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MISS MAGNOLIA STATE PAGEANT

November 20-22, 2026 • Vicksburg, MS



HELEN LIBERTO
Junior Miss Magnolia State 2026



KENDYL CLARK
Miss Teen Magnolia State 2026



BRENTLEE LINDSEY
Miss Magnolia State 2026



DARKETTA AMOS
Mrs. Magnolia State 2026

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Friday, November 20, 2026 is a rehearsal day. Junior Miss contestants ages 12-14 and Teen contestants ages 15-17 will rehearse from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Miss contestants ages 18-Up and Mrs. contestants ages 18-up will rehearse from 3 to 6:00 p.m. Rehearsals are mandatory. If you miss rehearsals, there will be a small point deduction.

We will be bringing back our fun Magnolia State Party for the contestants this year from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Contestants get to come free and family and friends may purchase a party ticket at the door for \$10 (cash only). We will be having pizza, soda and games and just a whole lot of fun for the ladies. Get ready for a night of fun before competition starts up. The theme for this year's party is "Green Queens!". So come dressed in your best Magnolia Green outfits! Since Green is our official color, the party will be Green Inspired!

Interview Competition will be on Saturday morning, November 21. You will be assigned your exact time closer to the pageant.

The Preliminary Competition for the Jr. Miss (12-14) and Teen Contestants (15-17) will begin at 4 p.m. Saturday, November 21, 2026. The Preliminary Competition for the Miss and Mrs. will begin at 8:00 p.m.

The Finals for the Jr. Miss (12-14) and Teen (15-17) will begin on November 22, Sunday morning at 9 a.m. and the finals for the Miss and Mrs. divisions will be at 2:00 p.m.

THREE AREAS OF COMPETITION THAT DETERMINE THE WINNERS!

Interview Competition: You will meet one-on-one with the judges for interviews. There will be three judges and you will go to each judge's table and have a brief conversation with each judge. They will ask you general questions about yourself to try to get to know you as well as they can in this short amount of time. Interviews will be on Sat., November 21, 2026. You will be given your exact interview time about a week or two before the state pageant. Only a few contestants will come into the auditorium at a time for interviews.

Casual Wear Competition: Contestants will model one outfit of their choosing for casual wear competition. This needs to be more casual instead of after-five dressy. This outfit can be pants, shorts, jumpsuits, sundress, etc. We did have a lot of dressier casual wears which is fine as long as you do not glitz it up too much. Do not wear cocktail dresses or evening gowns for this competition. Do not wear "pageant fun fashion outfits" with capes and trains. This is a much simpler competition to show off your personality in a casual setting. You will model your outfit on stage to upbeat music. Also **MAKE SURE** your skirts and shorts are not too short. The judges will be sitting below you and if you question is your outfit too short, yes it probably is! They take off for outfits being too short.

Evening Gown Competition: Contestants will model a long formal evening gown of their choosing. We will provide elegant music while you model on stage. This is where you let your personal style and beauty shine!

Introduction Dress: For your introduction on stage this year, Juniors (ages 12-14) will wear a pink (soft pink not bright pink) cocktail dress. Teen contestants (ages 15-17) will wear white cocktail dresses. Miss contestants (ages 18-up) will wear red cocktail dresses and our Mrs. contestants will wear black cocktail dresses or jumpsuits. No trains or material dragging the floor this year for safety. You are not judged in this opening number so do not spend a fortune on your outfit. This means that you will need a total of four outfits: Interview dress, Introduction cocktail dress, Casual Wear outfit and Evening Gown. You will be given a banner on Friday during rehearsal day to wear throughout the competition. Friday, Nov. 20, 2026 is your official rehearsal day. If you miss your rehearsal time, you will not be given another time to rehearse.

