



Miss LSU-USA 2017 Contestant Registration Packet

Thank you for your interest in the 2017 MISS LSU-USA Pageant! The pageant is a great way to get involved on campus, give back to the community, and most importantly represent LSU as the Miss LSU-USA 2017! THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME!

The pageant will take place on **Sunday, March 26th, 2017** and will last from 6 PM until approximately 9 PM at the LSU Union Theater.

Delta Zeta and the Miss LSU-USA Pageant Partnership

Each Greek organization at Louisiana State University supports a number of local and national philanthropies each year. The Delta Zeta chapter at LSU is ranked nationally for its outstanding hours of community services and annual monetary donations. Last year, Delta Zeta donated \$69,000 from their efforts with the Miss LSU-USA 2016 Pageant. The proceeds from the pageant are donated to Delta Zeta's national and local philanthropies. Locally, Delta Zeta supports The Emerge Center, St. Lillian Academy, Alzheimer's Services of the Capital Area, and Baton Rouge Children's Advocacy Center. On a national level, Delta Zeta supports the Painted Turtle Camp and Starkey Hearing Foundation. By participating in the Miss LSU-USA pageant, you are helping Delta Zeta raise money for these wonderful recipients and many more.

Our Philanthropies

The Emerge Center uses the latest technology and highly-trained professionals to help local children and adults to reach optimal communication and social interaction. St. Lillian Academy educates students using a unique team of teachers and therapists to give each child therapeutic support and individualized instruction. Alzheimer's Services of the Capital Area works locally to assist families and patients affected with Alzheimer's Disease. Baton Rouge Children's Advocacy Center focuses on creating a healing environment for children victims of abuse. The Painted Turtle Camp is an innovative, camp-based program that offers fun and support to children with medical conditions, while allowing them to enjoy childhood! Starkey Hearing Foundation is an international hearing aid organization working to treat hearing loss around the world.

Pageant Overview

The Miss LSU-USA Pageant is designed to be a positive experience for all contestants. We desire to help contestants sharpen their skills in health and fitness, beauty and poise, and interview. Many contestants enjoy the process as much as the outcome. The pageant will consist of an opening number that is solely for entertainment. As a delegate, you will be judged in four equal categories - Personal Interview, Swimsuit, Evening Gown, and On-stage Question. There is no talent competition. Each of the finalists will answer an on-stage question.

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Judging and Awards

Miss LSU-USA is judged based on the USA pageant system; meaning each competition is worth the same amount and there is no talent competition. We select judges throughout the Southern region of Louisiana, whom include celebrities, business professionals, and distinguished LSU alumni! There will be a total of five judges. In addition to crowning our Miss LSU- USA 2017, we award winners for the categories of Miss Congeniality, Miss Photogenic, My Miss LSU, Swimwear, Evening Gown, and Interview.

Opening Number

The opening number is exclusively for entertainment purposes only and will not factor into the final judging of your score. It is also the first time that the audience sees you... A fun and exciting way to kick off what will be a successful pageant! We have a choreographed dance you will be performing and we will have weekly practices for you all to learn the dance! Outfits will be checked so please keep your outfit selections tasteful and appropriate! *Any outfit changes made without approval from the Miss LSU 2017 Committee will result in exclusion from the opening number, which decision will be at the discretion of Alexis Benoit, Executive Director.*

Practices

There are five mandatory practices for the pageant held on Sunday nights intended to focus on varying aspects of the pageant, such as opening number, interview questions, walking in evening gowns and swimsuits, and onstage questions! Contestants must be there for 5:45p.m. Practices begin at 6 p.m. sharp and last until approximately 8 pm and will be held at the UREC on LSU's Campus. We need ALL contestants at every practice!! If you miss more than one practice, you CANNOT be in the opening number, no exceptions! Mandatory pageant rehearsal will be the evening of Friday, March 24th. This will include a full run through, so please plan accordingly. If you have any further questions or comments please contact us at misslsudirector@gmail.com. The practices will be held on the following dates:

Sunday, February 12th

Sunday, February 19th

Sunday, March 5th

Sunday, March 12th

Sunday, March 19th

Interviews

Please fill out the questions (below) as these will be used by the judges to assist in interviewing you. I will give you interview times beforehand and schedules of that morning so you will be able to work around that time for your personal appointments. Please note, interview times may be assigned based on contestant number, so be sure to turn in all registration packets as soon as possible to guarantee you can choose your desired contestant number!



