

**PAGEANT WEEKEND PACKET: Please read enclosed information thoroughly. Please PRINT this entire packet.**

**Welcome to the United Southern States America Pageant system. (USS America) Enclosed you will find everything you need for the special two day event in Houston.**

**United Southern States America take great pride in keeping pageant traditions and celebrate your accomplishments through-out your state reign.**

**We cherish the positive relationships established not only with our staff/committee but with all of our contestants & sponsors. Congratulations for serving your state or region prior to the National competition! We are proud of each of you.**

**We will be crowning MULTIPLE winners in one evening.**

**Miss USS America  
Ms USS America  
Mrs USS America  
Ms Lady USS America  
Ms USS America National Choice  
Ms Congeniality & Ms Photogenic  
Additional TITLES will be awarded!**

**Therefore, we carefully select our judges and score auditor so that the scoring reflects the highest score in each division. We will also be awarding extra titles.**

**Please note: All state titles purchased to compete in the USS America Pageant will end on pageant day. State titles can be re-purchased for the following years competition. All returning contestants for the 2019 pageant will receive a \$50 discount.**

**The Pageant will be held at the Homewood Suites by Hilton – near IAH. 23320 Highway 59 North, Kingwood, Texas, 77339. The hotel provides complimentary shuttle to & from the airport. If staying at hotel, please reserve with the link & information provided and will be uploaded to website 1 month prior to pageant.**

**We are very excited about this year's Ms USS America National Pageant and we look forward to seeing you each pageant weekend.**

**Sincerely,**

**Tina Fox**

**Founder/Director**

**[www.msussamericapageant.com](http://www.msussamericapageant.com)**

## **PAGEANT INFORMATION**

Pageant Dates: Saturday August 4th & Sunday August 5th, 2018  
Homewood Suites by Hilton Bush Intercontinental Airport – Houston/Kingwood  
23320 Highway 59 North, Kingwood, Texas, 77339

Saturday Aug 4th Hotel check-in 3:00pm

Sunday Aug 5th Hotel check-out 11am (check out time can be extended upon request)

The blocked room rates are \$99 + tax and you can purchase additional nights at same rate.

This is a beautiful hotel, free airport shuttle, complimentary breakfast & 24 hour beverage station, fitness center and near-by shopping.

\*Rooms for contestants can be booked through block. This is a discounted rate for Ms USS America Pageant only. Please see link on website. \$99+ tax: king bed suite for you and your family. Includes Complimentary breakfast buffet & free shuttle to IAH.

Staying at hotel is optional, but ensures punctuality to activities.

**Welcome Party & Meet & Greet:** Saturday August 4th 6:30pm – 8:30pm @ hotel ballroom

Enjoy appetizers, desserts & door prizes. Meet the Emcee & Director. Turn in Photo's.

\*You may bring one guest. ie: Friend, parent, spouse etc.

**ORIENTATION:** Sunday, Aug 4<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am sharp in Ballroom (contestants only\*\*\* no exceptions)

**Rehearsals:** 9:00 am (bring your pageant heels/shoes to practice)

\*\*We will provide a dressing room with table & chairs. Please bring your own mirror for your table and provide your own hair/makeup artist if needed. Please note we do not dismiss from rehearsals until 10:45am.

**Gift exchange:** Friendship gifts may be exchanged between contestants. Optional and a fun tradition. You may exchange just in your own division or with all contestants. We will also be providing each of you welcome gifts. Check website for a list of contestants 1 week prior to pageant.

**DISMISSAL & LUNCH:** 11:00 am . We will provide you a light lunch/snacks. If staying at hotel, you may check-out and bring items to dressing room. If you are staying additional nights at hotel, you may get ready in your room or use dressing room we are providing. Red carpet begins at 4:00pm. Please be ready at 4:30pm for group photo. Photography will be provided. Pageant begins at 5:00pm.

Tickets to show will be available to purchase at the door.

\$10 per person. THIS IS CHEAP compared to other pageant systems.

