

2024

Scholarship Packet

Candidate / Parent



"Values Worth Fighting For"



Miss U.S. Armed Forces



MissUSAFP.org

THE HISTORY

“Values Worth Fighting For”

Miss U.S. Armed Forces

OUR INSIGNIA

The symbolisms built into the Crown emblem and the official logo of the Miss US Armed Forces Pageant were deliberately designed to bring honor to the United States Military



OUR CROWN

- The 5 stars represent the 5 branches of America's Military
- The 13 diamonds represent the 13 stripes on the American Flag
- The Fleur-de-Lis has long since been a symbolism in military units

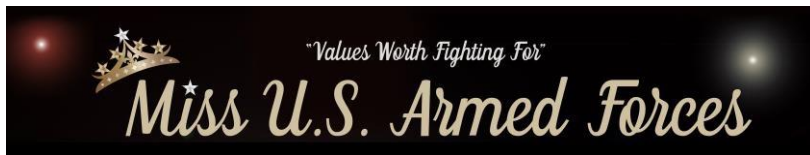
OUR OFFICIAL LOGO

- She stands with respect, holding the 5 branches of the United States Military in her palm
- She proudly displays her SASH with 7 diamonds that represent the 7 red stripes on the American Flag, in reverence for the valor and bravery of those who have lost their life in protecting our freedom
- She is brought to completion by the wearing the official Crown and becoming the exemplification of the Miss US Armed Forces Scholarship Pageant

ABOUT US

We are a non-profit 501(c)(3) which, through a competitive Scholarship Program, promotes education, encourages academic excellence and celebrates volunteerism.

Our primary focus is mentoring young ladies of our United States Military Families & Allies, by preparing them for Leadership, developing self-confidence, building lasting relationships and providing a platform in which they can be a voice to Honor America's Military.



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Welcome...

to the Miss United States Armed Forces Scholarship Pageant, the only Military affiliated pageant in the country! As we celebrate our military families and prepare to Crown 2 new title holders, Miss & Miss Teen, we are thrilled to devote our time in developing these young ladies on their quest to becoming our future women leaders of America. It is through the spirit and cooperation of our CSRA community, the selfless hours of the pageant board, the energetic volunteers, the generous and dedicated sponsors, that we can encourage excellence in women and bring honor to their military service or that of their family member(s).

Miss United States Armed Forces Scholarship Pageant is NOT a beauty pageant. We are recognized as a Non-Profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to the educational, physical, mental, personal, and professional development of young ladies with an added bonus of recognition to represent our military at local community events. What we are not, is a pay for performance organization, these young ladies must earn the respect of the title and a crown, and maintain that honor as demonstrated by our men and women of the United States Military.

Our goal is to become a prestigious pageant solely dedicated to our US Military families and allies. To host an esteemed event which enables many of our local GA and SC communities most brightest, and most accomplished, young ladies to earn scholarships for their future education.

This goal is far reaching, as we culminate the interest of military installations across America, to which we would bring another honored event to Augusta, Georgia as the National Pageant location for the Annual Miss United States Armed Forces, with representations from every State. As we look forward to that perfect day when we reach that level, to bring more recognition and visitors to this already historic location, we hope that you will join us as Leaders and Role models on this mission to provide these candidates with opportunities to achieve success.

It is our sincere hope that their participation in all of our events will give each of them invaluable community connections, brave confidence, new friendships, and that in the years to come they will reflect on this experience and always remember the MEN AND WOMEN who have fought for their FREEDOM! God Bless America!

Thank for your support of our Military Families,

Pamela Hahn, President

Melissa Jones, Pageant Director

Miss US Armed Forces Pageant Corporation

Donnie Thompson, Windsor Fine Jewelers

Supporting our mission under Thunder over Evans





The Main Event

The Miss & Miss Teen Pageant – Augusta University Maxwell Theatre – Jan 20, 2024

The Pageant is a FORMAL Military Style event similar to a Change of Command, with Posting of the Colors, National Anthem, and invocation. Candidates are required to have a Military escort during the Evening Gown Phase.

A Candidate may have a family member (or a cadet of the Augusta University ROTC) as a stand in for any relative that has served, but has passed away, and that military honoree's name and service will be highlighted in the program magazine and during the Evening Gown introductions. This pageant is about bringing focus to the Military as well as providing scholarships to these young ladies and preparing them for a bright and successful future.

