

MISS BLACK TRI-STATE USA
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2025/2026
LOCAL CONTESTANT
INFORMATION GUIDE
LABOR DAY WEEKEND
ATLANTA, GA
ATLANTA AIRPORT MARRIOTT GATEWAY



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Welcome to
THE PREMIERE
PAGEANT *for*
WOMEN
OF COLOR

It is with great pleasure to host another Miss Black Mississippi & Tennessee USA State Pageant. The growth and experience this year has brought in as Director has ensured me that this is His purpose in my life. I am pleased to have another group of exemplary women represent their counties and cities throughout this great state of Mississippi & Tennessee.

It is my goal to continue this process of empowering women of color to showcase the luminous spirit that they have within. Thank you to every Sponsor, Community Organization and Partner who continue to see what this program is bringing to your communities.

We are magic, black and brown girl magic!

Kristy Arrington

Executive Director, Miss Black Mississippi & Tennessee USA Pageants
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I am so grateful to welcome you to a new era of the Miss Black Georgia USA Pageant. Your journey to the crown has officially begun. This experience will be one of challenges, self-discovery, and glam. You will have opportunities to impactfully serve your communities, while looking fabulous. You will have legacies to continue, while building your own. The stage was set for you to display your talents, intelligence, and truest self in all your black gracefulness. Embrace the essence of you, while using the opportunity to learn and improve yourself. As a guide, I will be here to help you reach your goals as best I can.

Yours in Crowning,
Alexandria "Alex" Van Dyke-Randall,
Executive Director, Miss Black Georgia USA Pageant
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ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Is a Natural Born Female & Attends High School, College/University, is Employed, or Resides in the State of Georgia, Mississippi, or Tennessee.

Is of African Descent.

Will Compete in the National Miss Black USA Pageant, tentatively August 2026, in Washington, DC, if crowned a Tri-State titleholder.

Must determine a social advocacy platform.

Must attend required engagements or events that pertain to preparation for the state pageant.

Must be ready, willing, and able to meet the time commitments & responsibilities of the one-year reign (from crowning as a Tri-State Queen in 2025 until crowning of successor in 2026).

Must pay the required fees, paperwork, and deliverables by the specified deadlines to maintain eligibility to compete in the state pageant, or risk incurring late fees or disqualification.

Must have outstanding sportsmanship.

Has never posed nude in any format.

Understands that participation in the Summer contestant workshop and competing at the state pageant is mandatory and not optional.

DIVISIONS

TALENTED TEEN DIVISION AGES 13-18	MISS DIVISION AGES 19-27
MS. DIVISION AGES 28-45	AGE AS OF JAN. 1, 2025

*** MS. DIVISION ONLY CAN BE MARRIED, DIVORCED, OR SINGLE; WITH OR WITHOUT CHILDREN**

AREAS OF COMPETITION

PRIVATE INTERVIEW, 15%
FITNESS (NOT SWIMWEAR), 20%
TALENT, 35%
EVENING GOWN, 15%
PROJECTION QUESTION, 15%



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MISSISSIPPI USA
TALENTED TEEN 2025**

Kendal Moseley

AREAS OF COMPETITION

15% PERSONAL INTERVIEW

Each contestant will complete round robin-style interview with a 3-5 panel of judges. Interview is 4 minutes per judge. Think speed dating.

20% FITNESS (NOT SWIMWEAR)

Fitness is a key component to a successful reign for a titleholder of any pageant system. We are looking for young women who lead healthy lifestyles as they will be Brand Ambassadors for various companies and need them to perform at their best. Judging Criteria is based on Body Condition, Stage Presentation, Overall Appearance, Sportswear Selection. Contestants are to select a fitness (think cute workout attire) ensemble that best shows off their physique and personality.

35% TALENT

Talent will be evaluated based on Artistic Expression, Technical Skill, Stage Presence, Professionalism, and Overall Performance. This should be a live performance and focus on engaging and entertaining the audience. Talent should not exceed 2 minutes & 15 seconds (90 seconds preferred). You have an additional 15 seconds to "setup" before your time starts. Props are strongly discouraged, beside a piano/keyboard, or item needed for an instrument. If you ultimately need help setting up, you may want to rethink your performance. Props that are acceptable include flags, batons, ribbons, etc. Drill team rifles, glitter, paint, powder, confetti, or any other similar loose materials are strictly prohibited.