**NO COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS.**

Red Carpet/Photography: 4pm

Seating begins: 4:30pm

Pageant begins 5:00pm

**OPENING NUMBER INTRO:** PINK or White cocktail dress: Your choice of style or shade. Can be ANY shade of PINK. White must be at least 90% solid white & same with Pink. We will provide white/pink flower for hair. Routine will be simple and includes your introductory. You will need to say something interesting about yourself.

*INTRO EXAMPLE: "Hello, from the Golden state, I am Miss California Janet Wilson, bringing sunshine to Texas all the way from my home state, I am Janet Wilson constant number 6, thank you"* (this is only an example please be creative!) we will assign your contestant number at rehearsals.

**1<sup>st</sup> outfit: Opening number intro: Any PINK or WHITE cocktail dress. Any style or shade! "Pretty in Pink" theme. We are providing a beautiful pink/white flower for hair.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> outfit: Sports/Fitness wear: Yoga, work-out, boxing, tennis, golf – props are allowed. Be creative! No swimsuits.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> outfit: Evening Gown – Floor/Ankle length ball gown**

**On Stage Question: There is no private INTERVIEWS with the judges. A question will be asked on stage during evening gown competition from a list of questions that we provide. Questions are not political or controversial. I will send the list of questions via email prior.**

**BIOGRAPHY: Please print MC sheet below and bring to rehearsals. This will be the information read about you during the fitness & evening gown competition. Please print clearly.**

**MOST PHOTOGENIC: Please bring a 4x6 or 5x7 photo of you for contest, (not any larger please) to Welcome/Meet & Greet, Saturday evening. Please write your name and state title on back please. This is an additional crown & sash to be awarded! Google Most Photogenic headshots that have won in the past to help you decide which photo & style to submit.**

**PHOTOGRAPHY: We will be providing photography.** We will also have a Hollywood red carpet area for you and your family/friends to take photo's.

**TATTOOS: VISIBLE TATTOOS MUST BE COVERED!** A simple foundation or concealer will work. We understand it's an expression of one's self, however you DO NOT KNOW the judge's opinion on this topic. Visible Tattoo's larger than a quarter must be covered.

**TITLE WINNERS: Mrs USS America ~ Ms USS America~ Miss USS America ~ Ms Lady USS America & EXTRA TITLES WILL BE AWARDED! (WE NO LONGER HAVE A TEEN DIVISION)**

Winners: Expect to make appearances throughout your reign. Always wear your crown and sash to appearances and please read rules & regulations.

Other Category awards:

Miss Photogenic, Miss Congeniality & Ms USS America National Choice.

**Ms USS America National Choice:** Audience will be given the opportunity to vote and winner will receive a crown and sash and eligible to make appearances. Only \$1 per vote.

**\*\*\*NEXT PAGE IS IMPORTANT\*\*\***

SEE next page for contestant MC sheet & BRING TO Rehearsals completed on Sunday, August 5th

**CONTESTANT MC SHEET (print clearly or type)**

Contestant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

State Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the following:

Awards & achievements: \_\_\_\_\_

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Current Career or Future Career goals: \_\_\_\_\_

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What is your proudest moment? \_\_\_\_\_

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Name 3 words that describes you:

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Please bring with you completed to rehearsals. This portion will be read to audience and judges during the fitness & evening gown competition. Please write clearly

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**MEDIA RELEASE FORM**  
Please bring this form to rehearsals

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing below I, \_\_\_\_\_ authorize United Southern States of America Pageant to use photographs that I have provided or photographs from the USS America Pageant (still or video) at no cost or compensation for any and all current or future use for publicity purposes of our Program.

I hereby give USS America the absolute right and permission to publish and use pictures of me in which I may be included in the website, social media pageant pages, newspapers and or marketing material used to promote the pageant system.

The United Southern States America Pageant will carefully select appropriate photo's to be used in only a positive fashion.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## Rules and Regulations & Loss of Title and Benefits

### Age Divisions RULES:

**Miss – ages 18-25 (never married & no children)**

**Ms – ages 18-49 (divorced, single, widowed, legally separated & can have children)**

**Mrs - ages 18-49 currently married & not separated**

**Ms – ages 50-60 (married, divorced, single or widowed)**

All contestants must be of natural born female. Age at competition will determine your division.

