

Redefining Beauty

TALENTED TEEN | MISS | MS.

2025 CONTESTANT INFORMATION GUIDE

SEPTEMBER 13-15, 2024
THE DOUGLASS THEATRE | MACON, GA



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Hello!

I am so grateful to welcome you to a new era of the Miss Black Georgia USA Pageant. Your journey to the crown has officially begun. This experience will be one of challenges, self-discovery, and glam. You will have opportunities to impactfully serve your communities, while looking fabulous. You will have legacies to continue, while building your own. This stage was set for you to display your talents, intelligence, and truest self in all your black gracefulness. Embrace the essence of you, while using this opportunity to learn and improve yourself. As a guide, I will be here to help you reach your goals as best I can.

Yours in Crowning,

Alexandria "Alex" Van Dyke, Executive Director, Miss Black Georgia USA INFO@VDALEXANDRIA.COM



**SEPTEMBER 13-15, 2024** THE DOUGLASS THEATRE | MACON, GA HOST HOTEL: COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT MACON

Day 1 - Triday
TRAVEL DAY | ORIENTATION | GROUP OUTING

Day 2 - Saturday INTERVIEWS | REHEARSAL | FINAL COMPETITION

Day 3 - Swyday

QUEENS' PHOTOSHOOT



MISS BLACK
GEORGIA
TALENTED TEEN
AGES 13-18

MISS BLACK GEORGIA AGES 19-26

MS. BLACK GEORGIA AGES 27-45

## **ELIGIBILITY**

Is a Natural Born Female & Attends High School, College/University, is Employed or Resides in the State of Georgia.

Is Of African Descent.

Will compete in the 2025 National Miss Black USA Pageant, set for August 2025, in Washington DC, if crowned a Georgia titleholder.

Must determine a social advocacy platform.

Must attend required engagements or events that pertain to preparation for the state pageant.

Must be ready, willing, and able to meet the time commitments & responsibilities of the one-year reign (from crowning as a Georgia queen in 2024 until crowning of successor in 2025).

Must pay the required fees by the specified deadlines to maintain eligibility to compete in the state pageant, or risk incurring a late fee.

Must submit all required paperwork and deliverables by the specified deadlines or risk incurring late fees or being disqualified from competition.

Must have outstanding sportsmanship. Has never posed nude in film or print.

Understands that competiting at the state pageant is mandatory and not optional.

# AREAS OF COMPETITION

\*MS. DIVISION ONLY CAN BE MARRIED, DIVORCED, OR SINGLE; WITH OR WITHOUT CHILDREN

PRIVATE INTERVIEW, 15%
FITNESS (NOT SWIMSUIT), 20%
TALENT, 35%
EVENING GOWN, 15%
PROJECTION QUESTION, 15%

# ENTRY FEE & PAYMENT DETAILS

## **DEADLINE FOR ALL FEES IS JULY 31, 2024**

## **APPLICATION FEE: \$50**

DUE WHEN THE ONLINE APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED. THIS FEE IS DEDUCTED FROM THE ENTRY FEE & IS WAIVED FOR THOSE THAT WON THEIR LOCAL TITLE THROUGH AN OFFICIAL MBGAUSA LOCAL PAGEANT. THE APPLICATION FEE IS NON-REFUNDABLE OR TRANSFERRABLE

### ENTRY FEE: \$750 | ALL DIVISIONS

OFFICIAL ENTRY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2025 MISS BLACK GA USA PAGEANT OFFICIAL LOCAL QUEEN EMBROIDERED SASH. OFFICIAL LOCAL CUSTOM RHINESTONE CROWN. OFFICIAL MBGAUSA PAGEANT T-SHIRT. SELECT MEALS DURING MBGAUSA PAGEANT WEEKEND. WEBSITE RECOGNITION & SOCIAL MEDIA EXPOSURE. 1-COPY OF THE STATE PROGRAM/PAGEANT MAGAZINE. REQUIRED AD FEE (INCLUDES A SPOTLIGHT PAGE IN THE PROGRAM BOOK). **OPENING NUMBER OUTFIT. \* (IF WE HAVE A MINIMUM 30 CONTESTANTS)** VIRTUAL CONTESTANT WORKSHOPS LEADING UP TO STATE PAGEANT. CONTESTANT TICKETS TO ANY GROUP OUTINGS OR ACTIVITIES.

