

2026 STATE HANDBOOK



#### State Pageant FEBRUARY 27-MARCH 1, 2026

# VENUE: ORLANDO SCIENCE CENTER

777 E. PRINCETON ST. ORLANDO, FL 32803

DEADLINE TO ENTER:

JANUARY 1, 2026

Tilles & Fees:

## 2 Prestigious titles per division will be awarded: (Miss Florida & Sunshine State)

YOU WILL HAVE 2 OPPORTUNITIES TO WIN A TITLE BY COMPETING FOR THE FLORIDA AND SUNSHINE STATE TITLES. THE STATE TITLE SUPERSEDES THE SUNSHINE STATE TITLE. IF YOU WIN YOUR DIVISION YOU WILL BE CROWNED YOUR STATE TITLE OVER THE SUNSHINE STATE TITLE. SUNSHINE STATE TITLES WILL STILL GO TO NATIONALS IN JULY 2026 AS A STATE TITLE HOLDER AS MISS SUNSHINE STATE. \*CONTESTANTS MUST RESIDE IN THE STATE OF THE TITLE THEY ARE COMPETING FOR.\*

THE NEWLY CROWNED STATE TITLE HOLDERS WILL HAVE THEIR \$300 REGISTRATION FEE FOR NATIONALS PAID BY THEIR STATE DIRECTOR!

Fee: \$225

#### Sweetheart Division

THE SWEETHEART DIVISION IS A NO CONTRACT, NO ADVANCEMENT TO NATIONALS PRACTICE DIVISION OF OUR STATE PAGEANT.

PARTICIPATION

IS LIMITED TO INTERVIEW, RUNWAY AND GOWN. JUDGES COMMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED. A SASH WILL BE GIVEN TO THE WINNER. CANNOT COMPETE IN OPTIONALS, BUT MAY ATTEND THE PARTY EVENT.

Fee: \$150

## 2 Peoples Choice titles will be awarded: (Jr. Division & Sr. Division)

\*CONTESTANT WITH THE MOST VOTES IN THE JR. DIVISION AND SR. DIVISION WILL BE CROWNED MISS HEART OF FLORIDA ULTIMATE USA. (ONE WILL BE CROWNED IN THE JR. DIVISION AND ONE IN THE SR. DIVISION.)

BOTH WINNERS WILL ADVANCE TO COMPETE AT MISS ULTIMATE USA NATIONALS IN ORLANDO, FLORIDA IN JULY, 2026.

PLEASE NOTE: THE NEWLY CROWNED PEOPLES CHOICE WINNERS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR \$300 NATIONAL REGISTRATION FEE, AS WELL AS THE \$785 NATIONAL PACKAGE FEE TO THE NATIONAL OFFICE. WINNERS WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE CONTRACT SIGNING, PRIZE PACKAGE AND PHOTOSHOOT.

#### Required Ad Page

EACH CONTESTANT IS REQUIRED TO SELL A MINIMUM OF ONE FULL-PAGE, COLOR ADVERTISEMENT AT A COST OF \$150, PLUS A \$25 DESIGN FEE, BRINGING THE TOTAL TO \$175. CONTESTANTS MAY SELL ADDITIONAL AD PAGES IF DESIRED.

AS AN INCENTIVE, THE CONTESTANT WHO SELLS THE MOST AD PAGES WILL BE PROMINENTLY FEATURED ON THE BACK COVER OF THE STATE PROGRAM BOOK, WHILE THE CONTESTANT WITH THE SECOND HIGHEST AD SALES WILL BE HIGHLIGHTED ON THE INSIDE BACK COVER.

THIS OFFERS A VALUABLE OPPORTUNITY FOR BUSINESSES TO GAIN VISIBILITY THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF GEORGIA, AS THE PROGRAM BOOK REACHES A WIDE AUDIENCE.

THE DEADLINE FOR AD PAGE SUBMISSIONS IS JANUARY 1, 2026

Fee: \$175



Tilles & Fees:

#### State T-Shirt

ALL CONTESTANTS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR THE OFFICIAL STATE T-SHIRT DURING THE REHEARSAL ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH, 2026. THE COST OF THE SHIRT IS \$25.