Paperwork & Registration

****ALL paperwork and money must be turned in no later than Friday, January 27, 2017 at 4:00pm.** Upon completion of turning in all required paperwork you will be able to select your own contestant number. This comes on a first come, first serve basis. All packets should be turned in to The Office of Greek Affairs, #472 on the 4th floor of the Union. Please turn in ALL PAPERWORK, on clean white paper, PAPERCLIPPED together in a manila folder.

What you MUST turn in:

1. MISS LSU-USA Contract and Contestant Agreement Form
2. MISS LSU-USA Acknowledgement of Receipt of Packet
3. MISS LSU-USA Picture Release Form
4. MISS LSU-USA Contestant Information Sheet
5. MISS LSU-USA Potential Interview Questionnaire
6. MISS LSU-USA Interest Indicator
7. \$200 Registration fee paid in cash or check.

***This includes the Miss LSU-USA t-shirt, the official Miss LSU-USA 2017 DVD, and a professional headshot. Please make all checks payable to Miss LSU-USA.*

8. Greek Life Grade & Social Standing Release

On-Stage Sample Questions

Your submitted ideas and sample questions will be used to format those used in the Finalist competition of the pageant. You may type your question and include your name and email it to me. These questions can range from topics on current events, the Louisiana State government, budget cuts, and education in the state of Louisiana; however, you can still be fun and creative with your questions! This question is the last chance that the judges will get to listen to your opinion on an issue, your value of life, something about LSU, etc. So be sure to make it interesting! The director and the Miss LSU-USA committee will personally handpick this question bank. Contestants will have an opportunity to submit ideas for these questions, and we encourage you to submit creative and relevant questions focusing on current events, LSU, etc. We do our best to ensure all questions will be based on the same level of difficulty. Please keep your questions confidential as to not give other contestant's advantage. However, please note that some questions and answers may not be used in the pageant. Please turn in these questions on **February 19, 2017**.



Optional: Ads and Ticket Sales

You are not required to buy any of the following, but please remember that all money must be turned in by **Sunday, February 19, 2017**:

1. Sponsorships

Many parents like to put an ad in the program for their daughter, but this is not mandatory. Also companies, businesses, your sorority or club can put an ad in the program if they are sponsoring you. If you are interested in selling ads to help defray the cost of your entry fee, please contact Victoria Smordinova, 337.368.8097, MissLSUAdvertising@gmail.com.

2. Money for VIP and regular seating ticket sales

VIP tickets will be sold for \$20 and regular tickets will be sold for \$15 on a first come, first serve basis. VIP tickets offer you guaranteed entry into the pageant in the event that the pageant will be sold out. As well as, reserved seating located in the front rows of the audience. Regular tickets will allow you to sit anywhere, except the VIP section; however, will not guarantee multiple seats together. VIP tickets will be given out on a first come, first serve basis; therefore, be sure to purchase VIP seating, if interested, ahead of time through our Director of Pageant Operations, Karli Willis.

- Karli Willis, the Miss LSU-USA Director of Pageant Operations, will handle all ticket sales. She will also distribute your tickets at the time of purchase. Her email is MissLSUoperations@gmail.com or by phone at 225.302.1422, should you have further questions.

