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Important Info & References

- Several **NEW** links available NOW on NAMNationals.com
- NEW version of the National Guidebook published (*version 9.0*)
- Check your Contestant Statement on The Pageant Portal
- Refer to the “Deadline Checklist” – Set reminders in your phone

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Tonight's Roadmap

- What The iam Convention is and why every optional contestant is part of the experience
- Why compete in any optional contest?
- Explore each different category of National Optional Contest in detail
- Review every form and submission deadline you do not want to miss
- How Top 15 & Top 5 announcements and the Red Carpet Awards Ceremony work
- How “House Awards” are determined and when Top 5 contestants re-compete
- What is Fan Favorite?
- Bonus Opportunities at NAM Nationals for our NAMily
- Deadline Review
- Sponsor Spotlight
- Crown Talk w/ The Royal Families



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Why Compete in ANY Optional Contests?

Beyond the required competitions, NAM offers an exciting lineup of **OPTIONAL Contests!** Whether you love singing, modeling, dancing, acting, or public speaking, these optional contests provide a wonderful extra platform to shine.

- **Build Confidence & Skills:** Gain extra stage-time to polish your talent, boost your self-esteem, get rid of those pre-pageant jitters, and showcase what makes you unique.
- **Earn Extra Recognition & Awards:** Open the door to additional awards, titles, talent scouting, and prize opportunities beyond the required pageant competitions.
- **Explore Your Passions:** It's the perfect, low-pressure environment to test out new creative interests and celebrate your love for the performing arts.



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Why Compete in ANY Optional Contests?

You want to make the most of your time at nationals. Competing in optionals allows you more opportunities. You can win prizes and awards and be honored on stage.

- Some optional contest are **FREE**, so why not enter?
- You could be featured in the Red Carpet Award Ceremony which is streamed LIVE online
- Chance to be scouted by Top Industry Professionals through The iam Convention
- Opportunity to be showcased on our Official NAM Social Media Channels
- Practice on stage before your required areas of competition in front of a LIVE audience and judges
- Add these new skills, experiences, and awards to your resume



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What is The Red Carpet Awards Ceremony?

a.k.a. The NAMMIES

- It is basically a final show for almost all of the optional contests given out during NAM Nationals
- Your chance to take home some of the most exclusive national titles in pageantry
- In true Hollywood fashion, there will be photo opportunities and paparazzi as you take pictures with your family and friends on our custom backdrops
- You do not need a ticket to this event ~ Each age division will have their own awards ceremony
- Each show will begin with a bang as we hear from our National Red Carpet Media Correspondent Winner
- The Top 5 in Actress, Casual Wear, Fun Fitness, Runway, Spokesmodel, and Talent will re-compete
- Then we begin announcing the runners-up and winners for our various optional contests
- We will be giving out all of the optional awards, titles, crowns + banners, and cash awards
- Attire: cocktail dress of choice (some contestants will wear their ASHLEYlauren Opening Number dress)



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DO YOU KNOW?

WHEN DO YOU
RECEIVE AWARDS?

411 ON WHEN & WHERE

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Official AWARDS INFO

WE HAVE THE OFFICIAL 411 ON WHERE YOU WILL RECEIVE YOUR AWARDS!

PAGEANT CHECK-IN

- Portfolio Award
- Spirit of Pageantry Award

KICKOFF PEP RALLY

- Brand Ambassador Award
- 5/10/15/20 Year Pins
- Spotlight Titles Awarded

INTERVIEW COMPETITION

- Souvenir Medallion

RED CARPET AWARDS CEREMONY

- All Optional Contests Awards not mentioned elsewhere on this page

DOLL BALL

- Ashley Rene's Icon Search Awards

THANKSGIVING BANQUET

- Music Artist of the Year Awards
- Rising Star Awards

FINALES

- Top 12 Overall Finalists Award
- Miss Spirit Award
- Miss Personality Award
- Fan Favorite Award
- Top 5 Overall Finalist Award

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What is The iam Convention?

9th Annual International Acting & Modeling Convention

- FREE opportunity held during NAM Nationals week in Orlando
- International acting, modeling and talent scouts (plus agents) are looking to discover emerging talent
- **Open to ALL delegates** who qualify for National American Miss and National All-American Miss
- You must enter select optional contests to have the opportunity to be scouted and receive a callback
- Optional contestant participants could receive one (or more) Official Callbacks from industry scouts and agents which will be held on-site during NAM Nationals – check your tentative schedules now
- **FREE Agent Workshops** provide information about pursuing acting, modeling and talent opportunities at the next level

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 **FREE OPTIONAL CONTESTS**
Automatic Entry

**Miss Personality • Miss Spirit
Portfolio Award • Spirit of Pageantry Award**

No Submission Necessary • Available to ALL Age Divisions • Custom Awards



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FREE
Optional Contests

Best Resume • Heart of Service • The iam Brand Ambassador Award

Golden Achievement in Service Award

Patti Schneider Academic Achievement Award

Camille Schrier STEM Award • Serene Singh Woman of Impact Award



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OPTIONAL *Contests*

**Aspiring Author • Screentest • Red Carpet Media Correspondent
Music Artist of the Year • Rising Star • Fresh Face
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MAJOR *Optional Contests*