Fee: \$25

#### **Auction Item**

EACH CONTESTANT IS REQUIRED TO SUBMIT AN AUCTION ITEM WITH A MINIMUM VALUE OF \$50 AT REGISTRATION. ALTERNATIVELY, CONTESTANTS MAY CHOOSE TO PAY \$50 IN CASH AT REGISTRATION IN LIEU OF PROVIDING AN AUCTION ITEM. THE AUCTION WILL TAKE PLACE DURING THE PARTY AT THE HOST HOTEL ON THE EVENING OF FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH.

Fee: \$50 Minimum Value



Age Divisions:

(Based on age as of July 1, 2026)

Ju Princess: AGES 4-6

Princess: AGES 7-9

Duter: AGES 10-12

<u>Ju Teen</u> AGES 13-15

Jun: AGES 16-19

Muss AGES 20-27

Advancement to Nationals

All crowned State Titleholders and People's Choice Winner are required to promote Miss Ultimate USA and represent their title prior to Nationals and must compete at our 2026 Nationals in Orlando, Florida.

DON'T WORRY if you don't win a title at our State Pageant as you can purchase a state contestant title and compete at Nationals!

# Required Areas of Competition

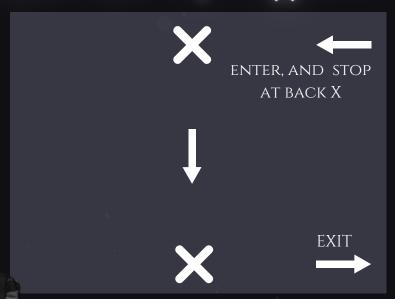
Gown: 30% (Floor Length gown for all ages)

Ultimate Runway: 30% (Showcase your style in this fast paced competition)

Interview: 40% (Personal interview with judges)







JUDGES

ALL CONTESTANTS ARE REQUIRED TO FOLLOW THE SET WALK PATTERN FOR ALL STAGE COMPETITIONS AND OPTIONALS. YOU WILL ENTER STAGE RIGHT AND WALK TO THE FIRST "X", FACE BACKWARDS AND WAIT ON YOUR NAME TO BE CALLED. (FACE THE BACK FOR ALL PHASES OF COMPETITION EXCEPT GOWN) YOU WILL THEN WALK TO THE FRONT "X". YOU ARE ALLOWED 2-3 POSES. YOU WILL THEN WALK TO EXIT FRONT STAGE RIGHT. JUDGES CAN DEDUCT POINTS FOR NOT FOLLOWING THE SET WALK PATTERN.

\$50 EA.

## Spokesmodel

Compete to be the Miss
Ultimate USA Floridas
Spokesmodel! Present your
speech live on the stage,
presenting yourself and your
platform.60 seconds max. One
winner in the Jr. division and
one in the Sr. division.

## Tolent

Got Talent? Show the judges your skills on stage with a 90 second time limit. Music must be submitted on Dashboard. Winners in each category will be awarded.

## Photo

Compete in our photogenic competition! Digital Entry ONLY. One winner in each division.

## B/W Photo

Compete in our black and white photogenic competition! Digital Entry ONLY. There will be winners in each category.

# State Pageant State Pageant \$50 EA.

Academic

Submit your transcript on the dashboard. One winner in Jr. and one in Sr. division.

Casual Wear

Show off your sense of style in this casual competition! One winner in each division.

# State Pageant Optionals

\$50 EA.

Fifness

Show the judges your physical fitness in this fun competition. Fitness attire of your choice. For Junior Princess-Jr. Teen only.

One winner in each division.

Swimsuit

Show the judges your physical fitness in this fun swimsuit competition. Swimsuit of your choice. No thong bottoms. For Teen & Miss only. One winner in each division.

## OPENING NUMBER

CONTESTANTS WILL WEAR ANY WHITE OPENING NUMBER OF THEIR CHOICE. THIS CAN BE A COCKTAIL, JUMPSUIT, ROMPER, ETC. GOWNS ARE NOT PERMITTED. ONLY NUDE OR CLEAR SHOES ARE TO BE WORN.



