

Official Rules and Regulations for *Miss Dynamic USA*®

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Eligibility

- All contestants in the Mini through Teen divisions will need to obtain Parental/Guardian consent and permission before applying to Miss Dynamic USA. For security purposes, we will NOT entertain correspondence or inquiries from minors.
- Age for your division is determined by your age on Jan. 1 of competition year.
- Must be a citizen of the United States of America.
- Must be a naturally born female and continue to identify as female
- *Teen & Younger Divisions:* Must not be married, never been married nor be pregnant or have any children (natural or adopted).

Miss & Older Divisions: May be any marital status with or without children.

- Must not have any criminal record, felony or any convictions (excluding minor traffic violations)
- Must not use or consume any illegal and controlled substance. Must not abuse alcohol, marijuana or any substance that may impair your abilities. Must not be under the influence of any substance during competitions, at any official events and while representing Miss Dynamic USA in any capacity.
- Must not currently, and will not during her reign, pose for any provocative photography, video, or film that is associated with full or partial nudity. Contestant is not and has never been associated with or employed in any adult-content centered businesses including pornography, prostitution, or any business that involves partial or complete nudity. Exceptions may be made for special circumstances such as a consultant for some network marketing companies or a cashier at certain stores where no nudity (full or partial) is involved. Director must be contacted first before entering to determine if an exception is allowed.
- All consent and release documents have been signed.
- All mandatory fees have been paid in full.
- Be prepared to show proof of birthdate (photo id/birth certificate) at pageant registration
- ***Special Eligibility Rules for NOVICE:*** *You certify that you have never competed in a pageant (excludes photo pageants/contests and any pageant you may have competed in at age 3 & under).*

Pageant Appearance

Hair

- You may wear your hair any way you choose. However, whatever style you choose must be your natural hair (permanent & semi-permanent extensions allowed. **NO Clip-in extensions**). You may add typical hair accessories such as combs, barrettes, hairpins, and the like.

Make-up

- Ages 6 – 12 may wear very light make-up such as lip gloss. If nail polish is worn, it must be white or clear. Small amounts of sparkle are acceptable.
- Ages 13+ may wear make-up including any color nail polish.
- Please make sure your make-up is not overly done...glitter is fun & fine but you want your make-up to **compliment your age** so that we see your best self on stage.
- **NO FLIPPERS (fake teeth) allowed on any age.**

Clothing

- Everything must be age appropriate.
- **Formal Interview** – Dress for a job interview – dress, slacks/blouse, professional attire. Suits are not required.
- **Panel Interview** – Production outfit*
- **On-stage introduction** - Production outfit*
- **Formal Wear** – An outfit appropriate for Red Carpet/Black Tie Event
 - Ages 6 - 12 - Short, tea length or long dress. A formal pant suit is acceptable.
 - Ages 13+ - Long dress - no trains or high slits. Uneven hems are acceptable. A formal pant suit is acceptable.

Stones are allowed; however, you do not need a fully stoned dress to win. You want to stand out not the outfit.

- **Opening Number** - Production outfit*
- **Fashion Walk/Crowning** - Your Formal Wear.

*Production outfit consists of Miss Dynamic USA t-shirt, denim bottom (no ripped jeans/shorts) & gym shoes. You will receive your t-shirt at the pageant.

Optional events

Outfit of Choice

- You will model any outfit that makes you feel great. It can be custom or off the rack. It cannot be swimwear. Fun, fashion modeling. No gymnastics/acrobatic type moves allowed. Only handheld props that complement the outfit allowed such as a purse, sunglasses, shopping bags, tennis racket, sports bag. Music will be provided by the pageant.

Theme Wear

- You will model any outfit that incorporates the pageant's yearly theme. It can be custom or off the rack. It cannot be swimwear. Fun, fashion modeling. No gymnastics/acrobatic type moves allowed. Only handheld props that complement the outfit allowed such as a purse or sunglasses. Music will be provided by the pageant.

Actress

- Perform a family friendly monologue as if you were auditioning for a part in a production OR create a commercial for a product. No props allowed. A microphone will be provided. Time limit: 1 minute.
- Production outfit will be worn.