**Top Model Search • Photogenic • Dream Model • Spotlight Contest
American Miss • International American Miss • America's Junior Miss**

- Do NOT re-compete at the Red Carpet Awards Ceremony
- Overall winners receive a national title + crown + satin banner + custom award
- Various prize packages

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PREMIUM *Optional Contests*

**Actress • Casual Wear Modeling • Fun Fitness
Runway Model Search • Spokesmodel • Talent**

- **Top 15** posted on NAM's Official Social Media
- **Top 5** re-compete at the Red Carpet Awards Ceremony
- Grand Prize **OVERALL WINNER** receives national crown + satin banner + custom award + \$800 cash
- **NAM Winner and 4 runners-up** receive a custom award
- **All-American Winner and 4 runners-up** receive a custom award

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Miss Personality Award

AT A GLANCE

- No cost to enter
- Open to ALL age divisions
- No sign-up required
- Automatic Eligibility

AWARDS & RESULTS

- Results at your pageant finale
- Winner & 1st runner-up announced
- Receives custom award

INFO TO KNOW

- Each contestant gets to vote for one person from her age group during a designated rehearsal
- She will vote for the friendliest, most helpful and fun-to-be-around delegate


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Automatic Entry

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Miss Spirit Award

AT A GLANCE

- No cost to enter
- Open to ALL age divisions
- No sign-up required
- Automatic Eligibility

AWARDS & RESULTS

- Results at your pageant finale
- Winner & 1st runner-up announced
- Receives custom award

INFO TO KNOW

- Selected by the NAM pageant staff/choreographers
- They will be selecting the delegate that they saw as showcased an uplifting spirit throughout pageant week.


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Automatic Entry

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Portfolio Award

AT A GLANCE

- **Cost:** FREE
- **Requirement:** 4 photogenic entries
- **Eligibility:** All age divisions
- **Deadline:** November 11th

AWARDS & RESULTS

- Awarded at your pageant check-in
- Receives custom award

INFO TO KNOW

- No additional sign-up required
- Guaranteed award if you enter 4 entries for the Photogenic Optional Contest



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Spirit of Pageantry Award

AT A GLANCE

- **Cost:** FREE
- **Requirement:** Earn 5+ Credits
- **Eligibility:** All age divisions
- **Deadline:** Pageant Check-In

AWARDS & RESULTS

- Awarded at your pageant check-in
- Receives custom award

INFO TO KNOW

- No additional sign-up required
- Guaranteed award by earning 5+ credits
- Credits are earned by entering:
 - **Talent**
 - **Photogenic**
 - **Spokesmodel**
 - **Actress**
 - **Fresh Face**
 - **Screentest**
 - **Dream Model**
 - **Fun Fitness**
 - **Red Carpet Media Correspondent**
 - **Top Model Search**
 - **Runway Model Search**
 - **Casual Wear Modeling**
 - **Music Artist of the Year**
 - **Rising Star**
 - **Aspiring Author Award**
 - **America's Junior Miss**
 - **Spotlight Contest Pages**

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The iam Brand Ambassador Award

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- **Eligibility:** All age divisions
- **Deadline:** November 11th
- **Sign-Up:** Via "Edit Order" in The Pageant Portal at www.pageantportal.com
- **Submission:** Entry will be due when you sign-up via The Pageant Portal at www.pageantportal.com

AWARDS & RESULTS

- **Winner:** \$100 Cash + Custom Award + will be published in the next issue of The iam Dream Magazine

INFO TO KNOW

- Award given out at the Kick-Off Pep Rally
- Pre-pageant submission
- One overall winner per age division


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Camille Schrier ~ The iam STEM Award

AT A GLANCE

- **Cost:** FREE
- **Eligibility:** All age divisions
- **Deadline:** October 15th
- **Sign-Up:** Via "Edit Order" in The Pageant Portal at www.pageantportal.com
- **Submission:** Entry will be due when you sign-up via The Pageant Portal at www.pageantportal.com

AWARDS & RESULTS

- **Winner:** Custom Award + autographed Her Royal Scientist™ Kit signed by Camille + will be published in the next issue of The iam Dream Magazine
- **Top 5:** Custom Awards
- Awards given out at The Red Carpet Awards Ceremony

INFO TO KNOW

- **Sponsor by** Camille Schrier, who was Miss America 2020 + NAM Pennsylvania Teen 2012
- Pre-pageant submission



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Serene Singh ~ Woman of Impact Award

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- **Cost:** FREE
- **Eligibility:** Miss & Elite ONLY (who are out of school)
- **Deadline:** November 11th
- **Sign-Up & Submit Entry:**
Via the "Forms + Submissions" menu tab on NAMnationals.com

SUBMIT YOUR
WOMAN OF IMPACT
ENTRY NOW!

