



PAGEANT INFORMATION:

- I. Orientation: Pageant Committee will notify you of the time and place of orientation. You will be given more detailed information along with the official rules of the pageant

Note: Attendance and participation in orientation, all meetings, all practices and all pre-pageant events are mandatory. Contestants will be awarded one point for each required activity. Awarded points will be calculated into final score, so be careful to fulfill all requirements.

- II. Pageant Categories:

1. “ Tiny ,Petite, Young, Little Miss – crown, sash, flowers, trophy
2. 1st & 2nd Runners-up: sash

The following categories are also awarded:

3. Best Costume - *(selected by judges)*
4. Miss Photogenic – *(selected by judges, will be taken by a professional photographer)*
5. *Best Seller – who sales the most raffle tickets*

- III. Presentations: Practices will begin in August – time and place to be announced

1. Visit with the judges– *Sunday August 30 **time and place to be determined, (attire –MHS t-shirt)*
2. Onstage group opening dance number and self-introduction in Spanish or English (State Costume)
3. Onstage Mexican Costume presentation.

Note: *The following must be submitted in advance: (a) A 2-paragraph description of the Mexican state and the Mexican costume being presented (b) Music that represents that state on a CD*

- IV. Judging:

1. Judges and tabulators will be selected and approved by the Pageant Committee
2. Contestants cannot be related to or have close association with Pageant judges or tabulators
3. Points awarded for complying with scheduled activities will be calculated in final judging.

MHS PAGEANT RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. A contestant must be attending school, (If home schooled, a notarized document from someone in authority must be submitted with application.)
2. Contestants are considered candidates and representatives of the Mexican Heritage Society, even after the crowning, whether on the Bob Bowers grounds or off grounds. All participants and their mothers are to act in a lady like manner at all times whether in public or on Social Media. This includes lewd or vulgar behavior or language, causing disharmony and slander of other contestants, judges, committee members or others involved with the Mexican Heritage Society. Any such conduct unbecoming of a candidate at any time before, during or after the Pageant, will not be tolerated and will be grounds for disqualification in the current or any future pageants.
3. Each contestant is required to walk on stage and take her bow alone.
4. Participant and only one parent will be admitted to the Civic Center free of charge.
5. Participant will sit in a reserved area in the Civic Center. They will come to Civic Center dressed in State Costume. Due to COVID-19.
6. No contestant, parent or family member is to make any contact or communicate in any way with the judges or tabulators before, during or after the pageant.
7. During all parts of competition (interview or pageant night) each contestant will follow her assigned numeric order. If a contestant steps out of numeric order for any reason, the percentage of score for that competition will be deducted. This is in fairness to other contestants that follow all rules.
8. All winners, which include Queen, 1st Runner-Up, 2nd Runner-Up, and all contestants must be present for the promenade 30 minutes prior to the dance. All winners and contestants must remain in costume, crown, sash, notified by the directors to change into your MHS T-shirt and jeans with crown and sash.
 - a. **MANDATORY:** All winners and contestants must have an escort for the promenade (father, brother, grandfather or friend) Must Participate in order to receive score sheets 1 week after Fiesta!
9. All winners must participate in area parades and any community events, which the Mexican Heritage Society deems necessary.
10. Contestants will be awarded one point for each completed required activity. Awarded points will be calculated into final score, so be careful to fulfill all requirements.
11. If at any time during the reign as Queen, the rules set forth here by the Mexican Heritage Society are broken, she will forfeit her crown, sash, and trophy and all other winnings and the 1st Runner-up will step into her place.

I agree to abide by the MHS Pageant Rules and Guidelines as a contestant and possible queen or runner-up.

Signature of Contestant/Parent

Date