Spokesperson

- Deliver a speech on a topic of "What does the phrase "That was so much fun" mean to you?" You will have your speech available, however, it is best to have it memorized. Time limit 2 minutes
- Business attire (same as Interview)

Writer

- Write an essay on the topic of "What does Fun mean to you?" Original essay no longer than 1 standard page (8 1/2 x 11) double spaced. Essay must be submitted by e-mail prior to the pageant (you will be informed of specific dates).

Star Model

- You will have a mini photoshoot. You will be judged on your modeling ability as well as cooperation. You will receive digital copies of your photoshoot.

Photogenic

- Photos can be any size up to 8 x 10. Photos must be of you only (no other people). They can be color or b/w. You will need to bring the photos with you on the pageant date. Do not send them in ahead of time.

Me & My Pet Photogenic

- Photos can be any size up to 8 x 10. They can be color or b/w. You will need to bring the photos with you on the pageant date. Do not send them in ahead of time.

Snapshot Paparazzi

- Take a picture of something that is part of your life that brings you joy. Examples: nature, work, family, home décor, cooking. These are pictures YOU have taken with your phone or camera (not professionally done). Please bring a print no larger than 4x6. They may be color or b/w. Do not send them in ahead of time, you will bring them to the pageant.

People's Choice

- Contestants will have the opportunity for family and friends vote for them. Once you have reached 20 votes, you are eligible for the People's Choice award. Details will be outlined in the informational packet.

Behavior and Conduct/Social Media

- Good Sportsmanship Is Required. No vulgarity allowed. Anyone displaying unsportsmanlike behavior or using vulgarity may be asked to leave without refund.
- Contestants agree to use social media wisely. We encourage contestants to promote their participation in Miss Dynamic USA, their community service work, sponsors and fellow contestants. Once you are a contestant, you become a role model and are expected to act as such. Be kind and respectful to all. It is also suggested for your privacy, that you check your personal privacy settings. Just remember, everything on the internet is permanent and potentially public even if you delete it, so always present yourself well.
- If you win a title, Miss Dynamic USA will create a Facebook page for you to use during your reign. You are not permitted to create a personal account using Miss Dynamic USA.
- All judges' decisions are final. Parents/Contestants are not to approach judges before, during or after the competition. If a judge says hello, you are permitted to acknowledge the judge with a polite hello.
- Contestants and their guests agree to be respectful to everyone. Although this is a competition, we expect our contestants to behave appropriately and be gracious.
- As a number does not help you with knowing what worked and what didn't, we will not be providing scores. However, we will provide judge's comments for a nominal fee upon entry and will be sent to the current address on file within 3 months after the pageant. Must be requested when entering the pageant.

Awards & Prizes

- All awards and prizes provided by sponsors are subject to fulfillment by the prize sponsors. Miss Dynamic USA pageant and its affiliates assume no responsibility for the failure of sponsors to fulfill their commitments. Prizes may be substituted or changed at any time.
- Each contestant is responsible for all applicable taxes of any awards and/or prizes she receives over \$600. Consult with your tax advisor.
- 50% of the charity contribution will go to the winner's charity of choice.
- 50% of the charity contribution will go to a local charity of the pageant director's choice. The charity of choice will be announced during the competition and will be posted after distribution.
- Each contestant is an independent contractor. As such, she agrees that nothing in this document or any others related to Miss Dynamic USA pageant shall create any partnership, joint venture, agency, or employer/employee relationship.
- Some prizes may be awarded at the following year's pageant.

