

Miss Sunshine Charity Pageant 2026/2027

ROYALTY CONTRACT

1. Welcome and Overview

Congratulations on your selection as a Miss Sunshine Charity Pageant winner (i.e., Princess, Sweetheart, Pre-Teen, Jr. Teen, Teen, and Ambassador Winners)! The Miss Sunshine Charity Pageant is now a subsidiary of The Jean Paul “JP” Melendez Foundation.

YOU, as part of the **2026/2027** Miss Sunshine Charity Royalty, serve as volunteers of local and state non-profit organizations as selected by The Jean Paul “JP” Melendez Foundation as well as other approved charities that you would like to support and volunteer for. We support these charities through volunteering, private donations, fundraisers, and our annual charity pageant event. It is expected that you represent all organizations including but not limited to The Jean Paul “JP” Melendez Foundation, The Miss Sunshine Charity Pageant and other organizations with dignity, respect, and good moral character.

We are a TEAM, and we need the support of everyone to make this year, **2026/2027**, a very successful one. This will be an exciting year with several wonderful opportunities to make a difference in the lives of the people we serve and in the community in which we live.

2. Definitions

- a. The Miss Sunshine Charity Pageant - is an organization with over fifteen (15) years of experience helping and volunteering throughout the community and at different local non-profit organizations, we do take pride in what we do and look forward to emphasizing the great responsibility YOU, as part of the **2026** Miss Sunshine Charity Royalty, will have.
- b. Pageant Directors – Willie Melendez; Marcus Santiago.
- c. Marketing & Public Relations Director – Tiffany Stuart
- d. Pageant Staff - Rob Stuart; Taylor Stuart; Paulette Melendez, Ligia Westwood, Eva Franklin & Jason Franklin.
- e. An “Appearance” is defined as attendance at a **pre-approved** event where you are representing our non-profit organization Miss Sunshine Charity Pageant.
- f. “Volunteering” is defined as a **pre-approved volunteer** opportunity where you provide your time and services free of charge for a non-profit organization or a (501c3) charity organization, representing our nonprofit organizations The Jean Paul “JP” Melendez Foundation and The Miss Sunshine Charity Pageant.
- g. Social Media accounts – Facebook, Instagram, Twitter/X, and any other like platform.
- h. Reign - Term of service from September 25, **2026** – the **2027** Pageant, currently scheduled September **24th** – **26th**, **2027**. *** this is subject to change.

- i. Your Title- Miss Sunshine Charity Pageant (insert division here) (insert role here). For example, “Miss Sunshine Charity Pageant Jr Teen Queen (**Do not use Sunshine Foundation in your title**)

3. Requirements

- a. All Queens and Ambassador Winners are **REQUIRED** to attend the contract signing and new Royalty photoshoot on **Saturday, September 26th, 2026, immediately following the pageant finale in the hotel’s main ballroom.**
- b. Each queen (and/or the queen’s parent/legal guardian if queen is under 18) is required to sign this **non-exclusive contract. Failure to sign this contract and provide it back to us before the end of the orientation, will result in relinquishment of your title.**
- c. By signing this contract, you agree to participate in a minimum of **five (5)** Miss Sunshine Charity Pageant planned AND/OR hosted events. A separate list is being provided to you. You are required to attend the “Royalty Photoshoot” in **January 2027**. For the remaining **four (4)**, you may select from any or all of the other pageant planned AND/OR hosted events on the list. **** This list is subject to change due to event cancellations or any other reason.**
- d. By signing this contract, you agree to participate in a minimum of **six (6)** approved appearances and/or volunteer opportunities by no later than **December 31st, 2026**, with a minimum of **one (1)** per month. These activities can be from our aforementioned list of Miss Sunshine Charity Pageant planned AND/OR hosted events OR events or volunteer opportunities that you plan or participate in on your own. Prizes will not be available to you until the first **SIX (6)** appearances and/or volunteer opportunity requirement (**September 2026 - December 2026**) has been met. **Do not reach out to our sponsors before we have notified you that you have qualified and provided you with the Sponsor Contact List document.**
- e. By signing this contract, you agree to continue to participate in a minimum of **one (1)** approved appearance and/or volunteer opportunity per calendar month from **January 2027** until the end of your reign. This **DOES NOT** include your volunteer participation at the pageant in **September 2027**. These activities can be from our aforementioned list of Miss Sunshine Charity Pageant planned AND/OR hosted events OR events or volunteer opportunities that you plan or participate in on your own.
- f. Our Annual Royalty Photoshoot Event is scheduled for **January 2027 (date & time TBD)**. This event is **MANDATORY**. More details will be available prior to the event via email and Facebook chat.
- g. For all appearances and/or volunteer hours to count towards your monthly requirement, you are **REQUIRED** to post on Instagram OR Facebook within the month you performed this activity. You must tag the Miss Sunshine Charity Pageant, and staff. Exemptions can be made due to the nature of your Charity of Choice with prior approval from the Miss Sunshine Charity Pageant Board of Directors. **If approved as an exemption, a letter verifying your hours volunteered will be required from the organization that includes date(s), time(s) and services performed.**
 - a. *If your child does not have social media the parent may post on their behalf OR create a parent managed account on behalf of your child.*