There are 3 wardrobe changes, Patriotic Wear for opening introductions, Runway Fashion and Evening Gown. There is be no talent. There will be On-stage Questions for the semi-finalists that will derive from the candidate's personal application information. *Candidates will receive credit toward this Miss Entrepreneur Award for admission tickets sold in advance. Escort will receive free admission and is requested to be at the rehearsal.*

Additional Pageant Titles

- ☆ *Miss Charity* – Awarded to the candidate who has the most cumulative charity volunteer hours submitted. Total hours from the application and participation in the events leading up to the Pageant.
- ☆ *Miss Entrepreneur* – Awarded to the candidate that raises the most in Sponsorship support. Knowing that each personality is different there are those who are looking forward to a career in the public-sector and will enjoy promoting and attaining sponsorship support beyond the \$300 requirement.
- ☆ *Miss Spokesmodel* – Awarded to the candidate that has the best score during her personal interview with panel of 3 judges. They will be judged on professional appearance, eye contact, personal stature, and how well they articulate their answers.
- ☆ *Miss Patriotism* – Awarded to the candidate that displays integrity, trust and honor among those competing for the Scholarship, as well as the management and volunteers that dedicate their time as a mentor for their future development.

Sponsorship & Ads \$400 – Due by Jan 10, 2024 (Early submission \$300 if received by Dec 10, 2023)

Each contestant will receive a half page in the Pageant Magazine. They will have a feature photo, and space reserved for their sponsors along with a photo/military background info of their Escort. All sponsors must complete a sponsorship form and signed by the Pageant Candidate and Pageant Official.

This is an opportunity to realize the importance of harvesting support for any cause that they choose to pursue. We are a Non-Profit 501c3 Organization and advertising is a win-win for both the supporting Business and the future exposure of the Pageant. Nonetheless, it also expands the candidate's networking field and potential career opportunities.

Deadline is to ensure all sponsor Ads are set to go to print for the full color Pageant Magazine. Late fees turned in may result in ad space that is not available.

Judging Criteria

Application – Deadline Jan 1, 2024 *(Late deadline is Jan 10, 2024 - application fee increases)*

The application will be points driven based on several Categories: The overall score will be tallied on the following sections from the application such as: GPA, Honors & Awards, Scholastic Activities, and Volunteer Hours in which they support their favorite charities.

Panel Interview – (date & times TBA)

There will be an interview with a panel of 3 judges that will be based on questions from the application. It is only limited to a casual discussion about the candidate, what she enjoys, and scholastic involvement along with either the Essay or Platform that was submitted. The main concentration the judges will be looking for is how well she is dressed professionally, eye contact, speech, and over all how she presents herself in the interview.

Essay or Platform– Due Jan 10, 2024 *(scoring based on submission in reference to application date)*

The Essay (see page one of application for topic and header info) should be 3-paragraphs, minimum 1 page double spaced and guidelines must be followed for the header criteria of their submission.

Military Core Value: this choice is to give the candidate a chance to research and understand the Values of the Military Branches and how they relate to their own personal values.

Platform: this choice is an option for the candidate to have a platform for any cause that they are currently supporting or wish to support in the future.

EITHER choice should **include** why the candidate would be an outstanding representation of this **Military** affiliated crown. Candidates should be prepared to speak on their essay to the Judges during the Panel Interview.

Pageant Fundraising Events

We are hosting several events leading up to the Pageant as listed below: Events that the candidates participate in and bring support of family/friends will count toward their pageant score, as well as dollar support will count toward their totals for the Miss Entrepreneur Award.



TBA 2024

The Richmond on Greene. *(8a-2p Conference) (2p-4p for candidate overview of pageant evening)*

This will be a full day conference Sponsored by Windsor Fine Jewelers, Richmond On Greene. The Mission of this Pageant is to prepare these candidates to be ***“Young Ladies in Leadership”***. The morning speaker topics include: Branding a Savvy You, Self-Esteem Building, Interview skills, Business Etiquette, Military Etiquette, Financial Security, Safety both Personal and Online, ideas on how to raise funds for advertising sponsors, Military Careers for Women and Cyber Community Careers as well.

