



2024 GREATER GULF STATE FAIR PAGEANT INFORMATION PACKET

Welcome to the 2024 Miss Greater Gulf State Fair pageant! Our pageant will be held on Saturday, October 5, 2024 at 5:00 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:

- Baby Miss Greater Gulf State Fair - 6-12 months
- Toddler Miss Greater Gulf State Fair - 13-23 months
- Mini Miss Greater Gulf State Fair - 2-3 years
- 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, October 5, 2024 at 5:00 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 2024 Greater Gulf State Fair (GGSF) and will serve until the 2025 Miss GGSF Pageant. Winners may be called on to make appearances at the 2024 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 2024 GGSF admission (including a plus-one), 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. Applications will be online through a JotForm. The application fee is \$75 and **both the application and fee are due on Friday, September 20, 2024 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 or delivered in-person at our offices. Card payments can be made on The Grounds website, over the phone, or in-person. Checks can be mailed to our office 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.

Pageant Meeting and Rehearsal Day

We will have a mandatory pageant meeting on Thursday, September 26, 2024 at 6 p.m. in the VIP room at The Grounds. We will go over the rules and answer any questions. One parent/guardian/helper and the contestant must be present at this meeting. Failure to attend this mandatory meeting without a reasonable excuse will result in the contestant not being allowed to compete and the \$75 not being refunded.

A non-mandatory rehearsal day (without judges) will be on Thursday, October 3, 2024 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Contestants are not to wear their pageant attire. The stage will be set and a table placed to mimic where the judges will sit. Contestants can go over their walks and ask any questions.

Judging, Scoring, and Pageant Process

Our judges will be from a variety of backgrounds as we are a community event pageant. This pageant is not a part of any state or national program. 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. For the Baby, Toddler, and Mini competition, one parent/guardian/helper is allowed to be on stage to hold the contestant and/or to help the contestant walk. 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. 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. The contestants will be able 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. Please, no selfies. 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 7, 2024 to Wednesday, October 9, 2024. Please email Hillary Swatton at 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 only to the emails on the contestant's 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. 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 for more information.



2024 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 20, 2024

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

Thursday, September 26, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

This is the day of the mandatory pageant meeting in the VIP room at The Grounds. We will go over the rules and answer any questions. One parent/guardian/helper and the contestant ***must*** be present at this meeting. Failure to attend this mandatory meeting ***without*** a reasonable excuse will result in the contestant not being allowed to compete and the \$75 fee not being refunded.

Thursday, October 3, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

A rehearsal evening will take place in the Ballroom with the stage set and a table in place to show where the judges will sit. Staff will be onsite to help with any questions or concerns. This rehearsal is ***NOT*** mandatory and contestants may not wear their pageant attire. No judges will be present for this rehearsal.

Saturday, October 5, 2024

2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

- Check-in and get settled in VIP before rehearsal.

3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

- Rehearsal begins in the Ballroom. No judges will be present for this rehearsal.

4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

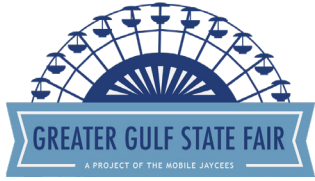
- Family members and guests arrive as the doors open. Please use this time to get the contestant dressed and make last minute touch-ups.

5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

- Baby Miss competition
- Toddler Miss competition
- Mini Miss competition
- 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



2024 GREATER GULF STATE FAIR PAGEANT SCORE SHEET

Division:

- Baby Miss (6-12 months) Toddler Miss (13-23 months) Mini Miss (2-3 years)
 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 #: _____

1-30 Range of Scores for Each Section
1-10 Needs Improvement / 11-20 Good / 21-30 Excellent
Highest Possible Score is 90 per judge
Please leave comments if making deductions.

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

Modeling
(Poise, Modeling Ability, Confidence)

Personality
(Overall Stage Presence, Smile, Eye Contact)

Deductions (-)
(Too Much Make-up, Not Age Appropriate)

Comments: _____

Total Score: _____

Judge #: _____