



**Hello to all the 2026 Miss Sunshine Charity Pageant contestants!!**

Welcome to the 2026 Miss Sunshine Charity Pageant! The pageant will be held September 25, 26 & 27 at the SpringHill Suites & Townplace Suites Orlando Theme Parks Lake Buena Vista, 8040 Palm Parkway, Orlando, FL. We are a charity-driven organization, and we encourage all our contestants to find ways to get involved with local and national charities.

Enclosed in this small packet is important information that will help you, the contestant, every step of the way on your journey to the crown. Please read this packet in its entirety and be sure to keep the deadlines that are detailed in the packet. **Keeping deadlines is very important!!** We look forward to meeting all of our contestants at the pageant registration/check-in on Friday, September 25, 2026 between 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm in front of the Magnolia Ballroom foyer and KPop Demon Hunters themed Welcome Party will be from 7:15pm to 8:30pm in the Magnolia Ballroom. 8:00am in the Magnolia Ballroom Foyer. All contestants must be checked in no later than 8:00am in order to participate in the pageant. NO EXCEPTIONS.

**Miss Sunshine Charity Pageant is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization.**

If you or a parent have any questions, please go ahead and email us at [infomisssunshinecharitypageant@gmail.com](mailto:infomisssunshinecharitypageant@gmail.com). We, the directors, the staff, along with our 2025/2026 royalty, look forward to seeing you at the Miss Sunshine Charity Pageant in September!

Best Regards,

Willie Melendez and Marcus Santiago

Directors of the Miss Sunshine Charity Pageant

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## 2026 Miss Sunshine Charity Pageant Information Packet



The Miss Sunshine Charity Pageant Organization is all about Spreading Sunshine Through Kindness. We do this by supporting various local and state non-profit organizations through volunteering and private donations. We are a charity-driven organization and by participating in this pageant you will be supporting local and state non-profit organizations through private donations and volunteer work.

The winners chosen for this pageant will be the backbone of this great organization and encourage people to get out in their communities and volunteer. They will be able to inspire many people in their generation today and really talk about the importance of volunteering and spread the word about the various charities supported by our organization or your own personal platforms.

### **LOCATION:**

SpringHill Suites & Townplace Suites Orlando Theme Parks Lake Buena Vista

8040 Palm Parkway, Orlando, FL 32821

### **DATES:**

The Pageant is from September 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>. New Royalty Photoshoot September 27<sup>th</sup>

If you are one of the 2026 winners, you will be expected to attend the **MANDATORY** Meeting and Contract signing right after crowning as well as the Royalty Photoshoot on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am – 3:00pm.

### **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

**If you are one of the 2026 winners, you will be expected to attend the MANDATORY Meeting and Contract signing right after crowning as well as the Royalty Photoshoot on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am – 3:00pm. Please bring a pair of denim blue jeans (no holes, no skirts or shorts, jeans only), pastel cocktail dress, evening gown AND 2- headshot tops for this photoshoot in case you win.**

# PAGEANT DONATION

## FULL PAGEANT DONATION:

**\*\* Queen's Title & (2) Ambassador's Titles - \$350.00**

**\*\* One (1) Ambassador's Title for the Jr. Division – (Princess through Preteen) and Sr (Jr Teen through Ms.)**

**Pageant Overall Optional: Best Interview, Best Gown, Best Casual Wear & Overall Photogenic :**

**DONATION: \$50.00 each**

**Deadline: Pageant Check-in**

## **Overall Optional Contest Prize Package Details:**

- Baron DaParre Photography- 4 Look Photoshoot (includes 8 edits and prints)  
\*\*expires 1 year from crowning date- **Overall Photogenic Winner**
- Capture the Crown- 4 Complementary 50-minute interview sessions- **Overall Interview Winner**
- Lily of the Valley- \$75 voucher towards custom casual wear- **Overall Casual Wear Winner**
- Prom Pageant Couture- \$100 gift card towards a purchase of a dress (no accessories/shoes)- **Overall Gown Winner**

**Once you have made your full entry donation, you are automatically entered in ALL mini age division optional listed below:**

- Best hair
- Best eyes
- Best dress
- Best photo
- Best smile

# AGE DIVISIONS AND TITLES

**\*\* Age as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026**

|                                  |                                            |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Miss Sunshine Charity Princess   | (ages 4-6)                                 |
| Miss Sunshine Charity Sweetheart | (ages 7-9)                                 |
| Miss Sunshine Charity Pre-teen   | (ages 10-12)                               |
| Miss Sunshine Charity Jr.Teen    | (ages 13-15)                               |
| Miss Sunshine Charity Teen       | (ages 16-19)                               |
| Ms. Sunshine Charity             | (ages 20 & Up) (Single , Married, Divorce) |

# REQUIRED COMPETITIONS GUIDELINES

## QUEEN'S TITLE:

**PERSONAL INTRODUCTION** – Personal Introduction is **(10%)** of your overall score. Contestants state their introduction in the interview room for the panel of judges, prior to their interview. The contestant should state her name, hometown and tell us a little bit about herself. The introduction should be no more than **45 seconds**.

