



National

Imperial Miss

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NATIONAL HANDBOOK

AGE DIVISIONS



National Imperial Jr. Princess (Ages 4-6)

National Imperial Princess (Ages 7-9)

National Imperial Pre. Teen (Ages 10-12)

National Imperial Jr. Teen (Ages 13-15)

National Imperial Teen (Ages 16-19)

National Imperial Miss (Ages 20-29)

National Imperial Ms./Mrs. (Ages 20+)

National Imperial Legacy (Ages 50+)

Age as of date June 1, 2024

***Ms. & Mrs. Division:**

Our Ms., Mrs. & legacy divisions are based on age rather than marital status, and in either of those divisions; you may be single, married, divorced, or widowed.

Children are allowed.

Preliminary REQUIRED COMPETITIONS

All required competitions are scored on an equal weighted basis

Interview

1/3 of Score

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Let our judges get to know YOU! Show our judges how interesting you are and keep them curious. Our judges are looking for you to be engaging, hold a conversation and connect. Wear a dress or jumpsuit think fashion forward, showcase your personal style, Be Imperial Strong!

Jr. Princess & Princess

Interview will be "round-robin style" for 1 minute with each judge

Interview will begin after the delegate states her name.

Questions will come from bio-sheet

Pre.Teen - Legacy

Interview will be "panel style" for 5 minutes with all judges

Delegate must present a brief un-rehearsed introduction (max 1 min.) upon being instructed to begin.

Fun-Fashion

1/3 of Score

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Think high fashion, red carpet style!

Outfits should show creativity, imagination, showcase their personality and their personal sense of fashion.

Judges are looking for stage presence, modeling ability, age appropriate attire, and upbeat personality.

No purses, props or hats. No midribs for Jr. Princess & Princess divisions.

Must be age appropriate, pay close attention to the fit of your outfit.

Evening Gown

1/3 of Score

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Demand the audiences attention as you grace the national stage in a full-length evening gown of your choice.

Judges will be scoring based on personality, stage presence, elegance, confidence, poise, and overall impression.

Attire must be an age appropriate, full-length gown in all divisions, should reflect the delegate's personal style and compliment their personality.

Jr. Princess - Pre. Teen divisions may not have two-pieces or strapless style gowns.

Final

REQUIRED COMPETITIONS

All required competitions are scored on an equal weighted basis

Fun-Fashion

1/4 of Score

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Our top finalists will re-compete in the Fun-Fashion competition in each division, as their preliminary scores are wiped.

Judges will use the same criteria as preliminary competitions to judge finals. Secondary attire is prohibited.

Jr. Division finalists scoring 1/3

Evening Gown

1/4 of Score

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Our top finalists will re-compete in the Evening Gown competition in each division, as their preliminary scores are wiped. Judges will use the same criteria as preliminary competitions to judge finals.

Secondary attire is prohibited.

Jr. Division finalists scoring 1/3

On-Stage Question

1/4 of Score

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Our top Sr. Division finalists will compete in On-Stage Question, each delegate will draw an age-appropriate question from a bowl in their evening gown. Each delegate will have 30 seconds to answer. Questions will not be political or religious.

Jr. Division finalists excluded

Interview

1/4 of Score

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All interview scores from the preliminary competition will be carried over into the finals competition. Interview will account for 1/4 of the delegates final scores.

After we conclude the finals competition, the delegates' with the highest accumulative finals competition scores (per division) in each required category, will be the next National Imperial Miss!

Jr. Division finalists scoring 1/3

OPTIONAL COMPETITIONS

Nationals just got even better! Our optional competitions provide delegates the opportunity to showcase their individuality, gain confidence and be recognized for how talented they truly are!

Browse our optional competitions packed with more prizes, titles, cash scholarships and awards!

Cover Miss



Put your best face forward! Our photogenic competition qualifies you for our Imperial Supermodel competition. Photos submitted may be either color or b&w and must be 8x10. Please have photos in sheet or photo protectors and have your name and division on back of each photo submitted.

One winner in each division, with the highest overall Jr & Sr winners receiving a cash scholarship and the National Cover Miss title.

Photos must be age appropriate, follow makeup guidelines by National Imperial Miss, and must be professional quality.

Fee: \$125 (1 photo, \$50 additional, Max 4.)



Imperial Supermodel

This modeling competition is based on your preliminary fun-fashion score during the required competitions and your Cover Miss photo entries.

One winner in each division, with the highest overall Jr & Sr winners receiving a cash scholarship and the National Imperial Supermodel title.

