

2024 Miss Illinois, Indiana, Michigan & Ohio Pageant

Miss Collegiate USA

Miss High School USA

Miss Jr. High School USA



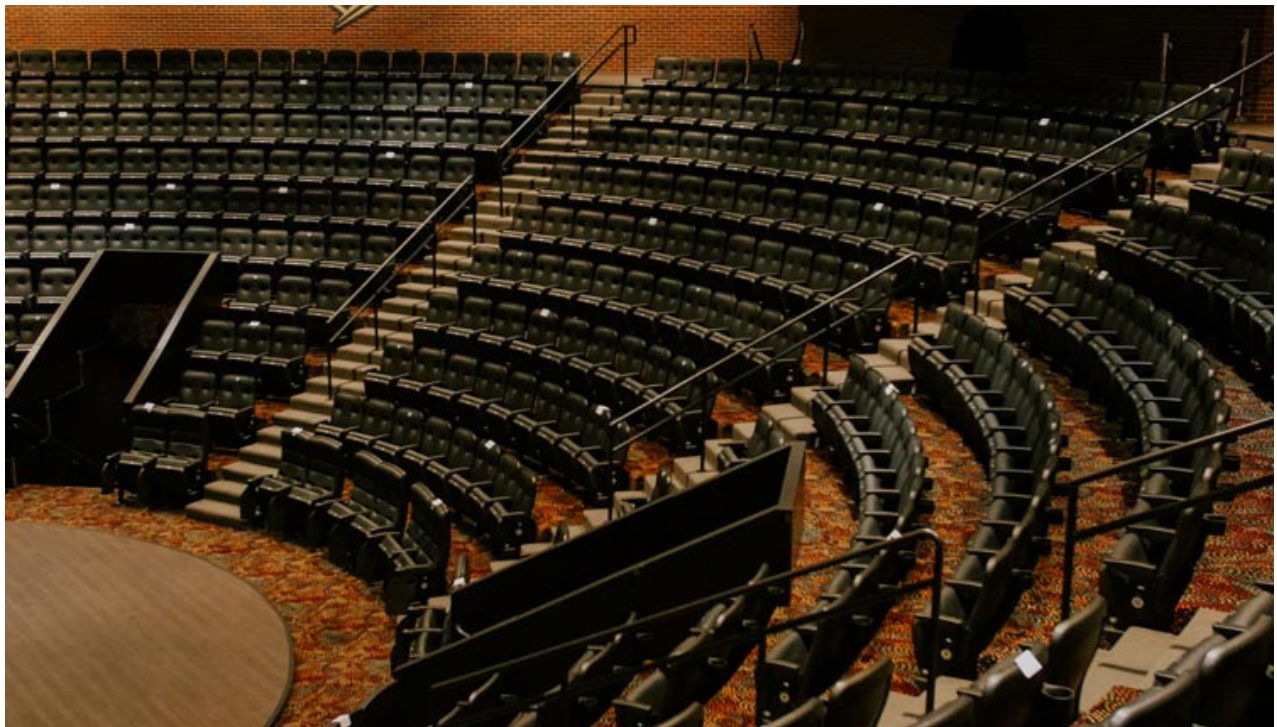
November 4, 2023

The Bendix Arena, South Bend, Indiana

An Official Preliminary of the Miss Collegiate USA Organization

Pageant Venue

The Bendix Arena
120 Doctor M.L.K. Jr Blvd
South Bend, IN 46601



The Pageant will be held at 7:00 PM EST in The Bendix Arena. Pageant Show Tickets will be \$25 and will be sold online at www.misscollegiateusa.org

2024 Miss Illinois, Indiana, Michigan & Ohio Pageant Schedule

Saturday, November 4, 2023

Tentative Schedule- Final will be provided in October 20th

10:00 AM

Check-In, Meet & Greet & Orientation

Check-In for Pageant Weekend at **The Bendix Arena** submit paperwork, & meet reigning MCU queens! This is the kickoff event to pageant weekend.

