



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 4:00 pm and 6:30 pm, followed by a closed mandatory rehearsal (contestants only) from 6:30 pm to 7:15 pm and the MANDATORY Orientation (contestants and parents) from 7:15pm to 7:45 pm. Our Welcome Party will be from 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the same ballroom and will have a PJ theme.

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. 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 25th-27th. If you are one of the 2026 winners, you will be expected to attend the **MANDATORY** Orientation and Contract signing and Community Service Project on Sunday, September 27th at 9:00 am. Please bring a pair of jeans (no holes, no skirts or shorts, jeans only) and wear your Sunshine Green T-shirt prior to the meeting.

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 1st, 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:

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**.

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**.

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**.

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.

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 26th, 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!
 - o 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.

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

Official Prize Package

Valued at over \$70,000 in Free Entries, Discounts & Items!!

**** All prizes are subject to availability and each pageant or vendor has the right to modify, cancel or change their donation at any time. The Miss Sunshine Charity Pageant is not responsible or liable for prizes you cannot or do not obtain. Some prizes may not apply to every winner.**

Queen's Prize Package Details:

- 1 Complimentary International Package Fee for an IJM Appointed Title
- 1 Complimentary entry to the NAM Florida State Pageant
- 1 Complimentary Entry Fee for the MAC Florida State Pageant
- 1- Complimentary Entry Fee for any RIM Florida Pageant
- 1 Complimentary Entry Fee for the America's Ideal Miss Florida Pageant
- 1 Complimentary Entry Fee for the Miss Florida Universal Global Pageant
** or $\frac{1}{2}$ off of the \$695 the National Fee
- 1 Complimentary Entry Fee for the Legacy USA Florida State Pageant
- 1 Discounted Entry Fee for the National Miss Citrus Pageant
- 1 Discounted Entry Fee for the World's Perfect Pageant & Model Search
- Complimentary 1 Look Photo Session w/Abelgas Photography (includes 1 edit & 20-min studio time)
**Must be used no later than 6 months after the pageant. Subject to availability
- Complimentary 1 Look Photo Session w/Brandi's Beauties (includes HMU and 1 edit)
**Must be scheduled no later than March 30, 2027. Subject to availability
- Complimentary 1 Look Photo Session w/Glam Genies (does not include HMU)
**Must be scheduled no later than March 30, 2027. Subject to availability
- Complimentary 1 Look Photo Session w/LA's World (includes 1 edit, does not include HMU)
**Must be scheduled no later than March 30, 2027. Subject to availability
- Complimentary 30-minute interview session from Capture the Crown Pageant Consulting
- Complimentary 1- Hour Pageant consulting session from Crowned Perfection Consulting
- 1 Complimentary Sash Secure sash magnet from The Regal Runway
- 1 - \$100 gift card from Prom Pageant Couture
** Must be used towards a dress purchase. No accessories or shoes.

Ambassador's Prize Package Details:

- 1 Complimentary International Package Fee for an IJM Appointed Title
- 1 Complimentary entry to the NAM Florida State Pageant
- 1 Complimentary Entry Fee for the MAC Florida State Pageant
- 1 Complimentary Entry Fee for the America's Ideal Miss Florida Pageant
- 1 Complimentary Entry Fee for the Miss Florida Universal Global Pageant
** or ½ off of the \$695 National Fee
- 1 Complimentary Entry Fee for the Legacy USA Florida State Pageant
- 1 Discounted Entry Fee for the National Miss Citrus Pageant
- 1 Discounted Entry Fee for the World's Perfect Pageant & Model Search
- Half Price Entry Fee for any RIM Florida Pageant
- Complimentary 1 Look Photo Session w/Abelgas Photography (includes 1 edit & 20-min studio time)
**Must be used no later than 6 months after the pageant. Subject to availability
- 1 Half Price 1 Look Photo Session from Brandi's Beauties (includes HMU)
**Must be scheduled no later than March 30, 2027. Subject to availability
- Complimentary 1 Look Photo Session from Glam Genies (does not include HMU)
**Must be scheduled no later than March 30, 2027. Subject to availability
- 1 Half Price 1 Look Photo Session from LA's World (does not include HMU)
**Must be scheduled no later than March 30, 2027. Subject to availability
- Complimentary 30-minute Interview session from Capture the Crown Pageant Consulting
- Complimentary 1-Hour Pageant consulting session from Crowned Perfection Consulting
- 1 Complimentary Sash Secure sash magnet from The Regal Runway
- 1 - \$50 gift card from Prom Pageant Couture
** Must be used towards a dress purchase. No accessories or shoes.

**MORE PRIZES & DISCOUNTS
BEING ADDED CONSTANTLY!!!**

***** The above prize packages are subject to change – Final prize package will be posted on the website prior to the pageant date *****

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 and instructions for your orientation on Sunday. 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, community service project and orientation on Sunday, September 27th at 9:00am. Please refer to the Requirements and Expectations tab under the Pageant Information Section on the website for more information on the

For the contract signing, community service project and orientation, all new Queens and Ambassadors will be required to wear a pair of jeans (no holes or rips, no skirts or shorts) and the volunteer t-shirt that will be provided after crowning. At this time, we will go through the contract and expectations/requirements for your year, take individual photos for our website and participate in your first volunteer service project for the year! Photos will be taken throughout this event. Hair and makeup is not required, but you should use your discretion, come looking appearance ready. You will be required to bring your new crown and banner.

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

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