Disrobing is also not allowed. **TALENT PRELIM COMPETITION WILL BE HELD DURING THE MANDATORY CONTESTANT WORKSHOP IN JUNE.**

15% EVENING GOWN

The evening gown competition is the most elegant part of the competition but is about the girl in the gown and not the gown on the girl. Judges will evaluate confidence, poise, posture, style, personality, charisma, grace, and overall stage presence.

Remember age appropriateness when choosing your evening gown.

15% ON-STAGE QUESTION

Finalists will be provided with a question per division. Judges will evaluate the delegate's ability to think on her feet to form an answer to the question asked. Question topics can include community service, current events, or future ambitions. Contestants will have 45 seconds to answer.

Questions may be different for each contestant but will be the same level of difficulty.

Note: The winner of the MISS & MS. DIVISION may be required to submit video versions of their areas of competition to the national pageant office in preparation for the national Miss Black USA competition.

ENTRY FEE & PAYMENT DETAILS

ENTRY FEE: \$1,250

\$85 APPLICATION FEE

Official entry to the state competition.
Official local embroidered sash & rhinestone crown.
Registration, lodging, & meals for the summer workshop.
Three Pageant T-shirts.
Select meals provided during summer workshop & pageant weekend.
One Copy of the Pageant Magazine
One, contestant spotlight page.
Swag Bag
Professional headshot for competition.
Tickets to contestant outings.
Opening number wardrobe.

**DOES NOT INCLUDE
HOTEL AND/OR TRAVEL
TO THE STATE PAGEANT
IN ATLANTA, GA.
DOES NOT INCLUDE
TRAVEL TO THE SUMMER
WORKSHOP IN
MEMPHIS, TN**

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

**DEPOSIT
\$300
DUE
ASAP!**

**PMT 2
\$255
DUE
MAR 30**

**PMT 3
\$255
DUE
APR 30**

**PMT 4
\$255
DUE
MAY 31**

**PMT 5
\$100
DUE
JUN 30**

DEADLINE FOR ALL FEES IS JUNE 30, 2025

PAYMENT INFO

**PAYMENT INFORMATION WILL BE SHARED BY THE DIRECTOR OF
YOUR RESPECTIVE STATE.**

All fees are non-refundable & non-transferable.

*A late fee of \$200 will be incurred if all required payments & documents are not received by the deadline.

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TALENTED TEEN 2025**

Addison Stewart

Please note that local regalia (sash and crown) are made to order and are not ordered until payment #2 is paid and confirmed. Please allow 72 hours after payment #2 is paid and confirmed before regalia is ordered. Please note that both sash and crown must be delivered to the state office for inspection before they are shipped out to you. You will receive a courtesy email with tracking information once regalia has successfully been shipped to you.



ENTRY FEE & PAYMENT DETAILS CONTINUED

FEE DOES NOT INCLUDE

\$85 APPLICATION FEE

Videography of Competition Material
Any Individual Competition Wardrobe and/or
Coordinated Shoes and Accessories for the State Competition
Hotel and/or Travel Expenses to the State Pageant
Travel Expenses to the Mandatory Summer Workshop
Hair and Make Up Services for the Summer Workshop
and/or Pageant Weekend
Video/Photo packages

OTHER EXPENSES

Host Hotel

NOT COVERED BY THE PAGEANT

Please note that IT IS MANDATORY FOR ALL CONTESTANTS TO STAY AT THE HOST HOTEL & TO ROOM WITH ANOTHER CONTESTANT. NO EXCEPTIONS! Violators are subject to disqualification and have the forfeiture clause mentioned in the contestant contract activated. Make sure to reserve your room arrangements on or before the deadline given. You will not be charged until you check-in. You are also responsible for tax, incidentals, and any other individual charges to your room(s).** Please only utilize the link provided to ensure your name is on the booking list with the Pageant organization. Third-party reservations will not appear on the booking list with the Miss Black Tri-State USA Pageant and is prohibited.

