



2010 Contestant Application Supplement

AN INTRODUCTION

Thank you for your interest in the 25th Annual Miss Asian America Pageant, which will be held on August 7, 2010.

Also, since its inception, the Miss Asian America Pageant has been more than a platform for the growth and inspiration of young Asian American women. It is also been about building a strong community for Asian America. In the past, contestants have worked for hundreds of nationwide and regional charitable organizations. As a contestant, you will not only shine, but you will also be a part of a team working together for our community.

By 2050, 40.6 million Americans will be of Asian descent, comprising a total of 9 percent of the total population. The Asian American community is forging new paths in our country. We now have three Asian American members of the Cabinet (one of them, Secretary of Commerce Gary Locke is married to one of our very own Miss Asian America 1986, Mona Lee Locke). Our community is dynamic, with a large proportion of younger people, the largest proportion of college graduates, and the highest median income compared to all other ethnic groups. As a community must harness our potential, invest in our youth, and secure an even brighter future for the next generation.

The Miss Asian America Pageant is dedicated to that promise of investing in our next generation – you. 2050 is a short way ahead.

The goal of the Miss Asian America Pageant is to showcase young Asian America women in a high quality production that will represent their culture, intelligence and talent. Miss Asian America has established a reputation for quality entertainment and fairness in judging. Individuals, including those with prior experience, are encouraged to apply.



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OUR EVENT

The Miss Asian America Pageant displays the rich ethnic diversity of our society and gives us a glimpse into the many different cultures that surrounds us today through a diverse program which includes:

Ethnic Wear

Swimsuit

Evening Gown

Poise and Personality (finalists only)

Talent (optional)



In order to be qualified to apply and to become a contestant, you must be

At least one-fourth Asian, a legal resident of the United States, female, between the ages of 17-27, single and never married or pregnant.

The Miss Asian America Pageant accepts Americans who claim ancestry from the countries of: Myanmar, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam, Malaysia, Brunei, Philippines, Singapore, Indonesia, East Timor, Mongolia, Hong Kong, Macao, South Korea, North Korea (with valid refugee status and US residency), Japan, Mainland China, Taiwan, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, UAE, Oman, Yemen, Turkey, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Lebanon, Syria, Israel, Jordan, Iraq, Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Afghanistan, Iran, Pakistan, the ethnic Asian groups of the former Soviet Union, and the islands of the Pacific and Indian oceans. Please contact us if you have any questions about your ethnic qualifications.



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APPLYING TO BE A CONTESTANT

COMMITMENT

Contestants need to commit to all training events five days prior to pageant day. In addition, Bay Area contestants are asked to participate in additional events in the San Francisco area.

COSTS

Upon acceptance, contestants must submit a \$400.00 registration fee for California residents or \$300.00 for non-California residents (discounted to subsidize travel costs). You are also responsible for travel costs to and from San Francisco during pageant week, in addition to clothing, shoes, and accessories required, if you are selected as a contestant. A non-refundable \$50.00 application fee is also required.

TALENT

The talent showcase is accepted through an audition process and judged on pageant night as a separate event. In order to audition, complete the “Talent” portion of the application and submit a 2 minute DVD or VHS tape demonstrating the talent you intend on performing for the Talent Competition. The DVD or VHS tape must be viewable with sound and picture.

QUALIFICATIONS

When considering an applicant, we not only look at the appearance and vitality of an individual, but moreover, one’s values, intellect, and personality. Our application is designed to provide freedom and flexibility to you as a way to demonstrate yourself – your interests, accomplishments, and attributes. The diversity of our contestants reflects this. We bring together women from over a dozen states and ethnic origins from over 15 countries around the world; from cities and small towns; from high school graduates to doctoral students. They are students, volunteers, dental technicians, receptionists, writers, musicians, and individuals like you from all walks of life.

TITLES

Contestants will be vying for a spot as a finalist and of course, the crown of Miss Asian America and First Princess, Second Princess, and Third Princess. The Miss Asian California and Miss Asian San Francisco titles go to the contestants with the highest score from those respective areas and Miss Talent is the top winner of the talent segment, a separate portion of the program. Miss Congeniality is a title determined by contestants, and in recognition of outstanding academic and volunteer work, we award the Miss Scholastic Achievement and Miss Community Service titles according to information provided in the application and supplemental materials.



