

5 Year Celebration Of IMPERIAL NATIONS

NATIONAL HANDBOOK





WELCOME



Congratulations Queen!

We thank you for your interest in the Imperial Nations Pageant and we look forward to getting to know you and your family on pageant weekend! You are about to embark on an amazing journey, filled with fun appearance opportunities, volunteer service, social media coverage, amazing sister queens, a new pageant family, and much, much more! Your experience will be unlike any you have experienced thus far, and the commitment that you make to yourself, your title and the organization will determine what you get out of the whole experience.

We are here to help, encourage and support you, so please let us know if you have any questions along the way. You can begin by reviewing this handbook CAREFULLY and THOROUGHLY... most of your questions will be answered here. We outline most deadlines, competitions, criteria, activities and more. You can also like us on Facebook and Instagram under the name Imperial Nations Pageant. And of course, there's also our website at www.ImperialNationsPageant.com. Please pay attention to all of the deadlines listed in this handbook and make sure you get everything in by the stated dates, and you will be sure to have a smooth ride to Nationals.

We have several divisional titles to give out along with several other awards and titles are going to be given out and YOU could be one of our many recipients! In addition to the competition itself, we are hosting a contestant gift exchange and a Masquerade Party! You are sure to have a great time with your family and friends, and you will go home with some beautiful memories and gifts.

We look forward to watching your reign unfold and have you apart of this journey and hope you walk away from our pageant changed for the better!

Yours in Pageantry,

Mia Jones

Executive Director

Imperial Nations Pageant

Greta D. Clark

Executive Co-Director

Imperial Nations Pageant



CONTESTANT LOGIN



FIRST THINGS FIRST!

The Contestant Login on our website (located on the top right) is your go-to place for **EVERYTHING** you need to prepare for Nationals 2024! All delegates should login regularly to access important information like this handbook, all forms, payment options, optional registration forms, instructions, newsletters, any National updates, and more! The contestant's login will be a super important tool, and vital to your National preparations. Please carefully read through the contestant's log-in and this handbook before reaching out to the National office. If you cannot find the answer, we will be happy to help you!

www.ImperialNationsPageant.com

PASSWORD: Given once you're registered.



DIVISIONS

Miss: Age 18 - 25 Years

Ms: 26-49 Years

Elegant Ms: 50 and up

Mrs: 21 and up (Must be living with husband)

Ms. International: Ages 18 and Up

Ms. Imperial Elite

The Elite winner to the contestant who scores the highest out of all contestants.

Pageant Info

Delegates can compete in the pageant under the following guidelines:

Age divisions are determined by June 1, 2024. Delegates may move up to the next division should their birth date fall between January 1 – June 1, 2024.

A delegate/parent must live, work or own property in the state that the delegate will be competing or the delegate must attend school in the state she would be competing in.

Facebook Group: Please make sure you register for the on-line pageant Facebook group. (The link will be sent to you). All information about the pageant, including the schedule, will be listed in one convenient location; information will not be issued in any other manner. Every delegate is required to be in the Facebook group to keep up with posted information; **no exceptions**. Information will not be available nor provided elsewhere.

PAYMENTS

Entry fee is \$500 with \$50 deposit holding your state title. Once you pay the remaining \$200 (to equal \$250), your State Queen's box will then be ordered and shipped. (Please allow 4-5 weeks). When you are ready to make a payment, you must email the National Office to request an invoice via Paypal for the amount you wish to pay. Your balance will be at the bottom of each invoice for you to keep track. We do not accept checks. Entry fee must be paid in full in order to complete and paid by April 13, 2024. We will not be accepting payments at the door.

JUDGE'S SHEET

Once confirmed as a contestant, you will gain access to the paperwork via the website. Documents are to be TYPED in Word and emailed back to the National Office no later than May 1, 2024. Please follow the guidelines to fill out the paperwork. Points will be deducted if rules are not followed.

REQUIREMENTS

State titleholders are required to make a minimum of 2 appearances a month. (Definitely feel free to exceed).

Each Queen must bring 3 gifts (Age Division appropriate \$5-\$10 range):

Your Divisional Outgoing Queen (*If there is one)

Newly Crowned Divisional Queen

Newly Crowned Elite Queen

Pageant Info

Opening Number: Each Contestant is to wear her "State/Regional/Country Costume" as her opening number attire. This will be paired with your parasol. BE CREATIVE!

Pageant Weekend Wardrobe

You will be given a T-shirt at Check-In to wear to the FIRST rehearsal only. (This is to have uniformity and for photo purposes.) You are free to wear your regular/comfortable attire to the second rehearsal.

Gift Exchange Cocktail Soiree: This will take place on the patio of the hotel. Please wear cocktail attire and bring your gifts to exchange at this time. No sash or crown at this function.