Lunch will be provided for the Participants. The afternoon will be team building events and an online Tour of Maxwell Theatre consisting of a walk-thru of the stage area, dressing room assignments and overall what is expected for the Pageant Performance. We ask that the Parent/Guardian and Military Escort attend the latter session from 2-4p so they can be briefed on details of the event. However, if the Parent/Guardian and the Escort would like to stay for the full day activities, we ask that you complete the selection on the **YLIL Registration Consent Form. (the form will be available online in April)**

The Workshop is open to any student (high school/college) and is a great way to earn leadership credits, as well as networking with leaders from the Community. Cost is free for Candidates who have submitted a Pageant application by the deadline. Cost is \$10 for other attendees which covers conference manual materials.

Candidates will receive credit for any friends (not entering the pageant) that attend the workshop. However, should any student decide to enter the Pageant, the \$10 will apply toward the application fee IF there are any slots remaining for entrance into the Pageant. (Pageant candidates are limited to first 50 applicants only)

Sponsorships/Candidate info Contact: MUSAF.SrDirector@gmail.com

Speaker Series Contact: MUSAF.Publications@gmail.com

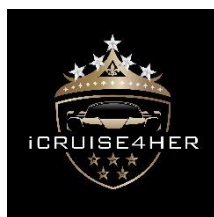


DATE TBA

The Richmond on Greene. This will be an evening of diamonds and elegance presented by Windsor Fine Jewelers. A Masquerade Ball on "Ice" with a theme of Hollywood Glamour and Diamond give aways. A silent auction will be held to raise funds for the Scholarship Program

Signup when posted will be at EVENTBRITE.com >> Search keyword: **Masquerade Ball on Ice**

Sponsorships and info Contact: MUSAF.EVENTS@gmail.com



October 28, 2023

Columbia County Performing Art Center / Lady Antebellum Park, Evans GA – Road Race

7:30-8:15am Registration and warmup

Let's get fit! Our 5K Running/Walking event this year will be at CCPA and we continue our theme!! Crowns & Cap/Gowns since we are running to raise funds for the scholarships! Wear that crown or cap from high school/college for a little fun!

Signup at EVENTBRITE.com >> Search keyword: **iRun4Her**

Includes t-shirt. Sponsor awards and medals will be awarded for several age groups.

CCPA / Lady A Park Evans 9a-3p (in conjunction with the road race)

Have a car you want to showcase and take home the Best in Show Award? The "Windsor Diamond Award" is in honor of Windsor Fine Jewelers, our annual classic Auto/Truck/Motorcycle event! Several categories awarded with the overall winner taking home a cash prize as well!

Signup at EVENTBRITE.com >> Search keyword: **iCruise4Her**

LIVE Music, Food/Drink Trucks, Raffles & Silent Auction gift baskets!

Sponsorships/info contact: MUSAF.FITNESS@gmail.com

Interested in volunteering at any event? MUSAF.Personnel@gmail.com

Please complete all fields. Incomplete applications and/or missing attachments will be cause for delay.

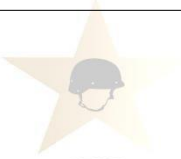





DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION – Jan 10, 2024
Applications accepted until Jan 19th ~ fee increases to \$100

PIN# _____ **Application Submitted on** _____
(choose a personal 8-digit number and list on each page of application)

ENTRY FOR: **MISS** **MISS TEEN**

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Last  **First**    **Middle Initial**
ARMY MARINES NAVY AIR FORCE COAST GUARD

Street Address _____ City / State / Zip _____

Primary Phone _____ Alternate Phone _____

Date of Birth _____ / _____ / _____ Email _____

Do you (candidate) have a Facebook Page? NO _____ YES _____ Facebook Page

URL _____

PIN# _____

CANDIDATE NAME: _____

MILITARY FAMILY ESCORT (any branch of service)

| | | |
|--|---------------------------|---|
| Last Name | First Name | M.I. |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Rank | Branch of Service | Relationship: Parent, Step-Parent, Sibling, etc |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Name of Stand-in (for a deceased family member above, list the name of the Stand-In here | # Years of active service | |
| _____ | _____ | |
| Escort Phone Number | Escort Email Address | Duty Status (active, ret., reserve, etc.) |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |

Is Candidate/Family Member/Escort a Member of AUSA? NO _____ YES _____ AUSA Member# _____

