

Dixie National Pageant Foundation

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2027 Official Contestant Handbook

Rules | Requirements | Expectations

Miss Division (17-20)

Junior Miss Division (13-16)

Princess Division (9-12)

Sweetheart Division (4-8)

Please Read Carefully

A Message from the President

Welcome to the Dixie National Pageant!

On behalf of the Dixie National Pageant Foundation (DNPF), thank you for your interest in competing in the Dixie National Pageant. Whether this is your first year competing or your final year of eligibility, we are honored that you have chosen to be part of this tradition.

The Dixie National Pageant celebrates young women who demonstrate leadership, integrity, horsemanship, professionalism, service, and a love for western heritage. We are committed to providing every contestant with a fair, positive, and memorable experience.

This handbook outlines the official rules, expectations, and procedures for the pageant. **Please read it carefully and refer to it throughout your preparation.**

We look forward to welcoming you to the 2027 Dixie National Pageant!

Warm regards,



Corrine Jackson Rodriguez

President

Dixie National Pageant Foundation

2026 Dixie National Titleholders



Junior Miss- Sadie Flake



Miss- Josi Johnson



Princess- Mary Lucy Lavender

About This Handbook

The Dixie National Pageant Foundation (DNPf) is committed to providing a pageant experience that is fair, consistent, professional, and enjoyable for every contestant.

The Rules and Regulations in this handbook have been established to ensure that every contestant competes under the same standards and understands the expectations associated with participation in the Dixie National Pageant.

Many of the attire requirements are intended to promote fairness and consistency by ensuring contestants are evaluated on their abilities, professionalism, and presentation rather than costly wardrobe enhancements.

Please read this handbook carefully before completing your application and keep it available for reference throughout your pageant experience. If you have questions, we encourage you to contact the Pageant Director or a member of the Pageant Committee before the pageant weekend.

The DNPf reserves the right to amend its rules and guidelines by action of the Pageant Committee.

Thank you for helping us uphold the traditions, integrity, and western heritage of the DNPf!

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Contestant Eligibility

Each contestant in the Dixie National Pageant shall be on the date of the competition and final selection of Miss Dixie National titleholders:

- Must be a female as established by the gender at birth as shown on an official copy of her Certificate of Birth. Must supply Dixie National Pageant Foundation (DNPF) with one official copy of her Certificate of Birth.
- Must consider herself a female and not have ever had her gender reclassified on her birth certificate. Must use the pronouns she/her.
- Must meet the following age requirements:
 - Miss Division: Must be at least 17 years of age and not older than 20 years of age by January 1, 2027.
 - Junior Miss Division: Must be at least 13 years of age and not older than 16 years of age by January 1, 2027.
 - Princess Division: Must be at least 9 years of age and not older than 12 years of age by January 1, 2027.
 - Sweetheart Division: Must be at least 4 years of age and not older than 8 years of age by January 1, 2027.
- Must be enrolled in primary school, secondary school, or college according to contestant's age.
- Must not have ever been married and/or given birth or the legal guardian of a dependent.
- Must not be cohabitating or live as a part of a domestic partnership living arrangement or share living facilities with any person in a romantic relationship, or with a member of the opposite sex outside the degrees of consanguinity as established by law. Normal college dormitory/sorority living arrangements are specifically exempt from this rule.
- Must not have taken any actions, which in the good faith determination of the DNPF, will now or in the future is likely to cause harm or damage to the goodwill or reputation of DNPF. This includes the improper use of social media to include but not limited to Facebook, X (formerly Twitter), YouTube, Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok, or any other forms thereof. This also includes but is not limited to inappropriate language, pictures, videos, etc.
- Must not be engaged to be married at the time of application and pageant competition nor throughout the year of reign.
- Not under any contractual obligations that would interfere with her ability to participate in the state pageant and/or year as a Miss Dixie National titleholder.
- Must not have been a former Dixie National titleholder in the division she is competing in.
- Must abide by all rules and regulations of DNPF including Miss Dixie National pageant contestant rules, general rules, written expectations, official communications and documents, and verbal direction from the competent authority (Pageant Director, Judges, and Pageant Committee). Concerns must respectfully be brought to the attention of the involved Committee Member(s) or the Pageant Director in a timely manner.
- Must have executed and presented all required documents, consents, waivers, contracts and/or agreements presented as conditions or precedents to pageant competition, title, or contracted

party prior to the receipt of prizes, awards, scholarships, monies, or participation in approved activities.

