



# 2024 Georgia Participant Handbook

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Welcome to the Georgia Cinderella family! We are thrilled you have chosen to participate in our program, and we hope this will be an experience you will never forget. Cinderella features a high-quality state competition including an opening production number, fun parties, a souvenir gift exchange, and memories with new friends from across the state. We award thousands in cash, scholarships, and other prizes. Just think...you could be the next Overall State Cinderella Winner!

The Georgia State Cinderella Finals will be held at the Marietta Performing Art Center, June 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Our host hotel will be the beautiful Hilton Atlanta/Marietta Hotel and Conference Center. The link to book is on our website on the State page. This link gives you a discount on the hotel's best rate, currently \$201/night and may daily change as availability changes. Make sure to make your reservations as soon as possible to get the room you want.

The registration fee of \$300 includes all competition and photogenic fees; admission to the Prince Gilbert and Cindy Fair Parties, all competitions, and the Grand Finals for one contestant and one chaperone; one Souvenir Program Book; and one theme t-shirt. Be sure to check out the Cover Girl section for information on how you can become a Cinderella Cover Girl winner *and* help get your registration fee **paid** by selling program book advertising.

We welcome you to the Georgia Cinderella family, and we look forward to seeing you at the 2024 Georgia State Cinderella Finals!

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- A \$100 deposit must be made when you register to hold your spot in the Cinderella State Finals.
- The deadline to complete and submit the below items is **MAY 20, 2024**, to avoid late fees:
  - Registration form: <https://forms.gle/7ESDcFqbSCjyo3vx6>
  - Photo for the program book
  - Talent music
  - Balance of fees
- We accept Venmo (@georgiacinderella) and PayPal (@gacinderella). You may request a Zelle invoice by emailing [GeorgiaCinderellaPageant@gmail.com](mailto:GeorgiaCinderellaPageant@gmail.com). All deposits and fees are non-refundable.
- Please bring the following to pageant registration: a printed photo (no larger than 8"x10") for photogenic judging and your souvenir gifts for distribution. See Photogenic and Souvenir gifts sections for details.
- Remember to follow and tag us on social media!
  - Facebook: GeorgiaCinderella
  - Instagram: GeorgiaCinderellaPageant

## Age Divisions

We welcome ladies from birth to 29 years of age\*. Division determined by **age as of September 1, 2023**.

Baby Divisions:

Cinderella Infant (0-11 months)

Cinderella Baby (12-23 months)

Cinderella Tiny Tot (24-35 months)

Primary Age Divisions:

Cinderella Tot (3-6 years)

Cinderella Mini Miss (7-9 years)

Cinderella Miss (10-12 years)

Cinderella Teen (13-17 years)

Cinderella Woman (18-29 years)

\* Proof of age may be required.

## Areas of Competition

**Baby Divisions** (0-35 months) compete in (1) Baby Playtime/Close-up Appraisal, (2) On-Stage Casualwear Modeling, and (3) On-Stage Party Dress Modeling. Baby is accompanied by (1) chaperone for every competition. During Casualwear Modeling, the chaperone introduces baby on stage with name, age, and hometown. A Photogenic winner, Personality winner, Beauty winner, and Overall title (beauty and personality combined) will be crowned in each baby division. Baby divisions bring their favorite toy for playtime.

**Tot Division** (ages 3-6) compete in (1) Interview, (2) Tot Personality (on-stage interview), (3) On-Stage Casualwear Modeling, and (4) On-Stage Party Dress Modeling. A Photogenic winner, Beauty winner (interview, party dress and casualwear scores combined), Tot Personality Winner, and Overall winner (beauty and tot personality scores combined) will be crowned. Tots are expected to participate in competition by themselves and not accompanied by a chaperone, however, there will be lots of helpers backstage to make sure she is comfortable and looking her best when she steps on that stage.

**Miniature Miss and Miss Divisions** (ages 7-9 and 10-12) compete in (1) Interview, (2) Talent, (3) On-Stage Casualwear Modeling, and (4) On-Stage Party Dress Modeling. A Photogenic winner, Beauty winner (interview, party dress and casualwear scores combined), Talent winner, and Overall winner (beauty and talent scores combined) will be crowned in both divisions.

