



2011

Miss Georgia USofA

Miss Georgia USofA Newcomer

Miss Georgia USofA At Large

Official Contestant Handbook

Proud home of three national winners:

Dominique Sanchez, Miss Gay USofA 2010

Stasha Sanchez, Miss Gay USofA 2009

Chelsea Pearl, Miss Gay USofA Classic 2006

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Date, Time and Venue

The 2011 Miss Gay Georgia USofA, Miss Gay Georgia USofA Newcomer and Miss Gay Georgia USofA At Large Pageants will be Thursday, March 10, at 7:30 p.m., at The Jungle in Atlanta, GA.

Contestants must arrive at The Jungle by noon (12 p.m.) on the day of the pageant for registration. Immediately following registration and rehearsal will be Personal Interview competition. Please bring your Personal Interview outfit with you to The Jungle at noon. There will be appropriate changing areas for contestants.

Doors at The Jungle will open to the public at 6:30 p.m.

All contestants **must** arrive to the pageant by 7 p.m. Administrative points may be deducted from your total score if you do not arrive on time.

The Jungle is located at:
2115 Faulkner Rd. NE
Atlanta, GA 30324

Tickets to the pageant are \$20 each (\$15 in advance).
Dancer tickets to the pageant are \$10 each.



Entry Fee

The entry fee for Miss Gay Georgia USofA is \$125.
The entry fee for Miss Gay Georgia USofA Newcomer is \$100.
The entry fee for Miss Gay Georgia USofA At Large is \$100.

If you register by March 1, you may deduct \$25 from your entry fee.
Contact Jeremy (jeremyburnette@gmail.com) or Celeste (celeste@georgiausofa.com) for more information or to register early.

All other entry fees must be paid at registration.

Prize Packages

Minimum prizes are as follows:

2011 Miss Gay Georgia USofA

Winner: \$800 cash* (\$400 at crowning + \$400 at national pageant)
Entry fee to national pageant
Contestant room at national pageant
Crown

1st Runner-Up: \$400 cash* (\$200 at crowning + \$200 at national pageant)
Contestant room at national pageant
Entry fee to national pageant

2011 Miss Gay Georgia USofA Newcomer

Winner: \$500 cash* (\$250 at crowning + \$250 at national pageant)
Entry fee to national pageant
Contestant room at national pageant
Crown

1st Runner-Up: \$250 cash* (\$125 at crowning + \$125 at national pageant)
Contestant room at national pageant
Entry fee to national pageant

2011 Miss Gay Georgia USofA At Large

Winner: \$500 cash* (\$250 at crowning + \$250 at national pageant)
Entry fee to national pageant
Contestant room at national pageant
Crown

1st Runner-Up: \$250 cash* (\$125 at crowning + \$125 at national pageant)
Contestant room at national pageant
Entry fee to national pageant

*Winners and 1st Runners-Up to Miss Georgia USofA, Miss Georgia USofA Newcomer and Miss Georgia USofA At Large **MUST** sign a contract the night of the pageant with Georgia USofA Pageants or they will not receive any of the prizes and will forfeit their placements.

Accommodations

There is no host hotel. However, accommodations are available at nearby hotels. We recommend:

La Quinta Inn

(0.9 miles from The Jungle)

2535 Chantilly Dr NE

Atlanta, GA 30324

(800) 531-5900

Current rates are \$60 to \$70 a night

La Quinta Inn is approximately 16 miles from Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport. It is conveniently located to major highways and shopping at Lenox Square.

Important Nearby Shopping

CVS Pharmacy

(about 0.3 miles from La Quinta)

2350 Cheshire Bridge Rd.

Atlanta, GA 30324

Front Store Phone: (404) 486-7289

Pharmacy Phone: (404) 486-7289

Front Store Hours: Open 24 hours

Pharmacy Hours: Open 24 Hours

Wal-Mart Supercenter

(about 4.8 miles from La Quinta)

1801 Howell Mill Road NW

Atlanta, GA 30318

(404) 352-5252

Open 24 hours

Target

(about 1.3 miles from La Quinta)

2539 Piedmont Rd NE

Atlanta, GA 30324

(404) 720-1081

M-Fr: 8:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

Rules and Regulations

Please read the following rules and regulations carefully. Georgia USofA Pageants will strictly follow these rules. Therefore, it is important that you read the rules and regulations thoroughly. There will be no exceptions.

