

Congratulations on being selected to represent your community in the 2024 Little Miss & Teen Miss South Carolina Pageant! The pageant will be held July 9-14, 2024, at Francis Marion Performing Arts Center in Florence, S.C. We will award thousands in scholarships, in addition to the beautiful crowns, monogrammed sashes, scepters and other prizes.

The first step in securing your place in the state pageant is to enter using the following:

https://form.jotform.com/233328501186049?fbclid=IwAR2UT\_Oli6o9EeO7atAST qsqKwEaE-zzcF\_o8S-S1pwHfLK6fHKHEr15bgE and then pay your deposit.

Once you submit your form and deposit, you will receive the state paperwork via email.

Venmo is @Dana-Dittman-1

PayPal, please email me (<u>LMSCpageant@gmail.com</u>) and I will send you an invoice.

Cashier's check or money order – make payable to LMSC and mail to 2209 Glenmore Ln., Snellville, GA 30078

I am including more info pages here that should answer any other questions you may have. If you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to email us!

We are looking forward to having you as a contestant in the 53rd Little Miss & Teen Miss South Carolina State Pageant!

## Linda Jordan & Dana Dittman Directors

## **About LMSC:**

Little Miss & Teen Miss South Carolina is one of South Carolina's oldest pageant systems for children and young adults. It was **founded in 1971** by the late Linda Floyd in Sumter, South Carolina. Thousands in scholarships were awarded at the 2023 state pageant, in addition to the beautiful crowns, scepters, trophies, monogrammed banners and other prizes.

Over 300 contestants participated in the 2023 LMSC preliminaries and 129 **local title holders** participated in the Little Miss & Teen Miss South Carolina Pageant, representing all areas of the state.

The LMSC pageant promotes community service and academic excellence, as well as encouraging poise and positive self-esteem in our contestants. Good sportsmanship is a must at all LMSC pageants. Our judges are told to judge the child, not the clothes. Dress can be plain or fancy if it fits and looks nice on the contestant. Wear your best color! On the state level, ages seven years and up have a private interview with the judges that counts as 50% of their preliminary beauty score.

We are partnered with Prisma Health Children's Hospital. The Little Miss & Teen Miss South Carolina Pageant and contestants raised **over \$50,000** for Prisma Health Children's Hospital during the 2023 pageant year. Our goal is to increase that figure in 2024! LMSC has raised over **\$610,000** for Prisma Health Children's Hospital since we partnered with them in 2002! Our winners make many appearances throughout the year, and we also showcase them in many parades across the state.

For photos of our current winners and information on the upcoming Little Miss & Teen Miss South Carolina preliminaries, please visit our website at www.littlemisssc.com.

SAVE THE DATE! LMSC FUN DAY APRIL 28, 2024

MOCK INTERVIEWS, PRACTICE MODELING AND YOU MAY TURN IN YOUR FINAL DEADLINE MATERIALS TO DANA & LINDA THAT DAY!

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW!

## **MORE ABOUT LMSC FOR AGES 2-6 (tentative times)**

Girls ages 6 and under will compete on Thursday, July 11, 2024. They compete in dress on stage for the beauty title. Each beauty winner receives a \$3000 savings bond (amount may be pro-rated, depending on number of contestants in each group).

Ages 2-6 will register and have a PJ party and gift exchange on July 10<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-6:00pm at the host hotel (time is tentative).

There are also optional competitions offered in Runway, Cutest Baby Face (close-up photo with hat, scarf, bow or headband), black & white photogenic and color photogenic. To qualify for the overall award, you must enter the three optional photogenic competitions. The Overall Princess winner (the one contestant with the highest combined score in beauty, Cutest Baby Face, black & white photogenic & color photogenic) receives a \$3500 savings bond! If we have 100 or more contestants in these divisions, the overall winner will receive a \$5000 savings bond! There are also overall awards for Cutest Baby Face (\$500 bond), black & white photogenic (\$400 bond) and color photogenic (\$400 bond). All amounts may be prorated.

Competition times for Wee Miss Tiny Tot & Wee Miss will be determined based on the number of contestants in each group – we will not know the final number until after April 28th, but they should compete Thursday MORNING. Crowning will immediately follow the competition and photos of the winners will be made on stage as soon as crowning is complete.

State winners MUST make at least 12 appearances during their reign and return to the state pageant to crown their successor to receive their bond. Ages 2-6 state winners are allowed to compete in other pageants during their reign, but we ask if we have a scheduled appearance (parade, preliminary, fundraiser, etc.), you attend it vs. competing in another pageant that day.

Age groups: Wee Miss Tiny Tot South Carolina -2\*&3 years and Wee Miss South Carolina -4, 5&6 years. Age on June 1, 2024, determines their division on the <u>local</u> and state level. Contestants may move  $\underline{up}$  to the next age division on the local level, but they  $\underline{must}$  compete at state in the same division that they competed on the local level. \*2-year-olds may compete as long as they are 2 by the date of the state pageant on July  $11^{th}$ .

The beauty entry fee for state is \$500 (includes 1 program book, one t-shirt, 1 chaperone badge, personalized bag, personalized gift & the DESIGN of your FIRST ad page by Monkey Business – additional ad page designs begin at \$30 – contact Monkey Business for more info). There is a \$50 discount for siblings. Each contestant must also have at least one ad page (\$250).

Optional fees are: Runway \$50, Cutest Baby Face \$75, Black & White Photogenic \$50 and Color Photogenic \$50. You may enter as many photos as you would like, same fee above for additional photos entered.

## MORE ABOUT LMSC FOR AGES 7 AND UP:

Private interview, PJ party & gift exchange for ages 7-19 will held on Wednesday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at the host hotel. Runway (optional) & Talent (optional) for ages 7-19 will be held on July 11<sup>th</sup>. Preliminaries (dress) will be held on July 12<sup>th</sup>. Finalists will be announced after the preliminary competition. Final's competition will be held on July 13th. Each winner receives a \$3000 savings bond (amount may be pro-rated depending on number of contestants in each group).

There are also optional competitions offered in black & white photogenic and color photogenic. To qualify for the overall award, you must enter both photogenic optionals & talent. The <u>overall winner</u> (the one contestant with the highest combined score in beauty, talent, black & white photogenic & color photogenic) receives a <u>\$5000 savings bond!</u> There are overall awards for talent (\$500 bond), black & white photogenic (\$400 bond) and color photogenic (\$400 bond). Optional fees are Runway \$50, Talent \$75, Black & White Photogenic \$50 and Color Photogenic \$50. You may enter additional photos for same fee as above. Only 1 talent entry per contestant.

Age on June 1, 2024, determines their division on the <u>local</u> and state level. All Young Miss Teen and Teen Miss Contestants are eligible to compete for the South Carolina's Outstanding Teen title (based on interview, academics, and community service) at no additional fee!

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LMSC Community Service Award – no fee – receives a \$1000 bond. Two \$50 cash awards will be given in each division - one for the congeniality winner (chosen by the contestants) and the other for the Producer's Choice Award (chosen by the producer's and awarded to the contestant who is the most cooperative, helpful and who is the nicest to the other contestants and staff during the rehearsals and competition).

State winners, ages 7-19, MUST make at least 12 appearances during their reign and must return to crown their successor to receive their bond. They are not allowed to compete in other pageants, except their school pageant.

Overall Sweetheart winner has no restrictions on competing in other pageants during their reign but must make at least 12 appearances as well.

Local banners will be used during registration and rehearsal at the state pageant.

Please do not alter your banner in any way!