

2026 NATIONAL HANDBOOK



AMERICAN **UNITED** MISS

WELCOME

We are thrilled you are considering American United Miss for your next scholarship experience. Here at AUM, we believe in Unity, Compassion and Service. Our goal is to create a place where ladies from around the country can come experience an amazing and supportive environment and where community service would be proudly acknowledged. We will do our best to communicate any and all changes to our delegate handbook throughout the year, so please check back often. The important stuff won't change, but we may occasionally add new and fun ideas !

*Love,
Erica and Amber*

Age Divisions



Petite Miss Ages 4-6

Junior Miss Ages 7-9

Preteen Ages 10-12

Junior Teen Ages 13-15

Teen Ages 16-19

Miss Ages 20- 45

(single, married or children)

Outstanding Junior Miss will be chosen out of all Jr. Divisions

Petite Miss, Junior Miss and Preteen

Outstanding Miss will be chosen out of all Sr. Divisions

Jr. Teen, Teen and Miss



*Age divisions are contestant's age as of June 1 2026 (the year of nationals).

Pricing

Mandatory Entry Fee	\$600
Optional Events	\$75
National Supermodel	\$100
National Covermodel	\$100
Outstanding Jr./Miss	\$300
Additional Photos	\$50 each

Packages available on the next page of the handbook

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Pricing Guide

CHROME

Mandatory
All Photo optionals
All Stage Optionals

\$900

SILVER

Mandatory
All Photo Optionals
All Stage Optionals
National Covermodel
National Supermodel

\$1000

PLATINUM Mandatory

All Photo Optionals
All Stage Optionals
National Covermodel
National Supermodel
Outstanding Jr. / Miss

\$1250



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SERVE FOR THE CROWN

Mandatory Competitions

Interview



35% of score

Interview will allow delegates one on one time with judges. Jr. divisions will have a 2 minute panel style interview & Sr. divisions will have 3 minute panel style interview.

There is no required icebreaker, timer will start the moment delegate begins to speak. Questions will come from list on next page.

Fun Fashion



30% of score

Fun fashion is a chance for delegates to show their personal sense of style and modeling. Candidates can choose any outfit they wish. (Think high fashion).

Evening Gown



35% of score*

Evening gown is the opportunity for delegates to showcase their elegance and grace. Candidates may choose any gown but it must be a floor length gown.

What is Outstanding Miss ?

Outstanding Miss are our two other national titles. Delegate must be entered into mandatory events and then may enter this competition. These two winners are awarded the exact same crown, prize package and recognition as the other six queens division but with their title will be American United Outstanding Junior Miss / Miss.

*Outstanding delegates will be scored separately. Their scores will be comprised of 60% community service scrapbook, 25% interview score & 15% Evening Gown score. Scrapbook will be judged based on quality and quantity of community service not necessarily artistic ability. Scrapbooks can be digital or hardback and will should be turned in at registration. If you do a digital video it must be uploaded to a flash drive and labeled with name & event.



Interview Questions

Junior Divisions



- If I gave you \$1,000 what would you spend it on
- What do you want to be when you grow up
- Why would you be a good national queen
- What are your hobbies
- Where is your favorite place to visit
- What do you like about pageants
- Who is your role model
- What three words describe you best
- What makes you special
- Tell me about your platform or favorite community service
- What do you look for in a friend

Senior Divisions

- What three words describe you best
- What makes you stand out from others
- What is your greatest accomplishment
- Tell us about your platform
- Why did you choose to compete in AUM
- How do you implement Unity, Compassion & Service in your daily life
- Who is your role model
- What is your action plan if you were to win
- How would you define SUCCESS
- What legacy do you want to leave
- What is your favorite part of pageant weekend
- What is a current goal you are working on outside of pageantry



Optional Competitions

Color Photo

Delegates may submit as many photographs as they choose. \$75 for first entry, and each additional is \$50. Only the judges favorite photo will be scored. Entries will be judged on personality and overall beauty and quality of the photo. One winner from each age division will be selected.

We suggest headshots but you may submit what you like.

\$75 entry fee

B&W Photo

Delegates may submit as many photographs as they choose. \$75 for first entry, and each additional is \$50. Only the judges favorite photo will be scored. Entries will be judged on personality and overall beauty and quality of the photo. One winner from each age division will be selected.

No stipulations for type of photo submitted.

\$75 entry fee

Print Model Photo

Delegates may submit as many photographs as they choose. \$75 for first entry, and each additional is \$50. Only the judges favorite photo will be scored. Entries will be judged on personality and overall beauty and quality of the photo. One winner from each age division will be selected.

We suggest the type of photo you may see in a magazine.

\$75 entry fee

National Cover Model

This winner will be made up of the highest combined scores from all three of the photo optional events. There will be one overall winner chosen from all of the divisions. Winner will receive a crown, sash, award and \$200 cash

scholarship

MUST ALSO ENTER COLOR, BLACK & WHITE and PRINT MODEL TO QUALIFY!

\$100 entry fee

Optional Competitions

Casual Wear

Strut the runway and show the judges your fun and casual side!