Attire: Casual & Cute Attire



12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Personal Interview

The personal interview will be conducted at **The Bendix Arena**. A time slot will be provided for each contestant's interview. (5 minute panel interview for Collegiate & High School contestants. Jr. High School contestants each have a 3 minute round-robin style interview.)

Attire: The contestant should be wearing their professional attire most appropriate for a job interview.



2:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Rehearsals & Free Time

Pageant Rehearsals will be held at **The Bendix Arena**. We will run through opening number, and the walking patterns for the on-stage competitions, swimsuit/fitness and evening gown.

Attire: Casual wear. Free time to prepare for the final state pageant will follow.



6:15 PM

Return back to Theatre

All contestants should arrive back at the theatre **no later than 6:15 PM** ready in their opening number attire. **Contestants must bring all competition attire and will not be allowed to leave the theatre or have family/friends backstage after this time.**

7:00 PM– 9:00 PM

Final Pageant

The final pageant will be held at **The Bendix Arena**. Doors will open for guests 30 minutes early. Tickets may be purchased online through the Box Office or at the door, if tickets allowed.



If you are selected a State Winner, you will be required to sign the official Miss Collegiate USA State Delegate Contract immediately following the crowning on-stage.



Collegiate USA & High School USA

REQUIRED COMPETITIONS

INTERVIEW - 35 %

Contestants will have a 5 minute personal interview with a panel of judges. This is your opportunity to allow the judges to get to know you and convince them that you are the best candidate for the job. Questions will be formulated from the contestants Judges' Interview Form, current events, community service, educational goals, and career ambition. On-time submission of the Judges Interview Form, as well as neatness and completion of the form is important. A nice dress or pantsuit appropriate for a TV host interview is recommended.

LIFESTYLE & FITNESS IN SWIMSUIT - 25 %

This competition is designed to determine how well the participant maintains a figure that reflects good physical fitness and health. Contestants will have their choice of a one-piece or two-piece swimsuit. No string or thong bikinis allowed. Note. Inappropriate swimsuits will not be allowed. Sarongs are welcome.

POISE IN EVENING GOWN - 25 %

This competition is designed for the contestant to make an on-stage statement of her personality. Select a prom dress or formal gown that is appropriate for your age and personality. The color and style are your choice. The gown must be floor-length. You will be judged on confidence, elegance and stage presence, not on the specific price of the gown.

SCHOLARSHIP RESUME - 15 %

Contestants will be asked to submit a Scholarship Resume to highlight your academic achievements, intern or career accomplishments, community involvement, future goals and more. This resume is intended to share the young woman's passions, and special talents; as well as an opportunity to earn additional scholarships and special awards during Nationals Week. Sample resumes will be provided.



Personal Interview

A nice dress or pantsuit appropriate for a TV host interview is recommended.

Lifestyle & Fitness in Swimwear Competition

Choose a one-piece or 2-pc swimsuit. No string or thong bikinis allowed. Note. Inappropriate swimsuits will not be allowed.



Poise & Elegance in Evening Gown Competition

Select a prom or formal dress that is appropriate for your age and personality. The color and style are your choice. The gown must be floor-length. You will be judged on confidence, elegance and stage presence, not on the specific price of the gown.



Jr. High School USA

REQUIRED COMPETITIONS

INTERVIEW - 50%

Contestants will have a 3 minute personal interview with the judges, round-robin style. This is your opportunity to allow the judges to get to know you and convince them that you are the best candidate for the job. Questions will be formulated from the contestant's Judges' Interview Form, current events, community service, educational goals, and career ambition. On-time submission of the Judges Interview Form, as well as neatness and completion of the form is important. A nice dress or pantsuit appropriate for a TV host interview is recommended.

