

**2023 Opp Rattlesnake Rodeo Pageant**  
**Saturday, March 4, 2023**  
**Tiny Miss begins at 3:00 P. M. & Miss begins at 6:00 P. M.**  
**Opp High School Auditorium**

**Age Groups, Entry Fees (checks made payable to the Opp Chamber of Commerce), and Attire**

Age Group	Entry Fee ( <u>all fees are non-refundable</u> )	Attire
6 - 8 (Tiny Miss)	\$40.00	pageant
9 - 11 (Little Miss)	\$40.00	pageant
12 - 14 (Junior Miss)	\$50.00	pageant
15 - 17 (Teen Miss)	\$50.00	pageant
18 - 21, must be single and never married (Miss)*	\$100.00	pageant

If the contestant's birthday is before March 17, 2023 (and her age will place her in the next age group), she may elect to be placed in the higher age group. Please inform the pageant director if this option is being selected.

**\* Any girl who is a senior, but not yet 18 at the time of the pageant, may compete in the Miss category (rather than the Teen category) if she so desires.**

**Prize Packages**

Age Group	Prize Packages
6 - 8 (Tiny Miss)	crown, sash, flowers, and special gift
9 - 11 (Little Miss)	crown, sash, flowers, and special gift
12 - 14 (Junior Miss)	crown, sash, flowers, and special gift
15 - 17 (Teen Miss)	crown, sash, flowers, and special gift
18 - 21 (Miss)	crown, sash, flowers, and special gift Queen: \$1,000.00 1st Alternate: \$500.00 2nd Alternate: \$250.00

## General Information

- The **deadline for submitting the application for this pageant is Wednesday, February 22, 2023.** All applications must be submitted to the **Opp Chamber of Commerce located at 200 South Main Street in Opp, Alabama 36467,** or may be **mailed to the Opp Chamber of Commerce, Opp Rattlesnake Rodeo Pageant 2023, P. O. Box 148, Opp, AL 36467.** For more information, call **Kelly M. Brandin** at **334-493-3070.** **All applications accepted after this date will incur a \$25.00 late fee.**
- **Rehearsal** for the pageant will be held **Friday, March 3, 2023.** Rehearsal for **Tiny Miss and Little Miss contestants** will **begin at 6:00 P.M.** Rehearsal for **Junior Miss, Teen Miss, and Miss** will **begin at 7:00 P.M.** While rehearsal is optional, each contestant is highly encouraged to participate in the rehearsal.
- A **professional photographer will be available** for pictures; a price list will be provided at the rehearsal.
- The **judges' score sheets will not be made available to the contestants,** so please do not request to see the score sheets or contact the judges after the pageant. **Judges' written notes/comments will be provided to you upon request.**
- **All pageant contestants are required to participate in a meet-and-greet and interview session** with the judges on **Saturday, March 4, 2023.** This session will be held at **Opp High School.** Parents may not be in the interview room during the interview process.

## **Interview Schedule**

<b>Age Group</b>	<b>Time of Interview</b>	<b>Arrival Time</b>	<b>Attire</b>
<b>6 - 8 (Tiny Miss)</b>	8:15 A. M. - 9:15 A. M. (individual)	8:00 A. M.	dressy casual
<b>9 - 11 (Little Miss)</b>	9:15 A. M. - 10:30 A. M. (individual)	9:00 A. M.	dressy casual
<b>12 - 14 (Junior Miss)</b>	10:30 A. M. - 11:45 P. M. (individual)	10:15 A. M.	dressy casual
<b>15 - 17 (Teen Miss)</b>	12:00 P. M. – 1:15 P. M. (individual)	11:45 A. M.	dressy casual
<b>18 - 21 or a high school senior (Miss)</b>	1:15 P. M. – 2:30 P. M. (individual) The top-ten contestants will be asked an on-stage question which will not be provided to them in advance.	1:00 P. M.	dressy casual

**Time is of the essence during the interview portion** of this pageant; thus, **punctuality is a necessity.** Parents may not be in the interview room during the interview process. Parents and contestants will enter through the double doors on the right side of the school (Henry Avenue).

- **Contestants in each age bracket may enter the Miss Photogenic portion of the pageant**, but are not required to do so.

### **Miss Photogenic Information**

An additional <b><u>fee of \$10.00 (which is non-refundable)</u></b> is added to the entry fee if the contestant chooses to participate in the Miss Photogenic portion of the pageant.
The photo the contestant submits must be <b><u>one 5x7 head shot only</u></b> .
The contestant's <b><u>name and age group must be on the back</u></b> of the photo.
The photo <b><u>must not be in a picture frame</u></b> .
The photo must be <b><u>submitted no later than Friday, March 3, 2023</u></b> , and may be submitted at the rehearsal.
Contestants in the <b><u>Tiny Miss, Little Miss, Junior Miss, and Teen Miss</u></b> age brackets <b><u>must submit age-appropriate photos</u></b> .
If the contestant <b><u>does not adhere to the above-explained guidelines</u></b> , the contestant <b><u>will be disqualified from participating in the Miss Photogenic portion</u></b> of the pageant.