AWARDS & RESULTS

- **Winner:** Custom Award + will be published in the next issue of The iam Dream Magazine
- **Top 5:** Custom Awards
- Awards given out at The Red Carpet Awards Ceremony

INFO TO KNOW

- **Sponsored by** Serene Singh, 2020-2021 National All-American Miss
- Miss & Elite delegates who are out of school
- Pre-Pageant Submission



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Golden Achievement in Service Award

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- **Cost:** FREE
- **Eligibility:** All age divisions
- **Deadline:** November 11th
- **Sign-Up:** Submit entry with your Community Service Project ~ Same Form

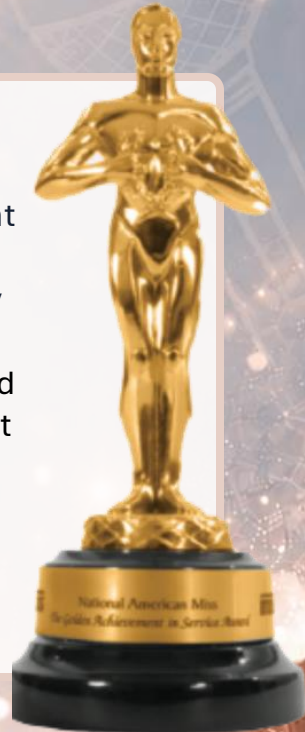
SUBMIT YOUR
GOLDEN ACHIEVEMENT IN SERVICE
ENTRY NOW!

AWARDS & RESULTS

- **Winner:** Custom Award + will be published in the next issue of The iam Dream Magazine

INFO TO KNOW

- Award for Golden Achievement in Service given out at The Red Carpet Awards Ceremony
- This prestigious award is based on one featured service project you have performed (without compensation) to help others or to improve your community.



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Heart of Service Award

AT A GLANCE

- **Cost:** FREE
- **Eligibility:** All age divisions
- **Deadline:** at Pageant Check-In
- **Sign-Up:** at Pageant Check-In
- **Submission:** Check-In Form turned in at your pageant check-in

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AWARDS & RESULTS

- **Winner & Top 5:** Custom Awards
- Awards given out at The Red Carpet Awards Ceremony

INFO TO KNOW

- Awarded based on total volunteer hours
- Include all volunteer work done in your school, church, and community for the past three years.
- Supporting copies such as recommendations or certificates may help show your service impact
- Only submit copies – items will not be returned


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Patti Schneider ~ Academic Achievement Award

AT A GLANCE

- **Cost:** FREE
- **Eligibility:** JT-TN-MS-EL Only
- **Deadline:** at Pageant Check-In
- **Sign-Up:** at Pageant Check-In
- **Submission:** Check-In Form turned in at your pageant check-in

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AWARDS & RESULTS

- **Winner:** \$1,000 tuition scholarship to the college of their choice + custom award
- **Top 5:** Custom Awards
- Awards given out at The Red Carpet Awards Ceremony

INFO TO KNOW

- This award reflects the spirit of academic importance exemplified by our late State Director, Patti Schneider.
- Patti, alongside her husband, Lew, were involved in the pageant industry since 1983 and directed programs in ten states that offered young ladies opportunities to learn and grow self-confidence.


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Best Resume Award

AT A GLANCE

- **Cost:** FREE
- **Eligibility:** All age divisions
- **Deadline:** at Pageant Check-In
- **Sign-Up:** at Pageant Check-In
- **Submission:** Check-In Form turned in at your pageant check-in

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AWARDS & RESULTS

- **Winner & Top 5:** Custom Awards
- Awards given out at The Red Carpet Awards Ceremony

INFO TO KNOW

- No additional submission required
- Every contestant turns in the required resume at check-in
- The Best Resume award evaluates neatness, organization, guidelines, activities and achievements.


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Aspiring Author

AT A GLANCE

- **Cost:** \$100 per entry (up to 2)
- **Eligibility:** All age divisions
- **Deadline:** October 15th
- **Sign-Up:** Via "Edit Order" in The Pageant Portal at www.pageantportal.com
- **Submission:** *Payment & Entry* will be due when you sign-up via The Pageant Portal at www.pageantportal.com

AWARDS & RESULTS

- **Winner:** Custom Award and will be published in the next issue of The iam Dream Magazine
- **Top 5:** Custom Awards
- **Spirit of Pageantry Credit:** Yes

INFO TO KNOW

- Awards given out at The Red Carpet Awards Ceremony
- Pre-pageant submission
- Submit an essay up to 250 words



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Ashley Rene's Icon Search

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- **Cost:** \$100 per entry (limit 1)
- **Eligibility:** All age divisions
- **Deadline:** November 11th
- **Sign-Up:** Via "Edit Order" in The Pageant Portal at www.pageantportal.com
- **Submission:** *Payment & Entry* will be due when you sign-up via The Pageant Portal at www.pageantportal.com

AWARDS & RESULTS

- **Overall Winner:** Custom Award + Ashley Rene's Icon Search Prize Package worth over **\$3,000**
- Jr. Div. Winner will be selected from the Princess, Jr. Pre-Teen, and Pre-Teen delegates & Sr. Div. Winner will be selected from the Jr. Teen, Teen, Miss, and Elite delegates.