- Must abide by the laws of the jurisdiction(s) she is in.
- Must never have been convicted of a felony crime (or equivalent, while a juvenile). Must not have pending criminal charges (other than minor traffic violations, with the exception of DUI, Aggravated DUI, and Reckless Driving) or have adjudicated criminal sentences pending against her. Must disclose to the Committee by providing contestant affidavit her criminal history and pending sentences other than minor traffic violations.

Any contestant not meeting the qualifications set forth above will be denied the right to compete in the Miss Dixie National Pageant.

Titleholder Duties

Serving as a Dixie National titleholder is both an honor and a responsibility. Titleholders represent the Dixie National Livestock Show and Rodeo, its sponsors, and the Dixie National Pageant Foundation (DNPf) throughout their year of service. The following expectations help ensure every titleholder serves with professionalism, reliability, and integrity.

Miss, Junior Miss, and Princess Divisions

- Serve as an official ambassador for the Dixie National Livestock Show and Rodeo.
- Attend every required rodeo performance, parade, school visit, sponsor appearance, scheduled visit, and any additional event designated by the DNPf Committee.
- Be available for television, radio, print, and other approved media interviews during the week before opening night and throughout the rodeo.
- Provide a suitable horse for appearances requiring horseback participation. ***The DNPf reserves the right to determine whether a horse is appropriate for an event and may require titleholder to use an alternate horse.***
- Provide personal autograph sheets and include required sponsor logos as designated by the DNPf.
- Attend the following year's pageant to crown her successor.
- If optional chaps are purchased, they must be ordered through the designated DNPf sponsor, Arrowhead Now.

Sweetheart Division

This is a title only division. ALL contestants will be crowned Miss Dixie National Sweetheart.

- This title affords no Dixie National Livestock Show and Rodeo rights. Winners will not be allowed to participate in any events (unless arranged or approved by the DNPf Committee) or receive any Dixie National Titleholder benefits.

Pageant Disqualifications and Deductions

To provide a fair, safe, and professional experience for every contestant, the Dixie National Pageant Foundation (DNPf) enforces the following standards of conduct. These policies identify actions that

may result in disqualification or score deductions and are applied consistently throughout the competition. For additional information, please refer to the Grievance Process below.

Automatic Disqualifications:

- Poor sportsmanship
- Use of foul or offensive language
- Animal cruelty
- Receiving coaching during horsemanship competition (Miss and Junior Divisions)
- Allowing anyone other than the contestant to warm up the horsemanship horse while mounted (Miss and Junior Miss Divisions)
- Attempting to threaten, bribe, influence, harass, or coerce a judge, contestant, titleholder, or Pageant Committee member before, during, or after the pageant

The DNPf reserves the right to deny any applications from potential contestants that have committed any of these infractions during (or in the case of the last bullet point also after) a previous DNPf produced pageant.

Automatic Score Deductions:

- Being late to a pageant event
 - Roll call will be taken at the start of each required pageant event.
 - Additional details and a full schedule will be provided to contestants via email prior to the pageant.
 - Missing roll call because of late arrival results in a 25-point overall deduction for each occurrence. ***No exceptions.***

Judge-Assessed Score Deductions:

- Failure to comply with the required dress code results in a 15-point overall deduction for each occurrence.
- Failure to comply with the horsemanship tack requirements (Miss and Junior Miss Divisions) results in a 15-point overall deduction for each occurrence.

Pageant Authority and Grievance Process

Pageant Authority

- The Dixie National Pageant Foundation (DNPf) conducts the annual pageant and administers all official activities.
- The DNPf has authority over pageant operations and contestant activities during the competition.
- Questions or concerns should be brought promptly to the President or an appropriate Committee member.
- Formal grievances must be submitted in writing within one hour of the incident and include the required grievance fee, which is \$100 in cash.
 - A grievance CANNOT be filed based on the outcome of the pageant.

Grievance Committee

- The Committee consists of three members appointed by the DNPf President, including a designated Grievance Committee Chairperson. The Grievance Committee Chairperson serves as

spokesperson and point of contact. The Grievance Committee Chairperson does not vote on grievances.

- If Grievance Committee members are absent, the DNPf President shall appoint an alternate for each vacant position.
- Grievance Committee members consider only firsthand observations and documented information.

A grievance as defined by the dictionary is:

1. A cause of distress giving reason for complaint.
2. An actual or supposed circumstance regarded as just cause for protest.
3. A complaint or protestation based on such a circumstance.
4. Indignation or resentment stemming from a feeling of being wronged.

