



2023/2024 CANDIDATE APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT

TYPE IN GREY FIELDS – THE FIELDS WILL EXPAND AUTOMATICALLY

Please note, this information is not all inclusive, and on review and if accepted by the Pageant Director, additional information may be required.



CANDIDACY (Check One)

<input type="checkbox"/> Ms. Senior United States Year	<input type="checkbox"/> Ms. Senior/Super Senior USA (60-74) Year (75+) Year	<input type="checkbox"/> Ms. Senior/Super Senior Universe (60-74) Year (75+) Year Grande Dame (90+) Year	State/Region/Country National Title Holder
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QUEEN CANDIDATE

Participant Complete Name (First, Middle, Last)	Date of Birth	Special Accommodations/Dietary Restrictions:	
Physical Address	City	State	Zip
Mailing Address (If different from above)	City	State	Zip
Contact Person and Email	Phone #	Fax #	

QUEEN'S COMPANION

Participant Complete Name (First, Middle, Last)	Date of Birth	Special Accommodations/ Dietary Restrictions:	
Physical Address	City	State	Zip
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PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE

In the space provided below, please provide a brief Philosophy of Life. This should be 35 seconds or less. This is different than the three (3) ten (10) second introductions to be read by you or the Master of Ceremonies (which you will submit on a separate page). Start here:

DEPOSIT AND CHOICE OF PAYMENT

Pageant Credit – Describe:			
Credit-Debit Card No.	Exp	CVV	Billing Zip Code
Check/Cashier's Check/Money Order		Application is Receipt Amount \$	
<u>Payment - Business Check by Phone</u>			
Name as It Appears on Check:			
Address as It Appears on Check:			
Amount \$	Routing Number	Acct #	Check #

SIGNATURES

Candidate Signature	Date
Event Signature/Title	Date

GENERAL INFORMATION, QUALIFICATIONS, TERMS OF AGREEMENT AND FEES

This document is a binding agreement between the Candidate and the Senior Pageants Group (the "Pageant").