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INFO TO KNOW

- Winners will be announced at The Doll Ball
- Brand-focused modeling/content-creator search
- See page 53 of the NGB for the FULL Ashley Rene's Icon Search Prize Package
- Sponsored by **Ashley Rene's**

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Screenetest

AT A GLANCE

- **Cost:** \$125 per entry (up to 2)
- **Eligibility:** All age divisions
- **Deadline:** November 11th
- **Sign-Up:** Via "Edit Order" in The Pageant Portal at www.pageantportal.com
- **Submit Video:** Via "My Uploads" in The Pageant Portal at www.pageantportal.com

AWARDS & RESULTS

- **Winner:** \$125 Shopping Spree to the NAM Boutique & Custom Award
- **Top 5:** Custom Awards
- **Spirit of Pageantry Credit:** Yes

INFO TO KNOW

- Awards given out at The Red Carpet Awards Ceremony
- Pre-pageant virtual acting audition
- Record the provided scene at home with an off-camera reader and submit your best take



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Red Carpet Media Correspondent

AT A GLANCE

- **Cost:** \$125 per entry (limit 1)
- **Eligibility:** All age divisions
- **Deadline:** November 11th
- **Sign-Up & Payment:** Via "Edit Order" in The Pageant Portal at www.pageantportal.com
- **Submit Video:** Via "My Uploads" in The Pageant Portal at www.pageantportal.com

AWARDS & RESULTS

- **Winner:** \$125 Shopping Spree to the NAM Boutique & Custom Awards + Each age-division winner serves as a National Correspondent and performs LIVE during The NAMMIES pre-show
- **Top 5:** Custom Awards
- **Spirit of Pageantry Credit:** Yes

INFO TO KNOW

- Awards given out at The Red Carpet Awards Ceremony
- Pre-pageant video submission
- **Attire (audition):** Outfit of Choice
- **Attire (Pre-Show):** Cocktail Dress



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Fresh Face

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AT A GLANCE

- **Cost:** \$125 per entry (up to 2)
- **Eligibility:** All age divisions
- **Deadline:** Pageant Check-In
- **Sign-Up:** Via "Edit Order" in The Pageant Portal at www.pageantportal.com
- **Submission:** Check-In Form turned in at your pageant check-in

AWARDS & RESULTS

- **Winner:** Custom Award, pair of shoes from Diverse Style by Sydni Dion, PLUS a private callback with Official Agents and Scouts during The iam Convention during Nationals Week
- **Top 5:** Custom Awards
- **Spirit of Pageantry Credit:** Yes

INFO TO KNOW

- Awards given out at The Red Carpet Awards Ceremony
- Same runway pattern as Runway Model; scouts are looking for raw modeling potential.
- **Attire:** Simple black or white top + denim blue jeans
- Sponsored by **Diverse Style by Sydni Dion**

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Music Artist of the Year

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- **Cost:** \$175 per entry (up to 2)
- **Eligibility:**
Jr. Division: Jr. Pre-Teen, Pre-Teen, Jr. Teen
Sr. Division: Teen, Miss, Elite
- **Deadline:** Pageant Check-In
- **Sign-Up:** Via "Edit Order" in The Pageant Portal at www.pageantportal.com

AWARDS & RESULTS

- **Winner & Top 5:** Recognized at the Thanksgiving Banquet + Custom Award
- **Call Backs:** After all preliminary auditions, the music producer will initiate any callbacks needed to make his final selections.

INFO TO KNOW

- See page 47 of the NGB for the FULL Rising Star Prize Package
- Junior and Senior winners receive recording-session prize packages
- Live closed-door vocal audition with industry feedback
- Scheduling opens November 16th
- Sponsored by **Studio 1 Zero**

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Rising Star

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- **Cost:** \$175 per entry (up to 2)
- **Eligibility:** Princess ONLY
- **Deadline:** Pageant Check-In
- **Sign-Up:** Via "Edit Order" in The Pageant Portal at www.pageantportal.com

AWARDS & RESULTS

- **Winner:** Recognized at the Thanksgiving Banquet + Custom Award
- **Call Backs:** After all preliminary auditions, the music producer will initiate any callbacks needed to make his final selections.
- A callback does not mean you have placed in the Top 5.

INFO TO KNOW

- See page 47 of the NGB for the FULL Rising Star Prize Package
- The producer will ultimately select and notify the Rising Star
- Scheduling opens November 16th
- Sponsored by **Studio 1 Zero**

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Top Model Search

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- **Cost:** \$175 per entry (up to 2)
- **Eligibility:** All age divisions
- **Deadline:** Pageant Check-In
- **Sign-Up:** Via "Edit Order" in The Pageant Portal at www.pageantportal.com
- **Submission:** Check-In Form turned in at your pageant check-in

AWARDS & RESULTS

- **OVERALL Grand Prize Winner:** \$800 Cash, Crown & Banner, Custom Award
- **NAM/AA Top 5:** Custom Awards
- **Top 15 posted:** Yes
- **Spirit of Pageantry Credit:** Yes

INFO TO KNOW

- Awards given out at The Red Carpet Awards Ceremony
- Closed photo-shoot competition
- Judges score how you work with the photographer and the resulting photos
- Scheduling opens on November 16th
- Attire: Outfit of Choice



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Photogenic

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- **Cost:** \$175 per entry (up to 4)
- **Eligibility:** All age divisions
- **Deadline:** November 11th
- **Sign-Up:** Via "Edit Order" in The Pageant Portal at www.pageantportal.com
- **Submit Video:** Via "My Uploads" in The Pageant Portal at www.pageantportal.com

