

**BE A PART OF THE BEST PAGEANT IN THE STATE!**

# **MISS MAGNOLIA STATE PAGEANT**

**November 17-19, 2017 • Vicksburg, MS**



**ISABELLA GRAVES**  
*Junior Miss Magnolia State 2017*

**JULIA RESTER**  
*Miss Teen Magnolia State 2017*

**RACHEL JACKSON**  
*Miss Magnolia State 2017*

**SHELLI DOWTY**  
*Mrs. Magnolia State 2017*



**JUNIOR MISS  
MAGNOLIA STATE  
AGES 12-14**

**MISS TEEN  
MAGNOLIA STATE  
AGES 15-17**

**MISS MAGNOLIA STATE  
AGES 18-28 SINGLE**

**MRS. MAGNOLIA STATE  
MARRIED**

### THREE AREAS OF COMPETITION THAT DETERMINE THE WINNERS!

**Interview Competition:** You will meet one-on-one with the judges for interviews. There will be three judges and you will go to each judges' table and have a brief conversation with each judge. They will ask you general questions about yourself to try to get to know you as well as they can in this short amount of time. Interviews will be on Sat., Nov. 18 from 9:00 a.m. until. There is not a lunch break. Please bring your lunch and/or snack with you to eat during the day. After each girl is finished with her interview, she will go change into comfortable clothes for rehearsals. The judges will not be at rehearsals so you don't have to buy expensive rehearsal clothes. ONLY contestants are allowed to stay for rehearsals. Rehearsals will end at approx. 3:00 p.m. Contestants must be back at the auditorium by 5:30 p.m.

**Casual Wear Competition:** Contestants will model one outfit of their choosing for casual wear competition. We do not believe in swimsuit competition for our contestants so we have a casual wear competition. This outfit can be pants, shorts, sundress, etc. Do not wear cocktail dresses or evening gowns for this competition. This is to show off your personality in a casual setting. You will model your outfit on stage to fun and upbeat music.

**Evening Gown Competition:** Contestants will model a long formal evening gown of their choosing. We will provide elegant music while you model on stage. You may search the website [www.missmagnoliastate.com](http://www.missmagnoliastate.com) for videos of former years to see what others wore for gown or casual wear competitions.

**Opening Number:** All of the Junior, Teen, Miss and Mrs. contestants will be in a brief opening number. The opening number will be performed both days. Junior Miss contestants (ages 12-14) will need to wear baby/soft **PINK** short cocktail/after five dresses. Teen contestants (ages 15-17) will need to wear **WHITE** short cocktail dresses; Miss contestants (18-28) will wear **RED** short cocktail dresses; and Mrs. contestants will wear **BLACK** short cocktail dresses. Only the reigning queens will wear long gowns for the opening number. This means that you will need a total of four outfits: Opening Number, Interview, Casual Wear and Evening Gown. You will be given a banner on Friday during rehearsal day to wear throughout the competition. Official pageant check in will begin at 7:00 a.m. in the auditorium lobby on Saturday morning to start competition day. All contestants must be at the auditorium no later than 8:00 a.m. on Saturday morning.

After these three competitions are over, the points are added, and the semi-finalists are chosen for Junior Miss Magnolia State, Miss Teen Magnolia State, Miss Magnolia State, and Mrs. Magnolia State. During the finals, on Sunday, the semi-finalists will be announced in each group and they will re-compete in casual wear and evening gown. If you don't make the semi-finals you will STAY until the end of the pageant. All contestants will appear in their gowns during crowning on Sunday where all the special awards will be presented. This is a fun pageant for juniors, teens, misses and married women of our state to have fun and let their families come and cheer them on. All participants will receive awards and gifts for competing. We will be giving out many special awards such as Photogenic, Fashion, Congeniality and our Commitment To Marriage Awards for the Mrs. Make sure that you send in a picture to the pageant for the photogenic competition. This needs to be printed and not just emailed. Several awards will be presented Sunday during finals. All Contestants will receive their new local crown when they come back out for the finale.

The Junior division is for girls ages 12-14 as of September 19, 2017; the Teen division is for girls ages 15-17 as of September 1, 2017; and also Miss contestants ages 18-28 as of September 1, 2017. Miss, Teen and Junior Miss contestants must have never been married or pregnant to compete in the pageant. Mrs. contestants should be married and currently living with their spouse and there is no age limit. Contestants must reside in the state of Mississippi or attend school or work full time in Mississippi or have parents living in Mississippi. We will allow a two month grace period for contestants that are suppose to move up a division making the fall back date September 1, 2017.