**Contestants will be standing** in front of the judges.

**INTERVIEW** – Interview is **(40%)** of your overall score. The interview will be a conversation in which the interviewer is getting to know you. They will observe your communication skills, and, depending on the setting, learn more about your goals, interests, and community service activities. The younger contestants (**Princess and Sweetheart**) will have a **two (2) minute** “Panel Style” interview. The remaining contestants (**Preteen and above**) will have a **three (3) minute**, “Panel Style” interview. Interviews will be hosted in a friendly job interview format in a separate private room. Questions might be based on your personal introduction. No political, religious, or current event questions are asked. Contestants should wear an interview outfit that reflects their own unique personality. **Contestants will be standing in front of the judges.**

**FUN FASHION** – Fun Fashion is (25%) of your overall score. Contestants will compete in a red-carpet style of their choice. This fun and upbeat competition gives contestants the freedom to showcase their modeling skills while showing their personality and unique sense of style and fashion. You may not take longer than **45-60 seconds on stage**.

**EVENING WEAR** – Evening wear is **(25%)** of your overall score. Contestants will be individually introduced on stage. Choose a dress that shows off your unique personality. The color and style are your choice. You should feel confident and excited about who you are and who you were created to be. The contestant should wear a floor-length gown that is age appropriate to her age division (no slits between the ages of 4 through 15). We want each contestant to look like the age division they are competing in. Each contestant will have their moment in the spotlight in the evening gown competition, to show their grace, poise, and elegance. You may not take longer than **45-60 seconds on stage**.

## AMBASSADOR TITLE:

Same requirements as Queen's title requirements above. There will be **One (1) Ambassador's Title per Division – Jr (Princess through Preteen) and Sr (Jr Teen through Ms.)** This will be the contestant in that division with the highest score based on the requirements above AFTER the Queen has been chosen.

**\*\*\*\* No Makeup allowed for PRINCESS and SWEETHEART Divisions \*\*\*\***

**\*\*\*\* PRETEEN division makeup must be minimal and a natural Look \*\*\*\***

**\*\*\*\* JR. TEEN/TEEN division make up must be age appropriate\*\*\*\***

## HOTEL INFORMATION

This year we will be having the pageant at the SpringHill Suites & Townplace Suites Orlando Theme Parks Lake Buena Vista, 8040 Palm Parkway, Orlando, FL 32821

**Hotel Name:**

SpringHill Suites & Townplace Suites Orlando Theme Parks Lake Buena Vista

**Hotel Address:**

8040 Palm Parkway, Orlando, FL 32821

Phone Number: (407) 938-9001

**Deadline:**

All discounted room block reservations must be made no later than August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026. This block is subject to sell out prior to that date so book your room early to avoid missing out on this discounted rate.

**To Book click the link below or visit our website for instructions:**

[Reservation-Link](#)

## CHARITY RAFFLE AND AUCTION

- The Miss Sunshine Charity Pageant has raffles and auction items that will be on display Friday and Saturday. We encourage you to purchase raffle tickets for these items or to bid on auction items to help with our fundraising efforts!
  - Regular Raffle Items
    - 1 ticket \$3
    - 3 tickets \$5
    - Arm's length \$20

\*\*\* All Winners will be drawn and announced during the pageant finale. We cannot ship your items so please ensure you pick up your winning item before leaving the pageant at the pageant checkout table in front of the Magnolia Ballroom.

## TICKET PRICES

**Saturday:** Pageant Finale/Crowning \$20.00 per adult and \$10.00 per child (2 and under free)

\*\*Finale/Crowning Tickets can be ordered when you register online, at pageant registration or at the door the day of the pageant. Cash and Credit Card will be accepted.

\*\*Proceeds will go to the Miss Sunshine Charity Pageant Organization!

\*\* A ticket is required for everyone age 3 years and above.

## DONATION COLLECTION/SUPPLY DRIVE

Help us collect craft and art supplies for the Child Life Program at Arnold Palmer Children's Hospital here in Orlando, FL. We will be collecting art supplies and school supply items for the second year in a row in support of this amazing program that supports patients staying at the hospital. We will be posting a list of items you can donate/collect to bring for drop off during your pageant check-in. We will also be posting an Amazon Wish List that you can report and use for friends and family to purchase to be dropped shipped directly to us to be delivered.

\*\*\* Participation is encouraged but not required.

## PAGEANT CHECKLIST

### STAYING ORGANIZED

Below is a list of the general things you will need to remember to bring for the pageant:

-  \*All registration materials, including materials for any optional competitions ( \*photos, etc..)
-  \*Evening Wear Gown (formal gown) and all accessories
-  \*Fun Fashion Outfit and all accessories
-  \* Interview Outfit and all accessories
- \*Mandatory

## ALL NEW 2026 ROYALTY

All new 2026 Royalty will be **REQUIRED** to report to the stage immediately after the finale completion for group formal photos, meeting and contract signing. You will also receive instructions for your Royalty Photoshoot on Sunday 9/27. These photos will be used for social media, website posting and marketing throughout the year.

1 parent (if the title holder is under the age of 18) will be required to stay after the finale completion, for a very quick meeting, to provide details for the MANDATORY contract signing.

We will be hosting the **REQUIRED** community service project and Photoshoot on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am-3pm. You will be required to bring a gown, pastel cocktail dress, pair of clean unripped jeans and 2 headshot tops. Additional details will be provided separately.

If you have any questions, or concerns please feel free to reach out to any of us listed below:

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