**Teen and Women Divisions** (ages 13-17 and 18-29) compete in (1) Interview, (2) Talent, (3) On-Stage Casualwear Modeling, and (4) On-Stage Formalwear Modeling. A Photogenic winner, Beauty winner (interview, partywear and casualwear scores combined), Talent winner, and Overall winner (beauty and talent scores combined) will be crowned in both divisions.

### INTERVIEW

Participants are brought into the interview room one at a time to meet with the judges. The judges will ask them approximately 3-4 questions each. These are simple questions such as “I see you have pets; can you tell me about them?” or “If I were to come to house for dinner, what would we eat?” Spontaneous, natural answers are the best. Practice speaking clearly; not too fast or too loud. Make-up is not allowed on Tots and Miniature Miss participants during Interview. Outfits should be a simple dress that she might wear to church. For our Teen and Woman participants, outfits can be a dress or suit; something she would wear to a job interview. Questions for the older age divisions may focus on more challenging topics such as school involvement or ambition.

### TOT PERSONALITY

Simple party wear or interview type dresses are appropriate for this on-stage interview. Each Tot participant is brought on stage to have a brief chat with an emcee. Like their previous interview, spontaneous, natural answers are the best. Participants should stand straight, hands to their side, with “pretty feet”, when speaking in the microphone. Practice speaking clearly; not too fast or too loud.

### TALENT

The talent competition is for Miniature Miss, Miss, Teen, and Women divisions only, and is required to compete on the State and International level. Participants must email their talent music in .mp3 format to [GeorgiaCinderellaPageant@gmail.com](mailto:GeorgiaCinderellaPageant@gmail.com). **The deadline to submit your talent music is MAY 20, 2024.** We recommend also bringing a thumb drive of your music in mp3 format, to the pageant as backup.

The judges will consider the quality of recordings in talent judging. Our sound technician cannot stop the recorded audio for dialogue, etc. Dialogue/vocal may be timed to a continuously playing audio track that has a blank space in the recording to allow for a void in the musical accompaniment if the talent requires such. Music should be edited to stop at the end of the talent presentation. **Talent presentations must not exceed 2 minutes and 30 seconds in length.** Overtime talents will automatically be disqualified from talent, and the participant will **not** be eligible for Talent and Overall Awards.

A handheld microphone and stand will be available for use during talent presentations. For participants using instruments, direct plugs will be provided, but must be approved in advance of the pageant by our sound technician. Additionally, an external mic can be used to amplify instruments. No outside microphones will be allowed. If you are playing the piano, please communicate this in advance. We will make every effort to have a piano available at the venue upon request. A keyboard is always available to use.

A crew member will be on hand to help with props. However, props are discouraged as they tend to remove focus from the participant and her performance and should it malfunction, the prop could negatively impact the score of the participant. Props are only allowed if the prop is necessary for the talent to be performed (i.e., a working prop). Scenery props are not allowed. Props (other than musical instruments) must be self-contained and require no electricity. All props must be small enough to be carried onto the stage by no more than one person making one trip onstage to place the prop. Only official Cinderella Staff will be allowed onstage to place the prop. In advance of the performance, either the participant or a chaperone should speak to one of our staff backstage to explain the placement of the prop. All equipment necessary for a performance, other than a piano, sound equipment and microphones will be the sole responsibility of the performer. Due to building regulations, the use of fire, sharp juggling knives or water is strictly prohibited. Additionally, any act that is considered dangerous to the performer, staff or audience will be prohibited. Acrobatic mats are limited to one regulation size mat. The pageant does not assume any responsibility for loss or damage to props during the event.

Talent presentations or costumes of a suggestive nature will mean automatic disqualification from competition. Discretion should be used in selecting talent material that is too mature or adult for the participants' age division. This includes song lyrics, costumes, dance choreography, etc.

### **CASUALWEAR MODELING**

This should be a dressy casual outfit, such as shorts, skirts, pants, and casual dresses, that she might wear for a school picture day or to attend a special birthday party. Matching suit sets are also an option for the older girls. Participants are judged on overall appearance and not ability to model in an exaggerated way. This is not a high-fashion modeling competition, and thus, props, hats, affected hand motions, footwork, and facial expressions are discouraged. Cinderella has a unique 4-point modeling pattern and modeling music, with *dings* and *harp sweeps* that signal the participant to move to the next step. Casualwear presentations also include the Participant introducing herself on stage. When Participants arrive at the center X they are expected to say their name, age, and hometown. Teen and Women divisions also talk about their school or community involvement and career ambition. One minute is given for each participant to complete the modeling pattern and introduction.