Everyone is **REQUIRED** to sell 1/2 page (\$80 ad) in the program book so we can have a souvenir program for everyone to remember the pageant by. 1/4 page ad is \$40; 1/2 page ad is \$80 and a full page ad is \$160. You are encouraged to sell as many ads in the program book as possible. Any contestant selling 3 full pages worth of ads can enter the pageant **FREE**. Any contestant selling at least **FIVE** full pages in the program book will receive a beautiful large rhinestone crown and a 3 foot tall trophy! Any contestant selling **TEN** full pages of ads in the program book will receive the beautiful ad sales crown, a 5 foot tall trophy, and \$100 cash. The ad sales crowns are always beautiful!!! You can sell as many ad pages as you would like. Please send in your ad pages camera ready this year. Camera Ready means already set up on computer. You may print them out and send in already set up or send to us through email at [MSPageantNews@aol.com](mailto:MSPageantNews@aol.com) You MUST also send in one headshot picture of yourself for the **ROSTER PAGE** with all of the contestants' pictures on it. Make sure this picture is NOT with crown and banner. Your name and local title will be listed in the program book under your photo. We will assign local titles to every contestant who competes in the pageant and you will be given a banner to wear throughout the competition. If you won a local preliminary, then of course that is your local title. The banners will say, for example, Teen Jackson, Teen Meridian, etc. for the teen division. Miss Jackson, Miss Clinton, Miss Pearl, etc. for the Miss division. The Mrs. contestants will be the same except for Mrs. in front of the town, such as Mrs. Madison, Mrs. Gulf Coast, Mrs. Jackson, etc. Titles will be awarded on a first come first serve basis. If more than one contestant from a town enters then we might have to assign titles such as Teen South Jackson, Teen North Jackson, etc. So get that entry in early! Represent your town! Several titles will not be available because contestants must win those through preliminary pageants.

Everyone has a fair chance at this pageant. Preliminaries will begin at 6 p.m. on Saturday night, November 18, 2017. Everyone is **REQUIRED** to bring a wrapped gift (\$10.00 value) to exchange with someone in your age division during the a.m. rehearsals on Saturday! Also you must bring one wrapped gift (\$10.00 value) to give to the reigning queen in your division during the Saturday a.m. rehearsals. Make sure you put your name and address on your gift to the queen in case she wants to send out thank you notes. Also we will have our silent auction again this year. We will be raising money for a Mississippi charity to be announced. You will need to bring one auction gift with you during the **FRIDAY** rehearsals valued of **AT LEAST \$20** to auction off. We want you to bring items for your area such as handmade pottery, crafty items, paintings, anything you made, get your community involved to donate. 100% of the money raised will be given to charity. In the last five years we have raised \$13,300 for four different charities!!! Tell your supporters this is a great place to do their Christmas shopping! Make sure you bring a nice gift for the charity, something people will bid on!

The winner of each division will receive a beautiful round crown (shown at the top of this page), a monogrammed banner with state title, scepter, a \$1,000 CASH SCHOLARSHIP/PRIZE as an appearance fee. The winners also win a Caribbean CRUISE! The cruise will be taken in Summer of 2018 when half of your reign has been completed. All four winners and directors will take the same cruise together. Family members make also go on the cruise at their own expense. We do give our state queens the right to use their state titles to make appearances throughout the state. If you are the STATE winner, you may not compete in other pageants throughout your year except for school pageants. As long as the pageant has at least 125 contestants, we will also be awarding the runners up CASH scholarships!! 1st Runner Up receives a \$300 cash award; 2nd Runner Up receives a \$200 cash award; 3rd Runner Up receives a \$150 cash award and 4th Runner Up receives a \$100 cash award.

The pageant is divided into three days: On Friday, November 18, 2017 we will be having an all day rehearsal this year. Check in will be by 10 a.m. and our goal is to release the girls by 4 p.m. You will need to bring your lunch and snacks for rehearsal. Preliminary night competition is November 18, 2017 beginning at 6 p.m. and the Pageant Finals, November 19, 2017 beginning at 11 a.m. We are having the finals early Sunday so this will give contestants time to return home throughout the state. Contestants must be back in the auditorium no later than 10:30 a.m. for the finals. Please go ahead and make arrangements with your school or job to take off that Friday for the rehearsals. There will not be any judges there that day. This rehearsal is to learn the opening number, casual wear and gown modeling and formations. Do not miss the Friday rehearsals. We will also send your t-shirt information later. Most girls like to wear the pageant t-shirt during the rehearsals. On Friday night, at 6:30 p.m. we will be having our pageant party. Contestants are admitted free and supporters are \$10 each at the door. This year's theme is the Green and White Party. Wear anything fun and your personality that is green and white.

