

2026/2027

LOCAL CONTESTANT

**INFO GUIDE** 

ABOR DAY WEEKEND

**SEPTEMBER 3-7, 2026** 

ATLANTA, GA | VENUE TBA

**DEADLINE TO APPLY:** 

**JULY 31, 2026** 





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THE OFFICIAL STATE PRELIMINARY PAGEANT TO MISS BLACK USA

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# WELCOME TO THE PREMIERE PAGEANT For WOMEN OF COLOR

I am so grateful to welcome you to a new era of the Miss Black Georgia USA Pageants!

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. The stage is set for you to display your talents, intelligence, and truest self in all your Black Gracefulness.

Embrace the essence of you, while using the 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 Pageants





TALENTED TEEN
DIVISION
AGES 13-18
10 SPOTS
AVAILABLE
PER STATE

MISS DIVISION AGES 19-26 10 SPOTS AVAILABLE PER STATE

MS.
DIVISION
AGES 27-45
10 SPOTS
AVAILABLE
PER STATE

# **AGE DIVISIONS**

Is a natural born female and either attends school, college/university, is employed, or resides in the State of Georgia. Is of African Descent (Black Or African-American).

Will compete in the national Miss Black USA Pageant, tentative August 2027, in Washington D.C., if crowned a Georgia State Queen. Must determin 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.

Must pay required fees, and submit paperwork, and deliverables by the specified deadlines to maintain eligible to compete in the state pageant, or risk fines or disqualification.

Must have outstanding sportsmanship.

Has never posed or been published nude in any format.

MS. DIVISION ONLY CAN BE MARRIED, SINGLE, OR DIVORCED, WITH OR WITHOUT CHILDREN. TEEN & MISS DIVISIONS CANNOT HAVE CHILDREN, OR HAVE GIVEN BIRTH. NO DIVISIONS CAN BECOME PREGNANT DURING THEIR REIGN.

## **AREAS OF COMPETITION**

**INTERVIEW: 15%** 

EACH CONTESTANT WILL COMPLETE A ROUND-ROBIN STYLE INTERVIEW WITH A 3-5 PANEL OF JUDGES. INTERVIEW IS 4-5 MINUTES PER JUDGE. THINK SPEED DATING.

**TALENT: 35%** 

TALENT IS EVALUATED ON ARTISTIC EXPRESSION, TECHNICAL SKILL, STAGE PRESENCE, PROFESSIONALISM, AND OVERALL PERFORMANCE. THIS SHOULD BE A LIVE SOLO PERFORMANCE AND FOCUS ON ENGAGING AND ENTERTAINING THE AUDIENCE.

TALENT SHOULD NOT EXCEED 1 MINUTE & 30 SECONDS. YOU HAVE A 15 SECOND GRACE BEFORE YOUR TIME STARTS. PROPS ARE STRONGLY DISCOURAGED, BESIDES FLAGS, BATONS, A PIANO/KEYBOARD, OR ITEM NEEDED FOR AN INSTRUMENT.

IF YOU ULTIMATELY NEED HELP SETTING UP, YOU MAY WANT TO RETHINK YOUR PERFORMANCE. PROPS THAT ARE ACCEPTABLE INCLUDE FLAGS, BATONS, RIBBONS, ETC. DRILL TEAM RIFLES, GLITTER, PAINT, POWDER, CONFETTI, OR ANY OTHER SIMILAR LOOSE MATERIALS ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED. DISROBING IS ALSO NOT ALLOWED.

### **FITNESS (NOT SWIMWEAR): 15%**

FITNESS IS A KEY COMPONENT TO A SUCCESSFUL REIGN FOR A TITLEHOLDER OF ANY PAGEANT SYSTEM. WE ARE LOOKING FOR A YOUNG WOMAN WHO LEAD HEALTHY LIFESTYLES AS THEY WILL BE BRAND AMBASSADORS FOR VARIOUS COMPANIES AND NEED THEM TO PERFORM AT THEIR BEST. JUDGING CRITERIA IS BASED ON BODY CONDITION, STAGE PRESENTATION, OVERALL APPEARANCE, SPORTSWEAR SELECTION. CONTESTANTS ARE TO SELECT A FITNESS (THINK CUTE WORKOUT ATTIRE) EMSEMBLE THAT BEST SHOWS OFF THEIR PHYSIQUE AND PERSONALITY.

### **EVENING GOWN: 15%**

THE EVENING GOWN COMPETITION IS THE MOST ELEGANT PART OF COMPETITION BUT IT IS ABOUT THE GIRL IN THE GOWN AND NOT THE GOWN ON THE GIRL. THE JUDGES WILL EVALUATE CONFIDENCE, POISE, POSTURE, STYLE, PERSONALITY, CHARISMA, GRACE, AND OVERALL STAGE PRESENCE. REMEMBER AGE APPROPRIATENESS WHEN CHOOSEING A GOWN. GOWNS MUST BE FLOOR-LENGTH.

### **ON-STAGE QUESTION: 20%**

FINALISTS WILL HAVE 45 SECONDS TO ANSWER A
QUESTION LIVE ON-STAGE. JUDGES WILL
EVALUATE ON THE CONTESTANTS ABILITY TO THINK
ON THEIR FEET TO FORM AN ANSWER TO THE QUESTION
ASKED. TOPICS INCLUDE COMMUNITY SERVICE,
CURRENT EVENTS, OR SOCIAL ISSUES.

# entry fee + PAYMENT DETAILS

entry fee: \$2,200 + \$150 Ad Fee

### **INCLUDES:**

\$100 Application Due with Online Application Official Entry to The State Competition Contestant Welcome Package

Official Local Embroidered Sash & Crown Rhinestone Pageant T-Shirt

One Copy of the Pageant Magazine
Contestant Swag Bag
Tickets to Contestant Activities

**Opening Number Dress from Marc Defang** 

### **SUGGESTED PAYMENT SCHEDULE:**

DEPOSIT \$440 DUE ASAP! PMT 2 \$440 DUE FEB 30 PMT 3 \$440 DUE MARCH 30

PMT 4 \$440 DUE APRIL 30 PMT 5 \$440 DUE MAY 30 AD PMT \$150 DUE JUNE 30

DEADLINE FOR ALL FEES & MATERIALS:

JULY 31, 2026

A \$300 LATE FEE WILL BE ADDED

AFTER JULY 31ST

ALL FEES PAID THE THE MISS BLACK GEORGIA USA PAGEANT/A. VAN DYKE PRODUCTIONS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE OR TRANSFERABLE

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### **FEES DO NOT INCLUDE:**

Travel, Hotel, Incidentals, & Taxes, Parking Expenses
Photography or Videography of Competition Material
Individual Competition Wardrobe Pieces and/or Shoes, Accessories
Hair and Makeup Services for Pageant Weekend,
Appearances, or Events

Meals Not Covered by the Pageant

### **PAYMENT INFO:**

Payments can be made through these platforms:



# Square

Direct links to the above payment platforms, plus additional Pay-In-Four options will be available after official acceptance as a contestant.

Note that local regalia (sash & crown) made to order and are not ordered until payment #2 is paid and confirmed. Allow 72 hours after payment # 2 is paid and confirmed before regalia is ordered. It takes approximately 3-4 weeks for production of the sash alone. Both sash & crown must be delivered to the state office for inspection before they are shipped out to you. However, local sashes & crowns will not ship until payment #3 is paid and confirmed. You will receive a courtesy email or message with tracking information once it has been successfully shipped to you. If you have not received an update, it is because we do not have one to provide just yet.