Official Hair & Makeup Vendor

Once we have secured the official hair and makeup team, you will be provided with the cost and information on how to book with them directly. Please note that you must book with them by the deadline provided so that we can create a schedule for all contestants to be able to fulfill their obligations during pageant weekend. Any booking inquiries after the deadline are subject to a late fee. It is not mandatory to use the sponsored hair and makeup team, and it does not help or hurt your chances of winning. However, no other hair and makeup artists will be allowed backstage or in any capacity with direct access to pageant areas. Violators will be disqualified, escorted off the premises, and the forfeiture clause activated.

Official Photographer & Videographer

Once we have secured the official photographer/videographer, you will be provided with the cost and information on how to purchase packages with them directly. Please note that you must book with them by the deadline provided. Any purchase inquiries after the deadline are subject to a late fee.

It is not mandatory to purchase a video or photo package, and it does not help or hurt your chances of winning. However, no other photographers or videographers will be allowed backstage or in any capacity with direct access to pageant areas. Violators will be disqualified, escorted off the premises, and the forfeiture clause activated.

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2025 | 2026 EVENT INFORMATION

MANDATORY CONTESTANT WORKSHOP

JUNE 19-22, 2025
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

PAGEANT WEEKEND

AUGUST 27-31, 2025
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

DAY ONE | WED 8/27/2025

TRAVEL DAY

DAY TWO | THUR 8/28/2025

ORIENTATION | REHEARSAL
WELCOME DINNER

DAY THREE | FRI 8/29/2025

INTERVIEWS | REHEARSAL
SPORTSWEAR COMPETITION | NIGHT ONE PRELIMS

DAY FOUR | SAT 8/30/2025

GROUP ACTIVITY | REHEARSAL
NIGHT TWO PRELIMS

DAY FIVE | SUN 8/31/2025

FAREWELL BREAKFAST & AWARDS
FINAL COMPETITION & CROWNING

DAY SIX | MON 9/1/2025

WINNERS' PHOTOSHOOT

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TALENTED TEEN 2025**

McKenzie Porter

***SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**



PAGEANT
WORKSHOP

**CROWNING CEREMONY
TALENT PRELIMINARY**

contestants will complete the talent portion of competition, which scores will be applied to the state pageant in Atlanta, GA

June 19-22, 2025 | Memphis, TN

includes

**1 professional headshot for state pageant,
walking sessions & interview prep,
community service projects, group outing,
meals, t-shirt, & additional gifts**

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WARDROBE REQUIREMENTS

Workshop Weekend

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Talent

CHOOSE AN ENSEMBLE THAT
COMPLEMENTS YOUR TALENT
PRESENTATION.

Crowning Ceremony

RED CARPET | BLACK TIE FORMAL
THINK NFL DRAFT DAY FORMAL
YOU ALL WILL ACTUALLY WALK A RED
CARPET INTO THE EVENT.

Pajama Party

SELECT ANY STYLE FULL COVERAGE
PAJAMAS, OR LOUNGE WEAR AND
SLIPPERS. PLEASE NOTHING TOO
SHORT OR TOO REVEALING. A T-SHIRT
& LEGGINGS IS ALSO FINE.

Headshots

BLACK OR BROWN BANDEAU OR TUBE
TOP & GOLD OR SILVER EARRINGS.

Cameo Video

BLACK SEQUIN OUTFIT & BLACK, GOLD,
OR SILVER EARRINGS.

Other Pieces

BROWN, NUDE, OR CLEAR HEELS
TO PRACTICE OPENING NUMBER IN.
SOLID BLACK T-SHIRT,
SOLID BLACK LEGGINGS.

Group Outing

TWO PAIRS OF DARK BLUE JEANS,
ATHLETIC SHOES, SOLID BLACK JACKET,
PAGEANT T-SHIRT
(GIVEN AT CHECK-IN)



WARDROBE REQUIREMENTS

Pageant Weekend

AUGUST 28-31, 2025 | ATLANTA, GA

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Interview

THINK BUSINESS PROFESSIONAL WITH A FLARE! AN ENSEMBLE FOR A JOB INTERVIEW WITH PERSONALITY. A NICE DRESS, JUMPSUIT, PANTSUIT, OR SKIRT SUIT.

Fitness NOT SWIMWEAR

SELECT A FUN ATHLETIC/WORKOUT ENSEMBLE IN THE COLOR OF YOUR CHOICE. SHOULD BE PAIRED WITH ATHLETIC SHOES, NOT HEELS. TALENTED TEEN DIVISION CAN WEAR A TEAM UNIFORM.