Tickets will be sold at the door for family and friends for the pageant competition. Tickets are \$20.00 for preliminary night Saturday, Nov. 18 and then again \$20.00 for finals on Sunday, Nov. 19, 2017 and \$10.00 for children 10 and under each night. The pageant will be held at the Vicksburg City Auditorium in downtown Vicksburg located at 901 Monroe Street. Contestants are free to stay at any hotel they choose. We do not require the contestants to stay at any particular hotel. If you have any questions, feel free to email state director, Chris Shannon at [MSPageantNews@aol.com](mailto:MSPageantNews@aol.com) It's simple to enter: just send the entry fee and application to address listed on this application. Refunds will not be given to contestants who fail to show up, withdraw or are disqualified.



Contestant's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parents' Names \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Age as of 9/1/2017 \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby give the Pageant permission to use my child's/my photo and name in any and all future promotions. I will not hold the pageant, staff, or owners of the facility responsible for accidents, damages, or losses at the pageant or during transportation to and from the pageant. I understand that the judges' decisions are final. **MUST BE SIGNED BY PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN** of the contestant or by the contestant if over 18. I have read this entire form and fully understand what is stated. I agree to show good sportsmanship throughout the competition. Winner will sign a contract stating she will not compete in other pageants for a year until her reign is over. I also understand if any problems arise that the state director will make all final decisions.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**CIRCLE CORRECT AGE DIVISION:  
 Jr. 12-14, Teen 15-17, Miss 18-Up, or Mrs.**

**Send All Fees, This Form, Photos,  
 Camera Ready Ad Pages, etc. to  
 Chris Shannon, State Director,  
 701 E. Georgetown Street,  
 Crystal Springs, MS 39059  
 Email questions to [MSPageantNews@aol.com](mailto:MSPageantNews@aol.com)  
 Make checks out to Chris Shannon  
 Business checks may be made out to Magnolia State Pageant**



# What Do I Need To Turn In?

- \_\_\_\_\_ \$350.00 Entry Fee for Teen, Miss and Mrs. contestants (required)
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$150.00 At Large Fee. Only contestants who did not win a preliminary pageant must pay this fee. Preliminary winners do not pay this extra fee.
- \_\_\_\_\_ This year each contestant is required to pay a \$20 banner fee for the banner. This fee must be paid whether you sell 3 or more ad pages or not.
- \_\_\_\_\_ This year each contestant is required to pay a \$60 production fee as well. With this fee we will give everyone a crown pin for their banner and each contestant will receive a uniform crown to use at appearances/parades throughout the year. This fee must be paid whether you sell 3 to 4 ad pages or not. Crowns are awarded on Sunday at end of pageant. This fee will also admit the contestant into the party on Friday night.
- \_\_\_\_\_ This year each contestant is required to pay a \$25 video fee. All contestants will receive a DVD of the pageant approx. 6-8 weeks after the state finals. This fee must be paid whether you sell ad pages or not.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ad Page(s) \$80.00 1/2 page ad is **REQUIRED** for all contestants!  
 Sell 3 full ad pages and you do NOT pay entry fee.  
 Sell 5 pages and you do NOT pay entry fee & receive a crown & 3 ft trophy  
 Please turn in your ad pages camera ready
- \_\_\_\_\_ Picture for Roster Page \_\_\_\_\_ Also send in photo for photogenic.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Turn in fact sheet located inside this application for judges to view
- \_\_\_\_\_ Bring a Wrapped Gift on Saturday a.m. to Exchange (\$10.00 Value)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Bring a Wrapped Gift on Saturday a.m. to give to last year's queen
- \_\_\_\_\_ Bring a your silent auction gift with you to rehearsals on FRIDAY night



List your top three choices for which area you want to represent. (Examples Teen Rankin County, Teen Jackson, Teen Clinton, Miss Brandon, Miss Madison, Miss Yazoo City, Mrs. Gulf Coast, Mrs. Tupelo, Junior Miss Magee, etc. If you are a junior miss your banner will say Junior Miss ....., teen, your banner will say Teen ....., if you are a Miss your banner will say Miss ....., and if you are a Mrs. then of course your banner will say Mrs. .... You can call the director if you need help with a title. If you won a preliminary pageant, that is your title for state so put it down under first choice.