- h. For other potential Appearances and/or Volunteers opportunities - ***Refer to the “2026 - 2027” events calendar*** link which will be provided via Google Drive. If you cannot participate in those planned events, it is your responsibility to plan, get approval and attend events to meet the monthly requirement.
- i. All appearances and volunteer hours must be documented in the Google Drive log provided. Each Queen and/or parent must provide an email address that we can provide Google Drive access to. If you do not have a Google account, you will be required to sign up for one to access this spreadsheet. **You are required to update the spreadsheet a minimum of once per month throughout your entire reign.** All updates must be completed no later than the 2nd day of the following month by 5pm EST and any hours turned in after the 2nd of each month will not be counted. After 5pm on the 2nd each month the spreadsheet will be locked for update for the previous month’s tab and no further activities for the previous month will be accepted. All submitted data will be verified and removed if it cannot be verified. **It is your responsibility to check the spreadsheet for any changes or removals from the month prior. Any questions or concerns must be submitted to Mr. Willie in writing via email during the following month to be reviewed.**
- j. **Missing your required monthly hours (in your log) for two (2) months in a row, will lead to immediate release of your duties as a Miss Sunshine Charity Pageant Queen and/or Ambassador.** The sash, crown, and trophy are required to be returned within ten (10) business days from notification or termination. If a queen decides **NOT** to return the sash, crown, and trophy, the queen and/or her parent/legal guardian hereby agree to pay a **\$350.00 fee** to cover the expenses of a replacement crown, sash, and trophy to be ordered for the first runner up. This also requires the return or cancellation of **ALL** remaining prize package items.
- k. Advance notice of 24 hours is **REQUIRED** if you cannot make it to any event that you sign up for. Failure to provide proper notice or a no call/no show can result in termination of your status as a Queen or Ambassador.
- l. **Sash/Crown swapping** will **NOT** be tolerated or allowed. This means that if you attend an event wearing another organization’s crown, sash, or event t-shirt but switch to wearing your Miss Sunshine Charity Pageant crown, banner or shirt at the same event, the appearance or volunteer event will not count towards your monthly requirement AND the directors have the right to terminate your status as a Queen or Ambassador.
- m. It is **REQUIRED** that while you are representing the **Miss Sunshine Charity Pageant** organization you will always behave in a professional and appropriate manner in person and on social media. Attire should be cocktail or appearance wear with The Miss Sunshine Charity Pageant crown/sash, OR your Miss Sunshine Charity Pageant shirt worn the entire time.
- n. **Concerns and Complaints:** I understand and agree that any problem, concern, or complaint should be communicated immediately to the Pageant Directors Willie Melendez and/or Marcus Santiago. Failure to comply with this section may result in loss of title.

o. Your Reign

- a. The reign of the Miss Sunshine Charity Pageant royalty (i.e., Princess, Sweetheart, Pre-Teen, Jr. Teen, Teen, and Queen, Ambassador) will commence immediately after crowning and will end immediately following the crowning of your successor at the following year's pageant (currently planned for **September 24 - 26, 2027 ** date subject to change**).
- b. While you can compete at other pageants, you do still have the obligation to continue representing the Miss Sunshine Charity Pageant and to fulfill your required obligations until the end of your reign per the guidelines and requirements set forth in this contract.
- c. We ask that you **DO NOT** promote other pageants that are on the same dates as our annual pageant. This can result in termination of your royalty contract due to conflict of interest.
- d. You will be expected to, from the parent or queen's social media account, Like, Comment and/or Share posts from the Miss Sunshine Charity Pageant social media pages.
- e. You will be expected to assist us with promoting in person and on social media the Miss Sunshine Charity Pageant. You will be expected, throughout your reign, to participate in various activities by creating photos and videos, of at least 1- minute long to post in **social media**.

p. Photographs & Videos

By signing this document, you give permission to the Miss Sunshine Charity Pageant to forever use your/the entrants' photographs, speeches, testimonials, videos, etc. for publicity marketing purposes and future materials without any compensation.

q. Next Year's Pageant

Each Queen and Ambassador agrees to attend next year's pageant in its entirety to crown her successor at their own expense. The **2027** Pageant is currently planned for **September 24th – 26th, 2027**, in Orlando. The directors do have the right to change these dates due to any circumstances necessary including but not limited to, weather, hotel issues, etc. If you cannot attend next year's pageant to crown your successor, please notify the directors as soon as possible as you are at risk of termination of your reign and the return or refund of any prizes received.

