



An Educational Youth Program  
Since 1986

# Celebrating our 38<sup>th</sup> Annual State Pageant

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**November 8–10, 2024**

Hyatt Place Orlando/Lake Buena Vista  
8688 Palm Parkway Orlando 32838

Phone - 407-778-5500 Reservation Code - GFHUP (Hotel Info on back page)

## We invite you to Enter Today!

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*The purpose of Florida's Hometown USA Program is to educate the youth of Florida on the values of volunteer work and inspire them to make a difference in the lives of their neighbors.*

*Five students are selected each year to represent their hometown throughout the state.*

*We are a very active program and the students are given special attention.*

*Our goal is for our representatives to have an educational fun filled year.*

**Girls Ages 5 - 20 ▪ Must be a Florida Resident**

### FOR AN APPLICATION:

Email - [LWatts6571@gmail.com](mailto:LWatts6571@gmail.com)

[Facebook.com/FLHometownUSA](https://www.facebook.com/FLHometownUSA) or [www.FLHometownUSA.com](http://www.FLHometownUSA.com)

Phone: 352-255-3508

### Our 2024 Representatives are:



**Hadley Morgan**

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*Tiny Miss*



**Raegan Mallory**

.....  
*Little Miss*



**Eva Grace Pena**

.....  
*Junior Miss*



**Emabella Bryant**

.....  
*Teen Miss*



**Meagann Goodridge**

.....  
*Miss*

**Read application thoroughly, we have made some changes and updates!**

*Winners will represent their hometown at many scheduled events throughout the state.*

*The year will be busy and special recognition will be given to the winners.*

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*Some of our former winners include: Miss America 2004, Miss Florida 2005, Miss Teen USA 2006, Miss Florida Outstanding Teen 2007, Miss Florida Outstanding Teen 2012, Miss America Outstanding Teen 2012, Miss Jr. Teen United States 2014, Miss Pre Teen United States 2017, National American Miss Princess 2017, TV and Film Actresses, Singers and Dancers appearing on Broadway and very successful dentist, nurses, attorneys, teachers and other professional career women! We are proud of each and every young lady that has been in our pageant for the past 37 years!*

*The pageant is a fundraiser for our 501 (c)(3) non profit Florida's Hometown USA Program.*

Our annual state pageant is the main fundraiser for our non-profit program. It will be a time of fun and excitement as you make new friends and officially represent your hometown! . **PLEASE NOTE OUR AGE DIVISIONS ARE:**

**TINY: AGE 5-7    LITTLE: 8-10    JUNIOR MISS: 11-13    TEEN MISS: AGE 14-16    MISS: 17-20**

You must compete in the age division as of your age on November 8, 2024. No grace periods. You are allowed to move up only one age division if you choose to. Example: If you are in the Junior age division and feel you look older and more mature, you may move up to the Teen division.

**The competition will consist of Interview, Casual Wear and Gown.  
SCORES WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE, JUDGES DECISIONS ARE FINAL.**

**INTERVIEW** outfit should be a Sunday dress, suit. Etc. And should show you at your best. It will be a fun time, so please be yourself. Try not to sound programmed, just be natural with lots of personality. The purpose of the interview is for the judges to get to know you.

**NO** makeup allowed in Interview for Tiny and Little age divisions. This includes foundation, mascara and lip gloss. One point will be deducted from your total Interview score if make up is worn in Tiny and Little divisions. Pageant staff will be checking! Make up for Junior Miss, Teen Miss and Miss should be age-appropriate and not overdone.

**CASUAL WEAR** will be the outfit of your choice - dressy or casual shorts, slacks, skirt etc. Your outfit should be age appropriate. Be playful and fun, this is the time for the judges to see your bright personality shine through. Casual wear is not a modeling competition. *No high glitz, no taking off jackets, etc.* In this event you may do your own routine - whatever you choose but remember you are not being judged on your modeling ability. It should show your poise, projection, and presentation of your outfit. Upbeat music will be playing during this event.

**GOWN:** In this competition, you may wear the dress of your choice. Tiny and Little may wear either long or short dress (most Tiny wear short). Junior, Teen and Miss should wear a long dress. Remember, all gowns should be age-appropriate and not too mature looking for your age.

**\*\*There will be NO onstage speech as you came on stage for gown competition. You will do your own routine in gown. You will then go to the MC on the right of the stage. Tiny, Little - will be asked simple questions from info on your application. Nothing hard, just conversation! Junior, Teen and Miss will be asked an on stage question. You will enter the stage on the left and exit on the right. There is not a time limit for the routines, but do not let the judges become bored.**

Enter                    >>>                    X1                    >>>                    X2                    >>>                    X3                    >>>                    Exit

(You may walk forward and back from X2) The X's will not be marked on the stage.

