



Pageant Introductions

The introduction at a pageant is an important moment for a contestant. This is the contestant's time to shine and make a lasting impression on the pageant judges.

Prepare a **brief** introduction, before arriving at the pageant. A good pageant introduction highlights more than your name. Make up a few sentences that state your name, current title, where you are from and at least one other interesting fact about yourself or your state.

Practice saying introduction with good posture. A straight spine and a head held high show that you are confident and prepared. Relax as much as possible and keep your arms hanging at your sides. Do not adjust the microphone.

Speak slowly, clearly and with confidence. This will be simple, if when there is a well-prepared introduction. Enunciate words properly and speak with assertion and authority. Keep a proper distance from the microphone to avoid distracting popping sounds. A good microphone is able to pick up speaking from a couple of inches away.

Smile, while speaking. A gentle smile helps make the contestant approachable to the judges. It also portrays a confident attitude, which is something the judges are looking for in a pageant contestant.

Example 1:

Hailing from the Lone Star State where the stars shine bright, hoping to shine for you...your Mrs. All American Texas Woman, Teresa Mudrow.

Example 2:

From the state that four out of the five Great Lakes prefer. I am your Mrs. All American Michigan Woman, Teresa Mudrow.

***This is NOT a 60 platform speech.
Keep it to about 10 to 15 seconds.**