

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What if I raise more sponsorship money than the required sponsorship fee?

A. You may collect more than the required sponsorship fee. If you do collect over the required amount of sponsorship fee, please send in the extra sponsorship to the state pageant office, and we will credit that amount first towards the purchase of admission tickets to the performances for your family and friends and then you can choose to use the remaining to receive make-up and hairstyling services, pageant photos and pageant video.

Q. Do I need a different gown for finals than the one I wear for preliminaries?

A. No. We highly recommend wearing the same gown for both preliminaries and finals. Nearly all contestants at the state pageant wear the same gown for both.

Q. Do I need a talent to compete in the state pageant?

A. Yes.

Q. Are there any height or weight requirements to compete in the pageant?

A. Absolutely not! Each contestant in our pageant is an individual and the judges are looking for body proportion and personality, not a specific body measurement.

Q. What happens if I can't get my registration materials in before deadlines?

A. Deadlines are very important to us in order to make timely program preparations. However, we realize that unexpected circumstances can arise and that the collection of sponsorship may take longer than expected. Therefore, extensions on due dates are available when needed. If you need an extension, please call or email the state pageant offices and request a new due date. However, please avoid a pattern of extension requests. Getting your materials in on time makes life easier for everyone involved.

Q. When will the semi-finalists be named?

A. The semi-finalists in the pageant will be named on the night of your final Pageant. No one will know who the semi-finalists are until that moment in the final pageant show.

Q. Do I need to pay for meals during weekend?

A. No, All of your meals throughout the state pageant weekend are provided by the foundation. Although all of your meals are provided, we do recommend that you bring light snacks to have during the pageant weekend.

Q. Do I need to pay for my hotel room during pageant weekend?

A. No. Your hotel room during the pageant is provided for you by the foundation. If you choose to arrive the night before or stray the night after the pageant, your room for those nights would be at your own expense.

Q. Who are the state pageant judges?

A. The state pageant judging panel may consist of experienced judges from the modeling industry, entertainment industry, pageant industry, media and the business community.

Q. Why is preliminaries in New Jersey and the pageant in New York?

A. The Amoeji Foundation produces both the Miss Black New Jersey and Miss Black New York pageants and they take place on the same weekend on the same stages. Additionally, the host hotel accommodates our needs, helps to bring down costs, and is easy to travel to from anywhere. To be fair to our New Yorkers we host the pageant in New York and transport the contestants to their destinations. It works well!