



Welcome to the new **Elite USA** Pageant. This is our 5th year to work with amazing contestants around the U.S. Anyone can compete and you do not have to pre-qualify! I want to guarantee you that this system will be like no other you have competed in before.

We are a glamorous pageant system, so makeup that is age appropriate along with custom, embellished clothing is acceptable. We are NOT high glitz, though we encourage creativity and fun in your wardrobe and allow custom clothing and makeup.

This packet is designed to help you prepare for this competition in its entirety. Please take time to read everything very carefully. As usual, I am always on hand to answer any questions you may have so do not hesitate to call.

It is never too early to start collecting sponsors now and selling those ads for the program book. Pay attention to the payment options also. They can be very helpful.

Once you have filled out your paperwork, make sure your photos and deposit or full entry fees are all together before you send it in, if by mail. It is preferred you email in all photos so we do not have to worry about returning hard copies. Use our shopping cart on our web site to pay deposits and fee as well!

Once your entry information has been received, you will receive an email confirmation with further details.

I can't wait to make pageant history with you all!!

Happy "Pageant-ing"!

Nicki Hale

Elite USA – Director



Texas State Finals



Location Marriott Dallas City Center ~ Downtown Dallas, TX
Date Feb 24-26th, 2012

Contestant Name _____
 Address _____ **CITY** _____ **ZIP** _____
 Phone _____ Email _____
 Birthday _____ Age as of Jan 1, 2012 thru June 2012 _____ T-Shirt Size _____
 Parents name _____

ALL main categories are separate. To qualify for Grand Champion, you must compete in Beauty and either Model or Talent. To qualify for Elite Champion, you must compete in all three main events.

Attending registration AND orientation is mandatory for all contestants except babies/toddlers, who must attend their registration.

- _____ \$250 **Beauty Entry Fee** **Select Age in Beauty 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) ___ Classic (46+)
Beauty judged in fashion wear, formal, 20 sec personal intro and private interview for al contestants age 4 and up only. No intro for ages under 4.
- _____ \$75 **Talent Entry Fee** **Select Age in Talent Category**
 ___ Tiny (4-6) ___ Little (7-9) ___ Jr Miss(10-12) ___ Jr Teen(13-15)
 ___ Teen (16-19) ___ Adult(20 & Over)
2 min time limit – props and costumes allowed - One song per CD only
- _____ \$75 **2nd Talent Entry Fee**
- _____ \$75 **Model Entry Fee** **Select Age in Model Category**
 ___ Tiny (4-6) ___ Little (7-9) ___ Jr Miss(10-12) ___ Jr Teen(13-15)
 ___ Teen (16-19) ___ Adult(20 & Over)
*No time limit but keep routines short –props not recommended.
 NO custom music. (COMBINE ACTRESS FOR OVER-ALL SUPERMODEL)*
- _____ \$75 **Actress Entry Fee** 30sec max time – may be commercial or short monologue (live on stage)
- _____ \$60 **Natural Cover Girl** Submit email – up to 3 photos little to no makeup, no noticeable touch-up
- _____ \$60 **Elite Cover Girl** Submit email – up to 3 photos with makeup, low to med glitz type touchup
- _____ \$60 **Glamour Cover Girl** Submit email – up to 3 photos High glitz - enhanced
- _____ \$50 **Photogenic** No photo – judged by photographer from photos taken during event.

Other Fees **Referred BY:** _____

_____	Entry Fees	Place total amount from top portion here
_____	\$ 30 Late fee	ADD ONLY If you are sending in after the entry deadline – Jan 5, 2011
_____	\$ 5	ADD ONLY if paying with a credit card or Paypal

Subtract amount here if ...you have Elite CASH (must be attached) **OR** Early bird entry - \$50 off if entry received before Nov 5th 2011! *You may use one or the other discount...not both*
Total Entry Due _____

Total amount enclosed _____
No checks past Feb 1st. Money orders, credit, Paypal or shopping cart accepted after that. (\$5 fee for credit cards)

Credit Card # _____ **Exp Date** _____
Name on Card _____ **Billing Address with ZIP if different from**
 above _____

Personal Card information is not shared for any means or purpose other than to pay entries.

Program Book Ads

The ads you sell will help create our program book. This book will contain the competition schedule for the weekend, sponsor ads, and the full contestant roster for each category and division. The Cover Girl winner will grace one of the covers as well. Feel free to use your queen photos in this ad!

The more ads you sell, the more you will be seen in the book. With every ad you sell, your photo is shown in the ad for that business. (See example below) You may supply as many photos as you have ads, or the same photo each time. It is up to you. Feel free to get creative with your presentations. Family and friends are the best to start with and local businesses are usually willing to help you in your endeavors.

WINNER WILL GET ONE FULL – COLOR PAGE AD IN THE NATIONAL PROGRAM

Full Page Ad	\$75
Half Page Ad	\$50
Quarter Ad	\$25



Fill out the forms below as completely as possible so that information on your ads is not left out. Feel free to make as many copies of this sheet as you need.

One of these forms for each ad must be filled out and submitted with each photo, or specify to use the same photo. A business card may also be attached to print in the ad along with the company logo if they wish.

Company Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Web Site _____

Owner or Representative _____

Size of ad sold _____ ¼ page _____ ½ page _____ Full Page

Comments to Print _____

CUT

Company Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Web Site _____

Owner or Representative _____

Size of ad sold _____ ¼ page _____ ½ page _____ Full Page

Comments to Print _____

Ad sales are due no later than Jan 5th!!

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 going over and 5 additional points each 10 seconds thereafter. CD accompaniment is preferred as a cassette tape deck is not always available. Notify Elite if that is your only music option in advance. **ONE SONG PER CD!**
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 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 but no sound check is offered.

Contestant or Parent Signature (if under age 17)

Date

This form must be returned with your entry fee.

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.

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

Tentative Schedule ~ Friday, February 24th

5-7pm Registration – Check in for ALL contestants

NOTE: It is mandatory you be staying in the hotel SATURDAY NIGHT. Other nights are optional. You can NOT register without your hotel room # or reservation conf #.

Tentative Schedule ~ Saturday, February 25th

KEEP in mind if we can run each category early, we will. Do not go too far if you have a competition coming up.

11am Babies and Toddlers Compete followed by crowning & photo session

12:00 LUNCH BREAK

1:00 Private Interviews begin with Tiny – Wear T-Shirt and White bottoms

5pm Talent Competition – Crowning immediately following with photo session

Tentative Schedule ~ Sunday, February 26th

11am Model/Actress Competition – followed by crowning

2PM BEAUTY Competition begins -

Parade of contestants with personal (20sec max) intro. These will be timed. Please prepare a personal intro to be done on stage during Beauty Fashion Wear. Make your intro interesting. There is a score given for this portion of your fashion wear!

Parade of contestants followed by Fashion Wear outfit of choice, then formal. STAY IIN FORMAL for crowning.

6pm STATE CROWNING Press photos immediately following – If you have won a title you must stay for group photos. DO NOT leave the stage. Parents – please stay off the stage until press photos are complete. You may then take the stage to congratulate your children. CASH awards and Elite CASH are NOT awarded on stage. You will have to claim these from the Director.

The People's Choice Queen

\$1.00 per vote...Paypal your votes to nicki@eliteusapageants.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!

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ELITE USA SPECIAL ROOM RATE \$129 (This rate only good until Feb 10th, 2012)

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