Review Process:

When the Grievance Committee Chairperson receives a grievance, he or she must convene the Grievance Committee. Once the Grievance Committee reviews the grievance, it will make a decision whether to act upon, reject, or disregard the grievance. All decisions are binding on all parties to the grievance.

1. The Committee and the person filing the grievance must not discuss the grievance with anyone- not parents, other contestants, or judges.
2. The Committee must make a decision based on facts and be certain, without a doubt, that the accused was intentionally involved in misconduct or misrepresented oneself or there was an infraction of a rule.
3. Committee, in turn, will review the grievance to determine if the complaint is substantiated. If it is determined to be a valid grievance, a meeting of the Grievance Committee and Pageant Judges will be convened. If it is determined the grievance has not substantiated the proceedings shall cease.
4. Committee and Pageant Judges will interview the person against whom the charge is being filed and the person filing the grievance. Such interview shall be held separately and privately. Either of the individuals shall have the option to decline the private interview, in which case the Grievance Committee and Pageant Judge shall make a decision based on the facts as presented. The Grievance Committee and Pageant Judges shall then dismiss the contestants and shall review the complaint.
5. The Grievance Committee and Pageant Judges must come to majority decision. Consequences shall be set as follows:
 - No Penalty.
 - Point deductions as determined by members of the Grievance Committee and pageant Judges.
 - Disqualifications.

The pageant will continue as scheduled until decisions have been made.

Miss Dixie National Pageant Judging Guidelines

The judging process is designed to evaluate each contestant fairly and consistently. Judges assess contestants on horsemanship, appearance, personality, knowledge, presentation, and overall professionalism according to the official score sheets.

Judges

- A panel of at least three judges will evaluate all scored events.
- All scores will be totaled for each contestant each time they are judged.
- Judges are selected for their expertise of western horsemanship, professional rodeo, appearance, communication, and related disciplines.
- Judges are instructed to evaluate contestants for sincerity, integrity, maturity, intelligence, professionalism, horsemanship, public speaking, and knowledge of professional rodeo.

Judged Events

1. Horsemanship (Miss and Junior Miss Divisions only)
2. Written Test (Miss and Junior Miss Divisions only)
3. Interview
4. Style Show

Scoring & Awards

- Points will be awarded to contestants in the major categories of Appearance, Personality, Horsemanship (Miss and Junior Miss Divisions), and Knowledge and Presentation.
- Points are also awarded for Written Test (Miss and Junior Miss Divisions).
- Below is the official breakdown of total points awarded:

Miss Dixie National and Junior Miss Dixie National

<u>Appearance</u>	<u>Personality</u>	<u>Horsemanship</u>	<u>Knowledge and Presentation</u>	<u>Written Test</u>
150	150	150	150	30

Miss Dixie National Princess

<u>Appearance</u>	<u>Personality</u>	<u>Knowledge and Presentation</u>
150	150	150

- After all the judged events are completed and scores are tabulated, the category winners are determined by the contestant who receives the highest score in that category. The winner(s) for the Written Test award will have received the highest score on the Written Test.
- The contestant receiving the highest grand total for the competition shall be crowned the winner of her division. The contestant receiving the second highest grand total shall be first runner-up.

That contestant receiving the third highest grand total shall be second runner-up.

- Ties for category winners will be broken by referring to Judge #1. Judge #1's score will break the tie. If a tie remains, Judge #2's score will be used...and so on until the tie is broken. Ties for the Written Test award will result each of the contestants who tie for the highest score receiving the award. A tie for the division winner will be broken by the horsemanship scores. If a tiebreaker is still needed, Judge #1's score will be used.
- **The Judges' decision is final.**
- Note about Most Ads Sold – Each contestant is required to sell a minimum \$75 in ads for the Miss Dixie National Pageant official program book. The contestant who sells the most ads ranked by dollar amount will receive an award. Please refer to the program ad sheet for more information about cost, size, and requirements. The Most Ads Sold Award does not have any factor(s) in the judged events or overall scores of the pageant. In no way will points be added or deducted to a contestant's score based upon ads sold.
- Note about social media People's Choice Award- The DNPf will post each contestant's photo that is submitted with her application on the Miss Dixie National Royalty Facebook page. The People's Choice Award will be given to the contestant who receives the most "likes" on her picture. Shares and comments do not count for the People's Choice Award. The People's Choice Award does not have any factor(s) in the judged events or overall scores of the pageant. In no way will points be added or deducted to a contestant's score based upon social media "likes."