### **PARTY DRESS OR FORMALWEAR MODELING**

This should be a nice dress that the participant would wear to a wedding or special occasion. As we are a natural pageant, please avoid anything that is heavily doused in rhinestones or sequins, especially in the younger age divisions. Think more of an Easter Sunday or flower girl type of dress. Tot, Miniature Miss, and Miss dresses should be above-the-knee in length. Teen and Woman dresses should be full length gowns. In the Women division, during Formalwear Modeling, she may be asked a question on stage.

### **PHOTOGENIC**

All participants compete for the Photogenic Girl award for their age division. Photogenic is included in the competition fees. The Photogenic Girl competition is an important part of the Cinderella Pageant. Winners in each age division will be selected on the following basis: Photographic beauty, captured personality or mood, composition, and the technical quality of the photograph.

At pageant registration, each participant will be required to submit (1) head and shoulders photograph no larger than 8"x10". When submitting your Photogenic photo at registration, please label your photo with the participants name, age, and division on the back. Photographs should not include trophies, crowns or banners won at a previous pageant. Also, the participant should take care that the photo is a recent one and that it closely resembles the participant as she will look during her State Pageant competition (i.e., age, hair style/color, etc.) While Cinderella makes every effort to return the Photogenic Photos before the end of the pageant, the pageant cannot be held responsible for any photo that is lost or damaged.

## Pageant Schedule

A tentative schedule is posted on our website. A final schedule will be provided at pageant registration. Please always keep your schedule with you. Participants are asked to arrive (15) minutes prior to the scheduled event. We will not hold up the competition for those who are late. Please be on time!

## Pageant Standards

In Cinderella, we are searching for a natural, unaffected young lady to represent our program. She should be charming and personable; well-groomed and poised; self-confident; and above all have the character, humility and inner beauty that sets her apart as a leader. A Cinderella girl is at ease in a crowd and is respectful of those around her. Her manners, dress and behavior are age appropriate. It is important to note that the concept of "beauty" in Cinderella is defined as a person's "inner beauty" and strength of character combined with her personal achievements in at least one area of the performing arts as well as her ability to communicate effectively with others. Cinderella does not place emphasis on physical beauty, but rather seeks to promote the beautiful inner person that should reside in everyone.

Artificial hair and fake eyelashes are not allowed in the under 12 age divisions, unless it is the result of a medical necessity (i.e., illness, chemotherapy, etc.) This does not apply to talent presentations. Please note that the judges have been instructed to use discretion in determining whether a participant has violated this rule and if such artifices are immediately discernible to the judges' panel, the participant may be disqualified. Cosmetic dentistry is permissible. The use of cosmetics is allowed in all age brackets; however, makeup must be appropriate for the participant's age category. Heavier makeup may be worn under strong stage lights. Please note, while Tots and Miniature Miss Participants may wear appropriate makeup during Party dress, Casualwear and Tot Personality, due to the staging lights, they may **not** wear makeup during their Interview competition with the Judges. Again, this rule will be discussed with the judges and will be subject to their discretion. A standard of modesty must be maintained throughout the pageant (includes interview attire, casualwear, talent, and party dress attire along with your everyday wear around the pageant facility).

Any parent, coach, teacher, guest or participant who conducts themselves in an unsportsmanlike manner (before, during or after any pageant or event, in person or on social media) will be subject to immediate dismissal from the Cinderella Scholarship Program. Please remember this is a youth development program.

Smoking by participants is strictly prohibited. No alcoholic beverages will be allowed in or around the ballroom or public areas of the staging facility. This rule is enforced throughout the Cinderella Pageant System and includes participants, parents, and guests viewing the event. Any violation of this rule will mean immediate disqualification from the pageant system.

NOTE: Disqualification from an official Cinderella event is a serious matter. If a participant is disqualified, she will not be eligible for a refund.

## Miss Congeniality

One of the most important awards given to one contestant in the Cinderella Tot to Woman division is the Congeniality Award. The Congeniality Winner is selected by the other contestants as the friendliest and most cooperative participant during pageant week. Voting will take place at the end of the Cindy Fair.

## Spirit of Cinderella

New to the Georgia State Pageant is the addition of the Spirit of Cinderella award. In honor of Miss Denise Swartzman, this award is given to the special Cinderella girl that has shown genuine kindness and support to her Cindy sisters throughout the weekend. This award is chosen by the staff before final awards.

