

Frequently Asked Questions about Miss Amerikannada Pageant

1. Do you have to be pretty to be in a beauty pageant?

That's a common misconception. Most beauty pageants, including Miss AmeriKannada, consist of many areas of competition such as beauty, interview, and talent. The prettiest person doesn't necessarily win because of her looks; she must fulfill all criteria to win. Most of the time, the girls that have the best shot at the title have a vivacious, sweet personality, a showy talent, good communication skills, and reasonably good looking. Beauty is not always and not entirely physical. Even more, the judges always look for a girl who is happy with who she is.

2. I've never been in a pageant before, but I want to enter into Miss AmeriKannada. Who will help me train and show me what is needed?

We will provide web links and other information that give pointers for resources that will help you prepare. You can also check out local businesses that specialize in providing training for pageant. At the convention in Florida, there will be an orientation session that will also help you prepare for the event. If there is enough interest in attending a workshop we will consider having a professional beauty pageant person conduct a workshop one week before the event in Florida.

3. Is the Miss AmeriKannada pageant expensive?

Miss AmeriKannada pageant will be whatever you wish to make of it. The expenses primarily lie in the clothing/jewelry/footwear etc. that you will have to purchase. If a contestant feels that she should buy expensive outfits and jewelry, the expenses may be higher for her than someone who wishes to spend less on the same items. Just remember, it's not the cost of dress the judges look at to score, it's the girl behind the dress. You will not have a better chance of winning than anyone else simply because of your wardrobe. It is more important how well you present yourself.

4. I would like to take part in Miss AmeriKannada, but I do not have a talent. What do I do?

You have to really know yourself first; everyone has some kind of talent. Even otherwise, as it is only a three-minute talent, it wouldn't hurt to start now and practice. There are a few that you could choose from like doing a monologue, singing, dancing, or playing an instrument.

5. I do not have all the required dresses but I would like to take part in the pageant; is there any help?

You could try to borrow or rent your dresses from someone. That would keep your expenditure low. If you are prepared to spend some money and look for the best, the following websites specialize in prom/pageant dresses:

www.landadesigns.com

www.diamondsbridal.us

www.davidsbridal.com

<http://www.magicmomentsprom.com/jovani-prom-dresses.html>

6. Do I need to be any specific height or weight to take part in this pageant?

This pageant does not require any specific height or weight. Physical appearance is not the major thing the judges are looking for.

7. I know that my friends are taking part in this pageant, and I do not want to compete with my friends; what do you think of that?

It would be a wonderful experience to be a part of your friends group doing the pageant and experience what they are experiencing. I am sure your friends would not mind you taking part. Part of the learning experience consists of how well you interact with other contestants, be they friends or strangers, and winning or losing should not matter in those things.

8. I am not so talented nor so pretty and I know I don't have any chance of winning..

You need to stop thinking that way about yourself; taking part in events like this will boost your self esteem, self confidence and will make you stop thinking low of yourself.

9. I get nervous being in front of large crowds and having to talk in front of people..

Again, in life, sometime or the other, especially if you want to be successful in your career, you will come across occasions where you will have to make a public presentation or performance.

Pageants are probably the best place for all people who feel this way, they offer exposure to being on stage, speaking during interviews and being able to perform in front of an audience. This will help you get over your fright and make you more comfortable in front of people.

10. Once I have decided to participate, what should I focus on between now and the pageant?

First and foremost is the application, which has to reach us by August 15. You need to think about what you put in as your interests because you will be asked questions on that. Further more you will need to get good pictures, preferably taken by professional photographer to send with the application. And once the application has been sent you will need to focus on the talent display and also select the pageant dress and Indian attire. You can check out local pageant stores, mall etc. Finally find some places that will train you to do the model walk, sitting posture etc. Some of this will be covered during the orientation on the first day of the AKKA convention.

11. Do you select the participants or am I an automatic participant once I send in the application?

As long as you meet the eligibility requirements, such as age, you are

automatically accepted upon application

12. If I am planning to take part in the pageant, do I have to go to the orientation?

Yes! The orientation is mandatory and attending the workshop will be beneficial to you as we will be discussing rules and things that Judges will be looking for at the pageant.

13. Can the girls wear a strapless gown?

The contestants should wear what they feel comfortable in. However, we recommend that girls keep in mind the sensitivities of the audience and be tasteful and decent in attire..

14. How do I know the judges will be impartial?

The judges panel will be formed by selecting the most qualified and knowledgeable people in different fields like arts, literature, music, dance, movies etc. At least some of them will be from visiting dignitaries from Bangalore. Every attempt will be made to make sure that the judges are not related in any way to any of the contestants and they do not know them personally or have any dealings with them. If any such conflict of interest issues arise, we will ask the judge to recuse himself or herself.

This section of the website will be updated regularly, look for new FAQs every week!