**MAKE-UP** for Casual Wear and Gown (all ages) should not be overdone - remember to look your age. We are not a glitz pageant - more natural. The Judges will be informed that the younger contestants should not have on heavy makeup - let your natural beauty show through!! There will be a winner and runner-ups in each age division. The winners will receive a crown, trophy, monogrammed banner, gifts and **\$500.00**. *Winners will also be very busy making appearances throughout the state.*

**The entry fee is \$300.00.** Family, friends, or a business may sponsor you. Your sponsors will be announced while you are on stage. Submit fees by check, money order, **Venmo - @FLhometown , Cash App - \$FLhometown, PayPal. - Linda@FLHometownUSA.com**

**PHOTOGENIC:** Please submit an unframed black & white or color photo at check-in. **Entry fee: \$50.00.** You may enter up to 3 additional photos at **\$20.00 each**. We prefer more natural photos, not totally digitally enhanced. There will be a winner in each age division for Photogenic. **OVERALL PHOTOGENIC WINNER** will receive a 2 look shoot with Baron DaParre (\$800 value), must be used within one year.

**Also, BEST CASUAL WEAR OUTFIT, BEST DRESS, AND BEST SMILE** - there will be a winner for these in each age division. No extra charge. These are included in your entry fee.

**Entry fee (\$300.00) must be paid by November 3, 2024.** Photogenic fees may be paid at registration (CASH ONLY) but you must check on the application if you are entering. T-shirts will be on sale for **\$10.00**. We hope you will purchase a T-shirt to wear for the weekend and for a keepsake. Be sure to order your size on the application.

**Our program believes in helping those less fortunate. We ask that each contestant bring a game, doll, toy, etc. No stuffed animals. Please bring to registration. The toys will be delivered to area hospitals at Christmas. Another fun thing that we do is to have each contestant bring a gift for everyone in your age group. This can be a card, candy, handmade craft or something pertaining to your hometown. Be creative! Make sure it is not expensive. It should be a small souvenir to wish each other good luck. It will add a special treat for the girls and keepsakes for all to enjoy. Please bring 8 favors to registration. Do not call and ask how many in your group - bring 10. If there is more than 10, we will let you know before the pageant!**



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Girls Ages 5-20 • 5 Age Divisions

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*“A Proven Pageant with a Solid Reputation”*

### SCHEDULE

#### **Friday, November 8**

4:00 p.m. ....Registration Begins

7:00 p.m. ....Mandatory Welcome Orientation

*Ballroom open for stage practice until 8:30 p.m.*

#### **Saturday, November 9**

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 .....Staff available for questions

Competition for the day will be Interview, Gown and Casual Wear. A schedule with exact times will be given at registration on Friday. We will have a party Saturday at 6 p.m. after all competition is over.

Theme: PJ Party! Wear your favorite pajamas.

\*\* Bring your Dad – we are having a Dad’s Top Modeling Contest.

#### **Sunday, November 10**

9:30 a.m. ....Final Awards

Contestants MUST wear the gown they competed in to Finals.

\$500 Cash to each age division winner paid after successful completion of year.

**IMPORTANT INFO:** The Hyatt Place Orlando/Lake Buena Vista has given a special rate of \$129.00 and includes free hot breakfast, use group code GFHUP. Phone: 407-778-5500 or 1-888-492-8847. Please make your reservations early and be sure to tell them you are with our pageant. Remember, you can always cancel but don't be left out. It will be much easier if you stay where the pageant is being held. You can step right off the elevator and be at the ballroom. The hotel address is 8688 Palm Parkway Orlando, FL 32836. Last year our block of rooms sold out. Make your reservation early!!

### **CONTESTANT ETIQUETTE**

- Do not put so much emphasis on winning that you and your family do not enjoy the pageant
- Judges' decision are final, if you cannot accept their decision, please do not enter
- All participants must show good sportsmanship
- If you have an existing problem with another contestant, and feel you can not conduct yourself properly, please do not enter
- Making unkind remarks to another contestant or parent will be escorted out by Security and your child will be disqualified
- Do not call and ask how many or who is in your age group
- No solicitation or promotion of another pageant or product without permission from the director
- A professional photographer and videographer will be available. **No** personal cameras or video cameras will be allowed in the ballroom

We have been working very hard to make this annual pageant a wonderful experience for YOU! Our staff is dedicated to making this event a special memory for all. Whether you have participated in a pageant in the past, or this is your first one, you will have a fair and equal chance to become the winner.

Everyone, except the contestants must have a ticket for final awards on Sunday. **Adults tickets are \$15.00 and children under 10 - \$5.00.** Tickets will be available at registration or at the door. All fees are non-refundable and non-transferable. Please return the application and entry fees by November 3.

**Titles for Florida's Hometown U.S.A. are very coveted and prestigious titles.** Those who are selected to represent this program are expected to give of themselves by attending and participating in events that are scheduled throughout the year. It is a fun filled year but there are obligations and responsibilities. If you can not fulfill the expected duties of a representative, please do not enter. By entering, you are committing to fulfill the duties and responsibilities.