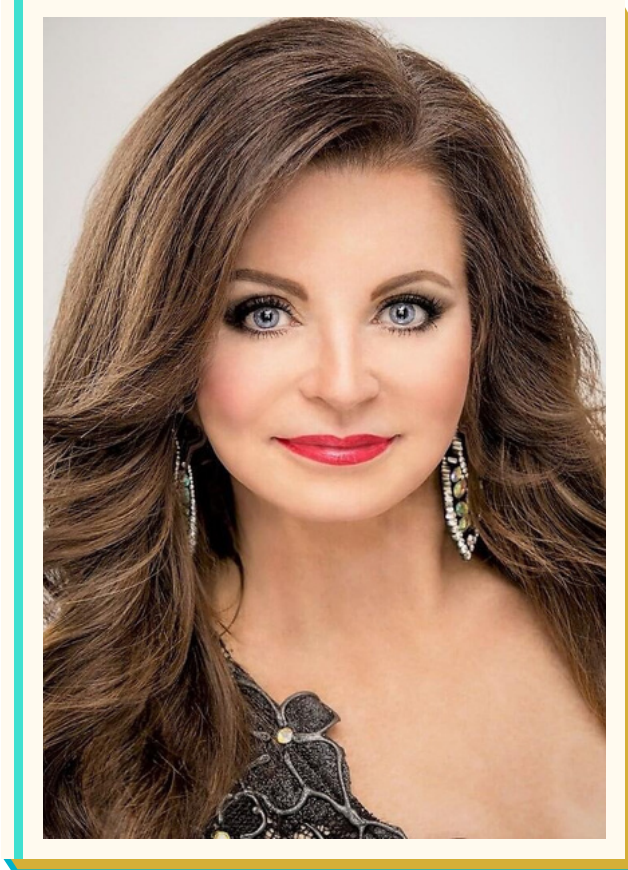
Masquerade Pajama Party: Get your masks ready and your best pajamas set to stroll down the French Quarters at our Mardi Gras Masquerade Party!

Your competition wardrobe is your choice.

PARASOLS

Each Contestant is to decorate her opening number parasol in the theme of her state/region or country. See sample photos below. There are no limitations as to how you decorate, however, please keep in mind that you are carrying this with you during opening number.





Head Shot Requirements

Your official INP head shot should mirror the image above.

Specific Instructions:

Hair and Makeup should be Glam. (We suggest hiring a hair stylist and MUA)

Clothing: Cocktail Dress, Beaded/Sequin/OR Textured Top (NO CROWN OR SASH)

Photo Background: MUST BE WHITE

Photo should be head and shoulders only

Name your photo: Last Name, First Name and State Title

All official head shots must be submitted electronically through e-mail to ImperialNationsPageant@yahoo.com. The file must be a JPEG format and large enough to print. It must be at least 300dpi in resolution and 5x7 or larger in size. Please remember that the quality of your photograph in the book and on the website is directly related to the quality of the photo you submit to us. All photos must be submitted in color as they will appear in color in the program book. Headshots must be submitted by **April 13, 2024**



Areas of Competition

Interview: Contestants will be given the chance to express their personalities, goals, and what makes them unique with our friendly panel of judges. Questions will be based on your bio sheet. All divisions will interview panel style and interviews will last for 6 minutes.

Attire: Fashion Forward outfit of contestant's choice. This can be a dress, pants suit or jumpsuit. MUST be age appropriate and should display the contestant's own personal taste and style. Pay CLOSE attention to the fit of the outfit.

On-Stage Q&A: Contestants will have 30 seconds to answer a random question while on stage in your interview attire.

Fashion Wear: Hit the stage in your best high fashion outfit. Judges will be looking for confidence, modeling ability, personality and the overall impression the delegate leaves. Denim jeans are not permitted. Choose an outfit that you would wear to a Red Carpet Event.

Evening Gown: All delegates must wear a floor length gown that is age appropriate for the formal wear/evening gown competition. Contestants are judged on grace, poise and overall presentation.

State/International Costume - Mandatory Independent Competition

Delegates will model an outfit of their choice that represents their state or country's nickname or theme, landmark or special symbol of their state or country. The sky's the limit for this competition. Outfit can be embellished or decorated as the delegate chooses.

*This is a separate scored Phase of competition, however it is not added to the total scores of the above phases of competition or holds no bearing on who wins National Titles. You can choose the music track for this phase to match your state theme. Please keep music clean.