LIFESTYLE & FITNESS IN FITNESS WEAR - 25%

This competition is designed to determine how well the participant maintains a figure that reflects good physical fitness and health. Jr. High School USA contestant may choose to wear a one-piece or 2-pc fitness wear outfit. **Footwear:** Athletic tennis shoes only.



POISE IN EVENING GOWN - 25%

This competition is designed for the contestant to make an on-stage statement of her personality. Select a prom dress or formal gown that is appropriate for your age and personality. The color and style are your choice. The gown must be floor-length. You will be judged on confidence, elegance and stage presence, not on the specific price of the gown.



Personal Interview

A nice dress or pantsuit appropriate for a TV host interview is recommended.

Lifestyle & Fitness in Swimwear Competition

Choose a one-piece or 2-pc fitness wear outfit. Footwear: Athletic tennis shoes only. Note. Inappropriate fitness outfits will not be allowed.



Poise & Elegance in Evening Gown Competition

Select a prom or formal dress that is appropriate for your age and personality. The color and style are your choice. The gown must be floor-length. You will be judged on confidence, elegance and stage presence, not on the specific price of the gown.



Optional Competitions

Contestants may register for Optional Competitions now through Pageant Check-In.

Miss Photogenic - \$40 Fee

A winner from each division will be selected as Miss Photogenic by a special panel of judges and will receive a cash scholarship. Judges will be looking for a captivating photo. Headshot photo submissions may be in black/white or color (8x10, no larger). Photos will ONLY be accepted at Pageant Check-In.

Media Correspondent Competition - \$50 Fee

This competition is designed for contestants who aspire to be a public influencer or perhaps a news anchor to make an impact highlighting her personality. Pitch your personal style by making a video reciting a 60-second clip promoting the MCU Pageant System. Judging will be based on uniqueness, personality and delivery of video clip. Winners will be highlighted on Miss Collegiate USA social media and website.

Fashion Show Competition - \$75 Fee

Project your own personal sense of style in the Fashion Show optional competition. Model your favorite fun fashion wear. Choose a cocktail dress, stylish high-low, fashionable romper, pants wear or gown. Your look should be fun and high-fashion attire. Competition will be held on a T-shaped stage and resemble a professional runway fashion show. Judging will be based on stage presentation, confidence, and stylish choice of attire.



How do I sign up for Optional Competitions?

Registration for Optional Competitions may be completed online through the **State Contestants' Only** Page. Early registration is highly recommended.



Wardrobe Checklist

Required Competition Wardrobe

- ☐ **Poise & Grace In Evening Wear** - Prom or formal gown, heels, jewelry
- ☐ **Lifestyle in Fitness** - 1 or 2 pc swimsuit (*collegiate or high school contestants only*) and heels. Sarongs are welcome.
1 or 2 pc fitness wear outfit (*Jr. High School contestants only*) and athletic shoes/socks.
- ☐ **Opening Number Outfit** - Bring a pair of black pants and heels to wear with the Miss Collegiate USA T-Shirt (*distributed at Orientation*)
- ☐ **Personal Interview** - Interview outfit, heels, jewelry

Optional Competition Wardrobe

- ☐ **Fashion Show Competition** - Cocktail dress, stylish high-low, fashionable romper, pants wear or gown.



Weekend Wardrobe Reminders

- ☐ **Pageant Orientation Outfit** - Interview style dress, or pant suit and heels.
- ☐ **Rehearsal Outfit** - Fun dressy, casual attire such as a sundress, pant set, or romper.



Pageant Checklist



Submit Your Contestant Information Card

The online **Contestant Information Card** is available on the 'Contestant Only' webpage and all delegates should submit **no later than October 28, 2023** to Pageant Headquarters.



Headshot Photo

All contestants must provide a headshot photo. The image should be a jpg, jpeg or png and submitted using the **Contestant Information Card** (indicated above) no later than **October 28, 2023**.

Headshot Photo should:

- Be a head and shoulder only image (jpg, jpeg or png)(maximum size of 5 MB)
- ONLY include the finalist in the photo
- Contestant must be facing front; no crown & sash photos
- Color photos only!



