



## Miss LSU-USA 2022 Contestant Registration Packet

Thank you for your interest in the 2022 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 Louisiana State University as the new Miss LSU-USA 2022! This is truly an opportunity of a lifetime!

The pageant will take place on **Sunday, March 27, 2022** from 5-7pm.

### 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 **Monday, January 24, 2022 at 4pm**. All packets must be turned in to The Office of Greek Affairs, #333 on the 3rd 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, 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. Acknowledgement of COVID-19 Related Possible Changes
3. Miss LSU-USA Photo Release



4. LSU Grade & Social Standing Release
5. Contestant Information Packet
6. \$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 the 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, 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 2022, we award winners for the categories of Miss Congeniality, Miss Photogenic, Best Interview, Best Swimwear, Best Evening Gown, My Miss LSU Fan Favorite - which will be awarded based on whoever raises the most money for Delta Zeta's local and national philanthropies. 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. The opening number will be choreographed 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 2022 Committee will result in exclusion from the opening number.



## **Practices & Rehearsal**

There are five mandatory practices held on 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 (subject to change). 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, January 30th**

**Sunday, February 6th**

**Sunday, February 13th**

**Sunday, February 20th**

**Sunday, March 6th**

**\*Sunday, March 20th**

\*This rehearsal is tentative, but plan accordingly to be in attendance.

Mandatory pageant rehearsal will be held at the pageant venue on **Friday, March 25, 2022**. This mandatory rehearsal, and a set time will be determined soon. This will include a full run through, so please plan accordingly.

## **Optional: Program Ads**

Contestants will have the opportunity to purchase program ads.

### Program Advertisements:

The Miss LSU-USA pageant offers all guests a free program, which includes bios for each contestant, escort, 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 forms and money are due no later than **Tuesday, February 1**. Any additional questions can be directed to [MissLSUAdvertising@gmail.com](mailto:MissLSUAdvertising@gmail.com).

## **Event Tickets**

Update on tickets (in person and live stream) will be announced at the first contestant meeting.

## **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. Miss LSU-USA 2021 the ladies of Delta Zeta donated over \$83,000 to our philanthropies. 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 Starkey Hearing Foundation, American Society for Deaf Children, SeriousFun Children's Network, and the Delta Zeta Foundation. By participating in the Miss LSU-USA pageant, you are helping to raise money for these worthy philanthropies.

### **Our Philanthropies**

- **The Emerge Center** empowers children with autism and individuals with communication challenges to achieve independence through innovative and family-centered therapies.
- **St. Lillian Academy** provides education for students who have communication and learning challenges so they have the opportunity to maximize their future and become active members of our community.
- **Starkey Hearing Foundation** is an international hearing aid organization working to treat hearing loss around the world.
- **American Society for Deaf Children** provides resources, advocacy, and mentoring for every family with a deaf child so they can communicate, connect, and thrive - together.
- **SeriousFun Children's Network** serves as a support system to its 30 member camps and programs around the world to provide essential resources, funding, training and assistance to help strengthen and grow their global family of camps and programs.
- **Delta Zeta Foundation** supports the Sorority's vision to be recognized as a premier women's organization in four key areas: leadership development, personal growth and education, scholarships, and history.

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,

**Megan Rojas**

Executive Director

[misslsudirector@gmail.com](mailto:misslsudirector@gmail.com)

504-214-1727



## Miss LSU-USA 2022 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 27, 2022.
- 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 in 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 2022 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 2021 semester.
- I am or will be a **full-time student** at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge during the Spring 2022 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 2022, I will participate in the Miss Louisiana-USA Pageant in 2023.
- As Miss LSU-USA 2022, I will participate in the Miss LSU-USA 2023 pageant, which involves the opening number and crowning ceremony duties.
- As Miss LSU-USA 2022, I understand that as a Miss Louisiana-USA contestant, I am required to pay for or sell one full-page ad, at a cost of \$500.00.
- As Miss LSU-USA 2022, 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 2022, 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 2022, 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 2022. As Miss LSU-USA 2022, I will participate in **at least three Community Related Activities**.
- As Miss LSU-USA 2022, 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 2022.
- 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 2022. I will only wear the official crown and sash of Miss LSU-USA 2022 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 2022, in the event that the reigning Miss LSU-USA 2022 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 2023.

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 2022 or as Miss Louisiana-USA 2023. If I am unable to comply with these rules and regulations as the winner of Miss LSU-USA 2022, 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 2022.