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CHECKLIST

- Online Application form.** The link is here:
<http://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?formkey=dGhuY0JSQ0FjX3pOUFBsYzE4SXo1VHc6MA..>
- Mail the following to the Application Committee at 2161 Mason Street, San Francisco, CA 94133 within 10 business days of submitting your online application form.**
 - Application agreement (page 5 of this packet:
http://www.missasianamerica.com/PDFs/MAA_App2010.pdf)
 - Transcript from last educational institution attended
 - Non-refundable application fee of \$50.00
 - Résumé
- Two high quality or professional grade color photos:** You must upload (1) a headshot and (2) a full body shot of yourself to info@missasianamerica.com before you finish submitting your online application. In the e-mail title, please write "FIRST NAME, LAST NAME, APPLICATION PICTURE." Your 2 (two) pictures should be titled "FIRST NAME, LAST NAME, HEADSHOT/BODYSHOT."
 - **One face shot (8X10)** *Your photograph must be taken in the last 12 months. Your headshot must be high quality or professional grade and at least 400 dpi. Remember to smile and wear solid colors. The background of your headshot must have a solid backdrop. Do not use props. Your hands should not be on or around your face area. Your headshot will be used on our poster and publication materials.*
 - **One full body shot (8X10)** *Your body shot can be casual but should exhibit your physique. You should be freestanding in the picture. Your photograph must be taken in the last 12 months.*



Your face shot will be used for publishing purposes if you are selected as a contestant. Please contact us if you have any questions or require assistance.

Acceptance Decisions

Will be sent via e-mail and US Mail by May 10, 2010.

Information/Applicant Help

415-290-5595

Info@missasianamerica.com

Website

www.missasianamerica.com

Did you remember...?

- Online Application form (online)**
- Uploading your two high quality or professional grade color photos **(online by e-mail)**
- Application agreement on p. 5 of this packet **(mail)**
- Transcript **(mail)**
- Application fee **(mail)**
- Résumé **(mail)**



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CONTESTANT APPLICANT AGREEMENT

As a contestant in the Miss Asian America Pageant, I certify that information provided in my application is true and correct. If any of the following is not true or cease to be true at any time during my participation in the Miss Asian America Pageant, I will be excused from any further participation in the Miss Asian America Pageant and will immediately relinquish any and all titles and prizes bestowed upon me as a result of my participation in the Miss Asian America Pageant. I further certify that I am female between the ages of 17 and 27; that I am single and have never been married; I am not pregnant; that I have at least one-quarter (25%) Asian ancestry; that I am a legal resident of the United States of America; that I have never been arrested or convicted of any crime, including misdemeanors; that I have never taken, posed, and/or modeled for any nude photograph(s), and/or other sexually explicit multimedia media/medium; that I am not aware of any physical or psychological conditions that may limit my ability to participation in the Miss Asian America Pageant and related activities.

1. I will not seek any reimbursement of costs I expended during, arising out of, related to, or resulting from my participation in the Miss Asian America Pageant and all related activities.
2. I hereby fully release the Miss Asian America Pageant, its employees, volunteers, shareholders, officers, directors, contractors, successors, agents, and assigns from any and all responsibility for any injury, loss, death, inconvenience, delay or damage to personal property in connection with my participation in the Miss Asian America pageant and all related activities whether resulting from but not limited to acts of God or force majeure, illness, disease, acts of war, civil unrest, insurrection or revolt, animals, criminal or terrorist activities of any kind, food poisoning, travel, and mechanical or other failure of transportation.
3. I hereby authorize the Miss Asian America Pageant to use my name, likeness, image, photographs, writings, recordings, and personality derived from my participation in the Miss Asian America Pageant and all related activities for any and all purposes; including but not limited to publicity, promotions, marketing, advertising, distribution, and sale without any obligation for remuneration or compensation.
4. I understand that the name, location, and date of the event is subject to change and/or cancellation and in the event of cancellation, my application fee will be refunded.

This agreement shall be construed under and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of California applicable to contracts between California domiciliaries which are to be performed wholly within the State of California. Any and all actions arising under this agreement shall be brought in the courts of the City and County of San Francisco. I have fully read this agreement and understand the terms and conditions contained herein and I agree to be bound by such.

Signature

Today's Date (MM-DD-YY)

First name

Middle name

Last name

Birth Date (MM-DD-YY)

PARENT/GUARDIAN AGREEMENT (If applicant is under 18 years of age as of the date of this agreement)

I certify that I have read this agreement and agree to be bound by its terms and conditions in every manner and authorize my daughter to participate in the Miss Asian America Pageant and activities.

Signature

Relation to Applicant

Today's Date (MM-DD-YY)