1. The Ms. Senior USA and United States Pageants are normally held mid-year, but schedules are dependent on several factors. The Ms. Senior Universe Pageant is normally held at the end of the year, and as late as March the following year of the Ms. Senior USA Pageant. All dates and locations are subject to change.
2. The Candidate for Queen must be a natural born woman who has or will reach the age of 60 years (50 in the case of Ms. Senior United States) not less than sixty (60) days before or after the date set for the Ms. Senior USA/Universe Pageants. In connection with a state or country affiliation, the Candidate must have been born in the state/country, live or work in the state/country, or otherwise show a significant bond to the state or country as determined by the Pageant Director. The Ms. Senior USA and United States Pageants will not exclude from the Application an active title holder from another pageant family, providing that the Candidate properly informs the other pageant family. The Ms. Senior Universe Pageant accepts women who has or will reach the age of 60 years not less than sixty (60) days before or after the date set for the Pageant, and (1) is a national title holder, or (2) who represents a country of origin or heritage as determined by the Olympic standards. Candidates for the titles will be judged on personal interview, poise and formal wear, stage talent or personal accomplishment (not less than 2 or more than 3 minutes) and will be asked to give a 35-second statement of life philosophy. All age questions and rules determinations are at the sole discretion of the Pageant. Candidates who wish to participate in both Ms. Senior USA (state) and Ms. Senior Universe are required to apply and submit a fee for each pageant.
3. Candidates must provide with the Application a Photo ID showing date of birth, an 8x10 photo (head shot – preferably without crown or sash), picture of costume, complete resume, one to two paragraph personal biography, music (or CD, video, etc.) for stage talent along with a detailed description of the talent, basic video showing the talent/personal accomplishment presentation, initialed Code of Conduct, and a separate page which states the Candidate's personal philosophy and platform and how that philosophy applies to the goals and Mission Statement of the Pageant. Music/video submitted must be not less than 2 or more than 3 minutes and include one alternative selection clearly marked as to first and second choices. If the same music/video is submitted by more than one Candidate, the first Candidate submitting will use that selection, and the remaining Candidates must choose the alternative. Stage Talent/Accomplishment is a solo act – props may be used, but there will be no other person on stage, no use of prompts or aids, signing may be to music as a screen shows the words to the audience. The opening will be state or regional/national costume. Candidates will submit three 10-second introductions to be used in the opening, formal wear, and talent competitions; and (3) backup voices on pre-recorded music will not be allowed without permission by the Pageant Director. Any copyrighted item or musical selection must have permission for use. Candidate submissions may be online or by email. Special needs in connection with the Stage Talent/Accomplishment should be noted in writing with the Application. All Candidates must have an email address. Use of special titles (for example, Dr., Amb, Rev, H.E., etc.) are subject to verification. There are no exchanges. There is no affiliation with the much younger Miss USA/Universe Pageants.
4. Preliminary scoring, out of 100: interview (50%), talent/personal accomplishment (30%), poise, formal wear, personal philosophy (20%). The main national titles are Ms. Senior United States (50-59), Ms. Senior USA (60-74), Ms. Super Senior USA (75+), and Ms. Senior Sweetheart (60+). The main international titles are Ms. Senior Universe (60-74), Ms. Super Senior Universe (75+), and Ms. Grande Dame Universe (90+), and Ms. Senior United Nations Ambassador. The Pageant may confer other discretionary titles. Judges may be embedded. A Secret Evaluator may be used for outside Pageant activities/behavior. Updates are posted, noticed, and retroactive.
5. The Candidate Applicant grants to the Pageant an unlimited and non-expiring license for the use of name, image, likeness and biographical material of the Candidate, and the Pageant grants to the Candidate an extremely limited license, on written request, to use any of the artwork on the Pageant main event (the "Event") site for the purpose of promoting the Event and linking to the Event site, subject to prior written approval by the Pageant. The Pageant believes in free enterprise, but at times unintentional conflicts of interest between pageant groups and branding may occur. In such instances, the Pageant may decide in its sole discretion that a conflict has occurred, and after reasonable due diligence, reserves the right to act accordingly, including oral admonishment, a written cautionary communication, cease and desist, or other rights and remedies as necessary to protect the brand(s) of the Pageant.
6. The Candidate indemnifies and holds harmless the Pageant, Senior Pageants Group and Ms. Senior USA, Ms. Senior United States and Ms. Senior Universe Pageants from claims which may arise because of this Application and Agreement. If a dispute arises, the parties acknowledge that they will use their best good faith efforts to negotiate and resolve subsequent issues that may arise from the Application resulting from unforeseen occurrences and that may alter the conditions of this Application. Decisions by Pageant are final.
7. This Candidate Application and Agreement is effective as of the date submitted, and except as provided, remains effective until terminated by the Pageant. This Application automatically incorporates any future changes. Except for the Early Bird fee, a deposit of one-half of the fee is due on submission of the Application. The balance and any changes to documents are due 60 days in advance of the date set for the event which is the subject of the application. Acceptance is not announced until the entire fee has been paid. This Agreement is construed under the laws of the State of Florida, USA. The Pageant may terminate this Agreement at any time with or without cause, in its sole discretion, by notifying the Candidate in writing or by email. If terminated, the conditions stated in Paragraphs 5 and 6 remain in effect, and all other conditions remain in effect until all responsibilities through the date of termination have been fulfilled. A Candidate will have seven (7) days from submission of this Application to cancel and request a refund.
8. Checklist and Fees: \$1,500 - Candidate is responsible for travel and room. (*May be subject to assistance on request).
\$1,150 - Early Bird. \$950 - Returning Contestant. Discounts are discretionary and end 60 days in advance of the pageant event designated. Waiver of the fee to advance for an ascending runner-up is discretionary.

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Completed Application and Agreement (including payment information, and initials at bottom of page 2).

Scanned Identification/Proof of Age.

Head Shot – 8"x10" or Electronic not less than 300 dpi and Picture of State/National Costume.

Pages containing Philosophy of Life/Resume/Life Biography/Three 10-second Introductions.

Page Describing Talent/Stage Presentation – Staging, Lighting, Tempo, Costume (Type/Color), Special Requirements.

Video presentation of Talent/Expression - does not have to be a final video but enough to understand what is being presented.