**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 2022 Miss LSU–USA Pageant registration packet, which was distributed to me by members of Delta Zeta Sorority before the first mandatory practice for the 2022 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 2022 Miss LSU–USA Pageant will be judged based on the USA pageant system format.

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Contestant Signature

Date





## Acknowledgement of COVID-19 Related Possible Changes

As you can imagine, we are concerned with the health and safety of our contestants and committee members and want to ensure you that we are monitoring the COVID-19 situation and are adjusting our day to day operations to minimize the risk of spreading the virus. We will be practicing social distancing throughout this process. We're hoping to host the pageant at the LSU Union Theatre again, but it has not been officially determined. Dates, times and locations are subject to change as we prepare for the pageant this year and we just ask that you be flexible with us.

We want to thank you for entering the pageant this year and trusting us to continue producing this annual event that greatly benefits our local and national philanthropies! Now more than ever, it is so important to become involved in your community and your state. We are beyond excited to share this experience with you and we cannot wait to see who our beloved LSU's next ambassador will be.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (please print name), have read and understand the above statement. By signing below, I acknowledge that I agree with the statement.

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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 2022-2023 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 2022-2023 Miss LSU–USA Pageant, or the use to which it may be applied.

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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 27, 2022

The following individual is a contestant and will be participating in the 2022 Miss LSU-USA Pageant on March 27, 2022.

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 Greek Life that I no longer wish to allow such information to be released.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Megan Rojas  
Miss LSU-USA Pageant Executive Director 2022



**Miss LSU-USA 2021  
Contestant Profile**

*Please type your answer to each question carefully, and completely.*

Full Name (to appear in program): \_\_\_\_\_

College Classification: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Emails: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about the Miss LSU-USA pageant?

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Awards and Honors:

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Hobbies and Interests:

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What are your goals and ambitions? Where do you see yourself in five to ten years?

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PROGRAM BIO:

Age (as of the pageant date): \_\_\_\_\_

Hometown: \_\_\_\_\_

Major/Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

Tell us about yourself. Your reason for entering the pageant or something you would like us to know about yourself and your life.

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## Judges' Interview Questions

*Please type your answer to each question carefully and completely. This information will be given to the judges to use during the interview competition. These are also great example questions to practice with.*

Contestant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

What kind of career do you see yourself having in ten years?

How would you describe LSU to prospective students?

Describe LSU's budget cuts and its effect on yourself or other students.

What has been the biggest women's contribution to society, in your opinion?

What event has been your most life-changing experience?

What is something that you do that gives back to our school, LSU?

What is the most important thing you want to accomplish/ have accomplished in your life?

What do you expect to gain by participating in pageants and particularly Miss LSU-USA?



## Swimwear & Evening Gown On-Stage Bio

*\* The following will be read aloud as you walk during swimsuit and evening gown\*  
Answers should be in **third person** and should be no longer than 3 sentences. If responses are too lengthy, the pageant committee will be forced to shorten it.*

### SWIMWEAR COMPETITION:

Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Hair Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Eye Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies and Interests: \_\_\_\_\_  
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### EVENING GOWN COMPETITION:

Best Asset:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Life Motto:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Biggest Accomplishment:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss LSU-USA 2021
Program Ad Contract

Sponsor Information: (all fields required)

Company/Donor:
Authorized Representative:
Address:
City: State: Zip:
Email: Phone:

Sponsorship Level: (Please circle)

Table with 5 columns: DIAMOND, PLATINUM, GOLD, SILVER, BRONZE. Includes details like price, ad size, and benefits for each level.

\* Ads are subject to approval by Louisiana State University

- I understand that being a sponsor for the Miss LSU-USA 2022 Pageant supports the charitable endeavors of the sponsoring organization, Delta Zeta Sorority. I understand that no refunds will be issued to my business for any reason.

Payment: (Please make checks payable to Miss LSU-USA)

Amount: Check No.
Signature: Date:
Phone: Email:

Checks and contracts may be mailed to: Miss LSU Pageant
101 LSU Student Union Bldg.
LSU Box #24000
Baton Rouge, LA 70803

\*\*Contracts, payment, and advertisements are due by Sunday, February 13, 2022

\*\*Please email a PDF file of the ad or information to include in the ad to misslsuadvertising@gmail.com with the sponsor name and sponsorship level in the subject line. If we do not receive an advertisement, one will be created for you and sent for your approval.