1. Contestants for Miss Georgia USofA, Miss Georgia USofA Newcomer and Miss Georgia USofA At Large must be males.
2. Contestants for Miss Georgia USofA At Large must weigh 200 lbs. or more. Contestants will be weighed at registration.
3. Contestants for Miss Georgia USofA Newcomer may not have won a state or regional title or been a National Finalist in any USofA Pageants National System or any of the major franchised national pageant. Major National Pageants are Miss Gay America, All American Goddess, Miss Continental, Miss Continental Plus, Miss Continental Elite, National Entertainer of the Year, MBU Pageant and Miss Black America and Miss Black America Plus.
4. Contestants must be 21 years old by the National Pageant to enter Miss Gay Georgia USofA, Miss Gay Georgia USofA Newcomer or Miss Gay Georgia USofA At Large. Contestants will need to provide valid, unexpired identification at registration.
5. Judging will be on a total point accumulated system. Score sheets will be provided by USofA Pageants. Ties will be broken by the contestant with the higher score in the Talent category.
6. Contestants will be judged in the following categories: Personal Interview, Talent, and Evening Gown.
7. Talent will be limited to seven (7) minutes. Prop setup and teardown will be limited to five (5) minutes total. Talents over seven (7) minutes will have administrative points deducted. Deductions will be five points per minute or partial minute for all minutes over the seven minutes allowed.

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8. Any type of talent presentation is acceptable except those that may cause injury to the audience or any other person. No glitter, fire or water may be used in any Talent presentation.
9. The use or dispensing of illegal drugs or marijuana will not be tolerated while a contestant is participating in a Georgia USofA or USofA Pageant event. Immediate disqualification will result for those who break this rule.
10. Once interview begins, any contestant that is not at the appointed place at the appointed time will lose administrative points. Deductions will be five points per violation. If a contestant arrives to compete in the pageant after the Interview Competition has begun, five (5) administrative points will be deducted for every thirty minutes of tardiness (5 points for 1 to 30 minutes late, 10 points for 31 to 60 minutes late, and so on).
11. Any contestant, contestant's dancer(s), helper(s), etc. who is caught in the act of stealing or tampering with another person's property will be disqualified and removed from The Jungle.
12. USofA Pageants does not discriminate against entertainers with silicone and/or hormones. The use of silicone and/or hormones *will not be considered* by any judge scoring the contestants.
13. Once a contestant has placed 1st Runner-Up in a USofA Preliminary Pageant they may not continue to compete in that system. They must go to the national pageant with that placement.
14. USofA Pageants and Georgia USofA Pageants reserve the right to make any decision concerning any matter not covered by these Rules and Regulations.

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15. Any contestant that qualifies for Nationals at Miss Georgia USofA, Miss Georgia USofA Newcomer or Miss Georgia USofA At Large and fails to attend will be barred from competing in, entertaining, judging or attending any USofA Pageants event until they have paid back their promoter all prize monies and paid a \$125 fine to the National Promoter.

16. Winners and 1st Runners-Up to Miss Georgia USofA, Miss Georgia USofA Newcomer and Miss Georgia USofA At Large **MUST** sign a contract the night of the pageant with Georgia USofA Pageants or they will not receive any of the prizes and will forfeit their placements.

Categories

Personal Interview

The purpose of the Personal Interview in the USofA System is to allow the Judges some insight into the character of each contestant. During the interview the Judges are also afforded the opportunity to evaluate each contestant's basic qualities, such as intelligence, ability to communicate, attitude and composure, etc. The judges may also gather information about a contestant's professional or personal life.

The basic nature of the Personal Interview is intended to be casual and relaxed. The suggested attire for the Personal Interview is business or business casual. However, each contestant should select clothing in which she or he feels at ease, whether it is male or female attire.

Presentation

There will be no presentation of contestants at the 2010 Miss Gay Georgia USofA, Newcomer, and At Large Pageants. This allows the contestants to focus their time and resources on the judged categories.

Evening Gown

Evening Gown competition is the first time the judges and audience will see each contestant on stage. Evening Gown competition begins with each contestant modeling her gown for the judges. This is a free modeling period and the contestant can use all of the stage area. During the contestant's modeling, the emcee will read the gown's designer, accessory designer, makeup artist, hair stylist, and sponsors.