Optional Categories

Cover Model- Be featured on the back page of our National program book of the! **\$20**

Community Service Award - Awarded to the contestant that shines bright in her community giving back outside of her platform. Show us your hard work via your videos or photo posts on your state titleholder Facebook page along with a one page essay on why it is important to you to give back. **\$20**

People's Choice - People's Choice will be hosted after deadline. Voting will open up April 1st and lead up until Intermission Pageant Day!
Winner of People's Choice receives crown, sash and 10% of total earnings she brings in!
\$1 per vote

Photogenic Portfolio- Portfolios of 4-10 photos of you. Black & White or Color is Fine. On your state titleholder Facebook Page, create a photo album to put all of your pictures in for judges to look through. **\$20**

Performing/Non-Performing Talent- (3 mins max.)*Performing Talent Examples: Dance, Vocal, Monologue *Non-Performing Talents Examples: Baking, Painting, fashion design, etc. can be submitted by video showcasing you working your non-talent and then showcasing the finished product. **\$20**

Spokes Model- This is awarded to the contestant that really promoted the pageant throughout her reign leading up to Nationals. Winner will be crowned our Imperial Nations Spokes Model 2023.
Winner will receive custom sash and crown & Goodie Bag **\$25**

Imperial Super Model - Contestant who has the highest combined scores for Fashion Wear and Evening Gown.
\$20

Fitness Competition - (Pre-Teen & Up) No Swimsuits allowed. Choose your style of fitness to model in. Judges will be looking for overall confidence, outfit choice and healthy lifestyle. **\$20**

Power of the Crown - Contestant must submit a short video (No longer than 2 minutes) stating how becoming a state or regional titleholder has helped changed her life and how she has paid it forward in her community.
Entries must be submitted by
May 1, 2023. **\$20**

Appearance Award- This is awarded to the contestant that has made the most quality appearances leading up to Nationals.

Sisterhood Award - All delegates are automatically considered for this award. This award will be voted on by your fellow contestants.

Center Fold Photo Contest - Submit your BEST photos to be featured centerfold of our program book. Initial photo is **\$30**. Each photo to be considered after that is **\$10**.



FEEDING THE HUNGRY, HELPING THE HOPELESS

Imperial Nations has teamed up with Grace Community Fellowship Church and their food pantry. The pantry is run by trained volunteers who are friendly and courteous. Anyone who comes and expresses a need to get food will be served.

We ask that you please bring non-Perishable foods and toiletries for our community service project as we will put together donation bags to present to the organization.

List of Items to Bring

Canned fruits/Vegetables

Crackers

Canned Meats, Tuna, Chicken, Potted meat, Vienna sausages

Packs of tissue

Granola Bars

Oatmeal/Grits

Canned Soups/Stews/Chili

Mouthwash

Toothbrushes

Toothpaste

Floss

Hand wipes

Lotion

Hand Sanitizer

Deodorant

Travel shampoo/Conditioner



"Laissez les bons temps rouler"
Let the good times roll!

Join Us Friday, May 31, 2024 8:30pm - 10:00pm
for our "Mardi Gras Masquerade " themed pajama party!

Pull out your best PJ'S and take home prizes for:

Best themed attire
Most Creative attire

Best Mask

Most Creative Mask and many more!

We will also be handing out a few optional
awards at this time. Be prepared to dance the
night away under the sounds of DJ Paris Warr!

National Queens and contestants are paid for.

Additional guests tickets are: \$35

Venue will be posted in Facebook Group.



SAMPLE AD SHEETS

Please submit your ads **PRINT READY**. Email the ads to **ImperialNationsPageant@yahoo.com** in PDF format or JPG format. Send ad pages in color.

Make sure there is at least 1/4" around all edges to allow for printer trimming. The contestant with the most ad sales over \$500 will win our Entrepreneur Award and receive 10% cash prize of her earnings.

Ads can be purchased via our website under the "Payments" Tab.

Ads may be purchased by family, friends, businesses, churches, organizations, etc.

It is NOT required to sell advertising ads to participate in the pageant. This is an optional contest. *But you can use the ad sales to go towards your entry fee.* Please notify the National Office if you choose to utilize this option.

ADS & Payments are due: May 1, 2024

**FULL
PAGE**
\$100

**HALF
PAGE**
\$50

**QUARTER
PAGE**
\$25

**BUSINESS
CARD**
\$10

**BUSINESS
CARD**
\$10



NATIONAL HOST HOTEL 2024

Four Points by Sheraton Atlanta Airport West

3520 N Desert Dr, Atlanta, GA 30344

Discover the fresh, new look of the renovated Four Points by Sheraton Atlanta Airport West. Located near the airport in East Point, Georgia, our modern hotel boasts an inviting atmosphere, business-friendly services and thoughtful amenities. Arrive with ease from nearby Hartsfield Jackson Atlanta International Airport via our courtesy shuttle, then settle into our boutique-style hotel rooms.

