



Miss LSU-USA 2019 Contestant Registration Packet

Thank you for your interest in the 2019 Miss LSU-USA Pageant, an official preliminary to the prestigious Miss Louisiana USA Pageant! The pageant is a great way to get involved on campus, give back to the community, and most importantly, represent LSU as the new Miss LSU-USA 2019! This is truly an opportunity of a lifetime!

The pageant will take place on **Sunday, March 31, 2019** from 5-7pm at the LSU Union Theater.

Pageant Overview

The Miss LSU-USA Pageant is designed to be a positive experience for all contestants. Previous pageant experience is not necessary! Our job is to help contestants sharpen their skills related to health and fitness, beauty and poise, and interview. Many contestants enjoy the process as much as the outcome.

The pageant begins with an opening number that is solely for entertainment, and will not be judged. As a contestant, you will be scored in three equal categories consisting of Personal Interview, Swimsuit, and Evening Gown. There is no talent competition.

The Top 5 Finalists will be announced based on the highest cumulative scores. The winner will be chosen based on the entire day, as well as their response to the on-stage question. Potential on-stage questions are submitted by the contestants themselves.

Registration

ALL signed paperwork and entry fee must be submitted no later than **Friday, February 1, 2019 at 4pm**. All packets must be turned in to The Office of Greek Affairs, #472 on the 4th floor of the Union. Registration fee is \$200, cash or check, made payable to Miss LSU-USA, and is non-refundable. The registration fee will include a professional headshot, an official Miss LSU-USA 2018 DVD, a Miss LSU-USA t-shirt, and more! Please turn in all signed documents listed below, on clean white paper, paperclipped together in a manila folder.

Priority to pick contestant numbers will be based on the order that the contestant packets are received. If you have a preference or favorite number, please turn in your packets as soon as possible. Numbers will be selected at the first practice.

What you MUST turn in:

1. Miss LSU-USA Contestant Participation and Code of Conduct Agreement
2. Miss LSU-USA Acknowledgement of Receipt of Packet
3. Miss LSU-USA Photo Release
4. LSU Grade & Social Standing Release
5. \$200 Registration fee



Judging and Awards

For consistency, the Miss LSU-USA judging and scoring closely follows the Miss USA Pageant system. Each of the three categories – Personal Interview, Swimsuit, and Evening Gown – is weighted equally, and there is no talent category. Each judge will award a contestant with a 5, 2, 1, .5 or 0. This allows for a separation between contestants, emphasizing a clear winner.

INTERVIEW [33%] - Pageant judges spend time with each delegate to learn about her successes, talents, goals and ambitions. Attention is focused on her poise, charm, self-confidence and ability to communicate, as well as the substance of her answers.

SWIMSUIT [33%] – Attention is focused on beauty of face, figure, physical fitness and the confidence with which each contestant carries herself. Numerical measurements are not considered in the judging.

EVENING GOWN [33%] – Each delegate wears a gown she has chosen for herself. Attention is focused on each contestant’s overall appearance, self-confidence, sense of style and the beauty she brings to the gown of her choice. The contestant will not be judged based on their gown.

We select five judges from the Southern region of Louisiana, including local celebrities, business professionals, community dignitaries, past pageant title holders, and distinguished LSU alumni. Judges are kept confidential until the morning of the pageant.

In addition to crowning our Miss LSU- USA 2019, we award winners for the categories of Miss Congeniality, Miss Photogenic, My Miss LSU Fan Favorite, Best Interview, Best Swimwear, and Best Evening Gown. Contestants may only be awarded for one category title. Therefore, if a contestant places first in Interview and Swimsuit, she will be recognized on stage as the winner for Best Interview, and Best Swimsuit will be awarded to the second place finisher. This is the fairest way we can award all of our top finishers.

Opening Number

Each year we have an opening number designed to allow the contestants to show off their creativity and become comfortable on stage before the scored competitions begin. Two Golden Girls will choreograph the opening number with simple movements and formations, which will be taught at the five practices leading up to the pageant. This opening number is not a scored event, but it is the first time the audience sees you, so we want you to show off your personality and have fun with your opening number outfit. Outfits will be checked so please keep your outfit selections tasteful and appropriate! Any outfit changes made without approval from the Miss LSU 2018 Committee will may result in exclusion from the opening number.

Practices & Rehearsal

There are five mandatory practices held on the Sundays prior to the pageant. In addition to opening number rehearsal, the practices are intended to focus on varying aspects of the pageant, such as opening number, interview questions, on-stage walk for evening gown and



swimsuit, and onstage questions. To better prepare you for what to expect at the pageant, we invite speakers to each practice who are experts in each of these categories.

Practices are held at the UREC on LSU's Campus from 3-5pm. All contestants must arrive no later than 2:45pm. Any absences must be approved by the Executive Director, more than one week before the expected absence. If you miss more than one practice, you cannot be in the opening number, **no exceptions!** The practices will be held on the following dates:

- Sunday, February 17**
- Sunday, February 24**
- Sunday, March 10**
- Sunday, March 17**
- Sunday, March 24**

Mandatory pageant rehearsal will be held at the LSU Union Theater on **Saturday, March 30** at approximately 1pm. This will include a full run through, so please plan accordingly.