- Member Number can be obtained by visiting the National AUSA website: www.ausa.org/user/login
- Not a Member? Check out the benefits and join to receive the discounted benefits: www.ausa.org/membership
- Need Help? Contact the Greater Augusta Fort Gordon Chapter at: AUSAFGMembership@gmail.com

MISS UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES ESSAY -OR- PLATFORM

(Submit on single page-front only. DO NOT include your name. Header should list only your 8-digit PIN, Current Grade, and Name of School/College at the top of your essay)

Please attach a summary of your Platform and be prepared to discuss your topic during the personal Interview Session. Otherwise, you may attach a 3-paragraph essay explaining in your own words what your understanding would be of the following:

Select one of the core values of the United States Military (any branch) and define how it aligns with your values, that would make you an outstanding representation for the

Miss United States Armed Forces Crown.

PIN# _____

CANDIDATE NAME: _____

PERSONAL OUTLINE: For each item listed below, attach details on a separate page(s). Header should only consist of your PIN, Name of High School or College and Grade (as of May of the current pageant year). DO NOT include your name.

- ☆ **SCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES** (any scholastic activities: JROTC, Band, Sports, Clubs, etc.)
- ☆ **HONORS / AWARDS / SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS**
- ☆ **COMMUNITY SERVICE / INVOLVEMENT** (detail of all volunteer experience and hours)

EDUCATION

If Home Schooled Check here and list NA in Education Institution _____

Educational Institution Attending _____

County/District _____

Current Grade/College Standing _____ Cumulative GPA _____

(Provide Official High School or College transcripts at the end of the school year/semester preceding the pageant in July)

APPLICATION & FEE - \$50 [\$25.00] **Early Registration – on/before Dec 1**

[\$100.00] **Late Registration - by Jan 19th**

[\$10.00] **AUSA Member Discount - Membership #** _____

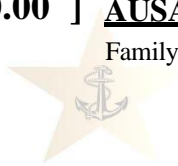
Family or Military Affiliated Escort is a current AUSA Member.



ARMY



MARINES



NAVY



AIR FORCE



COAST GUARD

_____ **Check/Money Order Enclosed**
(include candidate name in memo)

_____ **Drop-off to Office**
(see application page 4 for details)

_____ **I Paid via PAYPAL** (via pageant website)

PIN# _____

CANDIDATE NAME: _____

PERSONAL CHARACTER REQUIREMENTS

(please acknowledge all of the following...)

- I legally reside within the Georgia Carolina areas.
- I am a Citizen of the United States of America.
- I am Female.
- I am not now and have never been married.
- I am not pregnant, nor have I ever been pregnant. I am not the adoptive parent of any child.
- I am of good moral character.
- I have never been convicted of any criminal offense.
- I have no criminal charges or investigations presently pending against me.
- I have never and will not perform any act/engage in any activity that is characterized as dishonest, immoral, or indecent.
- I am in good health and can, to the best of my knowledge, participate fully in the Pageant program activities.
- I do not use or consume any illegal, controlled/dangerous substances or abuse the use of alcohol or other dangerous substances.

DECLARATIONS

I hereby certify that I have reviewed all information submitted in this application and that I fully meet ALL eligibility requirements outlined in the SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT & PERSONAL CHARACTER REQUIREMENTS. The information is correct and concise, and nothing has been omitted or concealed. I understand that at any time it is found otherwise, my candidature will be withdrawn.



Candidate Signature _____ **Date** _____

Parent or Guardian Signature _____ **Date** _____

TERMS & POLICIES

If for any reason the pageant is rescheduled due to unforeseen circumstances, any sponsor contributions will be used as committed during the Pageant Event makeup dates.

PAGEANT USE ONLY

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EVENT INFORMATION FOR YOUR RECORDS**

SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT REQUIREMENTS

- **Miss Teen:** 9th - 12th Grade Student in Good Standing, residing within the Georgia Carolina Area
- **Miss :** Ages 18-26 Student or Active Duty Military residing within the Georgia Carolina Area
- **Submit Photo:** Headshot only, unretouched, 4x6/5x7 in size, and taken within the current pageant year
- **Military Escort is requested for Night of Pageant (formal military attire)(Black/Navy suit for non-active duty)**
 - ★ Family Member (includes step family) of any Branch of the U.S. Military
 - ★ Active, Reserve, National Guard, Retired, Veteran
 - ★ For Military Active Duty Candidates, please choose a family member for the Escort
 - ★ If the family member is deceased, you may have a stand-in that is or is not military affiliated
 - ★ You may opt to have Augusta University ROTC for an Escort
- **SPONSOR:** Raise \$300 in Sponsorship Ads from local businesses, family or friends in support of your candidacy to be included in the Pageant Program Magazine. If any funds are collected prior to the Pageant's YLL Conference, please drop off at the Pageant office listed below.