Winner's Responsibilities

- All Titleholders and Runner-ups will be required to stay after the conclusion of the pageant for photos and formal paperwork.
- Miss Dynamic USA titleholders are required to return the following year's pageant to crown successors and help as necessary.
- Your reign is for 1 year ending at the crowning of your successor or if no successor, the conclusion of the following year's state pageant.
- Titleholders are allowed to compete in other pageants as long as that pageant does not require you to relinquish your current title or have a non-compete clause. It must not interfere with your duties as Miss Dynamic USA/Novice Miss Dynamic USA.
- Titleholders are responsible for maintaining care of crowns and sashes. Crowns are not toys and are fragile. On occasion, stones do pop out. These are usually easy to reset, however, it is not the director's or pageant's responsibility to replace or repair.
- Sashes should only have official Miss Dynamic USA/Novice Miss Dynamic USA pins attached to maintain the uniform look for all titleholders. Do not add any rhinestones/gemstones or other modifications to a state sash. Rhinestones are reserved for the National title holder's sash.
- You may not create any other sash using your title and Miss Dynamic USA/Novice Miss Dynamic USA
- If you need a replacement crown or sash before the end of your reign, titleholders may contact the director to check on the availability and cost of a replacement of a crown/sash. If a replacement is available, they will be shipped to you after full payment (including shipping) is received. There is no guarantee a replacement will be available.
- After your reign, replacements will not be available.
- When you are representing Miss Dynamic USA/Novice Miss Dynamic USA, only the official crown and/or sash may be worn. You may not wear a different crown with your Miss Dynamic USA/Novice Miss Dynamic USA sash or a different sash with your Miss Dynamic USA crown. On occasion, it will be appropriate to only wear the sash.
- Titleholders will be required to sign a contract before release of prizes. Some prizes may be given at the following year's pageant.

Costs/Refund Policy

- All fees must be paid in full before being eligible to compete.
- All costs and securing of items needed to participate in the pageant is the responsibility of the contestant. Entry fees, optional events, hotel, meals, attire, photos/videos, and any other costs. Contestants are encouraged to get sponsors to cover these costs.
- Contestants will have the option to participate in Optional events for additional entry fees. You understand these are optional and are not required for the title of Miss Dynamic USA/Novice Miss Dynamic USA. There may be other titles available that participation in optional events that are required to obtain.
- All fees are non-refundable.
- Contestant will be charged a \$35 NSF fee for any checks that are returned for any reason.

Consent to Participate

Miss Dynamic USA® PAGEANT CONTESTANT RELEASE FORM

Contestant hereby releases Miss Dynamic USA and Novice Miss Dynamic USA (hereafter known pageant), its officers, directors, agents, employees and its successors, licensees, representatives, and assignees, from any and all claims connected with the pageant and/or use of photographs or other likenesses, biographical material, voice, videotapes, and/or recordings of said contestant. Said material may be used, reproduced, exhibited, telecast, and published in the manner as pageant deems advisable.

Contestant understands the inherent risk of exposure to any contagious illnesses including COVID-19 by entering a public place with a gathering of people and certifies they will not participate if they are ill with any contagious disease.

Contestant hereby further releases pageant, its officers, directors, agents, employees, partners, ventures, or any related persons from any claims, demands, causes of action, expenses and costs for any injuries, illness including any contagious illnesses such as COVID-19 or demands sustained by Contestant and their guests as a result of, or during participation in the pageant, appearances and activities contemplated herein, including but not limited to traveling to and from the contest and personal appearance sites.

Contestant permits her likeness, photograph, and/or name (first & last initial only if requested) to be used by the pageant in any and all publications associated with city, state, and/or national pageants.

Each contestant is an independent contractor. As such, she agrees that nothing in this document or any others related to Miss Dynamic USA pageant shall create any partnership, joint venture, agency, or employer/employee relationship. Each contestant is responsible for any & all applicable taxes of any awards or prizes she receives.

Good Sportsmanship Is Required. No vulgarity allowed. Anyone displaying unsportsmanlike behavior or using vulgarity may be asked to leave without refund.

Miss Dynamic USA Queens are expected to return the following year's pageant to crown successors and help as necessary.

You have read all the rules & regulations document and agree to abide by the rules.

By signing this form, you acknowledge you agree to abide by all rules set forth and all decisions are final.

Contestants under 18, must have parent/guardian signature agreeing to this release and such signature will serve as permission to compete.

By signing this form, you acknowledge you have read and agree to abide by all rules set forth and all decisions are final.

Contestants under 18, must have parent/guardian signature acknowledging they have read and agree to abide by all rules set forth, agree to the release and give permission to compete.