After these three competitions are over, the points are added, and the semi-finalists are chosen for Junior Miss Magnolia State, Miss Teen Magnolia State, Miss Magnolia State, and Mrs. Magnolia State. During the finals, on Sunday, the semi-finalists will be announced in each group and they will recompete in casual wear and evening gown. This is a fun pageant for juniors, teens, misses and married women of our state to have fun and let their families come and cheer them on. All participants will receive an award for competing. We will be giving out many special awards such as Photogenic, Congeniality and our Commitment To Marriage Awards for the Mrs. Make sure that you have an actual printed picture for the photogenic competition. This needs to be printed and not just emailed. We will not print out emailed photos. You may turn in your photogenic picture at rehearsals.

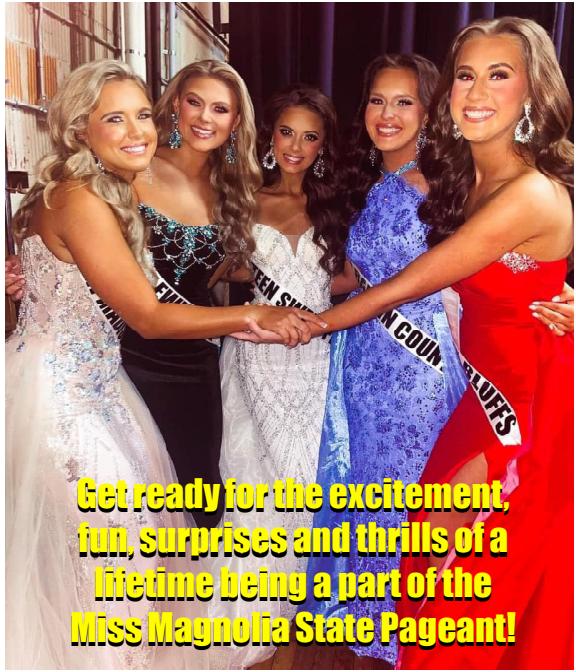
Make sure you MAIL or EMAIL us your fact sheet before November 1, 2026. They MUST be mailed in or emailed to our pageant office to be included in the judges' notebooks. It is too overwhelming for us to retrieve all of that information and put it together last minute.

The Junior division is for girls ages 12-14 as of September 1, 2026; the Teen division is for girls ages 15-17 as of September 1, 2026; and also Miss contestants ages 18-up as of September 1, 2026. Miss, Teen and Junior Miss contestants must have never been married or have given birth to children to compete in the pageant. Mrs. contestants should be 18 and up. We will give contestants the option to move up a division if they wish to.

Mrs. contestants should be legally married and there is no age limit. The pageant is all inclusive for all legally married couples but only one spouse may compete per year. To be eligible for the pageant, at least one of these criteria must be met.....Contestants must reside in the state of Mississippi, currently attend school in Mississippi, parents or spouse work in Mississippi or have immediate relatives living in Mississippi (parents, aunt, uncle, or children living in Mississippi). If you are using this rule as your address is outside of MS, make sure you turn in the eligibility form in this packet and have it notarized. Married contestants that were widowed and were currently married when their spouse passed away, will still be considered a Mrs. at our pageant and allowed to compete. Contestants should be legally classified as female on their driver's license. Marriage certificates will be required to be sent in as proof of being married.

We will allow a two month grace period for contestants that are suppose to move up a division making the fall back date September 1, 2026. If siblings or mother/daughter, the first contestant pays full and the second will receive \$200 off her entry fee. You are responsible for asking for discount before the pageant. Refunds won't be given if you pay in full and did not ask for the family discount.