## Cover Girl and Community Support

The Cover Girl award was designed to give special recognition to participants whose photos appear on additional advertising pages. Judging is based on the participant's photogenic beauty and personality, photographic creativity,

and the quality of the photograph. **Advertising in our state program book is 100% optional.** However, participants that sell a FULL or HALF page of advertising will be eligible for our Cover Girl contest. The Cover Girl competitions are judged by a separate panel of judges prior to the pageant and will have no bearing on the state competition results.

There will be 3 Cover Girls divisions: Cover Baby (Infant, Baby, and Tiny Tot divisions), Little Miss Cover Girl (Tot, Mini Miss, and Miss divisions), and Teen or Woman Cover Girl (Teen and Woman divisions).

Cover Girls winners have their winning photographs displayed on our exclusive Cover Girl page in the Program Book. They will receive an official Cover Girl State Round Crown & Trophy. The Community Support Award is given to the single participant who sells the most advertising. That participant will receive a \$100 Cash Scholarship and the Community Support Award.

Visit our website [GeorgiaCinderella.com](http://GeorgiaCinderella.com) for examples of Cover Girl advertising.

Selling advertisements in the Georgia State Cinderella Program Book is also a great way to earn money toward your registration fee! (1) FULL page ad is \$100, and (1) HALF page ad is \$50. **For every FULL Page of advertising sold by the participant, \$25 will be taken off her registration fee.** (2) HALF Page ads are equal to (1) FULL Page ad. As an example, if you sell 8 full pages at \$25 off for every page, your \$200 registration fee is paid in full!

Participants collect advertising funds directly from sponsors and submit monies owed to Georgia Cinderella. Advertisement page files and monies are due by **MAY 20, 2024** to meet printing deadlines, benefit from the discounts, and to participate in the Cover Girl Competition.

We welcome ads that are already laid out. Advertisements should be sent to us with a file format of .pdf or .jpg. Email ads with "Cover Girl Ad" in the subject line to [GeorgiaCinderellaPageant@gmail.com](mailto:GeorgiaCinderellaPageant@gmail.com). We will respond to your email when we receive the ad to confirm. You are responsible for getting any permission necessary for us to reprint photos in our program. Discounts are given off of registration fees only, not the deposit fee.

## Eras Welcome Party

For our participant and chaperone orientation, we have chosen an Era's theme. Come dressed in your favorite decade and get ready to dance to hits over the past 100 years (and maybe a little T-Swift). We will review the schedule, answer your questions about the weekend, and get to know your Cindy sisters from across the state!

## Prince Gilbert PJ Party

Get ready to meet Cinderella's own Prince Gilbert! You are cordially invited to the Prince Gilbert Pajama Party to enjoy an evening of fun, friendship, and all things frog. Please bring your state program book to grab autographs from the royalty, staff, emcees, and your new friends from across the state. Don't forget your dancing shoes! We're going to Disco Cindy!

## Cindy Fair-well Party

Say good-bye to all your new Cinderella sisters at the Cindy Fair-well party! Games, prizes, friends, and dancing await all who attend. Participants should wear their Cinderella State theme t-shirt provided to them at registration, so we can take our group photo. Congeniality voting will be taken at the end of the party.

## Souvenir Gift Bags

Each participant is required to bring souvenir gifts to be distributed in goody bags that will be passed out to all participants, state and visiting royalty, judges, and staff. Gifts should be simple, inexpensive, and thoughtful. Key chains, note pads, and candy are some examples. Remember to put your name and age division on the gift. Be prepared to pass out approximately 50 gifts (final number will be announced in May when registration is complete.) Parents will be responsible for putting gifts in goody bags during pageant registration. Gift bags will be distributed at the conclusion of the Prince Gilbert party.

## Program Book Photo

Every participant will have her picture, along with her name and hometown, included in our program book. This should be a head and shoulders shot (not full body). It may be the picture you provide for the Photogenic competition, but it does not have to be. If not provided in the registration forms, please email your program book photo to [GeorgiaCinderellaPageant@gmail.com](mailto:GeorgiaCinderellaPageant@gmail.com). Submissions must be received by **MAY 20, 2024**, to guarantee your participant's photo will be included in the program book.

