



Illinois Elite USA State Pageant



Location Schaumburg Marriott
Date March 31-April 1st, 2012

Contestant Name _____
 Address _____ **CITY** _____ **ZIP** _____
 Phone _____ **Email** _____
 Birthday _____ Age as of Jan 1, 2012 or up to June 2012 _____
 Parents name _____ **T SHIRT SIZE** _____

*Elite title holders are required to compete at the Elite USA National Finals in Texas, June 2012!
 Nationals is OPEN to all who have competed at a state competition.*

_____ \$175 **ELITE State Entry Fee** **Select Age in Elite Category**
 ___ Baby(4-18mo) ___ Toddler (19mo-3) ___ Tiny (4-6) ___ Little (7-9)
 ___ Jr Miss(10-12) ___ Jr Teen(13-15) ___ Teen (16-19) ___ Miss (19-29)
 ___ Ms (30 -45) ___ MS Classic (46+)

*Each age group judged in fashion wear (any up-scale type outfit), formal , 20sec Intro and Interview
 Interview is done in Elite USA T-Shirt and white bottoms of your choice (panel interview) up to age 4*

**ONE night stay minimum mandatory at host hotel and your room # or reservation #
 must be presented at registration**

_____ \$75 **Talent Entry Fee** **Select Age in Talent Category (Model will be same age group)**
 2 min talent max

_____ \$50 **Model Entry Fee** ___ Tiny (4-6) ___ Little (7-9) ___ Jr Miss(10-12)
 ___ Jr Teen(13-15) ___ Teen (16-19) ___ Adult(20 & Over)
To qualify for Supermodel you must compete in both Model and Actress

_____ \$25 **Actress Entry Fee** ___ Tiny (4-6) ___ Little (7-9) ___ Jr Miss(10-12)
 ___ Jr Teen(13-15) ___ Teen (16-19) ___ Adult(20 & Over)
30sec live commercial- To qualify for Supermodel you must compete in both Model and Actress

_____ \$50 **Cover Girl** Bring up to 3 photos to registration (Natural and semi glitz allowed)

_____ \$50 **Photogenic** No photo submission required

_____ \$5ea **Mini Optionals** Fashion Wear, Formal, Intro, Interview, Stage Work, Personality

_____ \$20 **T-Shirt** Note your size at the top if this form. ALL contestants 4 and over
 MUST order a T-Shirt

_____ \$ 30 **Late fee** ONLY If you are sending in after the entry deadline – March 1st, 2012

_____ \$ 5 ONLY if paying with a credit card or Paypal

Total Entry Due

Payment Options (Mail check – Paypal to info@everything4pageants.com or Call in Credit Card to 815-782-8877)

Total amount enclosed
 No checks accepted past March 3rd. Money orders, credit cards, cart or Paypal accepted after that.

Credit Card # _____ **Exp Date** _____ **CVS Code** _____
Name on Card _____ **Billing Address with Zip** _____
 Personal Card information is not shared for any means or purpose other than to pay entries.