Everyone is **REQUIRED** to sell 1/2 page (\$100 ad) in the program book so we can have a souvenir program for everyone to remember the pageant by. 1/4 page ad is \$50; 1/2 page ad is \$100 and a full page ad is \$200. You are encouraged to sell as many ads in the program book as possible. Any contestant selling 4 pages (\$800) worth of ads will receive their entry fee paid. Any contestant selling at least **FIVE** full pages ($5 \times \$200 = \$1,000$) in the program book will receive a beautiful large rhinestone crown and a 3 foot tall trophy! Any contestant selling **TEN** full pages of ads in the program book will receive the beautiful ad sales crown, a 5 foot tall trophy, and \$200 cash. The ad sales crowns are always beautiful!!! You can sell as many ad pages as you would like. **MAKE SURE** send in your ad pages camera ready this year. Camera Ready means already set up on computer. (Please don't send in 20-30 1/4 page ads to us, ads should be set up in full page formats). Ads will need to be email as a pdf file or jpeg file to MSPageantNews@aol.com. If you need someone to set up your pages, you may contact Amanda McCarthy at 662-255-3543 or email her at ack1218@gmail.com.... she only charges \$10 to \$15 per page for set up. You MUST also send in one headshot picture of yourself for the **ROSTER PAGE** with all of the contestants' pictures on it. Make sure this picture is NOT with



Get ready for the excitement, fun, surprises and thrills of a lifetime being a part of the Miss Magnolia State Pageant!



contests must win those through preliminary pageants.

Everyone has a fair chance at this pageant. Everyone is REQUIRED to bring a wrapped gift (\$10.00 value) to exchange with someone in your age division during the rehearsals on Friday! Also you must bring one wrapped gift (\$10.00 value) to give to the reigning queen in your division during the Friday rehearsals. Make sure you put your name and address on your gift to the queen in case she wants to send out thank you notes. Also we will have our Magnolia Marketplace again this year. You will need to bring one market gift with you during the FRIDAY rehearsals valued of AT LEAST \$30 for people to purchase. We want you to bring items for your area such as handmade pottery, crafty items, gift baskets, cool stuff, get your community involved to donate. This year the money raised, will be used to upgrade the new four state queens the trip of a lifetime! We are planning on taking this year's queens to Europe! Tell your supporters this is a great place to do their Christmas shopping!

The winner of each division will receive the custom designed Miss Magnolia State crown, a monogrammed banner with state title, a \$1,000 CASH SCHOLARSHIP/PRIZE as an appearance fee. The winners also win a European Vacation! The vacation will be taken in Summer of 2027 when half of your reign has been completed. All four winners and directors will take the same vacation together. Family members make also go on the vacation at their own expense. If the vacation is cancelled due to circumstances beyond our control including covid, then the queens will receive double prize money instead. We do give our state queens the right to use their state titles to make appearances throughout the state. If you are the STATE winner, you may not compete in other pageants throughout your year except for school pageants. We will also be awarding the runners up future pageant vouchers!! 1st Runner Up receives a \$300 voucher award; 2nd Runner Up receives a \$200 voucher award; 3rd Runner Up receives a \$150 voucher award and 4th Runner Up receives a \$100 voucher award. Vouchers may be used as discounts off their entry fees if the alternates decide to compete again next year.

Tickets will be sold at the door for family and friends for the pageant competition. Tickets are \$30.00 for preliminary night Saturday, Nov. 21 and then again \$30.00 for finals on Sunday, Nov. 22, 2026 and \$15.00 for children 10 and under each night. Your ticket will get you in to watch both Jr./Teen and Miss/Mrs. on the same day this year. Please advise your supporters that it's cash only at the door. There is not a an ATM machine at the auditorium. The pageant will be held at the Vicksburg City Auditorium in downtown Vicksburg located at 901 Monroe Street. Contestants are free to stay at any hotel they choose. We do not require the contestants to stay at any particular hotel. If you have any questions, feel free to email state director, Chris Shannon at MSPageantNews@aol.com It's simple to enter: just send the entry fee and application to address listed on this application. Refunds will not be given to contestants who fail to show up, withdraw or are disqualified.

We will also have a professional photographer at the pageant. You will need to see him at his table in the lobby. His price is usually around \$25 for all your stage shots. This is a great service he offers so parents don't have to worry about trying to take photos instead of missing their contestant during her moment on stage.