Any title holder with the United Southern States America Pageant who does not comply with official pageant rules, behavior and proper moral conduct will be dismissed of their title and benefits. Each title holder and their family members must NOT defame the Pageant system, the Pageant Directors and/or Committee, and/or ANY of the Pageant contestants, current and past Queens or will be grounds for immediate forfeiture of title and benefits.

The Pageant Directors and Committee expect each contestant and title holder to display the highest degree of sportsmanship during their reign and or at any appearance or competition activity. Each contestant should be mindful that they are representing themselves, their family, the pageant system, and community. Unsportsmanlike conduct could result in the disqualification and affect future eligibility to compete in any United Southern States Pageant. Any Contestant and/or family member, friend or guest, showing unsportsmanlike behavior will lead to the disqualification of the contestant. We will not tolerate anyone making negative remarks about another contestant, the staff, the United Southern States Pageant system, the judges or title holders and will be at the sole discretion of the United Southern States Pageant Management and/or Committee right to forfeiture title and benefits via notification by certified mail.

**Conduct:** Contestant agrees to be a person of good moral character, now and at all times during the Pageant competition and during Contestants reign as a titleholder for the Texas United Southern States Pageant. Titleholders shall not knowingly or intentionally engage in nude, lewd, or lascivious media. At all times Contestant will be courteous, polite and act in a professional manner during the competition and while representing a city or state title. Contestant will be respectful of everyone's time and be punctual to all Pageant scheduled events.

**Social Media:** Contestant agrees that if she maintains or is involved in electronic networking sites such as Websites, Twitter, Facebook, blog, message boards etc, she will present a positive image which will not contain behavior such as negative postings, inappropriate photos or inappropriate language. Any Contestant found publicly posting slanderous remarks on public forums will be immediately disqualified. This also includes any form of Social Media.

**Appearance Duties:** Occasionally the pageant system will receive request for title holders to make an appearance. The United Southern States Pageant America system will review the appearance request and select the title holder's best suited to make the appearance. Title holders are also encouraged to schedule own appearances to support their own platform and must do so with high moral standards. The United Southern States Pageant system has the right to disqualify any title holder from making an appearance at such a venue not suitable for their age division. We are not responsible for cancellations or changes of any appearance event, as well as transportation and/or accommodations for family and friends of the title holder. Title holders and their family and/or guest

should conduct high moral standards during all scheduled appearances. A contestant must not use or consume any illegal controlled dangerous substances or abuse the use of alcohol or other dangerous substances.

**Platforms:** The USS America Pageant is platform based. Each title holder should promote their own platform throughout their reign to support their own cause or charity. Each contestant should expect to make 6 appearances during her reign.

**Judges:** The decisions of the Judges panel are final. Contestants are not to engage in a conversation with any of the Judges at any time before or during the pageant. If a contestant is engaged in conversation with any of the Judges prior to or during the pageant, the delegate will be disqualified immediately based on the sole discretion of the United Southern States America Pageant. Judges decisions are FINAL and indisputable.

**Tattoo's:** Visible tattoo's larger than a quarter must be covered during pageant and appearances.

**Refunds:** Should a delegate decide to withdraw from the pageant at any time, under NO circumstances shall she be entitled to a refund, either in full or in part that she and/or any sponsor or advertiser has paid.  
The United Southern States America Pageant prohibits discrimination or harassment of any person on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, physical or mental disability and medical condition.

**DRESS CODE DURING APPEARANCES AND EVENTS:** Professional and conservative attire is required at all times during public appearances. No dresses or shorts above mid thigh or title holder will be asked to leave event and will not be allowed to return until dress code is honored. No excessive showing of breast cleavage will be tolerated. Sash must be worn at all times during appearances.

I hereby understand agree to the terms of rules & regulations and loss of title & benefits.

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Signature

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