Elite USA

Talent Rules and Regulations

1. ALL entries have a **2 min lime limit** to perform. A 5 point penalty will be assessed for every 10 seconds over time limit. CD accompaniment is preferred as a cassette tape deck is not always available. Notify Elite if that is your only music option in advance.
2. Stage time will be given to everyone to mark their routine, but a complete run through will not be possible. One sound check will be done by sound crew prior to competition. Due to space only ONE (1) badge parent for ages under 12 will be allowed back stage for changes per contestant. There will be a separate space supplied for makeup/hair assistants. **NO ACCEPTIONS!**
3. **Coaching from off stage** in audience or from backstage during a performance to assist a contestant is **prohibited** and NO ONE is allowed near the judges table.
4. **Dancers & Acrobats**– this is a talent competition. You are not limited to how many “tricks”, tumbling passes, flips, etc. that you may have in your routine. Be as creative as you like. However, be advised that Elite is not liable for any injuries while attending or competing at this competition. Keep in mind that the stage is usually portable and is NOT a fixed platform and space may be limited.
5. **Vocalists** – ABSOLUTELY NO lead vocals are allowed on your CD. This means you may not sing along with your favorite artist and expect to be judged for it. Nor are you allowed to pre-record your own voice and sing over the top of it. Background vocals allowed only. Any vocalists that compete and sing over lead vocals will receive the lowest placing at awards. Select AGE APPROPRIATE songs. This is just as important part of your score as the performance itself.
6. **Props** are allowed for entries but there are a few that are prohibited: Fire, water, pyrotechnics, glass, swords or knives or sharp objects, live animals. At NO time can objects be thrown off stage. Large props are only allowed 1 minute for set up time. Point penalties will be assessed after that. There is no prop master so make sure you have someone that will set up and remove your props.
7. **MUSIC SELECTIONS** – Remember there will be attendants of all ages. Please be conscious of other participants when selecting the content of your music. Excessive foul language in vocals will not be tolerated. Choreography presented showing displays of violence, social prejudice or overt sexual innuendo will result in sever point deduction.
8. **Only one (1) song per CD is allowed.** Do not give the sound booth a CD with several songs on it. They are not responsible for the wrong song coming on during your entrance to the stage.
9. **CD’s must be labeled** with contestant name and name of routine or song and presented alone or in a single slip or jewel case. NO CD books will be accepted.
10. Entries that are competing in more than one category must notify Elite two weeks prior to the competition to guarantee time for costume changes. NO changes to the schedule will be done the day of the competition.
11. **Photography is prohibited.** A professional photographer will be on hand to photograph EVERY contestant and photos will be available for order during the competition. **ALL cell phones and pagers must be on silent in the facility at all times.**
12. **NO outside food and drink** allowed, other than bottled water. Concession stand will be open when app.
13. By entering this competition, you release your likeness, vocals, choreography etc., to Elite for website, promotions and photographs for promotional efforts.
14. Contestants may enter more than talent entry and must pay for each entry separately. Each entry will be judged separately. Entering multiple entries only increases chances to win due to that particular performance receiving a better score than the other.
15. Hand held mic supplied only. Personal head sets may be used if we have the set up for them. It is recommended you check before the competition, otherwise, only hand held mic option will be available. No sound check is offered.

Contestant or Parent Signature (if under age 17)

Date



Competition Rules and Regulations

Competition attire and makeup should be age appropriate. We do NOT promote the use of false teeth, spray tans and false eye lashes in the divisions under Jr Teen, but using these enhancements is permitted if not distracting. Judges will use their own preference when scoring. When in doubt, ask the director for guidance. Hair extensions/pieces are allowed, but keep in mind that natural is usually best if at all possible, as many hair pieces are noticeable. Glitz type clothing also allowed. This is a glamorous competition, so have fun with wardrobe and makeup as long as it represents the best of the individual in their age group. Keep in mind that 45% of the crowning score is based on interview skills. A pleasing demeanor, intelligence, and self confidence is held in high regard with Elite. Easter and flower girl type gowns are welcomed at the state level, but should be up-graded for nationals.

MODELING – Pro am style/high fashion modeling is not allowed in the main Beauty portion of competition. Use these styles only in MODEL portion of competition. BEAUTY – only straight pageant walk with grace and poise, “T” formation with turn in front of judges. Keep simple.

OPEN STYLE MODELING – allowed in MODEL competition only.

PROPS – Allowed in all costume, talent, model commercials only. NO props in Beauty allowed. Props NOT recommended in runway portion of modeling.

By virtue of participation, contestants release their likeness for publicity, bulletins, newspaper and television. This includes release for use & re-print of any Cover Girl entries. Make sure you have permission from the photographers you have used to use your photos as pageant entries, as they may be used for future Elite ads.

Delegates and their families are requested to compete in the scope of good sportsmanship at each level. Elite is known to use backstage judges and reserves the right to inform judges of poor behavior for score penalties, which will be applied.

Marital and child status for contestants is optional.

All award ceremonies are held immediately following each competition. Judges decisions are final and personal scores are available upon written request with \$12 Paypal payment. Other contestant scores are privileged. We do not discriminate against race, color, creed or heritage. Height and weight is not a part of the judge’s scores. The pageant is not responsible for any accident or injury, lost or stolen items.

All contestants will have time on the stage/runway before each competition. National competition includes rehearsal. All details regarding the event will be walked through so that each participant can enjoy her time in front of the judges. Babies under 14mo must be carried on stage by one parent and are allowed to be set down in front of judges. Babies are judged only on facial beauty and wardrobe and there are no extra points or benefits to babies that can stand or walk. Toddlers must have a parent on stage with them at all times. Tiny contestants must have one parent back stage and may be on stage only if child will not go on stage otherwise. But coaching on or off stage is prohibited.