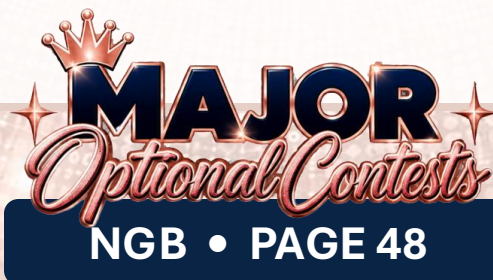
AWARDS & RESULTS

- **OVERALL Grand Prize Winner:** \$800 Cash, Crown & Banner, Custom Award
- **NAM/AA Top 5:** Custom Awards
- **Top 15 posted:** Yes
- **Spirit of Pageantry Credit:** Yes

INFO TO KNOW

- Awards given out at The Red Carpet Awards Ceremony
- Each photo is a separate entry
- 4 entries earn you the Portfolio Award
- Aim for "personality in a picture"
- Pre-pageant submission
- Sponsored by **Megan Gilbert Photography**

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Dream Model

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- **Cost:** \$125 entry fee
- **Eligibility:** All age divisions
- **Deadline:** Pageant Check-In
- **Sign-Up:** Via "Edit Order" in The Pageant Portal at www.pageantportal.com
- **Requirement:** Must also enter Photogenic + Casual Wear Modeling to qualify

AWARDS & RESULTS

- **Winner:** Crown, Banner, Custom Award, PLUS a featured in the next issue of The iam Dream Magazine with a 2-page spread
- **Top 5:** Custom Awards

INFO TO KNOW

- Awards given out at The Red Carpet Awards Ceremony
- Highest combined preliminary score of both Photogenic and Casual Wear Modeling determines the winner



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American Miss

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- **Cost:** \$50 entry fee
- **Eligibility:** All age divisions
- **Deadline:** Pageant Check-In
- **Sign-Up:** Via "Edit Order" in The Pageant Portal at www.pageantportal.com
- **Requirement:** Must also enter Red Carpet Media Correspondent + Actress + Top Model to qualify

AWARDS & RESULTS

- **Winner:** Crown, Banner, Custom Award, a featured in the next issue of The iam Dream Magazine with a 2-page spread, PLUS a Golden Ticket to NAM Nationals 2027 with a paid \$950 Sponsorship Fee PAID

INFO TO KNOW

- Awards given out at The Red Carpet Awards Ceremony
- Must also enter Red Carpet Media Correspondent, Actress, and Top Model
- Winner determined by highest combined preliminary score



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International American Miss

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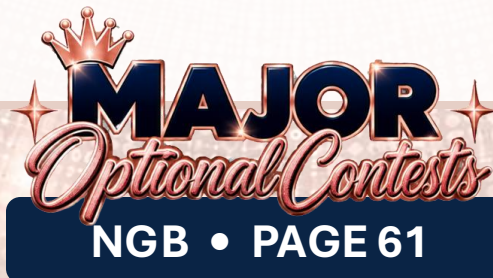
- **Cost:** \$50 entry fee
- **Eligibility:** All age divisions
- **Deadline:** Pageant Check-In
- **Sign-Up:** Via "Edit Order" in The Pageant Portal at www.pageantportal.com
- **Requirement:** Must also enter Runway Model Search + Fresh Face + Casual Wear Modeling to qualify

AWARDS & RESULTS

- **Winner:** Crown, Banner, Custom Award, a featured in the next issue of The iam Dream Magazine with a 2-page spread, PLUS \$495 sponsorship fee, and \$795 international package paid to IJM Internationals '26-'27

INFO TO KNOW

- Awards given out at The Red Carpet Awards Ceremony
- Must also enter Runway Model Search, Fresh Face and Casual Wear Modeling
- Winner determined by highest combined preliminary score



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America's Junior Miss



AT A GLANCE

- **Cost:** \$250 entry fee
- **Eligibility:** All age divisions
- **Deadline:** Pageant Check-In
- **Sign-Up:** Via "Edit Order" in The Pageant Portal at www.pageantportal.com
- **Requirement:** Must also enter Talent, Spokesmodel, and Casual Wear Modeling to qualify

AWARDS & RESULTS

- **Winner:** Crown, Banner, Custom Award, a featured in the next issue of The iam Dream Magazine, PLUS an INTERNATIONAL CRUISE
- Winner also Qualifier for IJM Internationals '26-'27 with free IJM Reg Fee (\$50), Sponsorship Fee (\$495), International Package (\$795)
- **Top 5:** Custom Award
- **Spirit of Pageantry credit:** Yes

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Optional Contests

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INFO TO KNOW

- Awards given out at The Red Carpet Awards Ceremony
- Must also enter Talent, Spokesmodel, and Casual Wear Modeling
- Winner determined by highest combined preliminary score
- A minimum of 5 entries per division is required to award the full cash award and paid cruise.



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Spotlight Contest

AT A GLANCE

- **Cost:** \$75 per 1/10th page ad
- **Eligibility:** All Age Divisions
- **Deadline:** October 15th
- **Sign-Up & Submission:**
Payment & Entry will be due when you sign-up via link on www.pageantportal.com

SUBMIT YOUR
SPOTLIGHT CONTEST
ENTRY NOW!