# State Pageant PRIZE PACKAGE

Our state titleholders will be awarded an exclusive prize package fit for true royalty! This includes the prestigious official Miss Ultimate USA rhinestone sash and a stunning custom state crown. In addition, state winners will have their \$300 national registration fee FULLY COVERED by their state directors for nationals!

To celebrate your achievement, we'll provide professional hair and makeup for your official state photo shoot on Sunday after the pageant. Plus, you'll enjoy a range of exciting perks, including premium 'luggage, photoshoots, and a gift card from Gilded Swan Boutique!

That's not all! Our prize package continues to grow with gift certificates, exclusive discounts from top dress and boutique sponsors, and so much more!

Photography Package

## STATE PHOTOGRAPHER

MODA CHIC



#### JR. PRINCESS, PRINCESS & PRETEEN

- LIGHT/NATURAL MAKEUP IS ALLOWED FOR INTERVIEW. HAIR EXTENSIONS ARE ALLOWED FOR INTERVIEW. NO FALSE EYELASHES IN INTERVIEW.
- AGE APPROPRIATE MAKEUP FOR STAGE COMPETITIONS.
- FLIPPERS ARE NOT ALLOWED
- NATURAL HAIR EXTENSIONS AND FALSE LASHES ARE ALLOWED FOR STAGE COMPETITION.

#### JR. TEEN, TEEN & MISS

- AGE APPROPRIATE MAKEUP FOR INTERVIEW AND STAGE COMPETITIONS.
- NATURAL HAIR EXTENSIONS AND FALSE LASHES ARE ALLOWED FOR INTERVIEW AND STAGE COMPETITIONS

Rufes

#### ALL DIVISIONS

- ALL CONTESTANTS MUST BE A
   NATURAL-BORN FEMALE, NEVER BEEN
   MARRIED, NOR HAVE CHILDREN.
- EACH CONTESTANT IS PERMITTED TO HAVE ONE NATURAL-BORN FEMALE ASSISTANT IN THE DRESSING ROOM.
   PLEASE NOTE THAT PHOTOGRAPHS, VIDEOS, AND ANY FORM OF SOCIAL MEDIA CONTENT ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED WITHIN THE DRESSING ROOM. VIOLATION OF THIS POLICY CAN RESULT IN IMMEDIATE DISQUALIFICATION.

ode of Jonduct

#### Miss Ultimate USA Code of Conduct

As a representative of Miss Ultimate USA, you are expected to embody the values of positivity, respect, and professionalism. Contestants and titleholders should demonstrate kindness, integrity, and grace at all times. The following guidelines outline the expected behavior:

#### 1. Promote Positivity

- Empower Others: Encourage and uplift fellow contestants and staff, fostering a supportive and friendly environment.
- Confidence with Humility: Show confidence while remaining humble and approachable.

#### 2. Maintain Professionalism

- Exemplary Behavior: Conduct yourself positively in public, at events, and on social media.
- Respect Others: Treat everyone—contestants, staff, and the public—with kindness and respect.

#### 3. <u>Uphold Presentation Standards</u>

• Elegance: Dress with dignity and grace, maintaining a polished appearance at all pageant-related activities.

# oge of conduct

#### 4. Be a Role Model

- Community Involvement: Use your Ultimate Service Initiative to engage in charitable initiatives and inspire others.
- Integrity: Be honest, fair, and reliable in all actions.

#### 5. Follow Competition Rules

- Fair Play: Adhere to all pageant guidelines. Dishonesty or violations will result in disqualification.
- Respect Privacy: No photos, videos, or social media posts are allowed in private areas.

#### 6. Show Good Sportsmanship

 Grace in Competition: Celebrate with humility and support your peers, regardless of the outcome.

#### Consequences for Violations

Failure to follow the Code of Conduct may result in warnings or disqualification.

By participating, you agree to uphold these values and serve as a positive role model in the Miss Ultimate USA community.

Please note this applies to both parents and families of the participant as well.