Horsemanship

The horsemanship competition is designed to evaluate each contestant's riding ability, confidence, safety, sportsmanship, and overall horsemanship. Contestants are expected to demonstrate control of their horse while presenting themselves in a professional manner.

General Requirements

- Horsemanship applies to the Miss and Junior Miss Divisions only
- There will be two rounds of horsemanship.
 - Round One will consist of a horsemanship pattern (diagram on page 11).
 - Round Two will consist of a queen's run, flag presentation, and a brief horsemanship interview with the judges. The use of a flag boot in Round Two is **MANDATORY**.
- Contestants must provide their own horse, feed, and equipment for the Miss Dixie National pageant. Time is limited; therefore, we encourage parents and/or sponsors to feed, water, clean stalls, and bathe your horse.
- **ONLY THE CONTESTANT MAY WARM UP THE HORSE ON HORSEBACK.** Failure to abide by this rule will result in the immediate disqualification of the contestant.
- All horses entering the Mississippi State Fair Grounds are required to have current health papers and a negative Coggins test.
- In the event that a contestant's horse becomes ill, another horse may be substituted at the discretion of the Dixie National Pageant Foundation (DNPf). The substitute horse may not necessarily belong to the contestant involved.

- At the discretion of the DNPF, contestants may be asked to wait as a group on horseback in a holding pen (either inside or outside of the arena), before the start of and for the duration of the horsemanship competition (Rounds One and Two).
- Required Tack:
 - Western Tack
 - Split Reins for Horsemanship Round One (reining pattern).
 - Flag Boot for Horsemanship Round Two (Queen's run and flag presentation).
- Optional Equipment:
 - Tie- Down
 - Bell Boots/Split Boots/Polo Wraps
 - Spurs

Judging Criteria

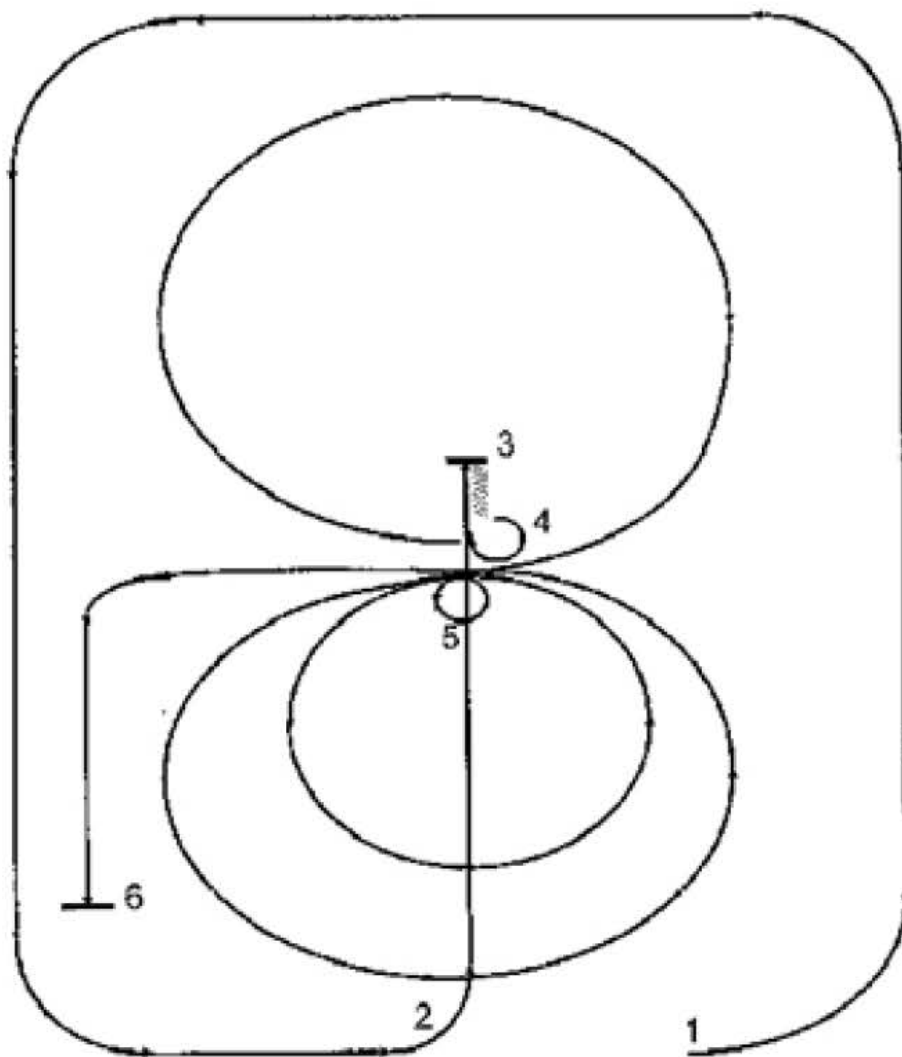
Horsemanship is judged on the contestant's overall ability which includes, but is not limited to:

- Control of mount
- The way any situation which may occur is handled
- Balance and correct positions of hands, feet, and seat
- Mounting (Miss Division only)
- Dismounting
- Execution of the designated horsemanship pattern

Horsemanship Round One:

- **Please see the diagram on the next page.**
- Pattern adapted from the Miss Rodeo America Rulebook
- The DNPF Committee reserves the right to make alterations and/or additions to this pattern
 1. Circle the arena, on the left lead, at an extended lope.
 2. Guide left and lope down the center of the arena with moderate speed.
 3. Pass the center of the arena, stop and back to the center.
 4. Execute a $\frac{3}{4}$ turn to the right and lope a circle, to the right with moderate speed.
 5. Stop in the center, execute a 360^0 turn to the left. Lope a small slow circle, to the left, followed by a larger, faster circle to the left. At the center of the arena, rate back to the slower speed and continue loping on the left lead toward the end of the arena.
 6. Stop and pause to show completion of pattern.
- After the completion of the horsemanship pattern, contestants should turn and ride over to the judges and dismount.
- Miss Dixie National contestants will remount and walk out of the arena after being dismissed by the judges.
- Junior Miss Dixie National contestants will lead their horse out of the arena on foot after being dismissed by the judges.
- The DNPF Committee reserves the right to make alterations and/or additions to these instructions.

Round One Horsemanship Pattern



1. Circle the arena, on the left lead, at an extended lope.
2. Guide left and lope down the center of the arena with moderate speed.
3. Pass the center of the arena, stop and back to the center.
4. Execute a $\frac{3}{4}$ turn to the right and lope a circle, to the right with moderate speed.
5. Stop in the center, execute a 360° turn, to the left. Lope as small slow circle, to the left, followed by a larger, faster circle to the left. At the center of the arena, rate back to the slower speed and continue loping on the left lead toward the end of the arena.
6. Stop and pause to show completion of pattern.

Horsemanship Round Two:

- Contestants will make one lap around the arena at a fast, controlled pace and wave to the crowd for their queen's run.
- For the flag presentation, the contestant will make one lap around the arena at a slow lope and a second lap around the arena at a fast, controlled pace. The use of a flag boot is **MANDATORY**.
- Contestants **MAY** be required to participate in additional flag carrying duties throughout the pageant weekend.
- Contestants will individually participate in a short horsemanship interview with the judges. Questions are at the judges' discretion.
- Further instructions for Horsemanship Round Two will be provided at pageant Check-In.
- The DNPF Committee reserves the right to make alterations and/or additions to these instructions.

Written Test

The written test measures each contestant's knowledge of the Dixie National Livestock Show and Rodeo and related pageant materials. Contestants should prepare by studying the official resources provided by the Dixie National Pageant Foundation (DNPF) prior to the competition.

General Information

- Written Test applies to the Miss and Junior Miss Divisions only
- There will be a 30-minute time limit for Written Test
- Junior Miss Division will answer multiple choice questions
- Miss Division will answer fill-in-the-blank questions
- Questions will focus on the Dixie National Livestock Show and Rodeo
- Contestants should study the information found on www.dixienational.org, www.missdixienational.com, www.prorodeo.com, www.facebook.com/dixienationalrodeo, and www.facebook.com/dixie.national.royalty

Interview

The interview competition allows judges to become acquainted with each contestant beyond her appearance and horsemanship. Contestants are evaluated on their communication skills, confidence, personality, professionalism, knowledge, and ability to represent the Dixie National Livestock Show and Rodeo with poise and integrity.

General Information

- Miss, Junior Miss, and Princess Division contestants will be individually interviewed privately by the judges.
- Questions asked will test the contestant's knowledge of the pageant, professional rodeo, equine science, horsemanship, current affairs, and general questions based upon her pageant application.
- Sweetheart Division contestants will participate in a group interview.

Style Show

The Style Show evaluates confidence, poise, personality, communication, and professionalism while giving contestants an opportunity to represent themselves and the Dixie National Pageant Foundation (DNPF).