Fee: \$125 (limit one entry)

Portfolio



A delegate will submit a collection of 7-10 photos in a portfolio that showcases multiple looks. Photos should be 8x10 and can be either color or b&w. There must be a minimum of two full-body shots and two headshots in the collection.

One winner in each division, with the highest overall Jr & Sr winners receiving a cash scholarship and the National portfolio award.

Fee: \$125 (limit one entry)



Runway

Strut your stuff! Walk the runway and express your Imperial side, in our national system colors, anything Blue, Silver, or White.

One winner in each division, with the highest overall Jr & Sr winners receiving a cash scholarship and the National Imperial Runway Model title. Anything goes but must be age-appropriate. Show our judges your creative side, confidence and your modeling skills!

Fee: \$100 (limit one entry)

Imperial Strong (Active Wear)



Bring home our Imperial Strong title by strutting the runway in your favorite fitness attire! All divisions may dress in any active wear of their choice, must be age appropriate!

Swimwear is prohibited.

One winner in each division, with the highest overall Jr & Sr winners receiving a cash scholarship and the National Imperial Strong award.

Fee: \$100 (limit one entry)

Casual Wear

This fun and upbeat competition is your time to shine! Delegates should choose a casual wear outfit that suits their personality and sense of style.

One winner in each division, with the highest overall Jr & Sr winners receiving a cash scholarship and the National Casual Wear title.

Fee: \$100 (limit one entry)

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Ambassador

(National Titleholder Opportunity)

At National Imperial Miss we believe in second chances! Our ambassador title is just that, a second chance to become apart of our national queens court.

Overall Jr & Sr winners will receive the national prize package, cash scholarship and the National Jr & Sr Ambassador title.

MUST ENTER POSITIVE LEADER, COVER MISS, RUNWAY, CASUAL WEAR TO QUALIFY! *mandatory competition scores are considered in this optional

Fee: \$175 (limit one entry)



Positive Leader

Delegate's must submit a 250 words or more essay and community service scrapbook that showcases your academic and volunteer service accomplishments. Essays submitted must pertain to our national platform 'Strong' and the obstacles the delegate's have overcome and the impact they plan to make during their pageant journey.

One winner in each division, with the highest overall Jr & Sr winners receiving a cash scholarship and the National Imperial Positive Leader title.

Fee: \$125 (limit one entry)



Talent

Come show us how talented you are! Become our National Imperial Actress by submitting your entry into our talent competition.

One winner in each division, with the highest overall Jr & Sr winners receiving a cash scholarship and the National Imperial Actress award.

Fee: \$125 (limit one entry)



Presidential Volunteer Service Award

Strut your stuff! Walk the runway and This award is presented to the delegate who truly embodies the spirit of pageantry, community service and has a social impact throughout her state reign. One lucky delegate will walk away with this prestigious award, a gift, and a \$100 gift card for a shopping spree!

All delegates are automatically considered for this award, judges will review delegates social media accounts to determine the winner. Please make sure to submit your information within the delegate login and use the provided hashtags for consideration.



Miss Congeniality

We look forward to awarding the delegate that displays the true values of sisterhood! Chosen by peer votes, based on most pleasant personality, supportiveness and social atmosphere.

This award will be voted on by the delegate's peers during rehearsals. Awarded to one delegate in every division.

All delegates are automatically considered for this award.



Socially Imperial

This award is presented to the delegate who truly embodies the spirit of pageantry, community service and has a social impact throughout her state reign. One lucky delegate will walk away with this prestigious award, a gift, and a \$100 gift card for a shopping spree!

All delegates are automatically considered for this award, judges will review delegates social media accounts to determine the winner. Please make sure to submit your information within the delegate login and use the provided hashtags for consideration.



People's Choice:

The delegate with the highest votes in each division will win a spot among the Top Finalist and receive the National peoples choice award.

All delegates with votes are considered for this award.

NATIONAL EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Meet & Greet

Settling in for nationals week, we begin with our meet & greet event. Take a moment to have some fun and enjoy meeting our national queens and each of our national delegates from all over the United States!

There is NO pass required for this event.
Delegates under 18 are required to have a parent or guardian attend this event.



Pajama Kick-Off Party!

Grab all your bright and vibrant colors and get ready for an amazing kick-off pajama party! That's right we are having a glow party in our pajamas!

Let's get this slumber party started! During our pajama kick-off party, you will get to jam out with our national royalty and all the other amazing delegates. We will be going over important pageant details as well but don't worry we won't make it too boring, after all this is a party!