Special Vendors (Hair & Make-Up)

There will be no on-site hair and make-up service vendors during pageant weekend. Therefore, you may book individual services during pageant weekend of your choice. Note: Hair & Make-Up artists will **not** be allowed backstage.



Paperwork

Judges' Interview Form

Please print five (5) typed copies of the Judges' Interview Form and hand-deliver them during Pageant Weekend Check-In. This form will be used by the judges to formulate questions during the Panel Interview Competition. It is important to fill the form in its entirety before adding an additional sheet. **Note: Only one (1) additional sheet may be added to this form.**

Scholarship Resume (Collegiate & High School delegates only)

Please print **five (5) typed copies** of your unique Scholarship Resume and hand-deliver them during Pageant Weekend Check-In. This form will be used for the judges to evaluate a delegate's achievements and career goals. We recommend your resume be creative and address your service to the community, educational goals, and career ambition.

Register



- ✓ **1. PAY PAGEANT ENTRY FEE**
 - Submit your \$395 Pageant Entry Fee Payment [online](#)
 - Within 48 hours you will be granted access to the online Contestants' Only Page.
- ✓ **2. LOG INTO THE CONTESTANTS' ONLY PAGE**
 - Submit the Contestant Information Form.
 - Submit your headshot photo online.
- ✓ **3. COMPLETE JUDGES' PAPERWORK**
 - Due at Pageant Check-In
 - 5 copies of completed [Judges' Interview Form](#)
 - 5 copies of Scholarship Resume (Collegiate & High School USA contestants only). [Samples provided](#)
- ✓ **4. REGISTER FOR OPTIONAL COMPETITIONS (OPTIONAL)**

To earn more prizes and awards at your state pageant, register in these competitions:

 - Fashion Show Competition
 - Media Correspondent Competition
 - Photogenic Competition
- ✓ **5. HOTEL RESERVATIONS (OPTIONAL)**
 - Book your hotel reservations as needed. A list of hotel options have been provided for your reference.

About Us



MISS COLLEGIATE USA ORGANIZATION

The Miss Collegiate USA Organization is a non-profit organization determined by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) public charity. The annual event, its national pageant, celebrates and rewards young women who are college-bound, current degree seekers with higher education exposure, or seeking help to pay student loan debt with career opportunities, cash and college scholarships.

Our pageant aspirations are to recognize and incentivize young women to receive scholarships for higher education, and become positive role models, all while building a strong sisterhood.

For 2024, we introduced the new Jr. High School USA division to expand our reach to girls in middle school, grades 6th - 8th. We will crown our first Miss Jr. High School USA in 2024.



Judges' Interview Form

Division:

- ☐ Miss Jr. High School USA
☐ Miss High School USA
☐ Miss Collegiate USA

State: _____

Full Name _____

Academic Level/Status _____ **School/College** _____

What is your favorite TV show?

What is your favorite thing to do during the weekends?

Favorite activities and/or subjects in school:

Honors/Awards/Personal Accomplishments: List any honors, awards, or academic/professional titles.

If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would it be?

If you win your state title, how would you like to represent the Miss Collegiate USA Organization during your year of reign?

Contestant's Signature

_____/_____/_____
Date



OLIVIA BOHLEBER



CONTACT INFORMATION:



EDUCATION:

- Carmi-White County High School
 - Valedictorian
 - GPA: 4.0
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 - Bachelor of Science in Community Health; Health Planning & Administration Concentration
 - Anticipated Graduation: 2022
 - GPA: 3.91
- Certified Phlebotomist
 - Southeastern Illinois College
 - GPA: 4.0

HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS:

- Valedictorian
- Illinois State Scholar
- STEM Club
- Miss Illinois Teen USA 2017
- Public Speaking Awards
- Student Council
- Key Club: District 33 Lieutenant Governor and Club President