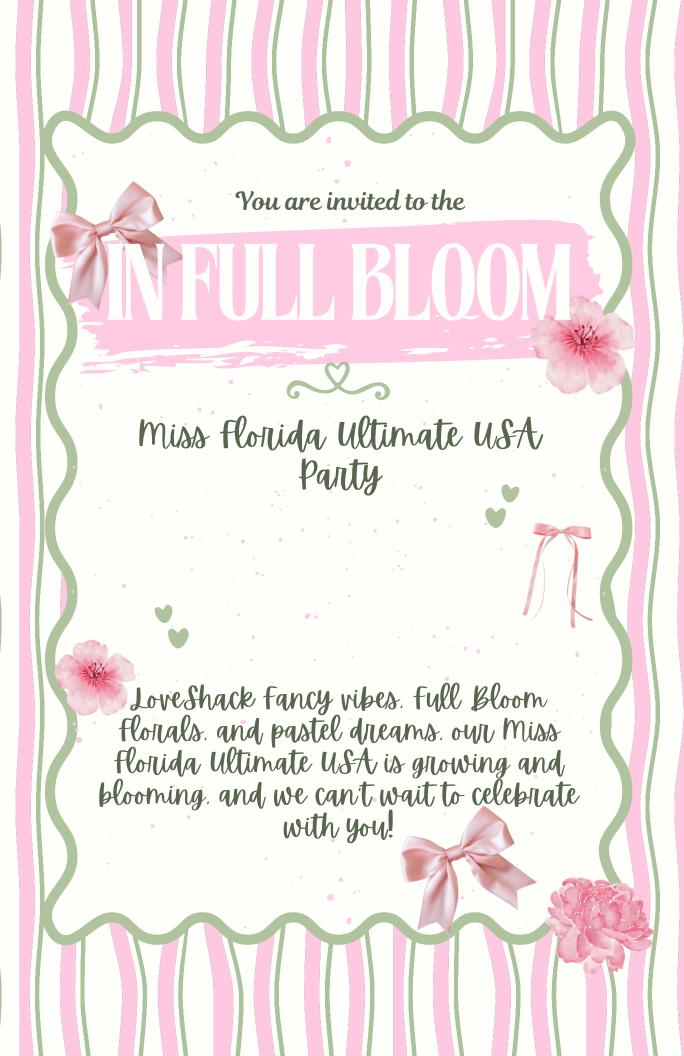
#### OUR NATIONAL SERVICE INITIATIVE AND NON-PROFIT

## THE MIRROR MIRROR PROJECT



OUR NONPROFIT IS DEDICATED TO RAISING FUNDS FOR CASH SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED AT THE STATE AND NATIONAL LEVELS.

> \*Every contestant is required to raise a minimum of \$25 to be turned in at registration! The contestant that raises the most funds will be awarded on stage



## Schedule

#### FRIDAY

#### REGISTRATION (10:30-11:30) LOCATION: HOST HOTEL

- Wear a stylish, age-appropriate outfit of your choice.
- An auction item with a minimum value of \$50 is required and to be turned in at registration. You may choose to opt out of bringing an auction item. As a result, you must pay \$50 in cash at registration in lieu of the item.
- Turn in The Mirror Mirror Cash Donation (\$25 minimum REQUIRED)

#### CONTESTANT MEETING (12:30-1:15)

Location: Venue

Contestants under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or chaperone.

#### REHEARSAL (1:30-3:30) LOCATION: VENUE

(Closed Rehearsal)

DOORS OPEN (5:30PM)

**OPTIONALS SHOW (6PM)** LOCATION: VENUE

PARTY/AUCTION (8:30-9:30) WILL BE HELD AT HOST HOTEL.

SATURDAY

Schedule

INTERVIEWS (8AM-11AM) LOCATION: HOST HOTEL

Interview times will be assigned closer to October 17th.

REHEARSAL (12-2PM) LOCATION: VENUE

 Wear State T-Shirt. Contestant is responsible for purchasing on dashboard for \$25. (Closed Rehearsal)

DOORS OPEN (5:30PM)

SHOW TIME (6PM) LOCATION: VENUE

#### SUNDAY

WINNERS CIRCLE LOCATION: HOTEL

- Sponsored hair and makeup touch ups.
- Photoshoot
- Contract Signing and Prize Package for winners.





Florida State Produced by the National Office



MICHELLE.MISSULTIMATEUSA@GMAIL.COM



www.missultimateusa.com