



Isle of Eight Flags Shrimp Festival, Inc.

P.O. Box 6146

Fernandina Beach, FL 32035

Dear Miss Shrimp Festival 2023 Contestant:

Thank you for your interest in the Miss Shrimp Festival 2023 Scholarship Pageant, sponsored by The Hampton Inn & Suites, Amelia Island. The pageant is open to high school level juniors and seniors, currently attending public, private, alternative and home schools. Eligible participants must reside in Nassau County, but may attend high school in another county. Pageant contestants' participation requirements include attending rehearsals for the pageant on Sunday's, ride on the pageant float in the Pirate Parade on Thursday May 4, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., take part in the Contestant Dinner and Interview portion of the pageant on Wednesday May 3, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. and, of course, participate on stage in the Miss Shrimp Festival 2023 Scholarship Pageant on Friday evening, May 5, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Robert Martyn, General Manager of The Hampton Inn & Suites, Amelia Island, will present the winner of the Miss Shrimp Festival 2023 title with a \$1,000 scholarship.

An **organizational meeting** to return the application and to take pictures for the News Leader's *Essentials* magazine will be held on **Sunday, March 12, 2023 at 2 p.m.** at Bean School of Dance, 96537 Parliament Dr. in Fernandina Beach. The attached Application and Participation Agreement should be completely filled out and brought with you to this meeting. The application form will be used in judging and in developing information for the pageant. Please keep a copy for your records. Applicants will be accepted until March 26, 2023. **Rehearsals** are scheduled for every Sunday, starting March 26 through April 30, 2023 from 2 to 4 pm, at the Bean School of Dance, 96537 Parliament Dr. in Fernandina Beach. There will be NO REHERSAL on April 9, 2023 as that is Easter Sunday. Additional rehearsal times may be scheduled during the week as determined by contestants' school and work schedules. It is important that you be able to commit your time to attend as many rehearsals as possible in order to feel confident with your performance in the staging of the pageant.

If you should have any questions, please contact Crystal Haney Pageant Director at (912) 674-3316, email: pageant@shrimpfestival.com Please leave a message with your phone number if the call is answered by voice mail.

Thank you for your participation and good luck!

Crystal Haney
Pageant Director



58th Isle of Eight Flags

Shrimp Festival Miss Shrimp Scholarship Pageant

Sponsored by: The Hampton Inn & Suites, Amelia Island

CONTESTANT AGENDA

(PLEASE READ – YOU WILL BE EXPECTED TO KNOW THIS INFORMATION AND SCHEDULE)

March and April 2023: Rehearsals

The organizational meeting will be held on Sunday, March 12, 2023 at 2 p.m. at Bean School of Dance (BSD), 96537 Parliament Dr. in Fernandina Beach. At least one parent is REQUIRED to attend the organization meeting. Completed Contestant Application and Participation Agreement should be turned in at this meeting or brought in ASAP. Please keep a copy for yourself to refer back to the information. We will be collecting your applications and taking pictures for the News Leader's Essential magazine. If you don't attend this meeting we can not guarantee your picture and info will be listed in the magazine.

The **REHERSALS** will be on Sunday, March 26th and Sunday, April 2nd, 16th, 23rd & 30th from 2 to 4 p.m. (also at BSD), except April 9th (Easter Sunday) plus maybe an additional weekday/evening until the festival. Contestants are asked to attend as many rehearsals as possible in order to learn the choreography of the opening sequence of the pageant, as well as the actual pageant staging. If a contestant is unable to attend a rehearsal, she is asked to inform Pageant Director Crystal Haney at 912-674-3316, or by sending word with a fellow contestant. We will review all aspects of the pageant process at this time.

Interview Dinner Wednesday May 3, 2023

Pageant Contestants, judges, sponsors and organizers will meet at the Hampton Inn & Suites, Amelia Island, 19 South 2nd Street, for a pre-interview dinner at 5:30 p.m., followed by the Judges Interview session. Three judges will meet individually with each contestant for approximately 2 to 3 minutes for a question and answer session. Questions may be about current local, national and world events, music, books, your "opinions," life lessons or goals, to cover a few possible topics. Scoring will be based on: Poise, Personality, Appearance, Response, and Knowledge.