Optional: Program Ads and Ticket Sales

Contestants will have the opportunity to purchase program ads, and advance VIP and General Admission tickets; however, this is not required.

1. Program Advertisements

The Miss LSU-USA pageant offers all guests a free program, which includes bios for each contestant and judge, an event schedule, sponsored ads and more. Parents, companies, sororities and student organizations have the opportunity to purchase an ad to show their support for their favorite contestant and the pageant itself. If you are interested in purchasing an ad, more information will be emailed to you before the first practice. To reserve space, the completed form and money is due no later than **Friday, February 8**. Any additional questions can be directed to Victoria Smordinova at 337-368-8097 or MissLSUAdvertising@gmail.com.

2. Event Tickets

Contestants have the option to purchase VIP or General Admission tickets on a first come, first served basis. If there are any VIP tickets left after contestants purchase tickets, they will be available to the general public on the day of the pageant.

- a. VIP tickets offer reserved, premium seating located directly in front of the stage (and just behind center aisle if needed) and are only \$20 per ticket. Priority location of VIP seats is given based on the order in which the tickets are purchased. In order for friends and family to have reserved, group seating, VIP tickets must be purchased.
- b. General Admission seats are unassigned, located behind the center aisle and are \$15 each.



Tickets will be available to purchase at the second practice on **Sunday, February 24**. Deadline to purchase advance VIP and General Admission tickets is **Sunday, March 24**. Remaining tickets will be available for purchase at the LSU Union Theater on the day of the pageant. Any ticket related questions can be answered by Jordan Denler, the Miss LSU-USA Ticket Sales Coordinator, at misslsutickets@gmail.com or 318-730-8294.

Delta Zeta and the Miss LSU-USA Pageant Partnership

The Sigma Chapter of Delta Zeta Sorority has the honor and privilege of hosting the Miss LSU-USA Pageant each year. Each Greek organization at Louisiana State University supports many different local and national philanthropies. For Delta Zeta, the Miss LSU Pageant serves as our largest philanthropy, both locally and nationally. Last year, the ladies of Delta Zeta raised over \$60,000 as a result of their hard work on the Miss LSU-USA 2018 Pageant. The proceeds from the pageant are donated to Delta Zeta's national and local philanthropies. Locally, Delta Zeta donates to The Emerge Center and St. Lillian Academy. On a national level, Delta Zeta supports the Painted Turtle Camp and Starkey Hearing Foundation. By participating in the Miss LSU-USA pageant, you are helping to raise money for these worthy philanthropies.

Our Philanthropies

- **The Emerge Center** uses the latest technology and highly-trained professionals to help local children and adults to reach optimal communication and social interaction.
- **St. Lillian Academy** educates students using a unique team of teachers and therapists to give each child therapeutic support and individualized instruction.
- **The Painted Turtle Camp** is an innovative, camp-based program that offers fun and support to children with medical conditions, while allowing them to enjoy !
- **Starkey Hearing Foundation** is an international hearing aid organization working to treat hearing loss around the world.

I look forward to working with each of you. If you have any further questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Good Luck,

Mary Frances Aucoin

Executive Director

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985-518-2159



**Miss LSU-USA 2019
Contestant Participation and Code of Conduct Agreement**

Name: _____

With my signature below, I attest to the following:

- I am at least 18 years of age and will be less than 27 years of age on or before March 31, 2019.
- I am single (never married), I have never given birth to a child, I am not currently pregnant, and I am a natural born female citizen of the United States.
- I currently reside of the State of Louisiana.
- At least one of the following applies:
 1. Louisiana has been my permanent and primary residence for at least six months prior to the Miss LSU-USA 2019 pageant, although I may have attended another university as a full-time student; and/or
 2. I resided in Louisiana as a **full-time student** at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge during the Fall 2018 semester.
- I am or will be a **full-time student** at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge during the Spring 2019 semester.
- I am in academic good standing with LSU and I have a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.5.
- As Miss LSU-USA 2019, I will participate in the Miss Louisiana-USA Pageant in 2019.
- As Miss LSU-USA 2019, I will participate in the Miss LSU-USA 2020 pageant, which involves the opening number and crowning ceremony duties.
- As Miss LSU-USA 2019, I will participate in **at least 15** of the **required** activities listed below in each of the subcategories: Campus Related, Athletics, and Community Related:
 - **Campus Related Activities** include, but are not limited to, the following: Homecoming festivities (including the LSU Homecoming Parade), Fall Fest, Chancellor's Welcome, STRIPES, Speaking at Boys'/Girls' State, Freshman Orientations, Candlelight Ceremony, MLK Day of Service, LSU Prospective Student Recruitments. Some examples of LSU organizations to support and



work with include TAF, Student Government, LSU Ambassadors, Greek Board of Directors, and Student Media. As Miss LSU-USA 2019, I will participate in **at least seven Campus Related Activities**.

