



# 2023 GREATER GULF STATE FAIR PAGEANT INFORMATION PACKET

Welcome to the 2023 Miss Greater Gulf State Fair pageant! We are so excited for our second year! Our pageant will be held on Saturday, September 30, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. CST in the Ballroom at The Grounds. A tentative schedule is on the last page. We hope that through this pageant we can empower the young women to shine their best and brightest! Age division winners will have the opportunity to represent one of the Mobile Jaycee's biggest projects. Our age divisions are as follows:

- Tiny Miss Greater Gulf State Fair - Ages 4-6 years
- Little Miss Greater Gulf State Fair - Ages 7-9 years
- Junior Miss Greater Gulf State Fair - Ages 10-12 years
- Teen Miss Greater Gulf State Fair - Ages 13-15 years
- Miss Greater Gulf State Fair - Ages 16-18 years

## General Information

This pageant will be held on Saturday, September 30, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. CST at The Grounds in the Ballroom. The pageant format will include a beauty walk and one on-stage question. The stage will be marked with "x"s to show where to stop and pose for the judges.\* Age division winners will be announced after every age division has competed and the scores are calculated.

Age division winners will serve as representatives for the 2023 Greater Gulf State Fair (GGSF) and will serve until the 2024 Miss GGSF Pageant. Winners may be called on to make appearances at the 2023 GGSF and/or any other promotional events deemed necessary by the GGSF Board and/or staff.

## Prizes

First place age division winners will receive a crown and sash, a \$300 cash prize, free 2023 GGSF admission (including a plus 1), and an Ultimate Family Four pack (includes four admission tickets and four unlimited ride wristbands). Second place age division winners will receive a \$250 cash prize and an Ultimate Family Four pack. Third place age division winners will receive a \$100 cash prize and an Ultimate Family Four pack.

## Application and Fee

The application will be available on the Greater Gulf State Fair website at [greatergulfstatefair.com](http://greatergulfstatefair.com). Applications will be online through a JotForm. The application fee is \$75 and **both the application and fee are due on Friday, September 22, 2023 by 4:30 p.m. CST**. Rules will also be available on our website. Please read them carefully.

The \$75 application fee can be paid by cash, card, or check. Cash payments can be mailed with the application or delivered in-person at our offices. Card payments can be made on The Grounds website, over the phone, or in-person. Please note that if a card payment is made over the phone or in-person, a 3% non-cash adjustment will be added. Checks can be mailed to our office, mailed with the application, or delivered in-person. Our mailing/physical address is:

Greater Gulf State Fair  
1035 Cody Rd N  
Mobile, AL 36608

Checks should be made out to "Greater Gulf State Fair, Inc", and in the memo line write "Miss GGSF-'Contestant Name'". **There are NO REFUNDS**. In the event the competition must be canceled, refunds will be issued. No late payments will be accepted. Receipts will be emailed to both emails provided on the application.

## **Judging, Scoring, and Pageant Process**

Our judges will be from a variety of backgrounds. They will be scoring on natural beauty, overall appearance, modeling, and personality. **Reminder, please review the rules on attire, hair, and make-up.** A blank copy of the judges' score sheet will be available in this packet. Remember, the judges' decision is final.

The contestants will be competing in a beauty walk and will have one (1) on-stage question. For the beauty walk, the stage will be marked with four "x"s to show the girls where to stop and model. Once a contestant has finished her walk, the emcee will ask the on-stage question. The on-stage question will be age appropriate according to the Age Division. The contestant must state her answer into the microphone provided. She will then go off stage with her parent/guardian/helper and into the reserved seating for contestants. Crowning will be at the end of the pageant. We ask that age division winners stay on stage for pictures. We also ask that each contestant stay for pictures as well.

On Pageant Day, contestants and one (1) parent/guardian/helper must be at The Grounds by 2:30 p.m. CST to allow for check-in and rehearsal (without judges). Please have contestants come dressed down with hair and make-up done. We will provide a dressing room for the contestants to change after rehearsal. We will go over the rules once more and then allow the girls to practice their walk on stage. A tentative schedule of events will be available in this packet.

## **Pageant Program**

We will require a photo of the contestant for the program. It must be a head shot style, school picture, or dance company photo. If you do not send a contestant's image, we will list only the contestant's name in the program. The program will be available online only.

## **Score Sheets**

We will provide contestant score sheets upon request from Monday, October 2, 2023 to Wednesday, October 4, 2023. Please email Hillary Swatton at [hillary@greatergulfstatefair.com](mailto:hillary@greatergulfstatefair.com) to request score sheets. A contestant will only be allowed to view their own score sheets and the judge's names will remain anonymous. Score sheets will be sent out through email only and to the emails provided on Page 1 of the application.

## **Photography/Videos**

We will have a photographer on-site to take professional photos of the contestants and the age division winners. Due to this, we will not allow family members and/or guests to come up to the stage to take photos or videos at any point during the pageant. The stage will be roped off and any family members and/or guests will be removed from the pageant until its conclusion.

## **Questions/More Information**

For any questions you may have or if you need more information, please contact Hillary Swatton by email at [hillary@greatergulfstatefair.com](mailto:hillary@greatergulfstatefair.com). We want to make your child's experience in our Miss GGSF pageant the best it can be! Don't hesitate to reach out.

\*If you would like to see how the stage is set up, please contact Hillary Swatton at [hillary@greatergulfstatefair.com](mailto:hillary@greatergulfstatefair.com) for more information.



# 2023 GREATER GULF STATE FAIR PAGEANT SCHEDULE

This schedule is ***tentative and approximate***. This schedule is also subject to change. Any changes made will be posted to our social media accounts and we will send out emails to parents/guardians.

## **Friday, September 25, 2023**

Contestant application and \$75 fee is due by 4:30 p.m. on this day. We will not accept late fees.

## **Saturday, September 30, 2023**

2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

- Once everyone has checked-in, we will go over the rules and then begin rehearsal.

5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

- Family members and guests arrive as the doors open. Please use this time to get the contestant dressed and make last minute touch-ups.

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

- Tiny Miss competition
- Little Miss competition
- Junior Miss competition
- Teen Miss competition
- Miss competition

8:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

- Judges scores are tallied for each age division and winners are announced.
- Individual photos will be taken and then a group photo



# 2023 GREATER GULF STATE FAIR PAGEANT SCORE SHEET

Division:  Tiny Miss (4-6 years)  Little Miss (7-9 years)  Junior Miss (10-12 years)  
 Teen Miss (13-15 years)  Miss (16-18 years)

Contestant #: \_\_\_\_\_

1-20 Range of Scores for Each Section  
1-5 Needs Improvement / 6-10 Fair / 11-15 Good / 16-20 Excellent  
Highest Possible Score is 100 per judge

Natural Beauty .....  
(Facial Beauty) \_\_\_\_\_

Overall Appearance .....  
(Hair, Make-up, Clothing, Attire, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Modeling .....  
(Poise, Modeling Ability, Confidence) \_\_\_\_\_

Personality .....  
(Overall Stage Presence, Smile, Eye Contact) \_\_\_\_\_

On-Stage Question .....  
(Confidence, Tone, Eye Contact ) \_\_\_\_\_

Deductions ..... (-)  
(Fakeness, Too Much Make-up, Not Age Appropriate) \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Total Score: \_\_\_\_\_