- a. Each Queen and Ambassador winner will be asked to provide a themed basket or item for the raffle at the **2027** Miss Sunshine Charity Pageant.

r. Prize Package

- a. Some Prizes including the Crown, Banner, Trophy will be provided immediately upon crowning.
- b. All remaining prizes will not be available to you until the first **SIX (6)** appearances or volunteer opportunity requirement (**September 2026 - December 2026**) has been met.
 - i. **An email will be sent to all Queens and Ambassadors in early January 2027 with the sponsor contact information for each prize once the requirement has been met. DO NOT CONTACT OUR SPONSORS BEFORE YOU RECEIVE THIS LIST unless otherwise instructed by this pageant staff.**
 - ii. All sponsors will receive a list of the royalty who met their initial obligation in **January 2027**. At that time, you can begin obtaining your other prizes.

- c. I understand that the Miss Sunshine Charity Pageant is not responsible for any prizes or awards that are changed, canceled, or forfeited by sponsors.
- d. All prizes must be scheduled or redeemed no later than **March 2027** unless otherwise stated by the sponsor. We cannot control the scheduling and availability of our sponsors so please book as early as possible so you do not miss out.
- e. Crowns and Sashes:
 - i. If your crown or sash is damaged or lost it will be required to be replaced at the Queen or Ambassador's own expense (Crown replacement is \$250.00 and Sash replacement is \$100.00 – these includes shipping from and to destination).
 - ii. If you wish to add your first name onto the back of your banner, we have an approved vendor, Stitchmasters, who will provide this service to you at your own expense. The details have been provided to you in your packet. This is the **ONLY** approved vendor. No other vendor may be used. If you use someone else, you may be required to replace your banner at your own expense.
- f. I understand that if I do not continue to meet the monthly requirements, throughout my reign, after the initial obligation is met, we will be notifying sponsors that you are no longer eligible to use their prize package and the directors have the right to terminate your status as a Queen, and Ambassador winner.

s. **Other Entities**

No other entity is permitted to represent, in any way, shape, or form, the Miss Sunshine Charity Pageant and/or their volunteers or **2026/2027** Royalty at any event.

- t. **Termination** - The Miss Sunshine Charity Pageant Organization reserves the right to terminate any queen's reign at its sole and absolute discretion at any time. **This includes but is not limited to, failure to meet all stated requirements of this contract, at which point all benefits, prizes and privileges will be canceled.** The sash, crown, and trophy are required to be returned within ten (10) business days from notification or termination. If a queen decides **NOT** to return the sash, crown, and trophy, the queen and/or her parent/legal guardian hereby agree to pay a **\$350.00** fee to cover the expenses of a replacement crown, sash, and trophy to be ordered for the first runner up. This also requires the return or cancellation of **ALL** remaining prize package items.
- u. **Liability** - I agree to forever hold The Jean Paul "JP" Melendez Foundation, the Miss Sunshine Charity Pageant Organization, its directors, board members, volunteers, sponsors, and staff members harmless of all claims and damages or liabilities due to theft, accident, loss, or injury during or resulting from my child/my participation in the **2026** Miss Sunshine Charity Pageant and any associated appearances or volunteer opportunities.

The Queen and/or the Queen's parent/legal guardian acknowledge and understand that if the Queen and/or the queen's parent/legal guardian are unwilling to sign this contract and/or are unable or unwilling to fulfill the obligations contained herein, the Queen's title will be awarded to the first runner up AND the queen is required to relinquish her sash, crown, and trophy to The Miss Sunshine Charity Pageant within ten (10) business days of the date of such acknowledgement/realization.

I have read and agree to the above conditions and understand that this contract is enforceable in court under the state courts of Florida and any applicable federal laws. I sign this contract with no duress and of my own free will on this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Queen's Signature

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature
(If queen is under 18 of years)

Queen's Title

Parent/Legal Guardian Printed Name

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