- **Athletic Activities** include, but are not limited to, the following: LSU Football (with autograph signings on Game Days), Basketball, Baseball, Gymnastics, Softball, Soccer, Volleyball, and other post-season activities. As Miss LSU-USA 2019, I will participate in **at least five Athletic Activities**.
- **Community Related Activities** include, but are not limited to, the following: **Parades** (Mardi Gras, Christmas, St. Patrick's Day, etc.), **Service** (charity work, YMCA, St. Lillian Academy, The Emerge Center, Habitat for Humanity, Make a Wish Foundation, visiting with children at local hospitals, etc.), **Galas** (Foundation for Historical Louisiana, etc.), and any **Alumni activities**. These activities do not require full time involvement however it does require participating and making an appearance as Miss LSU-USA 2019. As Miss LSU-USA 2019, I will participate in **at least three Community Related Activities**.
- As Miss LSU-USA 2019, I will be proactive in communicating and networking within the LSU Campus and Community.
- I agree to represent Louisiana State University in excellent academic standing (maintaining a grade point average of at least 2.5), good health, possess good moral character, poise, class, personality, intelligence, and other qualities Miss LSU-USA should possess. I agree to possess these qualities in person, on the Internet, in and on any type of media (audio, visual, social, print, etc.), at university events and throughout every day of the upcoming year as Miss LSU-USA 2019.
- I agree to uphold the Miss LSU-USA morals and values in all mediums including, but not limited to in person, in the media, and on personal social media. I agree to present a positive image which will not contain behavior such as negative postings, inappropriate photos or inappropriate language. I give the right to the Miss LSU-USA Advisory Board to monitor my personal social media including, but not limited to Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.
- I will allow no other person other than myself to wear the official crown and sash of Miss LSU-USA 2019. I will only wear the official crown and sash of Miss LSU-USA 2019 should I be representing Miss LSU-USA at a designated university event (i.e.: football games, parades, etc.).
- If selected first runner up to Miss LSU-USA 2019, in the event that the reigning Miss LSU-USA 2019 is asked to step down, I agree to assume all duties and responsibilities



stated in this contract including, but not limited to participating in Miss Louisiana-USA 2019.

By my signature below, I certify that I have read and understand the above statements; that I meet the stated requirements; and that I will comply with the rules and regulations as stated. Any untrue statement or failure to comply may result in my disqualification as a contestant for the title of Miss LSU-USA 2019 or as Miss Louisiana-USA 2019. If I am unable to comply with these rules and regulations as the winner of Miss LSU-USA 2019, Louisiana State University will have the authority to confiscate the title, crown, and sash; and to crown the first runner up as the new Miss LSU-USA 2019.

Miss LSU-USA Contestant:

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Email: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Witness:

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Witness:

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____



**Acknowledgement of Receipt of
Miss LSU-USA Pageant Registration Packet**

I, _____ (please print name), hereby acknowledge that I received a copy of the 2019 Miss LSU–USA Pageant registration packet, which was distributed to me by members of Delta Zeta Sorority before the first mandatory practice for the 2019 Miss LSU–USA Pageant. By signing below, I certify that I have read the registration packet in its entirety and that I understand the requirements for participation in the pageant and for serving as Miss LSU–USA. Moreover, I affirm my understanding that the Miss LSU–USA Pageant follows the USA pageant system rules and that my performance in the 2019 Miss LSU–USA Pageant will be judged based on the USA pageant system format.

Contestant Signature

Date



Miss LSU-USA Photo Release

I, _____ (please print name), freely give Delta Zeta Sorority and all persons or organizations associated with the 2019-2020 Miss LSU–USA Pageant unrestricted permission to publish and/or use headshots and/or photographs of me taken during pageant practices and other pageant-related activities. These photos will be used on websites associated with the Miss LSU–USA Pageant, including, but not limited to, the official Miss LSU–USA pageant website, in emails, on print advertisements, on social media pages, and elsewhere for promotional, artistic, or any other lawful purpose.

I hereby waive any right that I may have to inspect and approve the finished product or copy of an image that may be used in connection with the 2019-2020 Miss LSU–USA Pageant, or the use to which it may be applied.

Contestant Signature

Date



Grade and Social Standing Release Form

Each contestant must submit a signed Grade and Social Standing Release Form with their completed application. This form will be submitted to LSU Greek Life to confirm that each contestant is a full time student and is in good social and academic standing with LSU. Please print your name, student ID number, and sign below.

Organization: Miss LSU-USA Pageant

Date: Sunday, March 31, 2019

The following individual is a contestant and will be participating in the 2019 Miss LSU-USA Pageant on March 31, 2019.

Printed Name: _____

LSU Student ID: _____

I wish to waive my rights granted to me by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 and permit LSU to release academic and discipline information about me to the Miss LSU-USA Pageant Team. I understand that this waiver will be in effect until I notify the Greek Life that I no longer wish to allow such information to be released.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Signature

Date

Mary Frances Aucoin

Miss LSU-USA Pageant Executive Director 2019