

Miss Florida Citrus PROGRAM & Miss Winter Haven



March 8, 2025

A Miss America Preliminary Competition

Deadlines:

By February 21st, you must E-mail to MFCitrus81@gmail.com

Headshot

Resume

Community Service Initiative (please make sure the title says Miss Florida Citrus/Miss Winter Haven and that it is signed and dated)

MAO Contract (scanned and signed)

Contact Information Sheet

Order your tickets online for friends and family to attend the pageant

E-mail your talent track, if applicable (90 seconds)

Schedule:

- Candidates must arrive no later than 8:30AM on March 8, 2025 to load in competition wardrobe.
- Orientation will take place at 9:00AM, followed by Opening Number rehearsals and blocking for talent competition throughout the rest of the day.
- Interviews will take place between 1:30PM-4PM.
- Contestants will be required to stay at the Theatre for the entire day.
- Continental breakfast, snacks and lunch will be provided.
- No parents, coaches or hair/makeup artists will be allowed in the theatre.
- We will have chaperones available to help backstage.

Theatre address: Polk State College Fine Arts Theatre, 999 Avenue H, NE, Winter Haven, FL 33881.

For further information, contact:

Executive Director, Kristi Joyner—(863) 221-4300, mkrstijoyner@gmail.com

Or Brenda Eubanks Burnette – (561) 351-4314, MFCitrus81@gmail.com

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Scholarship Awards and Prizes



Miss Florida Citrus

\$1,000 Cash Scholarship

Regalia Magnificent Apparel - \$350 Gift Certificate for purchase of a gown valued at \$1,000 or more.

Entry in the 2024 Miss Florida Pageant in Lakeland

Official CENTENNIAL Miss America Crown

Miss Winter Haven

\$500 Cash Scholarship

Regalia Magnificent Apparel - \$350 Gift Certificate for purchase of a gown valued at \$1,000 or more.

Entry in the 2024 Miss Florida Pageant in Lakeland

Official Miss America Crown

First Runner-up \$250 Cash Scholarship

Second Runner-up \$150 Cash Scholarship

Third Runner-up \$100 Cash Scholarship

All contestants receive a gift bag with items from participating sponsors

PROGRAM

Like the Miss Florida and Miss America Pageants, the Miss Florida Citrus competition is divided in five phases – Private Interview (30%), On Stage Conversation (10%), Health & Fitness (20%), Talent/HERStory™ (20%) and Evening Gown (20%). Each contestant is scored individually from 1-10 in each category, with the high and low scores discarded.

PRIVATE INTERVIEW – 30%

The Interview competition is the first opportunity to meet the panel of five to seven judges. The duration of the interview will be ten (10) minutes. During this time each contestant will be able to converse with the judges about their goals and aspirations as well as express their personal opinions. The judges will be looking for a sharp and tasteful young woman that is sure of herself, age-appropriate current events and platform. This portion of the competition counts for **30%** of the final score. This portion includes the contestant's Community Service Initiative about which she feels strongly. It is best to choose a cause or issue for which the contestant has a strong personal commitment, involvement or conviction (i.e. AIDS, CHILD ABUSE, CARE OF THE ELDERLY, HOMELESS, etc.).

ON STAGE CONVERSATION – 10%

Contestant will have between 15-20 seconds to answer a question from her submitted Resume and Community Service Initiative. This may be either during the Opening Number or Evening Gown section of the program.

HEALTH & FITNESS – 20%

Contestant's choice of Rebel x Miss America Collab Red Collection (mandatory) fitness outfit. No props allowed and the contestant may not exceed 20-30 seconds on stage.

PERFORMING ARTS TALENT/HER Story™ – 20%

The Talent phase of competition allows each contestant to demonstrate artistic craft. The presentation will not be more than 90 seconds in duration. Some examples of talents performed within the Miss America Organization include singing, dancing, playing a musical instrument, comic or dramatic reading, baton, acrobatic movements, etc. Contestants are responsible for providing their own music or arrangements. Judges will be looking for interpretive ability, technical skill level, stage presence and integration of elements (costume, choreography, music and props) used in the presentation. Talent represents **35%** of the final score.

EVENING GOWN – 20%

This part of the competition consists of presentation in formal evening attire. Judges will look for sense of confidence, personality, stage presence, walk, poise and elegance. It also allows the candidate to give a brief (15-20 seconds) presentation of her social impact initiative.

On Stage Question is a continuation of the private interview. The judge who started the private interview for the particular candidate will write their on-stage question, no other person, at the immediate conclusion of that candidates' interview. The judges will be looking for personality, intelligence, speech, vocabulary and style. This phase of the competition counts for **15%** of the final score.

E-MAIL or MAIL APPLICATION TO:

MFCitrus81@gmail.com

Miss Florida Citrus Program, 1915 23rd Avenue, Vero Beach, FL 32960.

Questions? Contact Brenda Eubanks Burnette, Executive Director - 561-351-4314; MFCitrus81@gmail.com

Eligibility

To become a participant for the next Competition Cycle (starting May 2023) you must meet all criteria as shown below:

- For Miss America – birth years 1996 – 2006
- Be a United States citizen
- Be a female.
- Single
- No legal dependents
- Meet residency requirements for competing in your city or state.

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Contestant & Parents Contact Information Form

Local Contestant Information

Contestant's Full Legal Name: _____

Phonetic Spelling: _____

Phonetic Spelling of Contestants Name for Stage Announcements

Birth Date: _____

Age: _____

Type of Talent & Music: _____

Social Impact: _____

Street Address

City & State

ZIP Code

Cell Phone: () _____

Hometown: _____

City & State

E-mail Address: _____

Address while at College/University

Address: _____

Street Address

City & State

ZIP Code

Parents Information

Mother's Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Street Address

City

State

ZIP Code

Home Phone: _____

() _____

Cell Phone: _____

() _____

Business Phone: _____

() _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Father's Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Street Address

City

State

ZIP Code

Home Phone: _____

() _____

Cell Phone: _____

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Business Phone: _____

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E-Mail Address: _____

If one or both parents are deceased, or if parents are separated, please indicate that information here.

Program Information – this will be used with your photo in the program.

Talent: _____

Age: _____

Hometown: _____

Community Service: _____

Initiative: _____

Education: _____

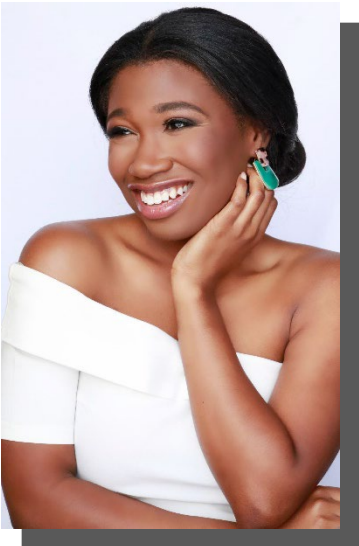
Ambition: _____

Emcee Information on Talent

Intro for Talent: _____

Example:

Payton Barrington



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Visit Central Florida

Talent: Vocal: "Rise Up" by Andre Day

Age: 25

Hometown: Orlando, FL

Social Impact

Initiative: Save A H.E.A.R.T.—Fighting Against Heart Disease

Education: B.S. in Nursing—USF