Your professional green and white appearance banners will only mailed to contestants who have paid IN FULL by September 1, 2026. Any contestant that pays in full after September 1, will receive their banner at rehearsals on Friday, November 20, 2026.

crown and banner. This may be emailed to MSPageantnews@aol.com. We will also use this photo for the Online People's Choice Award through the Pageant Planet. Your name and local title will be listed in the program book under your photo. We will assign local titles to every contestant who competes in the pageant and you will be given a banner to wear throughout the competition. If you won a local preliminary, then of course that is your local title. The banners will say, for example, Teen Jackson, Teen Meridian, etc. for the teen division. Miss Jackson, Miss Clinton, Miss Pearl, etc. for the Miss division. The Mrs. contestants will be the same except for Mrs. in front of the town, such as Mrs. Madison, Mrs. Gulf Coast, Mrs. Jackson, etc. Titles will be awarded on a first come first serve basis. If more than one contestant from a town enters then we might have to assign titles such as Teen South Jackson, Teen North Jackson, etc. So get that entry in early! Several titles will not be available because contestants



Contestant's Name _____ Date of Birth _____
 Parents' Names _____ Phone _____
 Address _____ Age as of 9/1/2025 _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 Email Address (if any) _____

I hereby give the Pageant permission to use my child's/my photo and name in any and all future promotions. I will not hold the pageant, staff, or owners of the facility responsible for accidents, sickness, damages, or losses at the pageant or during transportation to and from the pageant. I understand that the judges' decisions are final. MUST BE SIGNED BY PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN of the contestant or by the contestant if over 18. I have read this entire form and fully understand what is stated. I agree to show good sportsmanship throughout the competition. Winner will sign a contract stating she will not compete in other pageants for a year until her reign is over. I also understand if any problems arise that the state director will make all final decisions.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

CIRCLE CORRECT AGE DIVISION:
Jr. 12-14, Teen 15-17, Miss 18-Up, or Mrs.

*Send All Fees, This Form, Photos,
 Camera Ready Ad Pages, etc. to
 Miss Magnolia State Pageant
 C/O Chris Shannon, State Director,
 P. O. Box 4071, Brandon, MS 39047
 Email questions to MSPageantNews@aol.com*
*Make checks out to Chris Shannon
 Business checks may be made out to Magnolia State Pageant*



What Do I Need To Turn In?

_____ \$445.00 Entry Fee for Teen, Miss and Mrs. contestants (required)

_____ This year each contestant is required to pay a \$25 banner fee for the banner. This fee must be paid whether you sell 4 or more ad pages or not.

_____ This year each contestant is required to pay a \$125 production fee as well. With this fee we will give everyone a crown pin for their banner and each contestant will receive a custom-made crown to use at appearances /parades throughout the year. This fee must be paid whether you sell ad pages or not. Crowns are awarded pageant weekend. It also entitles you to a pageant tote bag and souvenir program book.

_____ Ad Page(s) \$100.00 1/2 page ad is **REQUIRED for all contestants!**

Sell 4 ad pages (\$800) and you do NOT pay the \$445 entry fee.
 Sell 5 pages and you do NOT pay entry fee & receive a crown & 3 ft trophy
 Please email your ads in print-ready to place in book.
 We will not be responsible for setting up your ad pages for you.

_____ Picture for Roster Page _____ Also send in photo for photogenic.

_____ Turn in fact sheet located inside this application for judges to view

_____ Turn in Eligibility Sheet if you do not have a Mississippi address

_____ Turn in a copy of your marriage license if you are a Mrs. contestant

_____ Bring a Wrapped Gift on Friday to Exchange (\$10.00 Value)

_____ Bring a Wrapped Gift on Friday to give to last year's queen (\$10-\$20 value)

_____ Bring a your Marketplace gift (\$30 or more value) to rehearsals on FRIDAY.



List your top three choices for which area you want to represent. (Examples Teen Rankin County, Teen Jackson, Teen Clinton, Miss Brandon, Miss Madison, Miss Yazoo City, Mrs. Gulf Coast, Mrs. Tupelo, Junior Miss Magee, etc. If you are a junior miss your banner will say Junior Miss teen, your banner will say Teen, if you are a Miss your banner will say Miss, and if you are a Mrs. then of course your banner will say Mrs. You can call the director if you need help with a title. If you won a preliminary pageant, that is your title for state so put it down under first choice.

