

Miss Friendly El Monte/South El Monte Pageant Application Packet

Thank you for your interest in the Miss Friendly El Monte/South El Monte Pageant. Please take a moment to review all of the requirements and qualifications to be a Pageant contestant. All contestants must complete Part I and Part II in order to be considered. For more information about the Pageant or if you have questions regarding completing this application packet, please contact **Chamber of Commerce** at (626)443-0180 or emsempageant@gmail.com.

Application deadline is: May 31, 2017 at 4 p.m.

Please deliver the completed Contestant Application (Part I), the Contestant Résumé (Part II) and a 4x6 photograph* to:
*photographs will not be returned

Chamber of Commerce
10505 Valley Boulevard, Suite 212
El Monte, CA 91731

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Young women who meet the following three requirements may enter the Miss Friendly El Monte/South El Monte Pageant:

1. Entrant must be single, born female, never have been married, divorced, pregnant, or had a marriage annulled. Miss Friendly El Monte/South El Monte Queen and Royal Court Members must remain single during the entire year of reign. (If she should marry or become pregnant, Miss Friendly El Monte/South El Monte Queen or Royal Court Member will relinquish her title and crown to next runner-up.)
2. **Residency.** The contestant must have resided in the city of El Monte or South El Monte for a minimum of six (6) months prior to entering a local preliminary pageant. Entry date is the date the contestant contract is signed. Proof will be a valid California Driver's License, student ID, or any other official document establishing residency.
3. **School Attendance.** The contestant must have completed at least one full-time semester at a high school within the El Monte Union High School District. The contestant must currently be enrolled as a full-time student (12 units) and must maintain a 2.5 Grade Point Average during pageant affiliation. Proof will be evidence of registration, transcripts of other official documentation.

In addition, Must meet the following three Qualifying Requirements:

1. **Age.** The contestant must be between the ages of 16 and 23 on or before January 21, 2018.
2. **Marital Status.** The contestant must be single, having never been married, divorced, or had any marriage annulled.
3. **Additional Status.** The contestant must also have never given birth to a child or to become pregnant during pageant affiliation.

CONTESTANT RESPONSIBILITIES

Time Commitment. If you should win the title of Miss Friendly El Monte/South El Monte Queen OR Miss Friendly El Monte/South El Monte Princess, your attendance is required at Chamber of Commerce mixers, ribbon cutting ceremonies, special celebrations, and events in both the cities of El Monte and South El Monte.

All contestants, along with a parent, are invited to attend the **Pageant Informational Meeting** – May 17, 2017 6 P.M. at the El Monte/South El Monte Chamber of Commerce. Rehearsal and meeting schedules will be distributed at the meeting. Contestants are also required to attend the **Pageant Sponsor Meet & Greet Dinner**. Contestants' attendance at **Dress Rehearsal** is mandatory in order to participate in the day of the pageant.

Financial Commitment. There will be some out-of-pocket expense to participate in the pageant, including, but not limited to event wardrobe, hair, make-up, evening gown, shoes, and alterations.

Contestant Responsibility. The El Monte/South El Monte Pageant Association **IS NOT** responsible for loss or stolen articles. **Each contestant is responsible for their individual property.**

I, the undersigned, acknowledge that I have read the above **Official Rules**, and agree to the terms therein. I agree to abide by all decisions of the El Monte/South El Monte Pageant Association.

Signature of Contestant

DATED: _____

Signature of Legal Parent or Guardian

DATED: _____

AREAS OF COMPETITION

Attendance & Punctuality. Contestants are required to attend all rehearsals, Sponsors Meet & Greet Dinner and other scheduled events. Contestants must arrive on time and ready to participate.

Personal Interview. Each contestant participates in an individual 10-minute press conference-style interview with our panel of judges. Contestants are questioned on their background as presented on their resume, their educational and career goals, their opinions on current events and social issues, and their interests, hobbies and extracurricular activities. Scoring is based on validated opinions and responses in context, poise, personal appearance, personality, intelligence, style, emotional control, speech, vocabulary, grammar, knowledge, understanding, and ability to articulate her platform issue, and sense of accomplishment.