Delegate's will not only mingle, they will load up on their favorite candies and glow accessories at our glow bar, dance the night away and party hard before we start an amazing pageant week!

Delegates under 18 are required to have a parent or guardian attend this event as important information will be provided.

Admission pass required.



Imperial Gala

NIM's Gala, is a formal dinner award ceremony! Not only will this event be packed with the best fashion forward attire worn by our royalty, delegates, their family and friends. We will be awarding all of our amazing delegates with our signature national awards that participated in our Advertiser of the Year, Presidential Volunteer Service Award and select optional competitions!

Making an impact in more ways than one, National Imperial Miss does not have a set platform. Therefore, we focus each year on our very own national royalty platforms underneath "Strong" to bring awareness to a cause that is near and dear to our queen's. During our Imperial Gala, We will also be announcing the total raised for "Strong" for 2024!

Make sure you don't miss it!

Attire: Full-length evening dress or Suit

Delegates under 18 are required to have a parent or guardian attend this event.

Admission pass required.



VIP Pass Required for Parents/Guardians/Guests

VIP Passes are included in the National Package for all delegates. This means you WILL NOT have to buy a VIP Pass for any delegate. Any Parents/Guardians/ or Guests who would like to attend our ticketed events above, must purchase a VIP Pass. The VIP Pass includes entry into our Themed Kick-Off Party & Imperial Gala. VIP Passes are not available at the door and must be purchased before the deadline!

Passes can be purchased in the delegate login. Please see the delegate log-in for deadline information.

Vip Pass

The national sponsorship entry fee is \$400 and includes state crown, state sash. Your National entry fee is paid for by your state pageant as part of your state prize package * (appointed titleholders are responsible for this payment.)

All delegates are required to pay the National package fee of \$800 that includes Registration into all Required Competitions: Interview, Evening Gown, Fun- Fashion, and Onstage Question.

National package also includes: Contestant Swag Bag at Registration, Professional, Color Delegate Ad Design, Delegate's VIP Pass for entry into all National Parties, Events, Optional Competitions, Preliminary Shows, and Finals Show and One AMAZING National Pageant Experience.



NATIONAL REQUIRED FEES

Payment Schedule

\$400 National Sponsorship Entry Fee
Due upon registering

\$800 National Package Fee
Due with 60 days of registering
(By deadline schedule whichever comes first)

It is very important that you pay all fees on time according to the schedules above or provide payment in full to secure your state titles for nationals.

National package & optional fees can be paid on our website within the Delegate Login. Please refer to the National website.



NATIONAL PROGRAM BOOK

Delegate Ad page (Requirements)

This ad page and design fee is included in the delegates national package.

The photo you submit does not need to be the same photo that you submit for your headshot.

Your ad page will be printed in full color, and the program book makes for a beautiful keepsake for your friends, family and supporters!



Delegate Headshot (Requirements)

If your photo is not submitted in time and/or does not meet the following requirements a "photo not available" icon will be used with your name and title in the program book.

Submit ad page headshots within the delegate login in the following file:
name format division_title_first name_last name.

EX: PRETEEN_NORTHCAROLINA_ANSLEY_ROPER

- Your picture must be current (within the past 8 months)
- Photo must NOT include a crown or sash or any type of hat
- Try to keep make-up clean and simple per nationals rules & regulations.
- Do not cover face with hair, hands or jewelry
- Photo should be high resolution (300 dpi)
- Photo must also be in color & in .jpeg format
- Cell phone photos or computer print will NOT be accepted



Advertiser of the Year (Optional)

All delegates will have the opportunity to sell ad pages and earn NIM Cash to be used toward nationals. Our National Advertiser of the Year award is completely optional and is based on ad pages purchased for an additional fee, the Jr and Sr delegate who sells the most will win our NIM Advertiser of the Year award.

AD pages are available for an additional fee but are completely optional. Each Full Ad Page is \$200 (design fee separate). Invite your friends, family, businesses and supporters to purchase these special ads to wish you good luck.

Please refer to the Delegate Login for more detailed information.



Opening Number Wardrobe (Requirements)

All delegates are asked to bring a solid silver, fashion forward outfit of their choice to wear for our opening number performance. The outfit can have sequins, rhinestones, beads or feathers, but must exclude: patterns such as (polka dots, stripes, etc.) and any logos.

This outfit can be a dress, jumpsuit, romper, or any style you choose, must be age appropriate. Select a style that reflects your personality and makes you feel as AMAZING as you are!