First Choice _____

Second Choice _____

Third Choice _____

Please make sure if you are sending in several business checks or money orders that you mail it with a TRACKING NUMBER! Last year we had someone's entry not reach us who sent in money orders. Do not send cash!

Minimum amount to send in is \$445 entry fee, \$25 banner fee, \$125 production fee, and \$100 ad for a grand total of \$695.00
 If contestant is selling 4 pages (\$200x4= \$800) plus \$25 banner fee, \$125 production fee, the grand total is \$950.00
 If contestant is selling 5 pages (\$200x5=\$1,000) plus \$25 banner, \$125 production fee, the grand total is \$1,150.00

SCHEDULE AND RULES

Friday, November 20, 2026

Rehearsals will be all day Friday. Jr. Miss (ages 12-14) and Teens (ages 15-17) will be from 9 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Miss (ages 18-up) and Mrs. (ages 18-up) will be from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m.

All contestants bring your wrapped gift to exchange, bring your wrapped gift for last year's queen in your division and one UNwrapped gift for the Magnolia Marketplace Sale table.

Pageant Party for contestants is from 7-9 p.m. Supporters/family may purchase tickets for \$10

Saturday, November 21, 2026

Interviews for all divisions will begin at 9 a.m. You will be given your exact time to arrive at the auditorium about a week or two before the state pageant.

Preliminary competition for Jr. and Teen contestants will be at 4 p.m. Doors will open approx 3 p.m. and you will need arrive dressed in your Introduction dress. You will be introduced on stage, then compete in casual wear and then evening gown.

Preliminary competition for the Miss and Mrs. contestants will be at 8:00 p.m. Doors will open at 7:00 p.m. and you will need arrive dressed in your introduction dress. You will be introduced on stage, then compete in casual wear and then evening gown.

All contestants may skip the line to get in to the auditorium if they can carry their own belongings back stage. Parents have to wait in line to get their armbands so you might want to pack light.

Sunday, November 22, 2026

Final competition for Jr. and Teen contestants will be at 9 a.m. Doors will open at 7:30 a.m. Again you will need arrive dressed in your Introduction dress. You will be introduced on stage, then compete in casual wear and then evening gown if you make the semi-finals. If you do not make the semi-finals you will watch the rest of the show from the audience until evening gown, then you will come back stage and change into gown for the finale.

Final competition for Miss and Mrs. contestants will be at 2 p.m. Doors will open at 1:00 p.m. Again you will need arrive dressed in your Introduction dress. You will be introduced on stage, then compete in casual wear and then evening gown if you make the semi-finals. If you do not make the semi-finals you will watch the rest of the show from the audience until evening gown, then you will come backstage and change into gown for the finale.

You are not to have ANYONE backstage helping you. Backstage is for contestants and staff only. If you have anyone backstage when the pageant starts, it will result in point deductions. We suggest you bring rolling suitcases to make it easy on the girls. We will have staff members backstage to assist them.

Any tattoos must be covered up for the state competition and anytime while wearing your local crown and banner at either the state or local pageants. Dress appropriate to hide tattoos or use heavy makeup to cover them up. All body piercings (except ears) must be covered up or taken out during state competition or while wearing local crown and banner. Tongue piercings are not acceptable. Belly button rings can not be visible while competing or making appearances as a titleholder.