#### PAYMENT INFO

INFO@VDALEXANDRIA.COM ONLINE PAYMENTS: ACCESS TO ONLINE PAYMENT IS GRANTED AFTER DEPOSIT IS PAID. ALL FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE &

PAYPAL: SEND PAYMENTS TO A. VAN DYKE PRODUCTIONS, LLC

NON-TRANSFERABLE. \*A LATE FEE OF \$200 WILL BE INCURRED IF ALL **REQUIRED PAYMENTS & DOCUMENTS ARE NOT** 

RECEIVED BY THE DEADLINE

## PAYMENT SCHEDULE

DEPOSIT: \$175 DUE 48 HOURS AFTER ACCPETANCE TO THE STATE PAGEANT, OR AFTER WINNING LOCAL PRELIM IF THE PRELIM DOES NOT COVER YOUR STATE ENTRY FEE.

PAYMENT #2: \$175 DUE MARCH 30 (CROWN AND SASH FEE)

PAYMENT #3: \$175 DUE MAY 31 PAYMENT #4: \$175 DUE JULY 31



#### **DEADLINES**

JANUARY 1ST - JULY 31ST DOCUMENTS & DEADLINES
2025 CONTESTANT REGISTRATION

#### **JULY 31ST**

ALL CONTESTANT FEES DUE HEADSHOTS DUE (NO SASH & CROWN, SELFIES, OR AI PHOTOS) CONTESTANT SPOTLIGHT PAGE DUE ADDITIONAL AD PAGES DUE

#### **AUGUST 5TH**

WARDROBE SIZE FORM DUE
STAGE PRODUCTION QUESTIONNAIRE FORM DUE
EXTRA PROGRAM BOOKS ORDER DUE
EXTRA T-SHIRT ORDER DUE
CONTESTANT BIO DUE
COMMUNITY SERVICE LOG
HOTEL DESERV

# AUGUST 12TH HOTEL RESERVATION DEADLINE

#### **DOCUMENTS**

**DEPOSIT DUE 48 HOURS AFTER ACCEPTANCE TO THE STATE PAGEANT** 

- SIGNED CONTESTANT MANUAL & CONTRACT, AND MEDIA RELEASE
- CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION FORM

  (only used if in violation of contract or on delinquent accounts)
- COPY OF LAST OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT (TEEN & MISS)
- COPY OF BIRTH CERTIFICATE, NATURALIZATION, OR PERMANENT RESIDENT CARD
- COPY OF DRIVER'S LICENSE OR IDENTIFICATION CARD
- ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS REQUESTED BY DIRECTOR OR PAGEANT STAFF

#### **BACKSTAGE REGULATIONS**

NO ONE IS ALLOWED DURING REHEARSALS, INTERVIEWS, ANY OTHER OFFICIAL PAGEANT EVENTS AND MEETINGS, OR IN THE BACKSTAGE DRESSING AREA DURING THE PAGEANT OTHER THAN THE CONTESTANTS, DESIGNATED SPONSORS, & OFFICIAL PAGEANT STAFF.

NO PARENTS ALLOWED!

WE WILL HAVE STAFF BACKSTAGE TO HELP WITH WARDROBE IF NECESSARY. DELEGATES WILL RECEIVE A BACKSTAGE CREDENTIAL FOR ONE INDIVIDUAL TO HELP THEM LOAD IN & OUT OF THE DRESSING AREA. ALL PAGEANT REHEARSALS ARE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC.

# WARDROBE REQUIREMENTS

Interview

THINK BUSINESS PROFESSIONAL WITH A FLARE!
AN ENSEMBLE FOR A JOB INTERVIEW, WITH
PERSONALITY. A NICE DRESS, JUMPSUIT, PAINTSUIT, OR SKIRT SUIT.

Finess Not Swimwear

SELECT A FUN ATHLETIC /WORKOUT ENSEMBLE IN THE COLOR OF YOUR CHOICE. SHOULD BE PAIR WITH ATHLETIC SHOES, NOT HEELS.

Talent

CHOOSE SOMETHING THAT COMPLEMENTS
YOUR TALENT PRESENTATION.

Evening Gown

SELECT ANY STYLE FLOOR LENGTH DRESS THAT MAKES YOU FEEL LIKE THE QUEEN YOU ARE! GOWN SHOULD COVER SHOES.

Group Outing

DARK BLUE JEANS, ATHLETIC SHOES, AND PAGEANT T-SHIRT (GIVEN AT ORIENTATION)

Other Pieces

ORIENTATION: DRESSY CASUAL DRESS,
JUMPSUIT, OR TWO-PIECE WITH HEELS,
AND COMPETITION SASH
(GIVEN AT ORIENTATION).
ACCESSORIES FOR ALL OUTFITS.