Self-Introduction/Walk. Each contestant will perform a self-introduction at the beginning of the Pageant. Scoring is based on overall first impression, poise, personality, emotional control, speech, vocabulary, grammar, and ability to have a confident and commanding presence.

Talent/Creative Expression. Contestants perform a timed routine of their own choosing. Some possible talents include all types of singing, dancing, gymnastics, instrumental music, monologues, baton twirling and other talents that can be performed solo. Scoring is based on contestant's talent selection and performance as it distinguishes both her skills and personality, interpretive ability, technical skill level (execution, technique, synchronization, control), stage presence and the totality of all elements (including costume, props, voice, use of body, and choreography).

Evening Wear. Each contestant appears on stage in a formal gown of her own choosing. Scoring is based on overall first impression, sense of confidence, personality and stage presence, walk and posture, carriage and grace, appropriateness of attire, sense of style, sense of attractiveness, beauty, and charm.

On-Stage Question. The On-Stage Question phase of competition is comprised of questions of a general nature and will be neither platform-related nor something taken from the private interview. Scoring is based on overall first impression and the judges should ask themselves:

1. Did the contestant answer the question in the context in which it was asked?
2. Can she handle the pressure of speaking on stage in front of an audience?
3. Will young people see her as a role model who is reflective of today's generation?

Platform Overview. Each contestant chooses an issue of importance to her and her community. Each contestant is evaluated on her commitment to her chosen issue. Examples of platform issues are: child advocacy, volunteerism, domestic violence, literacy, diabetes, awareness, eating disorders, and homelessness.

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Part I: Miss Friendly El Monte/South El Monte Pageant Contestant Application

The 2016 Miss Friendly El Monte/South El Monte Pageant will be held on January 21, 2017.

If you're interested in becoming more involved in your community and serving as a role model to the youth of El Monte and South El Monte, then send in your application to compete in the next Miss Friendly El Monte/South El Monte Pageant.

Contestant information:

First name: _____ Middle initial: _____ Last name: _____

Date of birth: _____ Home phone: () - _____ Mobile phone: () - _____

Email address: _____

City of residence: _____ Number of years _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Current school: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Parent's name: _____

Parent's home address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home phone: () - _____ Mobile phone: () - _____ Work phone: () - _____

Parent's Email address: _____

Part II: Miss Friendly El Monte/South El Monte Pageant Résumé

This is your opportunity to demonstrate to the judges why they should consider you for Miss Friendly El Monte/South El Monte. You may list as many or as few items under each category as you desire. Your only restriction is that your answers must fit in the allotted space.

All Contestant Résumés and Platform Issue Statements will be given to the judges' panel regardless of any errors of any kind. Be certain that the information on these forms is totally correct. The Miss Friendly El Monte/South El Monte Board of Directors does not edit or make corrections to these forms and will submit both forms to the judges' panel as received.

Please complete the sections below:

Name (*Your name, including your nickname, as you wish the judges to know it*)

Hometown (*City and years of residency*)

Date of Birth (*Month, day, and year of your birth*)

Education (*Recent school first and list the years attended*)

Scholastic Ambition (*Type of degree/ education you would ultimately like to achieve*)

Career Ambition (*List your career ambition*)

Talent/Creative Expression (*Type the type of talent or creative expression to be performed, include song selection, if applicable*)

Scholastic Honors (*List your scholastic honors received*)

Leadership Roles *(List your leadership roles past or present)*

Accomplishments *(List your most celebrated accomplishments)*

Volunteer work experience *(List all of your volunteer experience past and present)*

Interesting Facts *(What would you like the judges to know about you)*

Legacy *(A year after giving up your title as Miss Friendly El Monte/South El Monte, what will we remember about your year of service?)*

Platform Issue *(An issue of importance to you and your community)*

Why I should be Miss Friendly El Monte/South El Monte this year?

(Explain to the judging panel why you should be selected as the Miss Friendly El Monte/South El Monte.

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