

MISS AMERIKANNADA BEAUTY PAGEANT 2004

AKKA WKC-2004 Committee is proud to present the first Miss AmeriKannada pageant at the Orlando convention September 3 – 5 2004 at the Gaylord's resort.

1. What it is:

This is the first such pageant that will select and crown the most beautiful young lady from North America that is of Karnataka origin.

2. Eligibility Requirements:

Young women and girls who meet the following requirements may enter the 2004 Miss AmeriKannada pageant organized by AKKA in Orlando Sept. 1-3

- Live and/or work (full or part time) or go to school in USA, Canada or Mexico
- Should be at least 13 years old and no more than 25 years old as of Aug 31 2004
- Never married and never pregnant
- Registered for the AKKA WKC-2004 Convention. Please check the following website for registering: www.akkaonline.org/2004

All eligible entries sent by the stated deadline will be accepted. Appropriate documentation to establish contestant's age etc. must be provided with the application.

3. Title

<u>Title Name</u>	<u>Age group</u>
Miss AmeriKannada	16 – 25
Miss Teen AmeriKannada	13 - 15

4. Application Process:

The deadline for receiving application is **August 30** 2004 (post mark date or email). You can send in your applications by email (MS Word attachment only) on or before **August 30** and then follow-up with a hardcopy that is filled out and signed. The application material consists of an application form that can be downloaded from the AKKA website (<http://www.akkaonline.org/2004/youth.shtml>), a participation fee of \$50 payable to AKKA WKC2004, proof of age and optional photographs (for Miss Photogenic contest).

For more details check the AKKA website <http://www.akkaonline.org/2004/youth.shtml>. If you have questions, please call the coordinator Supriya Desai. The completed application along with the participation fees, photographs, proof of age, etc. must be sent to the following address:

Supriya Desai, WKC2004 Pageant Coordinator

311 Jaslie Drive

Cary, NC 27511

Email address: suprivadesai2000@hotmail.com, Phone: 919-854-9989

NOTE: DUE TO POPULAR DEMAND WE HAVE NOW ADDED MISS TEEN AMERIKANNADA TITLE FOR AGE GROUP 13 to 15

Contest Details

1. **Categories:** For each of the titles above the following contests will be held:
[Note: Only categories 'a' through 'e' will count towards the title winner selection for the Miss Amerikannada title and 'a' through 'd' will count towards Miss Teen Amerikannada]
 - a. Evening Attire Pageant/Prom dress (long ankle length dress)
 - b. Indian (Karnataka) Attire Dress of your choice that conforms to Indian traditions or fashions.
 - c. Talent Perform in front of audience anything that best displays your talent or specialty. Could be singing, playing an instrument, dancing, mime, mimicry, comedy, etc. No accompaniment will be allowed. Dancers will have to provide their own CDs (no audio tapes). The duration of the demonstration will not exceed 3 minutes. No exceptions.
 - d. Interview: Wear a nice dress, dressy pant, or suit of your choice. There will be an interview with the judges lasting no more than 4 minutes each. Questions will be typically from subject matters of interest to the candidate, also related to candidate's listed skills etc. but they are not limited to those. Candidate must be prepared to answer one question in Kannada, or on a subject related to Karnataka, or Kannada culture. There may also be questions on current events, related to American issues, including politics.
 - e. Questions/Answers The crucial final test, on the main stage, before selecting the Queen and the runners up in the Miss Amerikannada . (for top 5 candidates and only for 16-24 year group; not applicable for 13-15 age group)
 - f. Most photogenic: Judges will view sample pictures submitted by the contestants. The pictures must be of high quality. *This category is optional and will not count towards the overall title winners selection.*
 - g. Most Beautiful Based mainly on facial beauty, pleasant demeanor, etc. This category does not count towards the overall title winner selection

2. Awards

a. Overall awards:

- i. **Miss AmeriKannada** (after tabulating from the categories ‘a’ through ‘e’ listed above; note that the categories are not necessarily given equal weight in the tabulations)

Queen: Title, Full round crown, Sash, trophy, plus an exciting surprise prize.

First runner up: trophy, sash

Second runner up: trophy, sash

- ii. **Miss Teen AmeriKannada** (after tabulating from the categories ‘a’ through ‘d’; note that all categories are not necessarily given equal weight, and also category ‘e’ does not apply here).

Queen: Title, Full round crown, sash, plus an exciting surprise prize

First runner up: trophy, sash

Second runner up: trophy, sash

b. Category awards:

For the top performers in the 4 categories c,d, f and g listed above (talent, interview, most photogenic and most beautiful) a medal, certificate and a consolation prize of \$50 will be given.

3. Other contest rules and guidelines:

a. Structure

Common to both age groups: All accepted applicants will contest in the preliminary rounds in categories of interviews, evening gowns and Indian attire. In case there are more than ten applicants, the top ten candidates from this round will contest in the next round where they will present their talents.

Miss Amerikannada group: The top five candidates from after the talent round will participate, in the final round which will be on the main stage, where they will do the cat walk in the evening gown and they will be asked questions on the stage. In this round the final winner who will be crowned queen and two runners up will be announced. All other category winners will also be announced at this point. The Miss Teen Amerikannada, selected previously, will be announced and crowned.

Miss Teen Amerikannada group: At the end of the talent round the winner, first runner up and second runner up will be selected. The crowning will, however be done later.