Swim in our outdoor pool, work out in our 24-hour fitness center, visit our restaurant or relax with drinks in the bar. If a meeting or a social event brings you to our hotel, you' will be delighted with our flexible facilities and attentive staff.

When it's time to explore, the best of Atlanta is nearby. Attend events at the Georgia International Convention Center or Georgia World Congress Center, tour CNN, The World of Coca-Cola, The Georgia Aquarium and the College Football Hall of Fame, shop, see shows and more. No matter what brings you here, we look forward to welcoming you to our hotel near the Atlanta airport.

The Hotel Link will be emailed to you and posted in our Facebook Group Page for you to book and receive our rate.

RULES/REGULATIONS

- Entrant must be a resident of North America (including All US territories, Canada and Mexico) Dual residency or residence at a military installation is allowed. You may represent your state where you were born, attended or attends school, have family or own property, currently work or live.
- If you win the title, you must agree to attend the 2025 Nationals to crown your successor.
- Entrant must be in good health and must be of good moral character. Entrant has always been female and was born of such sex.
- All state title holders are requested but not required to make at least 6-8 appearances before the national event.
- A pageant participant holds harmless the pageant and/or it's director(s) and staff from any and all claims for damage to any person or property by reason of participation in this pageant, or subsequent events derived from participation in this pageant.
- Delegate grants permission to the pageant director to use her photograph or likeness for advertising purposes.
- All delegates are required to stay at the host hotel on Friday through Saturday. You are also required to make your reservations under the pageant group block (Imperial Nations Pageant). There will be no exceptions to this rule please do not ask.
- If you would like to be paired up with another contestant as a roommate, please contact the National office.
- We do not authorize or permit the use of the name "Imperial Nations" or any other title with respect to the pageant in any manner unless specifically approved by the director of the Imperial Nations Pageant.
- For the Mrs Division you must be married for at least 6 months and 21 years or older. Currently residing with your husband and not separated or in the process of a divorce. Residency on a military base is acceptable.
- All judges decisions are final. Refunds will not be given under any circumstances.
- If selected as the winner you will be required to sign a contract stating you will arrange and make 18 appearances during your reign. **If you are unwilling to sign the contract you forfeit your title.** You will receive some prizes upon winning, some throughout your reign and the remainder when you come back to crown your successor.
- As an Imperial Nations National titleholder, you agree not to compete in any other pageant during your reign unless approved by National office.

NO PAGEANT EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

NATIONAL QUEEN'S CONTRACT:

There is a contractual requirement for the National pageant. If you win the National Queen title, you are not allowed to compete in or represent other pageants on any level, within the first 9 months without express written permission from Mia Jones and Greta D. Clark. Criteria for the decision whether to allow you to compete in or represent other pageants will be based on whether participation in another pageant will hinder or prevent you from making appearances on behalf of Imperial Nations Pageant and/or return to crown your successor the following year, as well as how early it is in your reign. As a National titleholder, you are expected to exclusively represent the Imperial Nations pageant system until you crown your successor. In general, permission to compete in or represent other pageants after winning Nationals may only be granted near the end of your reign even if the foregoing criteria is met.

Other Pageants: You may enter other pageants with your **STATE/LOCAL/INTERNATIONAL** title as long as those other pageants' national or state titles do not interfere with our National pageant in June 2024. In other words, we strongly advise not paying for another pageant whose title you are not willing to relinquish should you win our National pageant due to our no compete contract that you will sign upon winning.

NO REFUNDS/CARRYOVERS:

Please note that in the event you default on any or all of your obligations, fail to attend the National pageant for any reason, and/or win another title requiring you to give up your Imperial Nations Pageant local, state, regional, or national title, there will be no refunds or transfers of any deposits, fees, advertising and/or sponsorship money, tickets or meal purchases, in full or in part. We do not "carry over" fees to the following year. Please be sure you are able to attend the National pageant before you enter.

FAMILY DISCOUNT:

There is a family discount for those who have 2 or more contestants entered in the pageant. The oldest contestant pays the full price of the basic registration fee, and the remaining contestants in the same family pay \$300. We cannot discount the items that are included with your entry fee, as we must pay full price for those items (local/ state crown, sash, t-shirt, meal, gifts, etc.) Additional optionals, meals and tickets are not discounted for family members.

REFERRAL CREDIT:

For every referral that lists your name on the Referral line of their entry form when they enter the pageant, you will receive a \$50 credit off of your entry fees once those contestants are registered and paid in full. Referrals must be people who have not already been in contact with us through various forms of communication, must not be a previous contestant, and may not be already listed as our Facebook friend. Refer friends and receive money off your fees!



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