I look forward to working with all of you. If you have any further questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at misslsudirector@gmail.com or by phone at 985.445.3463

Good Luck,

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Miss LSU-USA 2017

Contract

Name: _____

With my signature below, I attest to the following:

- As Miss LSU-USA 2017, I will participate in the Miss Louisiana-USA Pageant for the upcoming year.
- I am at least 18 years of age and will be less than 27 years of age on or before March 26th, 2017.
- I am a single (never married), I have never given birth to a child, I am not currently pregnant, I am a natural born female citizen of the United States, and at least one of the following applies:
 1. I reside and have resided in Louisiana as my permanent and primary residence for at least six months prior to the Miss LSU-USA 2017 pageant, although I may have attended another university as a full-time student; and/or
 2. I have resided in Louisiana as a full-time student at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge for one entire semester immediately prior to the beginning of the Miss LSU-USA 2017 and I continue to reside in Louisiana as a full-time LSU student.
- As Miss LSU-USA 2017, I will participate in **at least 15** of the **required** activities listed below in each of the subcategories: Campus-Related, Athletics, and Community-Related:
 - **Campus Related Activities** include, but are not limited to, the following: Homecoming festivities (including the LSU Homecoming Parade), Fall Fest, Chancellor's Welcome, STRIPES, Speaking at Boys'/Girls' State, Freshman Orientations, Candlelight Ceremony, MLK Day of Service, LSU Prospective Student Recruitments. Some examples of LSU organizations to support and work with include TAF, Student Government, LSU Ambassadors, Greek Board of Directors, and Student Media. As Miss LSU-USA 2017, I will participate in **at least seven Campus Related Activities**.



- **Athletic Activities** include, but are not limited to, the following: LSU Football (with autograph signings on Game Days), Basketball, Baseball, Gymnastics, Softball, Soccer, Volleyball, and other post-season activities. As Miss LSU-USA 2017, I will participate in **at least five** Athletic Activities.
- **Community Related Activities** include, but are not limited to, the following: **Parades** (Mardi Gras, Christmas, St. Patrick's Day, etc.), **Service** (charity work, YMCA, St. Lillian Academy, The Emerge Center, Alzheimer Services of the Capital Area, Habitat for Humanity, Make a Wish Foundation, visiting with children at local hospitals, etc.), **Galas** (Foundation for Historical Louisiana, etc.), and any **Alumni activities**. These activities do not require full time involvement however it does require participating and making an appearance as Miss LSU-USA 2017. As Miss LSU-USA 2017, I will participate in **at least three** Community Related Activities.
- As Miss LSU-USA 2017, I must be proactive in communicating and networking within the LSU Campus and Community.
- I agree to represent Louisiana State University in excellent academic standing, good health, possess good moral character, poise, class, personality, intelligence, and other qualities Miss LSU-USA should possess. I agree to possess these qualities in person, on the Internet, in and on any type of media (audio, visual, social, print, etc.), at university events and throughout every day of the upcoming year as Miss LSU-USA 2017.
- I agree to uphold the Miss LSU-USA morals and values in mediums including, but not limited to in person, in the media, and on personal social media. I give the right to the Miss LSU-USA Advisory Board to monitor my personal social media including, but not limited to Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.
- I will allow no other person other than myself to wear the official crown and sash of Miss LSU-USA 2017. I will only wear the official crown and sash of Miss LSU-USA 2017 should I be representing Miss LSU-USA 2017 at a designated university event (i.e.: football games, parades, etc.).
- If selected first runner up to Miss LSU-USA 2017, I agree to participate in the Miss Louisiana Pageant if the reigning Miss LSU-USA 2017 is unable fulfill her duties. In the event that the reigning Miss LSU-USA 2017 is asked to stepdown, as first runner-up I agree to assume all duties and responsibilities stated in this contract including, but not limited to participating in Miss Louisiana-USA 2018.



