

2023 Selma Railroad Days Pageant

Presented by the Town of Selma

Saturday, September 23, 2023

5:00 pm @ The Rudy Theatre

APPLICATIONS DUE BY AUGUST 25, 2023



GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

Residence: Must reside within a 20-mile radius of Johnston County. Residence is defined as the primary address that you use to establish residency for your driver's license, automobile registration, tax filings, etc. Proof of Residency may be requested.

Personal Characteristics: Contestants must not be married nor have ever been married; must not be pregnant nor have ever been pregnant; must possess high moral standards. Social media posts as contestants and queens will be monitored to ensure you can represent Selma with the utmost integrity.

Duties: If selected to be on the court of the Selma Railroad Days Pageant, your actions and conduct will be representative of the integrity and esteem of the Town of Selma. You should acknowledge that you are an official representative of the Selma area and will be required to fulfill your list of duties presented to you upon obtaining your title. These duties consist of but are not limited to all Selma Railroad Days Festival functions, the crowning of the Miss Hispanic Heritage Johnston County, the Selma Christmas Parade, and the 2024 Selma Railroad Days Pageant.

COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS:

Opening Number: Contestants will be required to provide their own costume correlating to this year's pageant theme which will be presented later. You will not be judged during the opening number.

Interview: Attire requirement is a dressy outfit of your choice. This phase of the competition will focus on the ability to speak confidently, conduct a focused conversation, and portray one's individual personality. Interviews will be held at The Jemigan Building on September 23rd starting at 10am. Interview questions will pertain to information provided on your application or age-appropriate questions. At the start of the interview, please stand and self-introduce. Tiny and Little Miss contestant interviews will last 4 minutes, and the remaining divisions will last 6 minutes.

Evening Gown: Attire requirement is a party dress or semi-glitz pageant dress or evening gown and should be age appropriate. We are looking for confidence, beauty, and poise on stage and a lot of fun! Tiny Miss will compete in a short party dress and all other divisions will compete in a long evening gown.

Fun Fashion: Attire requirement is an outfit that shows your personal style: Fashionable Outfit, Pantsuit, Sundress, Cocktail, etc. (No hats, no jeans, no flip flops). This is an exciting and upbeat competition. It is important for one to have fun and show their true personality during this phase of the competition.

Talent (NOT required for Tiny Miss): This phase of the competition not only entertains the audience but allows you to showcase your natural talent in a 2–3-minute presentation. A piano will be available. Email the music to pageant@selma-nc.com by September 15th.

OPTIONAL (ALL AGES, \$10 fee to enter) – Photogenic: All photogenic entries should be a headshot only (head or head & shoulders only), 8x10 or 8.5x11, and color or black & white. Photos are judged on overall personality, clarity, age appropriateness, and appearance. All photos must be taken prior to dress rehearsal night. No full glitz photos are allowed. Light/minimal retouching is allowed. Due on September 22nd at the dress rehearsal.

Age Divisions

(based on age as of the date of the pageant)

Tiny Miss (4-6 years old)

Little Miss (7-9 years old)

Junior Miss (10-12 years old)

Teen Miss (13-16 years old)

Miss (17-20 years old)

COMPETITION SCORING

Tiny Miss

Evening Gown – 40%

Fun Fashion – 35%

Interview – 25%

Junior Miss

Evening Gown – 20%

Fun Fashion – 20%

Interview – 30%

Talent – 30%

Little Miss

Evening Gown – 30%

Fun Fashion – 20%

Interview – 30%

Talent – 20%

Teen Miss

Evening Gown – 20%

Fun Fashion – 15%

Interview – 35%

Talent – 30%

Miss

Evening Gown – 20%

Fun Fashion – 15%

Interview – 35%

Talent – 30%

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SEPTEMBER 23, 2023 5:00 PM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Parents/Guardians: _____

Age: _____ Birthdate: _____

INDICATE PAGEANT TITLE COMPETING FOR:

TINY MISS

LITTLE MISS JUNIOR

MISS TEEN MISS

MISS

Mail Application & \$100.00 Fee:

**Town of Selma
114 N. Raiford St.
Selma, NC 27576**

We follow the “first in, last out” rule. No door entries are accepted.

MEET & GREET AUGUST 27 @ Jernigan Building, 110 East Anderson St., Selma at 3pm.

ALL OPENING NUMBER PRACTICES set by Artistry in Motion Performing Arts Center located at 603 S Brightleaf Blvd, Smithfield. Time/Dates **TBA**. Attendance is required at all rehearsals, so you must notify the Pageant Director prior to rehearsal if you cannot attend.

FINAL REHEARSAL SEPTEMBER 22: The Rudy Theatre at 6pm. **Mandatory attendance.**

INTERVIEWS SEPTEMBER 23: Tiny Miss interviews will begin at 10am. The remaining interview start times will be provided prior to the date.

Location: The Jernigan Building, 110 East Anderson Street, Selma.

I hereby acknowledge that I have read the official rules and regulations, that I am complying with them in every way, and that the personal data as set forth herein is correct. I understand that registration fees for the Selma Railroad Days Pageant are nonrefundable, and I agree to abide by all the rules of the pageant. I further agree that the decisions of the judges are final. I understand that the pageant and members of the committee are not responsible for the loss or theft of items brought to the pageant or left behind after the pageant. Further, I release and agree to not hold the Town of Selma and its agents responsible for any claim arising out of injury resulting from the pageant and any activities associated with the pageant.

Photography Waiver: I grant the Town permission to use, for any legitimate reason, any photographs, motion picture, or recording of my participation in this activity.

Non-Discrimination Policy: The Town of Selma prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities based on race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, and marital or family status. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact the Town of Selma at (919)965-9841.

Contestant's Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Additional Information

- Program Book/Social Media Photo due: **September 1** (Photo must be in color, high resolution, headshot only). The Town of Selma has partnered with a photographer offering a discount for headshot and pageant photos. Information will be sent with these contact details. The digital image can be emailed to pageant@selma-nc.com Subject Line: Railroad Days Pageant – Name of Contestant.
- Emcee form due: **September 15** (A form will be emailed to you by September 1)
- Tickets will be sold electronically and a link will be shared via email once sales open.
- Each contestant will be allowed 1 person backstage with them due to space. If additional space is confirmed prior to the event, you will be notified. This **DOES NOT** provide any helpers with a seat in the audience. If a seat is needed, it must be purchased. The dressing room space is **VERY** limited. Please arrive at the pageant with hair and makeup ready.
- Copy of birth certificate to verify age must be available if needed.
- Program Ad information will be shared via email, website and social media soon.