

FORMAL WEAR

25% *of your* TOTAL SCORE



REQUIRED OVERALL COMPETITION

You will be introduced by the emcee as you walk onto the stage in the formal dress of your choosing.

You Bring

- ☐ Formal Dress
- ☐ Shoes to complement your Formal Dress
- ☐ Age-appropriate jewelry
- ☐ Emcee Card

Official Formal Wear Outfit Rules

Princess, Jr. Pre-Teen, and Pre-Teen:

- Choose a dress that is appropriate for your age and shows your personality.
- Your dress must be any style full-length dress or gown. Your dress should reach the floor or barely graze it.
- Bare midriffs are not allowed.
- Jewelry, if worn, should complement the outfit and be age appropriate.
- Shoes should be small heels or flats that you can comfortably walk in.

Jr. Teen and Teen:

- Choose a formal dress that is appropriate for your age and shows your personality.
- Your dress must be any style full-length dress or gown. Your dress should reach the floor or barely graze it.
- Jewelry, if worn, should complement the outfit.
- Shoes that are comfortable to walk in.

Miss and Elite:

- Choose a formal dress that is appropriate for your age and shows your personality.
- Your dress must be any style full-length dress or gown. Your dress should reach the floor or barely graze it.
- Jewelry, if worn, should complement the outfit.
- Shoes that are comfortable to walk in.

Scoring

Scoring is based on the judges' overall impression, and the finalist's ability to command attention with her poise and personality. Judges are looking for a representative who is wearing appropriate attire and is confident and comfortable on stage. When practicing, your walking pattern should take approximately 50 seconds from start to finish. The judges will receive this exact flyer.

Rehearsal

During Nationals, each National Finalist will attend a rehearsal so they may practice walking with their escort. Escorts (if applicable) are encouraged to attend this rehearsal, but it is not required.

Escorts

- Princess, Jr. Pre-Teen, Pre-Teen, Jr. Teen, and Teen contestants will need an escort for the Formal Wear Competition. Escorts may be any family member or friend. Miss and Elite contestants will not be escorted.
- Escorts are only needed during the Formal Wear Competition. During the Final Show, the contestant is presented on stage alone, and at that time, your escort would be part of the audience. So, your escort will need a ticket if they wish to attend the Final Show.
- Attire for Escorts: Something that complements the contestant's formal dress. T-shirts, jeans, and shorts would NOT be considered appropriate attire.

Walking Pattern Instructions

On Deck

- You will be waiting On Deck until the contestant in front of you is at Stop 3. Then you move to Stop 1.

Stop 1

- Brief pause with escort (if applicable). Then you will depart from your escort (if applicable) and walk toward Stop 2.
- Your escort will head to Stop 3 and wait for you there.
- Do not stop walking between stops. No walking turns are allowed.

Stop 2

- Brief pose. Then turn around and head to Stop 3.
- Do not stop walking between stops. No walking turns are allowed.

Stop 3

- Meet your escort (if applicable), briefly pause, and then exit the stage together. No walking turns are allowed.

Formal Wear Stage Pattern for All Age Divisions at NAM Nationals