For contestants who smoke — smoking is NEVER allowed while a contestant is wearing a banner and/or crown. Contestants should not be seen smoking during the state competition. The Vicksburg City Auditorium is a smoke free building. Smoking will only be allowed when you are on your own time away from the pageant and do not have your banner on.

Good sportsmanship is expected and required. Everyone wants to make the semifinals or to win. If you do not make your goal, smile anyway and express your feelings to your family when you leave the pageant. Do not ruin someone else's good fortune by being a bad sport. You are here to have fun and we all know that only one girl will win..... and also remember that your face is on that video forever. So make sure it's a smiling face.

Being around the judges. No contestant is allowed to socialize with judges during any point of the competition weekend. If you see them somewhere you can say hello but do not start a conversation with them. Any contestant caught socializing with judges will be disqualified. Local Directors are also not allowed to talk to judges. We try to keep our pageant fair and honest and will do everything in our power to make sure it stays that way.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT FORM

(Only needed for contestants with a mailing address outside of Mississippi)

The Miss Magnolia State Pageant does allow contestants to compete with an out of state mailing address as long as they do met the pageant's requirements.

One of the contestant's parents or step-parents must live or work in Mississippi. Parent may also be a local director for the Miss Magnolia State Pageant that conducts their pageant in Mississippi to be eligible. If married, the spouse may work in Mississippi to be eligible. If the contestant goes to school in Mississippi, that would also make her eligible.

Contestant could also have an immediate relative that lives in Mississippi to make them eligible. Our definition of an immediate relative would be a parent, sibling, aunt or uncle or grandparent. Other relatives such as cousins, god-parents, etc. would not qualify you to compete in the Miss Magnolia State Pageant.

We just have to keep everything fair and make sure everyone is following the same rules. You will need to list your relative or what makes you eligible to compete in our state pageant. You will also need to have this form notarized by a notary.

I have a parent or spouse's parent that lives in Mississippi.

I have a parent or spouse's parent that works in Mississippi.

I attend school in Mississippi.

I have an immediate relative that lives in Mississippi.

Please list your relative below.....

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Person's Relationship to Contestant _____

***As the contestant's parent or contestant over 18,
I confirm the information above is true & honest.***

Contestant Signature _____

Parent's Signature if contestant is under 18

Notary Stamp or Seal Above

Notary's Signature

Date Notarized

Please have this form typed or you may recreate it on computer . Do not write it by hand since it comes across sloppy. Take your time on your fact sheet. It is very important to the judges. This form has to be copied to give to the judges. Keep your answers to one page only or points will be deducted.

Please fill out this sheet for the judges to view. Please try to limit your information/answers on this sheet only.

Name _____ Age _____

List three words that best describe you _____

List three interesting things about yourself

Hobbies _____

Accomplishments: _____

Anything else you want the judges to know? _____

(For Mrs. Contestants) Years Married _____ Date Married _____

Place Married _____

Children's Names and ages _____



ADVERTISING RECEIPT

Jr. Miss Magnolia State Miss Teen Magnolia State Pageant Miss Magnolia State Pageant Mrs. Magnolia State Pageant



*This is your receipt for advertising with
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(Can combine them to make bigger ads)

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*The Community Service Award is strictly **OPTIONAL**. It's a way to recognize the contestants that perform community service work in their communities and to be recognized. The winner of this award will receive a plaque based on hours and quality of community service performed. This award should be turned in by November 1, 2026 to be eligible. Please include a list of events that you appeared in your crown and banner on a separate sheet of paper along with the hours served at each.*

Miss Magnolia State Community Service Award

Contestant's Name: _____

Contestant's Title: _____

Total of Hours Volunteered _____

Requirements:

1. Contestants must only count volunteer hours spent while representing their title with the Miss Magnolia State Pageant.
2. Contestants only count the hours from one year which is from the time you win your local title to the time of the state pageant.
3. All hours must be turned in to the state pageant office by November 1st for consideration for the award.