MS. BLACK USA 2023 Kelley Reed, LCSW

OPENING NUMBER WARDOBE
INFOMRATION COMING SOON!
IF WE HAVE AT LEAST 30 CONTESTANTS,
THE PAGEANT WILL PROVIDE THE OPENING
NUMBER DRESS, SO ENCOURAGE YOUR FRIENDS
TO COMPETE WITH YOU!

REMEMBER AGE APPROPRIATENESS WHEN DECIDING ON ALL WARDROBE, HAIR, AND MAKEUP STYLES. ALL CONTESTANTS WILL NEED TO WEAR SOME MAKEUP AS TO NOT BE WASHED OUT BY THE STAGE LIGHTING AND PHOTOS. WE WANT ALL GIRLS TO LOOKED THEIR BEST, POLISHED AND READY TO REIGN.

# COMMUNICATION & SOCIAL MEDIA

#### CONTESTANT INFORMATION GROUPS

All communications about the state pageant will be posted in the Band.us app. It is where you will download forms and documents, and receive reminders and information as it is available. You are RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL CONTENT in this PRIVATE space. Check these apps DAILY.



FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM. You will need access to join our contestant fan pages. These pages serve as a blog to document your reign. It is a great way to attract potential partners and sponsors.

LIKE & FOLLOW the Miss Black Georgia USA and Miss Black USA Facebook & Instagram pages @themissblackgausa, @missblackusatalentedteen, @officialmissblackusa, and @officialmsblackusa

#### **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

CONTESTANTS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO CREATE, PARTICIPATE IN OR BELONG TO ANY OTHER PAGEANT GROUP OR GROUP CHAT THAT IS NOT AUTHORIZED BY MISS BLACK GEORGIA USA OR MISS BLACK USA, INC. IF ASKED TO JOIN, PLEASE DECLINE AND NOTIFY THE DIRECTOR IMMEDIATELY.





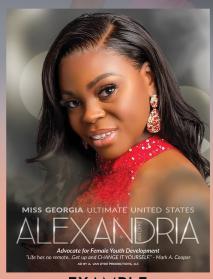
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# PROGRAM BOOKLET

ALL ADS ARE DUE BY JULY 31, 2024!

MISS BLACK USA 2023 Ariel Thompson

#### CONTESTANT SPOTLIGHT



YOU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SUBMITTING A HIGH RESOLUTION, PROFESSIONAL HEADSHOT TO BE INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL PORGRAM BOOK. EACH CONTESTANT WILL HAVE ONE SPOTLIGHT PAGE, WHICH IS INCLUDED IN YOUR FEES. YOU WILL BE PROVIDED A LINK TO SUBMIT YOUR HEADSHOT AND ANY TEXT YOU WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE ON YOUR SPOTLIGHT PAGE. YOU ARE ALLOWED TO USE A PHOTO IN YOUR OFFICIAL LOCAL SASH AND CROWN FOR YOUR CONTESTANT SPOTLIGHT PAGE ONLY! HEADSHOTS ARE DUE JULY 31ST!

**EXAMPLE** 

#### PROGRAM BOOK FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY

YOU CAN SELL ADS FOR THE STATE PRORGAM BOOK TO RAISE YOUR ENTRY FEES.

LISTED BELOW ARE THE ADVERTISMENT SIZES AND PRICES.

AND IN THE CORRECT FORMAT.

THE PRINTER WILL NOT BE
RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY CUT OFF OR
LOW QUALITY PRINTS.

FULL PAGE | \$100 HALF PAGE | \$80 QUARTER PAGE | \$55 FULL PAGE 8.5" x 11" PRINT AREA 8.25" x 10.75" HALF PAGE 5.5" x 8.5" PRINT AREA 5.25" X 8.25"

1/4 PAGE 5.5" x 4.25" 5.25" x 4"

ARTWORK MUST BE TURNED IN NO LATER THAN 07/31/2024 AT 11:59PM EST. ALL ADVERTISEMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY VIA DROPBOX FILE REQUEST, BE FORMATTED CORRECTLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SIZE CHART ABOVE & BE SUBMITTED AS A 300DPI JPEG FILE

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**CROWNS & AWARDS** 

**CROWNING** 

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#### PEOPLE'S CHOICE

VOTING WILL OPEN AUGUST 14TH. VOTES ARE \$1 EACH & THERE WILL BE NO LIMIT ON VOTES PER PERSON. VOTING CLOSES AT 12PM ON SEPTEMBER 14TH.

#### MISS CONGENIALITY

VOTING ON AMONGSTTHE CONTESTANTS. GIVEN TO THE YOUNG LADY WHO IS THE MOST LIKED CONTESTANT DURING PAGEANT WEEKEND, EMBODYING SISTERHOOD, SUPPORT, & GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP DESPITE IT BEING A COMPETITION.