First Choice \_\_\_\_\_  
 Second Choice \_\_\_\_\_  
 Third Choice \_\_\_\_\_

Minimum amount to send in is \$350 entry fee, \$20 banner fee, \$60 production fee, \$25 video fee and \$80 ad for a grand total of \$535.00  
 If contestant is selling 3 pages (\$160x3= \$480) plus \$20 banner, \$60 production fee, \$25 video fee, the grand total is \$580.00  
 If contestant is selling 5 pages (\$160x5=\$800) plus \$20 banner, \$60 production fee, \$25 video fee, the grand total is \$905.00

# SCHEDULE AND RULES

## **Friday, November 17, 2017**

Rehearsal from 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We have decided to have a mandatory Friday rehearsal this year. Bring your silent auction gift with you this day. Check in is at 9 to 9:45 a.m. Make arrangements to miss school or work for this day. Bring your lunch and snacks with you. Or someone can bring you your lunch at 1 p.m. Rehearsals will last until 4:00. Contestants will then be dismissed and should be back in the auditorium for Pageant Party at 6:30 pm Tickets will be sold to family and friends for \$10 each and food and drinks will be provided. There will be security. There will be games and lots of fun. Don't miss it.

## **Saturday, November 18, 2017**

7:30 to 8:00 Official Check In

8:00 to 8:45 orientation and group photos

8:45 to 9:00 first groups start preparing for their interviews and gift exchange (bring your 2 gifts)

9:00 interviews begin, after your interview, go change into comfortable clothes with your banner to rehearse the rest of the day

2:00 to 3:00 Congeniality voting and photo shoot with opening number dress on  
(You will need to bring your opening number outfit with you on Saturday morning for this)

3:00 Everyone must clear out of auditorium

Doors will open back up at 4:30 at the earliest

5:30 all contestants should be back in the auditorium ready for opening number

6:00 pageant begins (opening number, casual wear and then evening gown)

## **Sunday, November 19, 2017**

Doors will open at 9:30 a.m.

Everyone be back at the auditorium by 10:30 a.m.

Pageant begins at 11 a.m. - No one is dismissed until pageant concludes at approx. 3 p.m.(ish)  
Your new local crown will not be presented to you until you come back out on stage for finale.

You are not to have ANYONE backstage helping you. Backstage is for contestants and staff only. If you have anyone backstage when the pageant starts, it will result in point deductions. Mothers or a female helper may help the contestant backstage until 30 minutes before the pageant starts. We suggest you bring rolling suitcases to make it easy on the girls. We will have staff members backstage to assist them.

Any tattoos must be covered up for the state competition and anytime while wearing your local crown and banner at either the state or local pageants. Dress appropriate to hide tatoos or use heavy makeup to cover them up. All body piercings (except ears) must be covered up or taken out during state competition or while wearing local crown and banner. Tongue piercings are not acceptable. Belly button rings can not be visible while competing or making appearances as a titleholder.

For contestants who smoke — smoking is NEVER allowed while a contestant is wearing a banner and/or crown. Contestants should not be seen smoking during the state competition. The Vicksburg City Auditorium is a smoke free building. Smoking will only be allowed when you are on your own time away from the pageant and do not have your banner on.

Good sportsmanship is expected and required. Everyone wants to make the semifinals or to win. If you do not make your goal, smile anyway and express your feelings to your family when you leave the pageant. Do not ruin someone else's good fortune by being a bad sport. You are here to have fun and we all know that only one girl will win. Do not leave if you do not win. If you are called out for an award and you are not there, it make YOU look like a bad sport. You will not receive your new local pageant crown if you leave early.

Being around the judges. No contestant is allowed to socialize with judges during any point of the competition weekend. If you see them somewhere you can say hello but do not start a conversation with them. Any contestant caught socializing with judges will be disqualified. We try to keep our pageant fair and honest and will do everything in our power to make sure it stays that way.

