



Elite USA

2012 Lone Star State

Location HILTON Garden Inn – Downtown Austin, TX
Date May 13th, 2012 (11am register – 1pm pageant)

Contestant Name _____
Address _____ **City** _____ **ZIP** _____
Phone _____ **Email** _____
Birthday _____ **Age as of Jan 2012 thru June 2012** _____
Parents name _____
(If under 18)

ALL ENTRY CATEGORIES ARE OPTIONAL BELOW. Customize your entry the way you want it. This competition is great way to begin your journey with Elite USA, especially for beginner competitors.
There will be a Grand Champion awarded to the highest score of the night.

_____	\$100	Title Entry Fee	Select Age in Beauty Category <input type="checkbox"/> Baby(4-18mo) <input type="checkbox"/> Toddler (19mo-3) <input type="checkbox"/> Tiny (4-6) <input type="checkbox"/> Little (7-9) <input type="checkbox"/> Jr Miss(10-12) <input type="checkbox"/> Jr Teen(13-15) <input type="checkbox"/> Teen (16-19) <input type="checkbox"/> Miss (19-29) <input type="checkbox"/> Ms (30 -45) <input type="checkbox"/> MS Classic (46+) <i>Beauty judged in Red White and Blue outfit of choice – 20 sec personal intro & formal.</i>
_____	\$50	Talent Entry	Select Age in Talent Category (must enter for Grand Champion) <input type="checkbox"/> Tiny (4-7) <input type="checkbox"/> Little (8-12) <input type="checkbox"/> Teen (13-17) <input type="checkbox"/> Miss (18-29) <input type="checkbox"/> Adult (30 & over) <i>2 min time limit</i>
_____	\$40	Photogenic	Judged by Photographer the day of competition – no photo needed
_____	\$40	Cover Girl	<u>Bring up to 3 photos to registration</u>
_____	\$5ea	Mini Optionals	Stage work / Personality / Best Red, White & Blue Outfit / Best Formal Best Intro / (circle your selections)
_____	\$20	Late fee	ONLY If you are sending this in after April 13 th , 2012
_____	\$ 5		ONLY if paying with a credit card or paypal – Shopping cart on line available
_____		Total Entry Due	

Payment Options : Mail check to address below / or / Paypal to nicki@eliteusapageants.com / or / Credit Card

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

You will receive an entry confirmation when your deposit is received, that will include the competition schedule.

Elite USA is a glamorous competition, so please make sure you visit our web site for details as to how to compete at a successful level.

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HOW DO I COMPETE SUCCESSFULLY WITH ELITE USA?

Elite USA is a glamorous system, very different from everyone else.
We combine the best of both worlds from natural and glitz systems.

Hair - Hair should be fixed and elegant, without being over bearing on the child or distracting. Hair pieces are allowed, but keep in mind that if that is the first thing a judge notices on the child, above and beyond her appearance, you may want to re-think it. Enhance without distracting. We allow hair pieces because this system promotes the building of self confidence in each competitor. If she is afraid to present herself because she was not gifted with great hair, hair pieces allow her to hold her head high and enjoy her stage time.
Use your best judgment.

Makeup - Part of the fun of being in a pageant, in our opinion, is dressing up. Makeup is allowed on all age divisions, again, as long as it is not distracting. False eyelashes, heavy liner and dark lips should not be on contestants under the age of 12. Flippers are allowed but not always recommended, as they tend to inhibit clear speech. Since interview is almost 50% of our score, be careful with these. Part of being a kid is a missing tooth, so be proud of it. Natural colors, light gloss, light blush (so you don't appear pale under stage lights, and mascara is just about all you need in the younger age divisions. If you are gifted with great skin color and lashes...natural is great! There is no "one way is better than another" in this area.
It is based on an individual basis.

Clothing - We encourage custom clothing. If you put thought into what you compete in, to us, it means you care about wearing an Elite title and take your participation to heart. Glitz type clothing is acceptable, however, we have seen many "over-the-top" outfits that look more like costumes than custom outfits. Stay away from these. Your outfit should enhance who you are as a contestant, not hide who you are. Formals adorned with crystals and beads are fine, as well as cupcake formals (babies, toddlers and Tiny only), ballgowns in Little Miss through Jr Teen and form fitting gowns with slits and trains in divisions Teen and up. If you have a formal you wore in a wedding as a flower girl, or it is "T" length from a dept. store, you should upgrade your gown at the state and national level.

INTERVIEW - We make many appearances during the year, so royalty that speaks well and is not afraid to talk is important. Interview and presentation skills will carry you through life, and Elite feels that it should be these skills, above all, that should be most important in competition. Personal interview, combined with a 20sec personal intro on stage, counts as 45% of the over-all score. This is why it is not always "the most expensive dress" that wins a title with Elite.

IMPORTANT - Always remember, judges all have opinions and you are being judged on their opinion. Rules are only suggestions to judges and they will judge on what they prefer. The outcome is merely a combination of all their opinions combined. Dress your best, present yourself with pride, and you should be victorious.

What do I need for...

Red, White and Blue / Texas Outfit

*This outfit should be fun and creative.
Anything with a Texas spirit! No
Swimsuits allowed.*

20 sec Personal Intro

*Introduce yourself with
creativity. Give important
details...you don't have
much time.*

Formal

*Short & cupcake great for
babies-Tiny divisions. Long
gowns on all other ages.
Form fitting, slits and
trains allowed in Teen up.*



Rules & Regulations

Competition attire and makeup should be age appropriate. We do NOT promote the use of false teeth, spray tans and false eyelashes 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 BOTH Model of the Year AND LONE STAR STATE pageants

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.

Parent Signature

Date



Talent Rules and Regulations

1. ALL entries have a **3 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 is 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.
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 but no sound check is offered.

Contestant or Parent Signature (if under age 17)

Date

This form must be returned with your entry fee.