of the competition will immediately follow. You will perform your individual stage walk, using a figure 8 formation, in the same order by age division. At the conclusion of each age division,

contestants will re-enter the stage together in their evening gowns for an onstage conversation. The emcee will provide a topic question, and contestants will respond in any order in a conversational manner. You are encouraged to interact and feed off of one another. Prompts will not be provided in advance, so your answers must be improvised in the moment. There will be a brief intermission while scores are tabulated, and then all contestants will be invited on stage for crowning at approximately 3:45. Queens will be asked to remain onstage for individual and group photos before being dismissed.