



2023 GREATER GULF STATE FAIR PAGEANT RULES

1. Contestants must compete in their age division based on her age on the day of Saturday, October 5, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. CST. Age divisions are as follows:
 - a. Baby Miss - Ages 6-12 months
 - b. Toddler Miss - Ages 13-23 months
 - c. Mini Miss - Ages 2-3 years
 - d. Tiny Miss - Ages 4-6 years
 - e. Little Miss - Ages 7-9 years
 - f. Junior Miss - Ages 10-12 years
 - g. Teen Miss - Ages 13-15 years
 - h. Miss - Ages 16-18 years
2. Contestants must be a female U.S. citizen or a female lawful permanent resident of the U.S. and must live in one of the Greater Gulf States (Alabama, Mississippi, or Florida).
3. Contestants will be judged on Natural Beauty, Overall Appearance, Modeling, and Personality. A blank copy of the score sheet will be provided in the information packet.
4. Each age division will be limited to 20 contestants. To secure the contestant's spot, an application must be submitted and the \$75 pageant fee must be paid by Friday, September 20, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. CST. More information on how to submit the application and pay the fee are in the information packet.
5. Baby, Toddler, and Mini Contestants may only wear short pageant dresses. Tiny and Little contestants are permitted to wear short or floor length pageant attire. Junior, Teen, and Miss contestants must wear floor length pageant attire. Please note that our judges will take into consideration the age appropriateness of the contestant's attire.
6. Hair and make-up should be age appropriate. The use of anything "fake", such as hair pieces or flippers, is discouraged. Points may be deducted for non-age appropriate make-up per the judge's discretion.
7. Contestant order will be determined by random selection in order to maintain fairness.
8. A mandatory pageant meeting will be held at The Grounds in the VIP room on Thursday, September 26, 2024 at 6 PM to go over these rules and answer any questions a parent/guardian may have. Failure to attend this meeting or failure to provide a reasonable excuse to not attend will result in the contestant not being allowed to compete in the 2024 Miss GGSF Pageant and will not receive a refund of the \$75 fee.
9. There will be NO REFUNDS of any fees for this pageant. Refunds will only be given in the event that the pageant is completely canceled.
10. A contestant's name will be printed in the program as it is on her application. Please make sure that the spelling of the contestant's name is correct at the time of submission. The program will be published online and there will be a link provided the day of the pageant.
11. The immediate family of GGSF Board and/or staff members will not be allowed to compete in this pageant.
12. The judges' decision is final. Conversation with judges before and during the pageant are strictly prohibited.
13. Good sportsmanship is expected of all contestants, parents, guardians, and guests.
14. Completed score sheets will be available upon request from Monday, October 7, 2024 to Wednesday, October 9, 2024. Please email Hillary Swatton at hillary@greatergulfstatefair.com to request the contestant's score sheet. A contestant must only view their own score sheet.
15. Application submissions are due by Friday, September 20, 2024 by 4:30 p.m. CST. Please see the application for more details on how to submit your application.
16. The application fee is \$75 and must be paid by Friday, September 20, 2024 by 4:30 p.m. CST. Please see the application and information packet for more details on how to submit your payment.
17. We reserve the right to combine age divisions in the event that they have less than eight (8) contestants.
18. Age division winners allow GGSF to use her likeness on posters, websites, and/or any promotional materials that are deemed necessary.
19. Age division winners must agree to make appearances at the 2024 GGSF during Fair week and/or any other promotional event between this year's Fair and the 2025 Miss GGSF pageant. Age division winners must be able to travel on their own expense to the 2024 GGSF and/or any other event that is deemed necessary by the GGSF Board and/or staff.