Talent

CHOOSE AN ENSEMBLE THAT COMPLEMENTS YOUR TALENT PRESENTATION.

Evening Gown

SELECT ANY STYLE FLOOR LENGTH DRESS THAT MAKES YOU FEEL LIKE THE QUEEN YOU ARE! GOWN SHOULD COVER SHOES.

Other Pieces

ORIENTATION | ALL WHITE COCKTAIL ATTIRE
WELCOME DINNER | BLACK OUTFIT
BRUNCH | BUSINESS CASUAL OR BUSINESS FORMAL
FAREWELL BREAKFAST | SHADES OF PINK OR YELLOW
SPORTS THEME COSTUME
SHOES & ACCESSORIES FOR ALL OUTFITS

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Torree Theodore

Group Outing

TWO PAIRS OF DARK BLUE JEANS,
ATHLETIC SHOES, SOLID BLACK JACKET,
SOLID BLACK LEGGINGS,
PAGEANT T-SHIRT
(GIVEN AT ORIENTATION)

Opening Number

THE PAGEANT WILL PROVIDE THE OPENING NUMBER DRESS. YOUR MEASUREMENTS WILL BE TAKEN AT THE SUMMER CONTESTANT WORKSHOP. YOU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SKINTONE, NUDE, OR CLEAR HEELS & JEWELRY.



WARDROBE INSPO

WORKSHOP WEEKEND
SUGGESTIONS FOR SHOPPING

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HEADSHOTS



SHOES



CROWNING CEREMONY



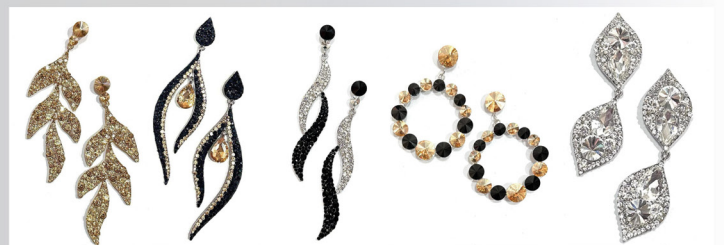
CAMEO VIDEOS



PAJAMAS



EARRINGS



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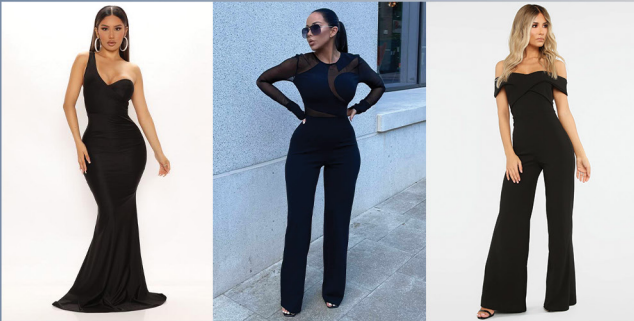
ALL WHITE ATTIRE



INTERVIEW



ALL BLACK FORMAL ATTIRE



SPORTSWEAR



SHADES OF PINK OR YELLOW



FITNESS



JEANS



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COMMUNICATION & SOCIAL MEDIA CONTESTANT INFORMATION GROUPS

All communications about the pageant will be posted in the Band.us app. It is where you will download forms and documents, and receive reminders and information as it is available. You are **RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL CONTENT** in this **PRIVATE** space. Check these apps **DAILY**.



FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM. You will need access to join our contestant fan pages. These pages serve as a blog to document your reign. It is a great way to attract potential partners and sponsors.

LIKE & FOLLOW the Miss Black Georgia USA and Miss Black USA Facebook & Instagram pages. @themissblackgausa, @missblackmsusapageant, @missblacktennesseeusapageant

IMPORTANT NOTE:

CONTESTANTS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO CREATE, PARTICIPATE IN OR BELONG TO ANY OTHER PAGEANT GROUP OR GROUP CHAT THAT IS NOT AUTHORIZED BY MISS BLACK GA, MS, OR TN USA OR MISS BLACK USA, INC. IF ASKED TO JOIN, PLEASE DECLINE AND NOTIFY THE DIRECTOR IMMEDIATELY.