Contestants will be asked to remain until all contestants have been interviewed, but should not discuss interview questions with any other contestants during the waiting time. Near the end of the evening, contestants will vote among themselves for Miss Congeniality, who will be the contestant you feel was the most friendly and helpful during all pageant activities. Contestants will also be provided at this time with the list of questions to be asked at the Pageant on Friday evening during the "Question" portion. The Interviews should conclude around 9:00 p.m. Dress to impress in your Sunday best or business attire, but bring a sweater or lightweight jacket because it gets cool in the conference rooms at the hotel.

Thursday, May 4, 2023: Shrimp Festival Parade

Parade staging begins at 4:30 p.m. at Buccaneer Field, S. 13th St. and Beech Street in Fernandina Beach. Contestants must be in place no later than 5:30 p.m. Contestants will be riding in two boats and will have to climb a ladder to get into the boat. You should wear flat, soft soles shoes (no high heels on the boat) and dress in a sundress, or nice blouse, skirt or slacks, etc. (nothing too tight or too short). Hopefully, the day will be sunny and warm. The parade will be held rain or shine.

Friday, May 5, 2023: Festival Opening Ceremony and Pageant

The Opening Ceremony for the Shrimp Festival begins at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Miss Shrimp Festival Scholarship Pageant at 6:30 p.m. Please ask family and friends to be seated prior to the start of the Opening Ceremony. Contestants will gather at The Hampton Inn & Suites, Amelia Island, no later than 5:00 p.m. Remember that traffic can be heavy in the downtown area, and access to the festival area is closed to traffic at 11 a.m. (Centre St.), so be sure to leave home in plenty of time – having someone drop you off at the hotel is best! Contestants will dress in "Prom" dresses. (HINT: Bring your pageant shoes to rehearsal to practice in.)

The Pageant is done very simply. At the beginning, each contestant will each introduce herself at the microphone, starting with Contestant No. 1. The judges will score each contestant for Poise, Personality and Appearance for their stage presence during introduction. The contestants will then present themselves as a group with a dance routine set to music, ending in a line on the stage. After the dance is complete, the contestants, in number order, will draw a question from a bag that the emcee will be holding, return to the microphone and be asked the drawn question. These questions will have been provided to the girls on Thursday night after the interview, but they won't know which one they will draw.

After the contestant has answered her question, she will walk across the stage to receive a rose, return to center stage, do a complete turn and wait while the judges score the Question Response for Poise, Personality, and Response. The emcee will thank the contestant, which signals her to return to the line.

There will be a short break while the scores are tallied, during which the winners of the Pirate Parade will be announced. Introduction of the judges will be made as well as thank yous, then the award for Miss Congeniality. Based upon the judges' scorecards, and starting with the 2nd Runner-up, the top three contestants with the most points will be awarded: Miss Shrimp Festival and a 1st and a 2nd Runner-up. In the event of a tie, the Wednesday evening interview will be counted twice. Contestants are asked to remain on stage at the end of the pageant for just a few minutes for pictures. The Pageant is usually over approximately one hour after it begins, depending on the number of contestants. Contestants are encouraged to stay for the Pirate Invasion at 9:00, followed by fireworks.

During Festival Weekend (Friday, Saturday & Sunday)

Miss Shrimp Festival 2023 is asked to be available during the remainder of the Shrimp Festival weekend to participate in other activities, such as introduce entertainment acts as needed, judge the beard contest, the Adult Pirate contest, the Little Pirate contests, the Blessing of the Fleet, and help award artist prizes. Additionally, Miss Shrimp Festival 2023 will be given opportunities to participate in other parades and events during her year of reign. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend any and all events Miss Shrimp Festival 2023 is involved in. During events, the Director of the Miss Shrimp Festival Pageant will escort Miss Shrimp Festival 2023 and coach her in her involvement in each event as needed. Miss Shrimp Festival 2023 is also required to ride in the 2024 Shrimp Festival Parade in the automobile provided by the Shrimp Festival Committee and driven by the Director of the Miss Shrimp Festival Pageant.

Thank you for choosing to participate in the Miss Shrimp Festival 2023 Scholarship Pageant!