General Information

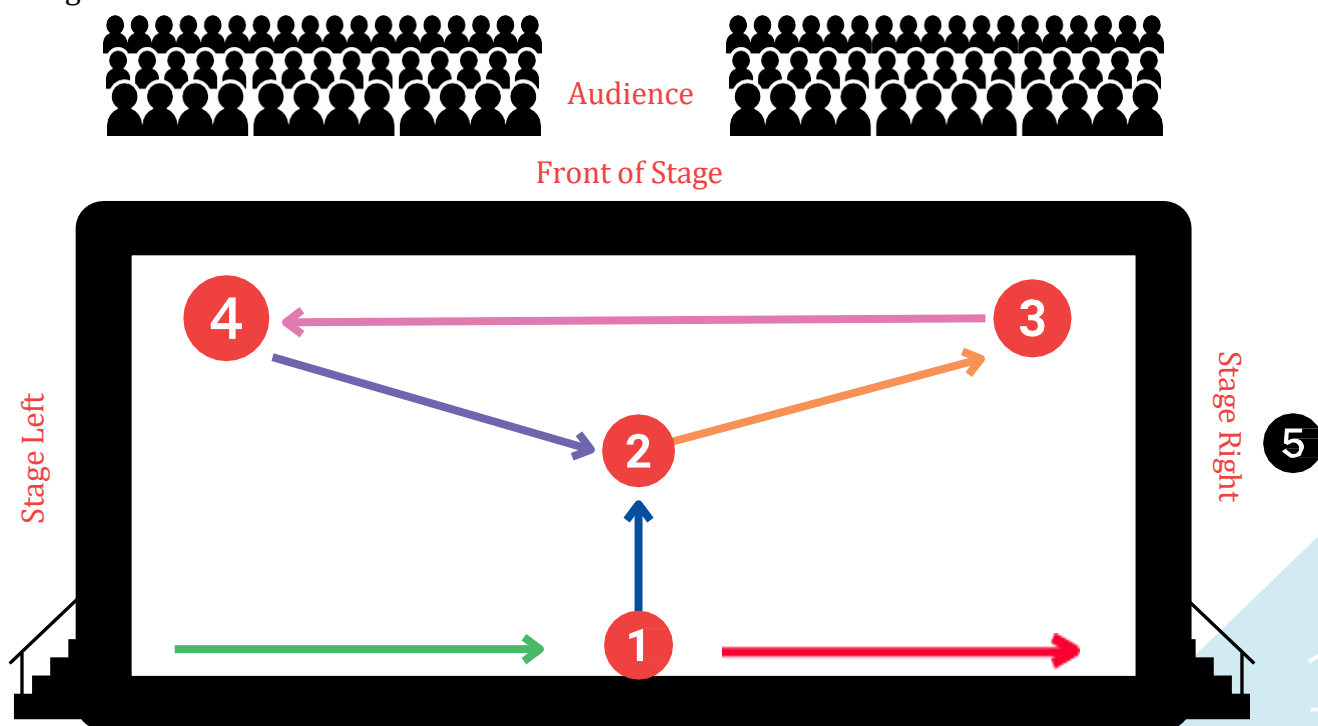
- All contestants participate in the Style Show.
- Miss, Junior Miss, and Princess contestants present a short introduction, model during their prerecorded Motivational Moment, and answer an extemporaneous question.
- Sweetheart contestants will model while their biography is read by the emcee.

Extemporaneous Questions

- Miss, Junior Miss, and Princess Division questions may relate to rodeo, current events, or other approved topics.
- Sweetheart contestants answer one of the following questions:
 - What is your horse's name? Tell us about him/her.
 - Why do you like the sport of rodeo?
 - What is your favorite thing about the Dixie National Livestock Show and Rodeo?

Modeling

- The following pattern must be followed by every contestant in the Miss, Junior Miss, and Princess Divisions during the modeling portion of the Style Show. Contestants may pose, turn, etc. however they see fit while following this pattern.
- Sweetheart contestants do not have to follow the modeling pattern.
- Total time on stage will be approximately 60 seconds. This includes the 45 second pre-recorded Motivational Moment (or bio for Sweetheart Contestants) and 15 seconds each to enter & exit the stage.