One of the hallmarks of the USofA system is comparative modeling in Evening Gown competition. All of the contestants will be brought back onto the stage in one line. This gives the judges the opportunity to comparatively score the contestants.

USofA Pageantry revised the Evening Gown category description beginning this year. In fact, the national pageant owner and directors adopted the evening gown description written by Jeremy, Miss Georgia USofA Pageants co-owner. Please read, review, and follow this

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description thoughtfully:

Evening gowns may be of any color or style. They must, however, be full length. The gown must fit well, the contestant must model it elegantly, and all of the elements (hair, make-up, accessories, shoes, and gown) must come together for an overall look that makes the contestant look her very best. The Miss Gay USofA Evening Gown competition has traditionally rewarded contestants who bring a unique combination of evening gown, hair, make-up, accessories, modeling, and poise to the stage. **That has not changed.** The USofA System has often rewarded gowns that include lots of rhinestones, beading, etc., as well as hair and accessories that may be described as "*high drag*." These are still appropriate for Evening Gown Competition in the Miss Gay USofA, At Large and Newcomer Pageants.

While couture gowns are also appropriate for the USofA Evening Gown category, this is **not** creative evening wear competition, and gowns that are costumes should be avoided. We also discourage gowns that are so heavily embellished that the contestant cannot model them elegantly. Also, judges are asked to educate themselves about current fashion, and contestants should be aware that a gown, though beautiful, may be outdated and therefore not score as well as it might otherwise. Further, a gown with few or even no embellishments (stones, etc.) can score just as well as a fully embellished gown if the overall look (make-up, hair, accessories, shoes, poise, fit, modeling) make the contestant look her very best.

Talent

The third and final category of competition is Talent. Talent may be any type of entertainment presentation as long as it does not create the danger of injury to either the contestant or anyone else. Talent Presentations are limited to seven (7) minutes in length. Prop set-up and knockdown time is limited to five (5) minutes. There is no restriction on the number of persons who may be involved in the talent presentation. No fire, water, or loose glitter is allowed by any contestant in this category of competition. Talent music must be on a high-quality CD.

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OFFICIAL APPLICATION

Stage Name _____

Legal Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ Age _____ DOB _____

e-mail _____

Sponsors _____

Talent: Lip Sync Live Other

Props: Yes No

Dancers: Yes No If yes, how many? _____

By my signature below, I hereby agree to release and hold harmless Georgia USofA Pageants, USA Pageantry and the Official Miss Gay USofA pageant, hereafter referred to as the "Pageant", their agents, servants, and employees, from any liabilities and/or responsibilities whatsoever from associated with, or arising out of my participation in the Pageant and or the Title of Miss Gay USofA, including, but not limited to, personal injury or damage to personal property regardless of whether the loss occurred before, during, or after the Pageant or any related act.

I also hereby release myself from rights to any video taping (sound and/or video) photography, still camera, or motion picture of the Pageant. I understand that I have no rights to any of the recordings that I appear in/on or the future sales thereof. I hereby agree that my name and any photographs taken of me during the Pageant may be used for publication for promotional purposes or in any advertising publicity. By my agreement below, I affirm and attest that I have read the Rules and Regulations of the Pageant and hereby agree to abide by the same.

Legal Signature

Date

Contact Information

Please do not hesitate to contact Jeremy or Celeste if you need any additional information or have any questions.

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jeremyburnette@gmail.com
(All three pageants)

Celeste
404-277-8580
celeste@georgiausofa.com
(Miss Georgia USofA only)

Thank you for considering Georgia USofA Pageants as your preliminary competition. We are proud to be one of the most awarded preliminary pageants in USofA history.

Here are just a few of the awards we've won:

- USofA (Celeste and Jeremy)
 - 2006 Jesse Garza Promoter of the Year Award
 - 2007 Raphael Valesco Award for Distinguished Service
 - 2008 Best Promoter
 - 2009 Best State Preliminary
 - 2010 Best State Promoter
- USofA Classic (Celeste and Jeremy)
 - 2006 Promoter of the Year
 - 2007 Promoter of the Year
 - 2009 Distinguished Service
- USofA At Large (Jeremy)
 - 2010 Distinguished Service Award
- USofA Newcomer (Jeremy)
 - 2010 Businessman of the Year

Georgia USofA Pageants is dedicated to honest, fair and professional pageants and take pride in producing quality pageants where every contestant feels she was treated with respect and every audience member feels valued and entertained.

Thank you.