COLLEGE HONORS:

- Edmund J. James Scholar for Academic Years 2018-2021
- Dean's List - Five Semesters
- Office of Minority Student Affairs Scholastic Achievement Award 2018-2021
- National Honor Societies: Phi Eta Sigma; Alpha Lambda Delta; National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS)
 - Vice President of Community Service for NSCS
- Peer Mentor/Advisor for Prospective UIUC Students
 - Recommended by academic advisor

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

- Over 600 volunteer hours
- Alpha Phi Red Dress Gala President
- Canteen Run with Red Cross
 - Dispersed necessities to those in need in the local community
- Global Medical Training
 - Attended a week-long volunteer trip to Panama where our club provided free medical and dental services to medically deprived communities
- Sack Lunch Program

COLLEGE EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

- REACT (Reaching and Educating America's Chemists of Tomorrow) Program
 - Maintained REACT's image in the public's eye to generate awareness in the Champaign-Urbana area
- Imprint and Intersect Leadership Workshop
 - Participated in two one-day developmental programs focusing on the importance of networking, relationship building, interpersonal communication, and team building
- Alpha Phi, Beta Alpha Chapter Social Sorority
 - Executive Board - Chairman of Philanthropy
- Vice President of Hall Council for University Housing
- American Medical Women's Association
- Best Buddies
- American Chemical Society
- Illini Equine Rescue Society

WORK EXPERIENCE:

- Chemistry Paraprofessional Laboratory Assistant
 - Prepared chemical solutions; performed laboratory tests; prepared chemical demonstrations for chemistry lectures; learned and implemented all chemical safety procedures and proper waste disposal methods of chemicals



BEST BUDDIES



Hotel Accommodations

State contestants of the 2024 Miss Illinois, Indiana, Michigan & Ohio Pageant **are not required** to stay at any specific hotel. However, several local hotels have been listed below for their convenience.

Hotel Room rates vary and are reasonably priced for travelers visiting the South Bend, Indiana area.



**ALOFT
SOUTH
BEND**

111 N Main St
South Bend, IN 46601

[Visit Site &
Reserve Room](#)



**COURTYARD
SOUTH BEND
DOWNTOWN**

21 S Dr. Martin Luther King Jr
South Bend, Indiana, 46601

[Visit Site &
Reserve Room](#)



**DOUBLETREE BY
HILTON HOTEL
SOUTH BEND**

123 N. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
South Bend, Indiana, 46601

[Visit Site &
Reserve Room](#)



Helpful Information

What are some helpful suggestions for a great headshot?

- Be a head and shoulder image (jpg, jpeg or png).
- Photos with *clean* white (or very light) backgrounds are always ideal and recommended.



Can I have a friend or family member backstage to help me dress?

Only Jr. High School USA contestants will be allowed one (1) female adult backstage during the preliminary and final pageant to assist their contestant. The name and headshot of the female adult must be submitted to Pageant Headquarters by October 28th to receive a backstage badge.

Parents and/or guests will be restricted from backstage areas for all High School and Collegiate USA contestants.

Does the outcome of the optional competitions influence the state title?

No. The outcome of optional competition winners do not influence the required phases of competition of the state title in any way.

Reminders

- **Be sure to bring:**

- 5 printed copies of your **typed** Judges' Interview Form
- 5 printed copies of your **typed** Scholarship Resume (*Collegiate & High School contestants only*)
- All competition wardrobe
 - Interview attire & footwear
 - Evening Gown competition & footwear
 - Opening Number - A pair of black pants and heels to wear with the Miss Collegiate USA T-Shirt.
 - Swimwear competition attire & footwear (*Collegiate & High School contestants only*)
 - Fitness wear competition attire & footwear (*Jr. High School contestants only*)

- **Also, confirm your:**

- Hotel accommodations & travel plans for pageant weekend
- Any hair or make-up appointments

Questions?

Email us at info@misscollegiateusa.org