## Official Photographer and Videographer

At the Cinderella State Finals only the state pageant's own official photographer and videographer may take photos and videos of any participant during the actual competitions on stage. This includes all the preliminary pageant competition events and grand finals. No exceptions. If you would like to have photographs or a video to remember this spectacular event, you may order packages online or at registration. Visit our website for details on how to sign up. Professional photographs and videos are wonderful keepsakes of our Cinderella participants...don't miss out on this opportunity!

## Prizes and Scholarships

Naturally the greatest prize of all at the state finals are the titles and recognition that goes with them; as well as the honor of representing the state of Georgia at the fabulous International Finals in Dallas, Texas in July. Currently, there is a cash scholarship being offered to our Overall Cinderella royalty. However, if there are more than 100 participants at the Georgia State Finals this year, a college scholarship will be added. College scholarships will be administered under the rules and regulations of the Cinderella Pageant Scholarship Foundation *upon the completion of their reigns as Cinderella winners in good standing*. All college scholarships are prorated over a four-year period and payments are made at the beginning of each fall semester. The scholarship recipients will become eligible for their scholarships upon registration at any approved and accredited college or university of their choice. The use of the scholarship must begin within six months after graduation from an accredited high school and if a period of six months elapses at any time during the use of the scholarship, the balance of the scholarship is automatically cancelled. The use of the scholarship must be continuous (except for summer sessions) and must be completed within four years from the date of enrollment in the college or university. Any unused portion of the scholarship will be forfeited at the end of the four-year period. Although only a passing grade average is required to keep the scholarship in force, the recipient is expected to always remain a student in good standing. All unused scholarship funds will revert to the scholarship general account fund for special awards on the State Pageant level. For our Cinderella Woman participants who may have already completed college, a cash scholarship is offered. Cash scholarships will be presented at the conclusion of the recipient's reign at the 2025 Georgia State Cinderella Finals.

## Limitations of Responsibility

The pageant will **not** assume responsibility for lost articles or personal property and is **not** responsible for accidents, mishaps, or the personal care of the participants. This is the sole responsibility of the chaperone. Although the pageant's official insurance coverage does cover medical expense for accidents (**not illness**) during the pageant, the pageant does not assume any liability or responsibility beyond the limitations of the Cinderella Registration & Insurance Program. Each participant and/or participant's parent or official guardian must sign the official liability release form which is included in the state's electronic registration forms.

## Georgia Cinderella Pageant Release

As the participant or parents (legal guardian) of the participant at the Georgia State Cinderella Finals, I do hereby agree to abide by the rules and regulations, directives and provisions for winners and contestants as set forth in the official Cinderella Rules and Regulations, and by the Georgia State Cinderella Pageant. I agree to hold Georgia Cinderella Scholarship Pageant and/or the Cinderella Scholarship Pageant, its directors and staff members harmless of any damages or liabilities due to theft, accident or injury during or resulting from my child's participation in the Georgia State Finals. All participants, guests, and ticket holders agree to follow all safety guidelines set forth by the Hilton Atlanta/Marietta Hotel and Conference Center and the Marietta Performing Arts Center. I also accept full responsibility for the regulation of hours and personal activities of the participant. I understand and agree that should an act of God (hurricane, fire, tornado, or any other natural disaster) cause the cancellation of the pageant, that said pageant will be

canceled without benefit of any refund; however, the pageant will be scheduled at another time and location. I also confirm that all of the information on these forms is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any and all charges for and to my room during the pageant (phone calls, room service, etc.) are my sole responsibility and hereby agree to pay such charges immediately upon checking out of the hotel at the conclusion of the pageant. **I also understand that should myself or my daughter win the State Overall Title in the Tot-Woman divisions, we are obligated to attend the International Finals in Dallas, Texas, July 21-26, 2024 (Baby Pageant is July 19-21, 2024), and may not compete in another pageant system until I/they give up said title at the 2025 State Pageant. Should we elect not to represent that title at the International pageant, I understand that we forfeit all prizes (including scholarships) and rights awarded to that title.** Finally, I authorize Georgia Cinderella to use any and all photos of Georgia Cinderella participants for marketing purposes, in brochures, flyers, the website and on social media.

### **Cinderella Rules and Regulations**

The Official Cinderella Pageant Rules and Regulations are available here: <https://cinderellapageant.com/forms-policy/>. By registering for the pageant, you agree you have read and understand all the rules and regulations.

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