Delegates should wear NUDE shoes to compliment their outfit, opening number earring purchases can be made within the Delegate Login.



First Priority Clause (Semi Non-Compete)

Being a titleholder is a job that should be taken seriously. The titleholder's job is to be a role model, serve her community, promote National Imperial Miss, and promote their title throughout her reign. Because this job requires commitment, national titleholders are required to sign the National contract which includes a semi non-compete clause and confirms that the delegate will hold National Imperial Miss as their first priority, National queens are expected to return to crown their successors at the 2025 National pageant and remain the duration of the national pageant. Before you register, please read over our Titleholder Agreement, Code of Conduct and Program Rules, for by submitting your application and registration, its an acceptance agreement to all rules and regulations for our organization.

State titleholders are not held to a non-complete clause, however; they must obtain approval from their state director/state coordinator to compete at any pageants after winning their state title. All National Imperial Miss state titleholders must uphold their commitment to compete at Nationals 2024.

Dressing Room | Back Stage Policy

- No men are allowed in dressing rooms, delegates may have one female parent or guardian to assist them in the dressing rooms. The designated female will be given a pass that must be worn to gain access to the dressing room. Delegates DO NOT use the hair and make up rooms as a dressing room! Hair & Makeup vendors ARE NOT allowed to set up in the dressing room! Absolutely NO photos are to be taken while in the dressing rooms. No food or drinks allowed in dressing rooms.
- Only Staff members are allowed back stage. Parent's, guardians or guests will not be permitted back stage at anytime unless directed and accompanied by a staff member.

NATIONAL IMPERIAL MISS WILL NOT TOLERATE POOR SPORTSMANSHIP FROM DELEGATES, PARENTS OR GUESTS. ATTENDEES IN VIOLATION OF THE ABOVE WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE WITHOUT A REFUND AND DELEGATES WILL FORFEIT ALL FEES, PRIZES AND AWARDS.

National Delegate Login

Our Delegate Login can be found on our website (located on the top right of our menu bar). Delegate's Login will be your go-to place for EVERYTHING NATIONALS! This will help you to stay informed and prepare for National Imperial Miss Nationals 2024!

All delegates will be able to access important information, forms, payment options, optional competition information, VIP Passes, and all national updates!

Please carefully review the delegate log-in information and refer back to this handbook before reaching out to the national office with any questions. If you cannot find the answer, we will be happy to assist you!

(Password provided once your registered)

www.nationalimperialmiss.com

National Delegate Facebook Group

In addition to our Delegate Login, we host a Facebook Delegate Group, all delegates will be provided a link in their welcome email after they fully register for Nationals 2024. Please make sure to add yourself to this group.

You will receive the link to the Facebook Delegate Group in your welcome email once you're registered for the National Pageant. Please make sure to check your SPAM box for the welcome email, mark Info@nationalimperialmiss.com as an approved email to make sure you do not miss important updates from the national office.

NATIONAL GUIDELINES & RULES



Hair & Makeup (HMU) Vendors

All hair and makeup vendors in the HMU rooms must be approved by the national office. If you are not an approved vendor by the national office, you may apply on our website to become an approved Hair & Makeup vendor.

There will be a designated area for hair & makeup for those vendors who have taken the proper steps to become an approved vendor.

Hair & Makeup vendors ARE NOT allowed to set up in the dressing room, common areas, restrooms, hallways, or venue bathrooms!

Delegates if you would like your favorite HMU vendor on our list they must apply via our website and adhere to our program guidelines, a complete list of approved HMU vendors can be found inside our delegate login.

Makeup Guidelines

JR. PRINCESS & PRINCESS

Makeup for interview competition not allowed.

Age appropriate makeup for stage competitions, false eyelashes and midribs showing is prohibited.

May not have two-piece or strapless style gowns.

PRE. TEEN

Light and natural makeup for interview competition.

Age appropriate make up for stage competitions.

False eyelashes and natural hair extensions are allowed.

JR. TEEN, TEEN, MISS, MS, LEGACY

Age appropriate makeup for interview and stage competitions.

False eyelashes and natural hair extensions are allowed.

*Disregard to the above standards & makeup guidelines, will be left up to our judge's discretion to deduct points.



NATIONAL GUIDELINES & RULES



Scoring & Judges Comments

- All delegates are judges based on elegance, stage presence, modeling skills and personality.
- Judges break all ties and the judges' decisions are final.
- All judges comments will be emailed 2 weeks following the pageant day.