Delegates can model an outfit of their choosing that shows their personality and style. These can be off the rack. Scores are not factored into overall placement but one winner from each division will be named.

\$75 entry fee

Fitness Wear

Show us your modeling while showing off your best fitness attire.

Delegates should choose an active wear that suits your personality. Scores are not factored into overall placement but one winner from each division will be named.

\$75 entry fee

State Wear

Here's your chance to really let your creativity shine! Delegates can model an outfit of their choosing that represents their state, region or title. A costume description will be submitted to be read while delegate models this outfit. Scores are not factored into overall placement but one winner from each division will be named.

\$75 entry fee

National Super Model

This winner will be made up of the highest combined scores from all three of the stage optional events. There will be one overall winner chosen from all of the divisions. Winner will receive a crown, sash, award and \$200 cash scholarship

MUST ENTER CASUAL, FITNESS and STATE WEAR TO QUALIFY!

\$100 entry fee

Other Optional Competitions

(These are additional optional's and are NOT part of the ALL IN Package)

Talent

Show us your talent! Simply submit a 2 minute video of you performing your talent. All talent submissions should be no longer than 2 minutes and must be prerecorded and uploaded to a flash drive to turn in at registration for judging. Scores are not factored into overall placement but there will be one winner per age division as well as one overall winner. \$75 Entry Fee

Spokesmodel

Delegate presents a prerecorded speech based on the subject of their choice. Speech can be between 30 to 60 seconds. Scores are not factored into overall placement but one Jr. Division & one Sr. Division winner will be named. \$75 entry Fee

Strike A Pose Photoshoot Competition

Here's your chance to strike a pose in front of the amazing Mark Farmer's lens!! Attire is delegates choice but must be a pastel color or floral. The best photo of each delegate will be sent for judging. Scores are not factored into overall placement but one Jr. Division & one Sr. Division winner will be named. \$75 entry fee

Overall Jackpots

Overall Interview Jackpot - \$25 cash entry fee

Overall Community Service Scrapbook Jackpot - \$25 cash entry fee

Overall Fun Fashion Jackpot - \$25 cash entry fee

Overall Evening Gown Jackpot - \$25 cash entry fee

Must enter to be eligible to win. One winner per jackpot, winners receive 50% of the total jackpot cash amount for that category. Jackpots can only be entered at the door at registration.

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COMFORT FOR CANCER
COMMUNITY SERVICE
INITIATIVE



Submit a video showing how you have given back to those fighting cancer. Video can be up to 2 min. Put on a flashdrive & turn in at registration labeled with Comfort for Cancer & your name for your chance to receive cash scholarship money in memory of Eric Beckham

Rules

Modeling should not be "over the top" no glitz or "pro am" routines in any age division.

There will only be one chaperone allowed in changing areas with each delegate but no men will be permitted. No chaperones will be allowed to wait with delegates once line up is happening.

No poor sportsmanship during any portion of the competitions. If this is witnessed, then you will be asked to leave immediately with no refund!

No refunds unless event is canceled & not rescheduled.

We do not have a non-compete however we do ask our national queens to only compete in other non binding systems during their reign.

Makeup Guidelines

Hair and makeup rules for all ages are as follows:

All hair and makeup should be age appropriate for every phase of competition. Hair extensions, eyelashes and tans are allowed but this is not a glitz a pageant.

Opening Number

**Opening number wardrobe will be white of your choice
Opening number outfits can be a cocktail dress,
jumpsuit, romper or hi-lo.
Shoes should be nude heels.**

Interview Times

**Jr. Divisions (Petite, Junior & Preteen)
2 min. Interview Time**

**Sr. Divisions (Jr. Teen, Teen & Miss)
3 min. Interview Time**

Contestants are allowed to bring an item in to interview that shows their platform or community service work.

Program Book

PAGES

All program book pages are to be created by the national office.

Each contestant must have a contestant page for the program book. Please send contestant page photo , name & title to aumadpagephoto@gmail.com

Page Creation Fee was included in your appointed title fee.

Sponsored Ad pages are optional if going for the age division sweetheart title or AUM Ambassador title. The contestant in each age division with the most sold Ad pages will receive the age division Sweetheart title & the contestant with the most sold ad pages in the entire pageant will be crowned AUM Ambassador.

Ad Page Creation Fee is \$30 paid to the national office unless you have already had one made.

Ad Pages Fee is \$200 per page paid to the American United Miss National Office. Link to pay is in the Contestant Portal.



Registration Pajama Party

Join us for a cozy morning of fun!!

Friday, Sept. 4th , 2026

Courtyard by Marriott Hickory

Sr. Divisions - 8am-9am

Jr. Divisions - 9am-10am

Attire: Pastel or floral pajamas

A decorative border of watercolor flowers in shades of pink, purple, and blue, with green leaves, framing the text.

