



PAGEANT CONTESTANT INTERVIEWS

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MODULE PURPOSE

To help pageant coaches prepare their client for a successful interview.



The interview is normally the

FIRST

phase of competition; however, each pageant system has different formats for when their interviews are conducted and what platform or type of interview they will conduct.

The most prominent format for pageant interviewing is...

The Panel Interview





ROUND ROBBIN

During a Round Robbin interview style, the contestant will be in a room with other contestants, the contestant will interview with each judge. Someone will direct the contestant on when to go and where to stand.

PANEL INTERVIEWS

During a panel interview, the contestant will speak to a group of judges in a room, usually with no other contestants present.



WHICH PAGEANTS USE WHICH INTERVIEW FORMAT?

ROUND ROBBIN

*National American Miss
Miss American Coed
USA National Miss
International Junior Miss*

PANEL INTERVIEWS

*Miss USA
Miss America
Miss Grand International
Miss Earth USA
Miss High School America*



Interview Duration

*Varies...but, will lasts
usually 30 seconds to
10 Minutes*

INTERVIEW GUIDELINES

Learn about the guidelines for
your pageant contestant
interview in three main ways:

Pageant Handbook

Speak to the Pageant Director

Speak to a Current Titleholder

Visit the Pageant's Website



WHAT CONTRIBUTES TO YOUR INTERVIEW SCORE

Get the Point!

Pageant Paperwork, including:

Contestant Resume

Fact Sheet

Platform Essay

Intellect

Articulation

Composure

Use of Vocabulary

Ability to Think Fast on Your Feet

Content of the Answers

Personality

Grooming



Practice Makes Perfect

GENERAL INTERVIEW RULES

Help contestants score big by knowing what to expect!

Judges will assess:

1. The content and depth of knowledge in the contestant's answers.
2. The contestant's body language.
3. The contestant's confidence in what they say.
4. The consistency in what they say and the contestant's brand.
5. The contestant's preparedness and ability to carry out the job of the titleholder.



HOW TO STAND OUT!

1. Know and embrace your brand. This will help you be clear on who you are.
2. Teach your client to always be aware of their body language and what message it is sending.
3. Make sure your client is informed and is abreast of current events.
4. Know your paperwork.
5. Have contestant be intentional about their eye contact by connecting with each judge.
6. Contestant must have a clear plan on how they will impact the community with their platform if chosen the winner.



WHAT TO WEAR?

With a room full of beauty and poise, it's crucial that your client's interview ensemble has to get attention as soon as she walks in the room.

Be sure your client's outfits are in line with the brand of the pageant.

Be sure the outfit is flattering in fit, style, and color.



WHAT TO COLOR TO WEAR?

Don't be afraid to advise your client to go with something bold, yet complimentary to their skin tone and still on the pageant brand.

Pastels and Prints

They can work but they should not be too busy or distracting with a simple design.



WHERE TO FIND INTERVIEW OUTFITS

- Personal Seamstress
- Custom Shops
- Boutiques/Pageant Dress Shop
- Department Stores
- Discount Stores
- Pageant Resale Sites



INTERVIEW ACCESSORIES

Your contestant's accessories will depend on their outfit, but there are some general rules about accessories.

With a bling outfit - keep the accessories simple.

With a simpler outfit - You can make jewelry a little more pronounced but make only one piece the focal point.

Shoes - Keep them simple and stylish. Make sure they are age appropriate and not too high.

Earring Only - It is standard to only wear earrings in pageant competition as bracelets, necklaces, and anklets are considered distracting.



INTERVIEW ACCESSORIES

1. Contestants must have a clearly defined contestant brand and strategy on how they will articulate it.
2. Contestants need to be well-versed on their platform and develop talking points to discuss the impact they've made.
3. Contestants should practice with a variety of questions ranging from their life experiences, knowledge of current events, knowledge of the pageant system, their platform and hypothetical scenarios.
4. Contestants need to develop a strong command of both verbal and nonverbal communication.
5. Contestants must develop their confidence.



BEST INTERVIEW OUTFITS



COMMON PAGEANT QUESTIONS

1. What makes you different from other competitors?
2. Why should you win the title?
3. Why do you want to win this pageant?
4. Where do you see yourself in the next five years?
5. Tell me more about yourself.
6. Who is your role model?
7. What will you do if you win this title?
- 8.8. What is your dream job?
9. What has been your biggest failure?
10. What is the most important issue facing your generation?
11. Why do you think people have a negative image of pageantry?
12. Have you ever been bullied? If so, how did you handle it?
13. How did you prepare for this pageant?
14. Why did you select your pageant platform?
15. Do you think technology is hurting personal relationships?
16. If you could have any superpower, what would it be?





THANK YOU