Business and Patrons Ads/logos must be in .PNG/.JPG/.PDF format only, and emailed to the following:

MUSAF.PUBLICATIONS@gmail.com & MUSAF.TREASURER@gmail.com

(Ads will appear in program magazine by first-in basis):

Drop off funds collected, in a sealed envelope or Mail sponsorships along with the Sponsor form, to the address listed below

*Make Check/Money Order payable to: **Miss U.S. Armed Forces Pageant Corporation***

REMIT APPLICATION, APPLICATION FEE TO:

Miss US Armed Forces Pageant Office

ATTN: *Miss Applicant* -OR- *Miss Teen Applicant*

Office Walk-in 10a-1pm: 699 Broad Street, Suite 1212, Augusta, GA 30901

Mail Checks only or drop off Cash at Office.

REMIT SPONSOR FUNDS & SPONSOR FORMS TO:

Miss US Armed Forces Pageant Office

ATTN: Dave Kecke, *Treasurer*

Same address as above

Questions? Please contact our Program Directors at: Pageant@MissUSAEP.org | Office 803-641-4136

All funds are due by the final application deadline as stated on the page one header, in order for ad layout to be completed for the Annual Pageant Program Magazine. Additional details to assist with fund raising, will be provided at the "Young Ladies in Leadership" (YLL) Conference.

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~ “YOUNG LADIES IN LEADERSHIP” Conference~

Leadership & Pageant workshop is open to all young ladies/students in the Georgia/Carolina area who are interested in preparing for a career, building self-confidence or what it means to wear a crown of honor.
Applications will be accepted at end of day - reservation required
\$10 workshop fee will be applied to application process.

ATTENDANCE REQUIRED FOR A FUN FILLED DAY!

TBA

8:00 AM Registration - DO NOT BE LATE

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

**The Richmond On Greene
725 Greene Street, Augusta GA**

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM - GUEST SPEAKERS & PAGEANT REVIEW

12:00-1:00 PM - LUNCHEON

Lunch is provided for Candidates
Escort &/or Guardian may purchase lunch ticket in advance
please select additional lunches on the candidate's registration form.
This includes any special meal requirements that the caterer needs to know

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM - GUEST SPEAKERS & PAGEANT QUESTIONS

Military Escort be present from 2p-3p

TOPICS TO BE PRESENTED:

Motivational & Professional Career Topics from Leaders in the Community
Careers for Women in the Military presented by Active Duty/Retired Leaders
Personal & Military Etiquette Guidelines
Branding a Savvy YOU
Financial Future
Fun time with Team Building Events
Pageant Event Review / Panel Interview Review/ Sponsorship Ad Review
Tour of Theatre Areas/Dressing Rooms/Military Escort Holding Areas
Candidate & Escort Walk through

*****Pre-Ticket Sales will be available to Reserve for Family prior to sell-out seating**

~ MISS U.S. ARMED FORCES PAGEANT ~

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2024 ~ 6:00 pm

~ REHEARSAL ~

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2024

3:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Augusta University Maxwell Theatre

~ PERSONAL INTERVIEW – PANEL JUDGES ~

A Personal Interview w/Panel of 3 Judges

Candidates should arrive early

TIMES TBD

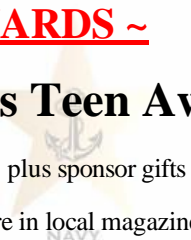
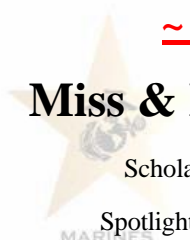
Augusta University Maxwell Theatre

~ AWARDS ~

Miss & Miss Teen Award

Scholarship + plus sponsor gifts

Spotlight Feature in local magazines



Runners-Up & Finalist Awards

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Additional Miss Title's

** Miss Charity * Miss Entrepreneur **

** Miss Spokesmodel **

** Miss Patriotism **



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