

2023 National Scoring Overview & On-Stage Question Info

At National American Miss, we passionately believe that excellent judging is the backbone of an outstanding pageant. For 21 years now, in keeping with that passion, we have brought in the very best selection of judges to be found anywhere in pageantry - bar none. We spend upwards of \$100,000 annually on judges' flights and accommodations throughout POWERHOUSE Week. Our judges are selected, vetted, and trained by our International Judges Operation Coordinator. They come from across the globe, are highly qualified, and are thrilled to be a part of one of pageantry's most iconic competitions. To help protect against any bias, we do not allow judges who have judged at a NAM State Pageant to judge for NAM/AA Nationals within the same season.

Our AA/NAM Nationals Selection Panels will be comprised of 9 judges who will follow contestants through all phases of the competition: Formal Wear, Personal Introduction, Interview, and Finale.

Each division will also have a separate panel of judges who will see them during Optional Contests. These judges have no bearing on the overall pageant results. Similarly, the overall judges will not have any involvement or awareness of a contestants' performance in the Optional Contests.

This year, in the interest of transparency and adherence to the values of our program and the importance we place on setting and following rules, we will implement standardized deductions for two areas of concern: makeup on our Junior Division (Princess, Jr. Pre-Teen, and Pre-Teen) contestants during prelims/finale and exceeding the time allotted in the Personal Introduction Competition during prelims/finale. We will have someone specifically auditing each of these areas and a deduction of 1 point from the cumulative of each impacted area of competition will be applied.

Community Involvement 10%

Your Community Involvement hours count for 10% of your Required Competition score. A complete 10% of your pageant score will be *automatically* awarded to you when you show a record of having completed at least 4 hours of community service at a local area or statewide service organization. You will submit your Community Involvement proof of service via the Pageant Portal at www.pageant-powerhouse.com

Resume 15%

Your resume counts for 15% of your required competition score. Like the Community Involvement portion, the scoring of your resume is one in which you will receive the full 15% score credit for following some simple guidelines in preparing your resume. We fully expect that every competitor will achieve 15% of this score. You can access your division's resume template at www.powerhouseinternationals.com/forms-select-pageant

Poise and Presentation in Formal Wear 25%

Formal Wear counts for 25% of your Required Competition score. Contestants are scored on their poise and presentation on stage in formal wear. Scores are based on the judges' overall impressions and the contestant's ability to command both the judges' and the audience's attention in a poised, graceful, and professional manner.

On-Stage Personal Introduction 25%

Personal Introduction counts for 25% of your Required Competition score. Contestants will introduce themselves on stage, saying their:

- name
- hometown
- state
- future aspirations and/or something interesting about yourself

Contestants are scored on their ability to clearly, confidently, and effectively deliver a message on stage to the audience. The judges are looking for a representative who naturally conveys her unique personality through her effective and engaging public speaking skills and naturally assured stage presence. Contestants must adhere to the 60-second time limit.

Personality During Interview: 25%

Interview counts for 25% of your Required Competition score. Contestants should display essential interviewing skills, such as making good eye contact, communicating confidently, and sitting correctly as they talk one-on-one with each interview judge. This is when you can let your personality shine through. Authentically, you are interviewing for the "job" of representing your state and country. The judges are looking for the new national representatives to be girls who are friendly, naturally enthusiastic, and effective communicators. Each judge aims to learn more about you, your ambitions, and your personality. They seek a representative who can engage in fun, intelligent conversation with an adult. They will not trick you or ask questions with a right or wrong answer (for example, they will not ask you to "Name the governor of your state"). Our Princess, Jr. Pre-Teen and Pre-Teen contestants' interviews will be 1 minute with each judge. Our Jr. Teen, Teen, and Miss contestants' interview will be 1.5 minutes with each judge.

FINALE SHOW: TOP FINALIST SELECTION & SCORING BREAKDOWN

At the final show, each finalist will still be introduced on stage in her formal wear, giving her a moment alone in the spotlight. Judges know who is in the Top 12 and they may make notes and write comments for them during this time. Escorts are not needed for the pageant finale. After each girl has been presented on stage in her formal dress, the Emcee will announce whom the judges have selected as their top semi-finalists.

There will be a Top 12 semi-finalists announced. The Top 12 includes one girl who was voted the People's Choice Award winner by friends and family. The names of the Top 12 will be announced in random order, including the People's Choice Award winner. The judges and the audience will only know who the People's Choice winner is once all tabulation has been completed at the show's end. The People's Choice winner will be announced immediately before the crowning of the new queen and her court.

Every girl in the Top 12 will be eligible to move to the Top 5. Her preliminary average will account for 80% of her final score. The judges will be able to hear each of the Top 12 delegates introduce themselves in their Personal Introduction. Each girl in the Top 12 will receive a "Final Show Personal Introduction Score" from 1 to 9. An average of all the judges' Final Show Personal Introduction Score will become 10% of each Top 12 Finalist's final score. This will produce the Top 5 finalists. The Top 5 will be announced in random order.

The Top 5 will have one more opportunity to impress the judges with their ability to answer a question on stage. All contestants will receive the same question. To ensure the remaining contestants cannot hear the question ahead of their turn, they will wear sound-canceling headphones as they wait. The Emcee will read the question to the contestant, who will have up to 30 seconds to answer the question. The 30 seconds starts from the time the Emcee finishes

reading the question. At 30 seconds, a bell will ring, and judging of that question will end. Each girl in the Top 5 will receive an "On-Stage Question Score" from 1 to 9. An average of all the judges' Final Show On Stage Question Score will become the final 10% of each Top 5 Finalist's final score.

The *Princess, Jr. Pre-Teen and Pre-Teen* age divisions will be asked a question based on one of the following topics:

- My community service work
- My after-school activities
- My family
- My friends
- My goals for the future

The *Jr. Teen, Teen, and Miss* age divisions will be asked a question based on one of the following topics:

- Issues currently facing girls and young women
- Characteristics and duties of a NAM National Queen
- My impact through service and community involvement
- My vision for the future
- The value of pageantry

After all the results have been tabulated, the Emcee will ask for the results. Before the Emcee reveals the final results, she will reveal the name of the People's Choice Award winner and present her with a special award on stage.

At this time, the 4th, 3rd, 2nd, and 1st runners-up will be announced, followed by the crowning of the new National Queen.