If you should have any questions, please contact:

Pageant Director Crystal Haney at (912) 674-3316 or email: pageant@shrimpfestival.com

For more festival information, access our website at www.shrimpfestival.com

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**The Deadline for entry as a Miss Shrimp Festival contestant is
March 26, 2023.**

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

MOST INTERESTING EXPERIENCE

AFTER-SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT OR ACTIVITY

SUPERVISOR _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION

2023 ISLE OF EIGHT FLAGS SHRIMP FESTIVAL, INC.

MISS SHRIMP FESTIVAL SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT

PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

In consideration of being permitted to participate in such activity, the participant does hereby release and forever discharge the Isle of Eight Flags Shrimp Festival Committee, its Officers, Directors, Sponsors, Partners, Agents, or Assigns, jointly and severally from any and all actions, causes of action, claims and demands for, upon or by reason of any damage, loss or injury, which hereafter may be sustained by the participants, merchants, spectators, or others in consequence of participating the Isle of Eight Flags Shrimp Festival activities. This release extends and applies to, and also covers and includes all unknown, unforeseen, unanticipated and unsuspected injuries, damages, loss and liability, and the consequences thereof, as well as those now disclosed and known to exist. The provisions of any state, federal, local or territorial law or statute providing in substance that releases shall not extend to claims, demands, injuries or damages which are unknown or unsuspected to the person executing such release at the time of such execution, are hereby expressly waived.

I hereby grant the Isle of Eight Flags Shrimp Festival Committee permission to use any photograph or video taken in conjunction with this activity and use it in any and all of its promotions and publications, including website entries, without payment or any other consideration. I understand and agree that any photographic materials will become the property of the Isle of Eight Flags Shrimp Festival Committee and will not be returned. I hereby irrevocably authorize the Isle of Eight Flags Shrimp Festival Committee to edit, alter, copy, exhibit, publish or distribute any photo for purposes of publicizing the Isle of Eight Flags Shrimp Festival Committee's programs or for any other lawful purpose. In addition,

I waive the right to inspect or approve the finished product, including written or electronic copy, wherein my likeness appears. Additionally, I waive any right to royalties or other compensation arising or related to the use of the photograph. I hereby hold harmless and release and forever discharge the Isle of Eight Flags Shrimp Festival Committee from all claims, demands, and causes of action which I, my heirs, representatives, executors, administrators or any other persons acting on my behalf or on behalf of my estate have or may have by reason of this authorization.

I hereby agree on behalf of my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, to indemnify the Isle of Eight Flags Shrimp Festival Committee, its Officers, Directors, Sponsors, Partners, Agents, or Assigns, jointly and severally, and to hold the same harmless from and against any and all actions, claims, demands, and liabilities, loss, damages and expense of whatever kind or nature, including attorney fees, which may at any time be incurred by them or claimed against them by reason of my participation in the Isle of Eight Flags Shrimp Festival. I further agree that I have received, read, understand and agree that I and my organization (if applicable) will abide by all guidelines, rules and regulations as set forth by the Isle of Eight Flags Shrimp Festival Committee. This hold harmless and indemnity provision expressly includes any action, cause of action, claim or demand based upon any omission or negligence by the Isle of Eight Flags Shrimp Festival Committee, its Officers, Directors, Sponsors, Agents, or Assigns. Nothing contained in the foregoing release and indemnification shall be construed to be a waiver of any immunity or limitation of liability the City of Fernandina Beach may have under the doctrine of sovereign immunity or Section 768.28, Florida Statutes.

I have read and consent to follow the Contestant Agenda and Participation Agreement to the best of my ability.

Participant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Parent's Signature:

(Signature of Responsible Participant or if a minor, please include Signature of Participant's Parent or Guardian)

Mailing Address:

(Street Name/Apt #) _____

(City) _____

(State) _____ (Zip) _____

PHONE (H) _____ (C) _____

D.O.B. ____/____/____ AGE _____

PARTICIPANT'S E-MAIL:

PARENTS or GUARDIANS INFORMATION: (Names will be announced during pageant)

NAMES

PARENT OR GUARDIAN E-MAIL

Daytime or Cell Phone No.: _____

Evening Phone No.: _____