**Please have this form typed or you may recreate it on computer . Do not write it by hand since it comes across sloppy. Take your time on your fact sheet. It is very important to the judges. This form has to be copied to give to the judges. Keep your answers to one page only or points will be deducted.**

***Please fill out this sheet for the judges to view. Please try to limit your information/answers on this sheet only.***

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

List three words that best describe you \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

List three interesting things about yourself

\_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Accomplishments: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Anything else you want the judges to know? \_\_\_\_\_

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(For Mrs. Contestants) Years Married \_\_\_\_\_ Date Married \_\_\_\_\_

Place Married \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Names and ages \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



**ADVERTISING RECEIPT**



*Jr. Miss Magnolia State  
Miss Teen Magnolia State Pageant  
Miss Magnolia State Pageant  
Mrs. Magnolia State Pageant*

*This is your receipt for advertising with  
or sponsoring a contestant in the  
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program book. Your advertisement/  
contribution is deeply appreciated.*

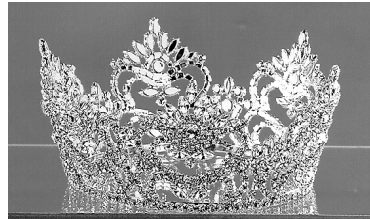
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$160.00 Full Page Ad
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$80.00 1/2 Page Ad
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$40.00 1/4 Page Ad
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00 Signature Listing  
*(Four signature listings make 1/4 page)*

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*The Community Service Award is strictly **OPTIONAL**. It's a way to recognize the contestants that perform community service work in their communities and to be recognized in the program book. The winner of this award will receive a \$100 cash award provided by the Hunter family based on hours and quality of community service performed. This award should be turned in by November 1, 2017. Please include a list of events that you appeared in your crown and banner on a separate sheet of paper along with the hours served at each.*

# Miss Heart of Magnolia Community Service Award

Contestant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contestant's Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of hours spent in volunteer work while wearing local crown and banner

\_\_\_\_\_

## Requirements:

1. Contestants must only count volunteer hours spent while representing the Miss Magnolia State Pageant (wearing local banner/crown).
2. Contestants only count the hours from one year which is from the time you win your local title to the time of the state pageant.
3. Contestants may only win the Molly Hunter Community Service Award once.
4. All hours must be turned into the state pageant office by November 1<sup>st</sup> to be included in the pageant program book and for consideration for the award.

# Honor a Loved One with an “In Memory” or “In Recognition” Award

We have a great way to honor your loved one at the state pageant. By purchasing an “In Memory” or “In Recognition” Award for \$100, we will print your loved one’s photo and a paragraph about them in the program and book AND name a scholarship after them for this year. Your \$100 donation is given to the contestant that wins the award as their scholarship. This is such a great way for you to honor your loved one and offer a scholarship at the same time. We will name the award after your loved one in the program book and call it out on stage during the awards. Examples are at the bottom of the page.

**Yes I would like to honor my loved one with an award at the state pageant for \$100.**

Please Check One:

In Memory Award (For a loved one that has passed away)

In Recognition Award (For a loved one that is living)

Please Make Your check out to the Miss Magnolia State Pageant and Mail in to: Miss Magnolia State Pageant, 701 East Georgetown Street, Crystal Springs, MS 39059

Please include (or email to [MSPageantNews@aol.com](mailto:MSPageantNews@aol.com)) a photo of your loved one and a brief paragraph about them. This check will need to be made out separately for \$100 and clearly marked for In Memory or Recognition Award.

We certainly appreciate your help. These awards will be presented to the Miss Congeniality winners, Evening Gown Winners, Interview Winners, Casual Wear Winners and Photogenic Winners.



In Memory Award -

## Bonnie Cupstid

### THE BONNIE CUPSTID 2017 MISS CONGENIALITY AWARD

Mrs. Bonnie Cupstid, Grandmother of State Pageant Director, Chris Shannon, was an amazing example of generosity, a loving spirit and a fun person to be around. She was always lending out a helping hand, supporting the youth in her area especially buying ads in the pageant program book and being an example of truly loving God. We honor her beautiful spirit with this award. We will love her forever. -  
The Shannon Family

In Recognition Award -

## Rose Mary Mathias



### THE ROSE MARY MATHIAS 2017 MISS TEEN CONGENIALITY AWARD

Rose Mary has been a huge supporter of the Magnolia State system since being introduced into pageants by her daughter-in-law. In the beginning, every time a Miss Magnolia State Pageant was held in Vicksburg, Rose Mary was in audience! She has since served as a judge and backstage helper and now is a fixture on staff as the Silent Auction Chair. She is famous for her pound cakes and is always working to help newcomers have a positive experience at the state pageant in her hometown of Vicksburg!