- Enter the stage from Stage Left and follow **GREEN ARROW** to ①. This will be as the Emcee says, "Please welcome to the stage Contestant #____, (your name)."
- Once your pre-recorded Motivational Moment begins to play, follow the **BLUE ARROW** to ②.
- At your own pace, follow the **ORANGE ARROW** to ③. Continue at your own pace following the **PINK ARROW** to ④.
- Make your way back following the **PURPLE ARROW** to ②. You should be back to this spot by your closing statement that contains your name in your MM.
- Once your pre-recorded Motivational Moment ends, make a 180-degree turn to the left and follow the **RED ARROW** to exit Stage Right.
- The stage will be approximately 40 feet from the front of the stage to the back of the stage and 40 feet from point ③ to point ④.

Motivational Moment

- Miss, Junior Miss, and Princess Division contestants will submit a "Motivational Moment" (MM) to which they will model during the Style Show.
- Motivational Moments do NOT have to be professionally recorded. It can be done on a smartphone on the voice recording app.
- The DNPf reserves the right to ask contestants to resubmit their recording if it does not follow the guidelines below. For example, if recording is too long, not appropriate, or includes info not following the listed parameters:
 - MM recording must be read by the contestant ONLY to showcase her personality and speaking abilities.
 - Recordings are limited to 45 seconds each.
 - No background music/noise in the recording. Recording should be made in a quiet room, with no fans or other noise.
 - Recording should be in first person format. For example, "I am...." instead of "she is...."
 - The MM should contain a topic (examples below) and how that topic has made a difference (or motto to live by) in the contestant's life.
 - Favorite Quote (person, movie, book, etc.)
 - Favorite song lyrics
 - Best piece of advice (Family member, friend, coach, etc.)
 - Etc. Be creative!
 - Recordings are limited to the contestant's choice of "motivational moment" and the parameters on the application. **Contestant's name and hometown are required.** After that, the content of the recording is up to the contestant. It can be a combination of ANY (DOES NOT HAVE TO BE ALL) of the following application parameters:
 - Parent(s)/guardian(s) names
 - Age
 - Education
 - Scholastic Honors and Achievements
 - Experience with Rodeo, Horses, Horse Shows, Etc., and Awards Won
 - Hobbies/Interests

- Community Involvement and Service Activities
- Pageant/Contest Titles held (Scholarship, Beauty, Rodeo, etc.)
- Why I want to become Miss Dixie National, Jr. Miss Dixie National, or Miss Dixie National Princess
- Each MM should end with a statement that contains the contestant's name.
- Three examples of Motivational Moment recordings can be found by scanning the QR code below. The example recordings were all done on a cell phone.



Attire Guidelines for 2027 Pageant

During the pageant, if you wear a pant product it must be a **WRANGLER** brand pant product.

MISS AND JUNIOR MISS DIVISIONS

- **Check-In and Written Test**
 - Same outfit as Horsemanship. **NO** changes or additions to the outfit should be made, with the exception of removing spurs (if worn).
- **Horsemanship Round One (Saturday)**
 - A plain BLUE DENIM WRANGLER brand pant product; button down western style plain WHITE shirt with long sleeves with shirt tail tucked in. **NO VESTS** and/or **JACKETS**. **NO** embellishments should be on the shirt or jeans at time of purchase or added later. Cowboy Hat (or Cowboy Hat Styled Helmet), boots, and a belt (any color) are required. Gloves, scarves/wild rags, and chaps are not allowed. All riding attire should be neat and fit properly
- **Personal Interviews**
 - A plain BLUE DENIM WRANGLER brand pant product; RED, WHITE, and BLUE "Grand Entry Top" (meaning what a titleholder would wear when introduced in the arena on horseback), boots, belt, and cowboy hat. Vests and embellishments are permitted. **NO DRESSES, SKIRTS, and/or JACKETS**.
- **Pizza Social and Horsemanship Round Two (Sunday)**
 - Same outfit as Personal Interview. **NO** changes or additions to the outfit should be made, with the exception of adding spurs (if desired).
- **Style Show and Coronation**
 - "Grand Entry Attire" (meaning what a titleholder would wear when introduced in the arena on horseback). Must be a flashy, grand entry style top, WRANGLER brand pant product, boots, belt, and cowboy hat. Vests and embellishments are permitted. **NO DRESSES, SKIRTS, and/or JACKETS**. Contestants may wear the same outfit as Personal Interview should they desire.