By my signature below, I certify that I have read and understand the above statements; that I meet the stated requirements; and that I will comply with the rules and regulations as stated. Any untrue statement or failure to comply may result in my disqualification as a contestant for the title of Miss LSU-USA 2017 or Miss Louisiana-USA 2017. If I am unable to comply with these rules and regulations as the winner of Miss LSU-USA 2017, Louisiana State University will have the authority to confiscate the title, crown, and sash, and crown the first runner up as the new Miss LSU-USA 2017.

I agree that in the event of being crowned Miss LSU-USA 2017, I commit to fulfill my responsibility of participating in the Miss LSU-USA 2018 pageant, which involves the opening number and crowning ceremony duties.

Miss LSU-USA:

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Witnesses:

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Witnesses:

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF MISS LSU–USA PAGEANT REGISTRATION PACKET

I, _____ (please print name), hereby acknowledge that I received a copy of the 2017 Miss LSU–USA Pageant registration packet, which was distributed to me by members of Delta Zeta Sorority before the first mandatory practice for the 2017 Miss LSU–USA Pageant. By signing below, I certify that I have read the registration packet in its entirety and that I understand the requirements for participation in the pageant and for serving as Miss LSU–USA. Moreover, I affirm my understanding that the Miss LSU–USA Pageant follows the USA pageant system rules and that my performance in the 2017 Miss LSU–USA Pageant will be judged based on the USA pageant system format.

Contestant Signature

Date



PICTURE RELEASE FORM

I, _____ (please print name), freely give Delta Zeta Sorority and all persons or organizations associated with the 2017 Miss LSU–USA Pageant unrestricted permission to publish and/or use headshots and/or photographs of me taken during pageant practices and other pageant-related activities on websites associated with the Miss LSU–USA Pageant, including, but not limited to, the official Miss LSU–USA pageant website, in emails, on print advertisements, and elsewhere for promotional, artistic, or any other lawful purpose.

I hereby waive any right that I may have to inspect and approve the finished product or copy of an image that may be used in connection with the 2017 Miss LSU–USA Pageant, or the use to which it may be applied.

Contestant Signature

Date



**Miss LSU-USA 2017
Contestant Profile**

You may handwrite or type your answer to each question legibly, carefully, and completely.

Name: _____ Age: _____

DOB: _____

Address: _____ Apt No. _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Home Phone #: _____ Cell Phone #: _____

Occupation: _____

High School Attended: _____

College Classification: _____

T-Shirt Size: _____

Parent's Email: _____

Major/Minor: _____

Awards and Honors:

Hobbies and Interests:

What are your goals and ambitions? Where do you see yourself in five to ten years.....:



Tell us about yourself...Your reason for entering the pageant...Something you would like us to know about yourself and your life...:



**Miss LSU-USA
Contestant Profile**

* You may handwrite or type your answer to each question legibly, carefully, and completely. The following will be read aloud as you are walking in your swimsuit and evening gown*

PLEASE KEEP STATEMENTS SHORT and write in ***third person***.

SWIMWEAR:

Height: _____

Hair Color: _____

Eye Color: _____

Hobbies:

EVENING WEAR:

Best Asset:

Life Motto:

Biggest Accomplishment:



Potential Interview Questions

You may handwrite or type your answer to each question legibly, carefully, and completely. This information will be used for the judge's interview and the onstage final question interview. These are also great example questions to practice with.

Full Name (to appear in pageant program):

1. What kind of career do you see yourself having in ten years?
2. How would you describe LSU to prospective students?
3. Describe LSU's budget cuts and its effect on yourself or other students.
4. What has been the biggest women's contribution to society, in your opinion?
5. What event has been your most life-changing experience?
6. What is something that you do that gives back to our school, LSU?
7. What is the most important thing you want to accomplish/ have accomplished in your life?
8. What do you expect to gain by participating in pageants and particularly Miss LSU-USA?



**Miss LSU-USA 2017
Contestant Interest Indicator**

Name: _____

Year/Major: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

How did you hear about the Miss LSU-USA pageant? _____