AWARDS & RESULTS

- **National Titles Awards:**
 - National Ambassador
 - National Cover Girl
 - National Cover Model
 - National Cover Miss
- **Spirit of Pageantry credit:** Yes
(1 credit for each full page of spotlight)

INFO TO KNOW

- Award given out at the Kick-Off Pep Rally
- Pre-pageant submission
- At least 1 National page is required for national titles.
- See pages 65 – 70 for complete prize package and all the details about the Spotlight Contest



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Actress

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AT A GLANCE

- **Cost:** \$175 per entry (up to 2)
- **Eligibility:** All age divisions
- **Deadline:** Pageant Check-In
- **Sign-Up:** Via "Edit Order" in The Pageant Portal at www.pageantportal.com
- **Submission:** Check-In Form turned in at your pageant check-in

AWARDS & RESULTS

- **OVERALL Grand Prize Winner:** \$800 Cash, Crown & Banner, Custom Award
- **NAM/AA Top 5:** Custom Awards
- **Re-compete at Red Carpets:** Yes
- **Top 15 posted:** Yes
- **Spirit of Pageantry Credit:** Yes

INFO TO KNOW

- Winners announced at The Red Carpet Awards Ceremony after recompeting
- Commercial-style acting audition where you slate, perform the official script, and receive two takes.
- **Attire:** 2026 State Pageant Production T-shirt + blue jeans.



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Casual Wear Modeling

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AT A GLANCE

- **Cost:** \$175 per entry (up to 2)
- **Eligibility:** All age divisions
- **Deadline:** Pageant Check-In
- **Sign-Up:** Via "Edit Order" in The Pageant Portal at www.pageantportal.com
- **Submission:** Check-In Form turned in at your pageant check-in

AWARDS & RESULTS

- **OVERALL Grand Prize Winner:** \$800 Cash, Crown & Banner, Custom Award
- **NAM/AA Top 5:** Custom Awards
- **Re-compete at Red Carpets:** Yes
- **Top 15 posted:** Yes
- **Spirit of Pageantry Credit:** Yes

INFO TO KNOW

- Winners announced at The Red Carpet Awards Ceremony after recompeting
- High-energy freestyle fashion modeling. Choose an age-appropriate, upbeat look that reflects your personality
- **Attire:** Outfit of Choice (not formal wear)



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Fun Fitness

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AT A GLANCE

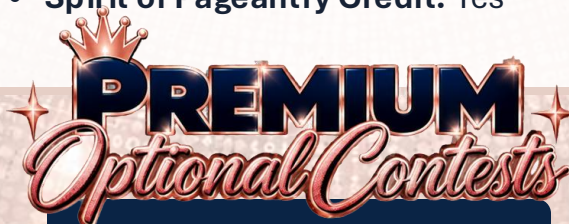
- **Cost:** \$175 per entry (up to 2)
- **Eligibility:** All age divisions
- **Deadline:** Pageant Check-In
- **Sign-Up:** Via "Edit Order" in The Pageant Portal at www.pageantportal.com
- **Submission:** Check-In Form turned in at your pageant check-in

AWARDS & RESULTS

- **OVERALL Grand Prize Winner:** \$800 Cash, Crown & Banner, Custom Award & a \$100 Reign Sport Gift Card
- **NAM/AA Top 5:** Custom Awards
- **Re-compete at Red Carpets:** Yes
- **Top 15 posted:** Yes
- **Spirit of Pageantry Credit:** Yes

INFO TO KNOW

- Model age-appropriate activewear on the official runway pattern. Scored on fitness, personality, stage presence, confidence and presentation.
- **Attire:** An age-appropriate activewear, sportswear, or workout type outfit.
- Sponsored by **Reign Sport**



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Runway Model Search

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AT A GLANCE

- **Cost:** \$175 per entry (up to 2)
- **Eligibility:** All age divisions
- **Deadline:** Pageant Check-In
- **Sign-Up:** Via "Edit Order" in The Pageant Portal at www.pageantportal.com
- **Submission:** Check-In Form turned in at your pageant check-in

AWARDS & RESULTS

- **OVERALL Grand Prize Winner:** \$800 Cash, Crown & Banner, Custom Award
- **NAM/AA Top 5:** Custom Awards
- **Re-compete at Red Carpets:** Yes
- **Top 15 posted:** Yes
- **Spirit of Pageantry Credit:** Yes

INFO TO KNOW

- Winners announced at The Red Carpet Awards Ceremony after recompeting
- Professional-style T-runway with a choreographed pattern. Choose a trendy, age-appropriate fashion-forward outfit; no props or swimsuits
- **Attire:** Outfit of Choice



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Spokesmodel

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AT A GLANCE

- **Cost:** \$175 per entry (up to 2)
- **Eligibility:** All age divisions
- **Deadline:** Pageant Check-In
- **Sign-Up:** Via "Edit Order" in The Pageant Portal at www.pageantportal.com
- **Submission:** Check-In Form turned in at your pageant check-in

AWARDS & RESULTS

- **OVERALL Grand Prize Winner:** \$800 Cash, Crown & Banner, Custom Award
- **NAM/AA Top 5:** Custom Awards
- **Re-compete at Red Carpets:** Yes
- **Top 15 posted:** Yes
- **Spirit of Pageantry Credit:** Yes

INFO TO KNOW

- Winners announce at The Red Carpet Awards Ceremony after recompeting
- Deliver a prepared speech at the podium
- **Maximum time:** 1½ minutes. Interview-outfit rules apply
- **Attire:** Follow the "Interview Outfit" rules provided for the Required Interview Competition