Entry fees have deadlines, so pay attention to them. Additional fees for late entries apply. So, enter last minute, but it is extra unless other arrangements are made with the director in advance. **We know things can get expensive so if you need to make payments, see entry form. The \$30 late fee is applied to your balance after due date has passed. Please understand that all deposits are non-refundable.** Credit cards accepted with a \$5 process fee. \$50 NSF Fee charged to all returned checks.

State winners sign queen agreements and must compete at the national finals. If state winner cannot attend the national competition, the state winner must forfeit the title and ALL prizes awarded with that title and the 1st runner up will be awarded the state title and allowed to compete at the nationals as the state winner. All contestants competing in the state pageant are qualified and welcome to attend and compete at the national pageant as contestants at large. State title winners have a portion of their national entry fee paid by their state director.

Should a contestant be unable to compete at any competition for any reason after any entry fees are paid, ALL fees are non-refundable, but can be used as credit towards next scheduled competition under certain circumstances. If a competition is cancelled by Elite for any reason and an entry fee has been paid, delegate will have a credit with the option to enter the next competition of his/her choice within 90 days of the cancelled event or a full refund. After the 90 days, the entry fee is non-refundable.

Refer 3 contestants that also enter and you could receive 50% off your Beauty entry free!! (This cannot be contestants that have already competed with us or is on the constant contact list.)

If there are 3 or less contestants in an age category in the Model or Talent categories, that contestant will be moved into the age category that is closest to their age. NO ONE will be allowed to compete alone for either if these categories.

Title holders are allowed to re-compete for state and national titles the following year they were crowned only if they have moved up in age division. Title winners may compete for the same age title only if they wait one year in between competing for the titles (win at 4, skip at age 5, compete age 6). Title holders that may not have won any optionals, Model or Talent, may compete for those the same year their crown their successor.

Please return this form with your entry as acknowledgement to these rules and regulations along with your entry and contestant information forms.

Contestant Signature

Date

Parent Signature(If contestant under 21)

Date

Tentative Schedule ~ Friday, March 30th, 2012

6-7:30pm Early Registration

Tentative Schedule ~ Saturday, March 31st, 2012

11-2pm Registration

2-2:30 Orientation

2:30-4pm Stage Open for rehearsal

4-5pm **Personal Introduction-**
Please prepare a 20sec, personal intro to be done on stage during the parade of contestants. This is 5% of your interview score, which makes up 50% of your total score when added to interview. Make your intro interesting.

5pm **Interviews** - Personal Interviews – Wear white bottoms and ELITE T-Shirt - Cute casual allowed (no suits necessary). Elite USA T-Shirts purchased at registration. You may order extras for family. Feel free to “bling” your shirt.

7pm **TALENT** competition (2 minute max)

8:30pm Get Acquainted Party (Queen’s gift will be presented at that time)

Tentative Schedule ~ Sunday, April 1st, 2012

11am **MODEL/ACTRESS** competition – begin with 30 sec, live commercial presentation, followed by runway outfit (open modeling)

2:00 **BEAUTY** Competition begins with modeling Fashion Wear, followed by Formal (Stay in formal if you do not do talent, as we crown in formal attire)

6:30pm **CROWNING** Press photos immediately following – If you have won a title you must stay for group photos. DO NOT leave the stage.

ELITE USA PRIZES – Winners MUST attend National Pageant June, 2012 at the Hilton San Antonio Hill Country Hotel and Spa (Sea World), Texas.

The overall winner in each age division will receive a custom, red tip crown, satin crystal-embroidered banner, large trophy, gifts, \$150 national pageant cash.

All competing will receive large trophies and ELITE CASH to use at the open national competition in Texas.

The People’s Choice Queen

\$1.00 per vote...Paypal your votes to info@everything4pageants.com There is no limit to how many votes your family and friends can send in (ex - a \$50 vote counts as 50 votes!) These will be added to the \$1.00 ballots your friends and family can purchase and turn in the day of the pageant. Bring your own cheering section...

This is a crowned, cash award queen!

Hotel Information

Schaumburg Marriott – 50 N Martingale Rd. Schaumburg, IL 60173
 Rooms blocked under Elite USA – **ALL Contestants over age 4 MUST stay at hotel**
 \$89 per night 847-240-0100

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