The detailed schedule of these events in the WKC2004 Convention will be announced on their website and/or at the venue.

- b. **Judges:** The pageant subcommittee under the guidance of AKKA WKC 2004 committee will select and appoint judges for the pageant. The decision of the judges, once the points are tabulated, will be final and binding. The organizers of the pageant bear no responsibility for the judges’ decision.

- c. **Fees:** Each application to be submitted should be accompanied by a check for \$50 towards the processing of the application. The fees will be refunded less a \$10 processing fee, only if it is rejected. All checks are to be made out to AKKA WKC-2004
- c. **Attire:** Decent attire befitting the nature of the pageant and the culture of Karnataka and also family oriented nature of the audience is expected. The same applies to lyrics, dialogs, music, dance movements etc. used in the talent contests. Organizers and judges reserve the right to deduct points or even disqualify contestants if their attire or other aspects are deemed inappropriate.
- e. **Sportsmanship and conduct:** Good sportsmanship is expected from all contestants. Any display of poor sportsmanship or inappropriate and disruptive behavior by the contestants or their chaperones or parents will be grounds for points deduction and disqualification
- f. **Picture:** Winners are required to stay back after the contest for a group picture
- g. **Promptness:** Every attempt will be made by the organizers to keep to the announced schedules. Contestants are expected to be ready backstage at the time they have been asked to gather Contestants are also required to attend all meetings and information sessions before, during and after the contest. Any contestant not present when called may be disqualified from that category.
- h. **Food and transportation:** Contestants are expected to make their own arrangements for food, transportation and lodging during their stay in Orlando for the pageant, and bear the costs for such arrangements. They are also required to be registered for the WKC-2004 Kannada Sammelana, before entering the contest.
- i. **Talent Contest:** There will be a 3 minute time allotted for the contestant to demonstrate her talent. For a demonstration of musical talent, no accompaniments will be allowed. For dance or other demonstration that required accompanying music, only high quality recording on Audio CD will be allowed. These must be submitted to the AKKA Pageant co-coordinator, Supriya Desai by August 25 2004. Complete information about what is going to be presented must be provided ahead of time. The organizers reserve the right to reject any item whose contents are deemed off-color, indecent, or otherwise inappropriate.
- j. **Orientation:** There will be an orientation session held on Friday September 3 7:00 P.M. Various phases of the competition, modeling, interview, tips etc. will be explained and demonstrated at the orientation. There will also be a orientation and workshop on Saturday morning. Please look at the contest FAQ for information regarding the pageant and resources to help you prepare for it.

4. Application Checklist:

- One 5 X 7 head shot and one 5 X 7 full body shot (not required if you do not want to be considered for Miss Photogenic) Completed and signed application form
- Participation fee: Check for \$50 made payable to AKKA WKC-2004
- Signed rules and regulations (this document; keep one copy for your reference)
- Signed parental consent form (for contestants below 18 years)
- Copy of birth certificate or passport or driver's license etc.
- Proof of residence: (utility bill etc.)

By signing this document I understand neither AKKA, its Directors, nor the facility in which the pageant is held will be responsible for any property damage, loss of property, or any accident or injury occurring either at the pageant or during travel to and from the pageant. All judges' decisions are final and binding, and none of the judges shall be approached before the contest

The foregoing rules and regulations are subject to change without notice by AKKA. WKC2004 committee and the Pageant coordinator, Supriya Desai reserves the right to cancel the pageant in the event there are not enough contestants. All decisions regarding the eligibility of the contest and conduct of the contest are, in general, subject to the approval of AKKA.

I have also read and understood all the above rules and regulations in this five-page document and understood them and accept the same.

Contestant	Signature: _____	Date: _____
	Name: _____	
Parent	Signature: _____	Date: _____
(contestants below 18)	Name: _____	

MISS AmeriKannada 2004 Application form

Name: _____ Date: _____
(Last, first, mi)

Address: _____

Phone: _____ (day) _____ (eve/weekend)

FAX: _____ email: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Height: _____ (ft and in) Weight(lbs) _____

Languages spoken (in order of fluency): _____

Father's name: _____ Mother's name: _____

Guardian Name: (if different from parents) _____

Parent's or Guardian's address: (if different from yours) _____

Your occupation: _____ Highest Education: _____

Goals: _____

Hobbies and interests: _____

Why do you want to participate in the pageant?: _____

Talent information (You will be allowed up to three minutes to demonstrate your talent)
– Describe your talent and what you will be demonstrating to show your talent. Please
be specific. _____

Special requirements for talent demo: microphone podium
 CD player Other (specify) _____

Any allergies we should be aware of: _____

Any handicaps that apply to your: _____

Your physician's name: _____ Tel: _____
Health insurance name: _____ Policy no.: _____

Declaration: I have read, understood and agree to abide by, the rules and regulations for this pageant, a signed copy of which is attached. I also certify that the information presented in this form is correct. I also understand that AKKA WKC2004 reserves all rights pertaining to this contest and its decisions are abiding.

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Contestant's signature: _____ Date: _____
(Contestant 18 and above)
Parent's signature: _____ Date: _____
(For contestant below 18)

- Checklist:
- proof of age
 - proof of residency
 - pictures
 - registration fee

For AKKA use only
Submission date: _____
Action taken: _____
Comments: _____