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Talent

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AT A GLANCE

- **Cost:** \$175 per entry (up to 2)
- **Eligibility:** All age divisions
- **Deadline (sign-up):** Pageant Check-In
- **Deadline (music upload):** November 11th
- **Sign-Up:** Via "Edit Order" in The Pageant Portal at www.pageantportal.com
- **Submit Music:** Via "My Uploads" in The Pageant Portal at www.pageantportal.com
- **Submit Form:** Check-In Form turned in at your pageant check-in

AWARDS & RESULTS

- **OVERALL Grand Prize Winner:** \$800 Cash, Crown & Banner, Custom Award
- **NAM/AA Top 5:** Custom Awards
- **Re-compete at Red Carpets:** Yes
- **Top 15 posted:** Yes
- **Spirit of Pageantry Credit:** Yes

INFO TO KNOW

- Winners announced at The Red Carpet Awards Ceremony after recompeting
- Live solo performance, maximum 2 minutes. Music must be uploaded in advance; bring a backup USB
- Talent Music Deadline – Nov. 11th
- **Attire:** Outfit of Choice



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Red Carpet Awards Ceremony ~ The NAMMIES

TOP 15 Posted Before The NAMMIES

- Photogenic ~ NEW for 2026
- Top Model ~ NEW for 2026
- Actress
- Casual Wear
- Fun Fitness
- Runway
- Spokesmodel
- Talent

TOP 5 Re-Compete LIVE on Stage

- Actress
- Casual Wear
- Fun Fitness
- Runway
- Spokesmodel
- Talent



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Understanding the “House Awards”

“House Awards” are presented for:

Actress • Casual Wear • Fun Fitness • Photogenic • Runway • Spokesmodel • Talent • Top Model

OVERALL Grand Price Winner ~ One winner across all delegates in the entire age division



National All-American Miss ~ House Awards
Winner & 1st thru 4th runners-up among City Queen

National American Miss ~ House Awards
Winner & 1st thru 4th runners-up among State Queens





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Preliminary Scores vs. Re-Ranking

FINAL RESULTS = PRELIMINARY SCORES

- Photogenic
- Top Model
- Do NOT re-compete at The Red Carpet Awards Ceremony

TOP 5 ARE RE-RANKED LIVE

- Actress, Casual Wear, Fun Fitness, Runway, Spokesmodel, Talent
- Final Top 5 placements are based on ranking after The Red Carpet performances
- Then, preliminary scores will determine the remaining placements



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Fan Favorite Award

AT A GLANCE

- **Cost:** \$1 per vote
- **Eligibility:** All age divisions
- **Deadlines:** at 11:59pm PST
 - **October 15th** – to have your sponsorship fee paid in full
 - **November 4th** – voting opens
 - **November 25th** – voting closes

AWARDS & RESULTS

- Winner receives a custom award & a guaranteed spot in the Top 12 of your Pageant Finale
- 10% of all proceeds (up to \$5,000) will be donated to Toys for Tots, helping bring holiday joy and a message of hope to America's less fortunate children.

INFO TO KNOW

- All voting will take place though www.NAMnationals.com
- Friends and family will have the chance to cast votes for their favorite delegate
- If you are a NAM State Queen, you will automatically be entered into the Fan Favorite Award
- If you are an All-American City Queen, you will be entered into Fan Favorite if you have paid the final balance of your national sponsorship fee no later than **Oct 15th**

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The Road to NAM Nationals 2026 Alumni Pin Request Form

AT A GLANCE

- **Cost:** FREE
- **Eligibility:** All age divisions
- **Deadline:** November 11th
- **Sign-Up:** Submit request via the “Alumni Pin Request” form on [NAMnationals.com](https://namnationals.com)

SUBMIT YOUR
ALUMNI PIN REQUEST
FORM NOW!

INFO TO KNOW

- Award given out at the Kick-Off Pep Rally
- Pre-pageant submission
- Awarded a 5/10/15/20 year metal embossed pin
- For delegates who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 15th, or 20th year attending NAM Nationals

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Military Tribute Submission Form

AT A GLANCE

- **Cost:** FREE
- **Eligibility:** All age divisions
- **Deadline:** November 11th
- **Sign-Up:** Submit your "Military Tribute" form on NAMnationals.com

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MILITARY TRIBUTE
NOW!

INFO TO KNOW

- Presentation shown at the Thanksgiving Banquet
- Pre-pageant submission
- Great way to honor a loved one who is in active military service

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Deadline Roundup

Important DEADLINES FOR NAM NATIONALS 2026!