2026 Welcome Party

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Garden Party



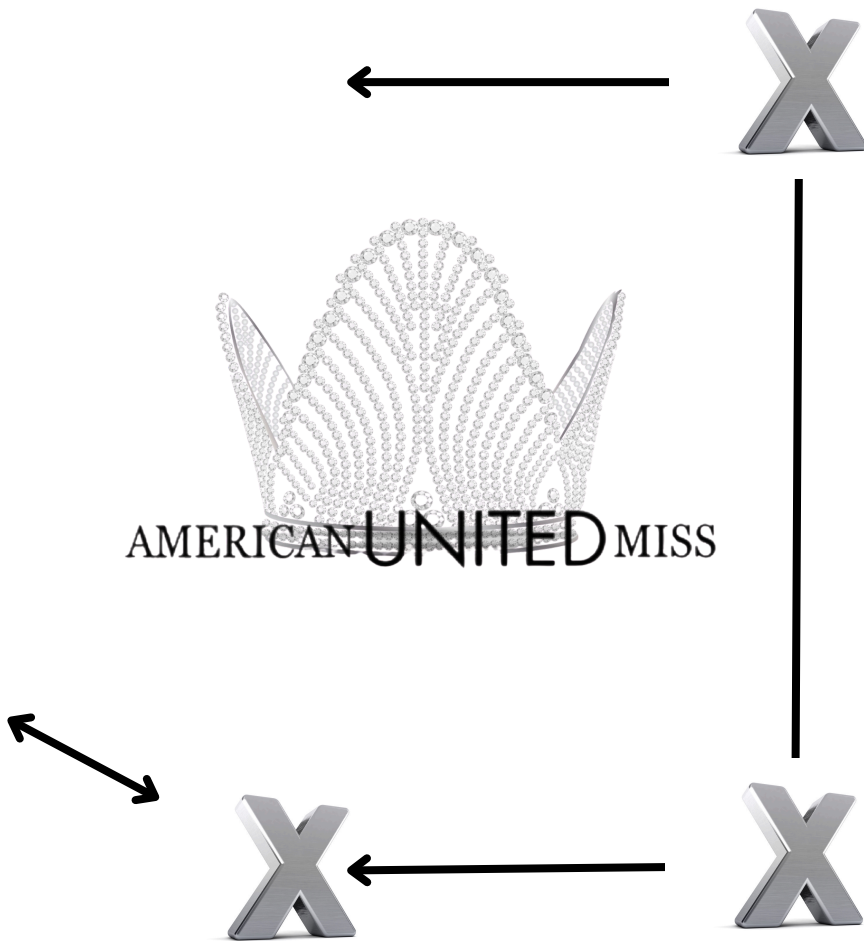
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RAFFLE **BASKET**

Every contestant is required to bring a raffle basket to registration valued at at least \$50. Baskets are theme of your choice and they will be raffled off at the Welcome Party with proceeds going towards community service projects for American United Miss.

Walking Pattern

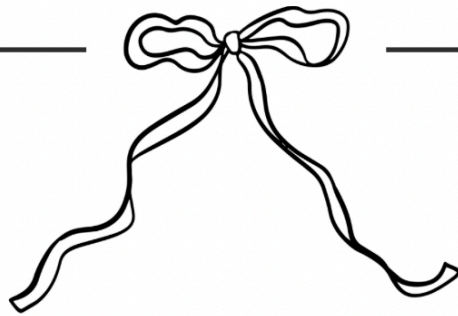


Stage Optional Events & Fun Fashion - 45 seconds
Evening Gown - 60 seconds

Nationals

CHECK LIST

- ☐ \$50 RAFFLE BASKET
- ☐ OPENING NUMBER COCKTAIL, JUMPSUIT OR ROMPER
- ☐ EVENING GOWN
- ☐ FUN FASHION
- ☐ INTERVIEW ATTIRE
- ☐ STATE SASH & CROWN
- ☐ REGISTRATION ATTIRE PASTEL COLOR PAJAMAS
- ☐ CASUAL WEAR
- ☐ FITNESS WEAR
- ☐ STATE WEAR
- ☐ SPOKESMODEL PRE-RECORDED ON FLASH DRIVE
- ☐ WHITE TOP, JEANS & NUDE HEELS
- ☐ ALL PAGEANT SHOES & ACCESSORIES
- ☐ TALENT ON A FLASH DRIVE (LABELED)
- ☐ PASTEL OR FLORAL BOTTOM OF CHOICE (THIS WILL GO WITH
YOUR AUM SHIRT FOR REHEARSAL)
- ☐ PASTEL OR FLORAL DRESS OR OUTFIT FOR WELCOME PARTY
- ☐ COMMUNITY SERVICE SCRAPBOOK OR VIDEO (ON FLASHDRIVE)



AUM Deadlines 2026

- All payments for mandatory, photogenic optionals, stage optionals, sweetheart/ambassador fees & extra photo fees (Due August 1st)
- State wear form & Community Service Hours form (Due August 1st)
- Photos for Contestant Page (Due July 21st)
- Sign up & fees for Spokesmodel, Talent
- (Due Sept. 3rd)
- Adding any optionals other than those (Deadline to add is August 1st)
- Outstanding community service book or video (Due Sept. 4th)
- Raffle Baskets (Due Sept. 4th)
- Program Book Preorder (Aug. 2nd)