Code of Conduct

Sportsmanship

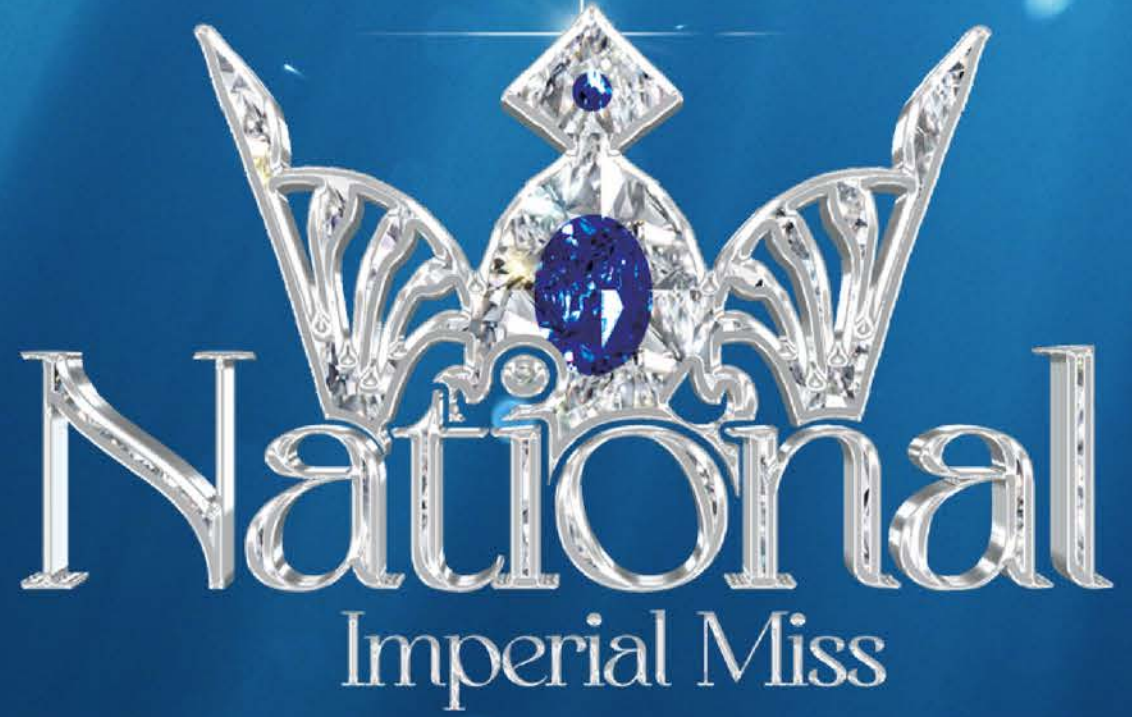
National Imperial Miss will not tolerate poor sportsmanship from delegates, parent's or guests; this is not allowed and will be cause for disqualification.

*Attendees in violation will be asked to leave without a refund and delegates will forfeit all fees, prizes and awards.

We ask all guests to clap and cheer on each delegate to honor a positive, uplifting and inspiring pageant experience for each delegate.



LET'S GET YOU ORGANIZED



Items To Bring

Required competition attire
(Evening gown, Interview, Fun-Fashion)

Opening number attire
(Outfit must be silver & nude shoes)

National Party attire
(Pajamas & Gala Black tie attire)

White Shorts, Skirts or pants
(To be worn with NIM T-shirt at rehearsals
and for group photos)

White trendy dress or jumpsuit/outfit

Incoming & outgoing queens gifts
(min: \$25, bring 2 separate gifts)

Auction gift basket or donation

Cover Miss photos

Portfolio

Scrapbook

Rolling Rack

Stand up mirror

NATIONAL IMPORTANT DEADLINES



Immediately
Book Your Hotel

Within 60 days of state/appointed title registration
Finalize National Package fees

May 1
LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR 2024 NATIONALS

MAY 15
NATIONAL DEADLINE DAY
All national registration/package fees are due
Delegate headshot submissions due
Presidential Volunteer Service Award submissions
Birth Certificates & Authorization forms

JUNE 1
Essay submissions
Interview Bios
Program Book Pre-orders
Purchase event tickets

JUNE 15
All Optional Entry Forms & Payments
(Optionals may NOT be entered into at Check-In)
Talent Forms & Music
All missing items must be completed by this deadline

AT CHECK-IN
Portfolio
Cover Miss
Scrapbook
Incoming & Outgoing queens gifts
(min: \$25, bring 2 separate gifts)
Auction gift basket or donation

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