PRINCESS DIVISION

- **Check-In**
 - A plain BLUE DENIM WRANGLER brand pant product; button down western style plain WHITE shirt with long sleeves with shirt tail tucked in. NO VESTS and/or JACKETS. NO embellishments should be on the shirt or jeans at time of purchase or added later. Cowboy Hat (or Cowboy Hat Styled Helmet), boots, and a belt (any color) are required. Gloves, scarves/wild rags, and chaps are not allowed.
- **Personal Interviews**
 - A plain BLUE DENIM WRANGLER brand pant product; RED, WHITE, and BLUE “Grand Entry Top” (meaning what a titleholder would wear when introduced in the arena on horseback), boots, belt, and cowboy hat. Vests and embellishments are permitted. NO DRESSES, SKIRTS, and/or JACKETS.
- **Pizza Social**
 - Same outfit as Personal Interview. NO changes or additions to the outfit should be made.
- **Style Show and Coronation**
 - “Grand Entry Attire” (meaning what a titleholder would wear when introduced in the arena on horseback). Must be a flashy, grand entry style top, WRANGLER brand pant product, boots, belt, and cowboy hat. Vests and embellishments are permitted. NO DRESSES, SKIRTS, and/or JACKETS. Contestants may wear the same outfit as Personal Interview should they desire.

SWEETHEART DIVISION

- **Check-In and Pizza Social**
 - A plain BLUE DENIM WRANGLER brand pant product; RED, WHITE, and BLUE “Grand Entry Top” (meaning what a titleholder would wear when introduced in the arena on horseback), boots, belt, and cowboy hat. Vests and embellishments are permitted. NO DRESSES, SKIRTS, and/or JACKETS. The Dixie National Pageant Foundation (DNPF) will provide each contestant with a long sleeved painter's apron to wear over her pageant attire during the meal to help protect clothing from spills and stains shall contestant desire.
- **Style Show and Coronation**
 - “Grand Entry Attire” (meaning what a titleholder would wear when introduced in the arena on horseback). Must be a flashy, grand entry style top, WRANGLER brand pant product, boots, belt, and cowboy hat. Vests and embellishments are permitted. NO DRESSES, SKIRTS, and/or JACKETS. Contestants may wear the same outfit as Check-In should they desire.

Miss Dixie National Pageant Information

This section provides important logistical information to help contestants and their families prepare for pageant weekend. Please review all schedules, communications, and deadlines carefully.

Communication

- Official updates will be distributed through the contact information provided on the contestant application.
- Contestants are responsible for reading all emails and announcements from the Dixie National Pageant Foundation (DNPF).

Schedule & Attendance

- Contestants must arrive on time for every required activity and must participate in roll call.
- A detailed schedule will be provided before pageant weekend and should be followed throughout the event.

Photography & Media

- Contestants should participate in official photographs and media activities as scheduled.
- Official photographs and recordings may be used by the DNPF for promotional purposes in accordance with pageant policies.

General Information

- All required submissions must be received by 11:59pm on August 15, 2026, via email to missdixienational@gmail.com. Further details are provided on page 9 of the contestant application.
- After payment is received, additional pertinent information regarding the state pageant competition, including a detailed pageant schedule, will be emailed to the contestant.
- Entry fees per division are as follows:
 - Miss Dixie National (17-20) **\$125.00**
 - Junior Miss Dixie National (13-16) **\$125.00**
 - Miss Dixie National Princess (9-12) **\$100.00**
 - Miss Dixie National Sweetheart (4-8) **\$75.00**
- The 2027 Miss Dixie National Pageant will be held October 10-11, 2026, at the Mississippi State Fairgrounds, Jackson, MS.
 - Stalls and RV/Trailer hookups will be available. These fees will need to be paid to the Fairgrounds at the time you arrive.
 - Shavings will not be available, therefore; you will need to bring your own.
- Each contestant in the Miss Dixie National pageant is required to sell a minimum of \$75 in ads for the Miss Dixie National pageant program.
 - Programs will be available for purchase at the Miss Dixie National Pageant.

Pageant Program Ads

Program advertisements help support the Dixie National Pageant while giving family, friends, businesses, and sponsors an opportunity to recognize contestants. Please review the following requirements and deadlines carefully. **Each contestant will be required to sell a minimum of \$75 in ads for the pageant program.** Ads must be submitted with the contestant's application. Please see the official application for more information.

COST: Full-page ad = \$100.00 1/2-page ad = \$50.00
 1/4-page ad = \$35.00 1/8-page ad = \$25.00
 Inside back cover (if available) = \$200 Outside back cover (if available) = \$350
 (Several sponsors may go in together to pay for one ad).

Please email missdixienational@gmail.com if sponsors wish to pay ad fees via check.

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