BANNER ORDER DEADLINES

- See chart on page 16 for your deadline

OCTOBER 15, 2026

- Last day to register for the 2026 All-American Miss National Competition
- Last day for AA (All-American) contestants to have full National Sponsorship fee paid to be included in Fan Favorite Voting
- Last day to order Echo Black + White Competition Sashes
- Yearbook Photo and Sponsor List Due - **VERY IMPORTANT!**
- Aspiring Author submissions due
- Corinne Schrier STEAR Awards submissions due
- Spotlight Contest Optional Contest Deadline for National Titles (Print Ready Ads and Payment Due)
- Last day to order Thanksgiving Awards Banquet Tickets

NOVEMBER 4, 2026

- Fan Favorite voting opens (voting closes Nov. 25 at 11:59pm PST)

NOVEMBER 11, 2026

- Last day to make any online payments
- Optional Photogenic Contest Photos due online via Payment Portal
- We cannot accept any Photogenic Entries on-site
- Talent Music Upload due
- Screenplay submissions due
- Last day to order discounted Universal Studios Tickets
- Last day to submit your video entry for Red Carpet Correspondent
- Last day to submit \$1015/25 Year 1st Request
- Last day to order discounted Pre-Purchased Pageant Finale Tickets
- Last day to be guaranteed a spot in the premium optional contest
- Community Service Project submissions due
- Jennie Singh Woman of Impact entries due at NAMnationals.com
- Military Wife submissions due at NAMnationals.com
- Ashley Kane's Icon Search Optional Contest submissions due
- Brand Ambassador Submissions Due

NOVEMBER 16, 2026

- Online scheduling opens for individual Check-in Times
- Online scheduling opens for individual Music Artist of the Week, Rising Star, and Top Model Search Times

NOVEMBER 30-22, 2026: PAGEANT CHECK-IN

- Final Registration of Head Check-in
- Review and enter optional category contests that still have space available
- Purchase any additional Finale Admission Tickets
- Pay any outstanding balances - **CASH & CREDIT CARDS ONLY**
- Turn in Required Emcee Card
- Turn in Required Resume
- Turn in Optional Report of Service and Academic Achievement Entries
- Turn in any Emcee Cards for optional contests
- Pick-up Pre-Purchased Tickets
- Finale Admission Tickets, Thanksgiving Banquet Tickets, and Universal Studios Tickets
- Pick-up NAM Welcome Bag and National Yearbook

NOVEMBER 25, 2026

- Fan Favorite voting closes at 11:59pm PST



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

OCTOBER 15th

NOVEMBER 4th

NOVEMBER 11th

NOVEMBER 16th

NOVEMBER 20th - 22nd

NOVEMBER 25th

OFFICIAL DEADLINE SHEET

All Deadlines are at 11:59pm PST
(unless it is due at your pageant check-in)

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**ABSOLUTE
FINAL DEADLINE:
Oct. 14th**

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Banner Order Details

IMPORTANT INFO & DEADLINES

Do you still have time to order a
Custom Satin Banner?

SATIN BANNER ORDER DETAILS
~ Important to Know ~

ORDER BANNER NOW!



Official CROWN AND BANNERS

Congratulations on your accomplishments at your State Pageant! You have qualified to attend NAM Nationals 2026 in Orlando, Florida. You can now receive your crown and banner prior to the National Pageant!

To receive your crown and banner after applying for Nationals, you must complete the following by your deadline date:

- Complete the online crown and banner form at namiss.com/banner
- Submit full payment for crown and banner
- Submit full payment for All-American Miss National Sponsorship Fee



CUSTOM REPRESENTATIVE PRICING
Crown: \$65
Banner: \$175

BANNER ORDER TURNAROUND TIME

Once received, please allow up to 4 weeks for your embroidered banner to be returned to your home address.

Your State Pageant Dates	Regular Banner Order Deadline (Shipped to Home)	Extended Deadline (Shipped to Home)
May 28th - 31st	July 8th	July 15th
June 4th - 7th	July 8th	July 15th
June 18th - 21st	July 22nd	July 29th
July 9th - 12th	August 12th	August 19th
July 23rd - 26th	August 26th	September 2nd
July 30th - August 2nd	September 2nd	September 9th
August 6th - 9th	September 9th	September 16th
August 13th - 16th	September 16th	September 23rd
September 4th - 7th	October 7th	Not Available

FINAL ORDERING OPTIONS

If you miss your regular deadline, you still have two options — but they're considered to be RUSH!

Order Type	Deadline	Pricing	Delivery
Regular (Shipped to Home)	See chart above	\$175 + \$25 S&H	Shipped to your home
Extended (Shipped to Home)	See chart above	\$175 + \$25 S&H + \$40 Expedite Fee (per banner)	Shipped to your home
RUSH (pick up On-Site)	October 14th	\$175 + \$100 Rush Fee (per banner)	Pick-up at Nationals



Go to namnationals.com/banner-deadlines for the detailed Official Banner deadlines and additional information. All prices and deadlines will be strictly enforced. No exceptions! All crown and banner orders must be submitted online by the provided deadlines if you would like your crown and banner shipped directly to you prior to the National Pageant.

BONUS: You may have your first name embroidered on the back of your banner in the official matching font, size, and color for \$45.



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NATIONAL AMERICAN MISS NATIONAL QUEENS

Real Experiences • Helpful Tips • Nationals Perspective
Expert Advice from Royalty & Family Member's

Listen for the little things they wish they knew before Nationals!

MEET YOUR NATIONAL ROYALTY

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Your Road To Nationals

Choose the optional contest(s) that let YOU shine.

Prepare Early • Re-Read the National Guidebook • Watch Your Deadlines
Map Out A Plan • Don't Stress Out • Have Fun

Thank you for joining us! Have an exceptional evening & a wonderful week!



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Plus Top 5 Question Topics + More

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Last Call for Q&A

QUESTIONS?

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