- **Contestants from each bracket may enter the following portions of the pageant** if they so desire: **Best Dress, Best Hair, and/or Best Smile**. Please see below for details.

Category	Cost (non-refundable)	Prize
Best Dress	Fee: \$5.00	Sash
Best Hair	Fee: \$5.00	Sash
Best Smile	Fee: \$5.00	Sash

- **A “Fan Favorite” in each age bracket will be chosen according to the amount of money applied to each contestant’s account**. Time limits for applying money to each contestant’s account will be announced throughout the pageant.

### **Pageant Guidelines and Rules**

- Any contestant who enters this pageant **must** be able and willing to **participate in any fundraising activities to promote the Opp Rattlesnake Rodeo**. Additionally, **ALL WINNERS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND AND SUPPORT ALL CHAMBER- and CITY-SPONSORED EVENTS** such as Grand Openings, Downtown Get Downs, etc.). By participating in the Opp Rattlesnake Rodeo Pageant, the **contestants acknowledge they are aware their names** (including stage names) **and images** (including stills, film, digital, video, or other forms of media) **will be used for informational, promotional, or broadcasting purposes, etc.** This usage may **include print, audio, video, on-line, electronic media, or other formats associated with the Opp Rattlesnake Rodeo or any subsequent event**.

- The Opp Rattlesnake Rodeo Pageant Committee **reserves the right to add or modify rules** as deemed necessary. **All contestants are required to adhere to pageant rules at all times.**
- The Opp Rattlesnake Rodeo Pageant Committee **reserves the right to dismiss or disqualify any pageant participant who is found to exhibit any of the following behaviors: being uncooperative, disruptive, tardy, inattentive, defiant, disrespectful, immoral, or non-observant of the pageant rules.** This dismissal can occur **prior to, during, or in post-pageant activities.** If **any queen or alternate is deemed to be unfit** (see above behaviors), she will be **immediately disqualified,** and her **reign as queen or alternate will be ended.** **She will then be required to return her crown and/or sash.** Misconduct can and will include **inappropriate behaviors identified via social media.**
- The **first pageant begins at 3:00 P. M.,** with the Little Miss, Junior Miss, and Teen Miss Pageants following. **Only one parent or guardian is permitted to go backstage with the contestant** to assist with preparations. **All other family members and/or friends will not be allowed backstage and must purchase a ticket to enter the pageant.**
- Only **pageant participants, the emcee, the pageant’s director, the Opp Rattlesnake Rodeo Committee members, and designated volunteers will be allowed on the stage** before, during, or after the pageant.
- **Each contestant will be provided with one pass that can be given to one member of her party to enter the auditorium for free.** **The required armband for this designated person** chosen by the pageant participant **will be provided Friday night at rehearsal.** All **other family members and/or friends are required to pay the normal fee of \$10.00** to enter the auditorium.
- The **Queens will attend Rattler Weekend at South Alabama Speedway on Saturday, March 11 - Sunday, March 12, 2023.**
- The **winners in each age bracket must be present on Saturday, March 25, 2023, at the Opp Rattlesnake Rodeo.**

### Rattlesnake Rodeo Event Information

**Each queen must arrive to the Opp High School stadium by 11:30 A. M.** near the stage and be prepared to be **introduced as a member of the Opp Rattlesnake Rodeo Court at 12:00 P. M.**

The **Miss Queen, 1st Alternate, and 2nd Alternate are required to attend the Rattlesnake Rodeo activities** on Saturday **to receive their financial awards.** This includes **participating and assisting with events.** **You must stay for the remainder of the afternoon and evening.**

The **Tiny, Little, Junior, and Teen Queens and Alternates** are **highly encouraged to attend and participate** in the **Rattlesnake Rodeo activities.**

The **queens and alternates for each age bracket are exempt from paying** to enter the Rattlesnake Rodeo, but the **parents, family members, and friends of the queens and alternates will be expected to pay** the full cost of the ticket to enter the Rattlesnake Rodeo Arena.

Age Bracket \_\_\_\_\_

**2023 Opp Rattlesnake Rodeo Pageant Application**

Categories

Please complete this application in its entirety and **print clearly.**

Return this application to the **Opp Chamber of Commerce** or  
**mail to P.O. Box 148, Opp, AL 36467.**

Photogenic  
Best Dress  
Best Hair  
Best Smile

Total Amount Paid \_\_\_\_\_

The **deadline for receiving this application is Wednesday, February 22, 2023.**

Contestant's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Daughter of: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsored by (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Contestant's Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Age Brackets: Please circle. **Tiny Miss (ages 6-8; \$40.00)**      **Little Miss (ages 9-11; \$40.00)**  
**Junior Miss (ages 12-14; \$50.00)**      **Teen Miss (ages 15-17; \$50.00)**  
**Miss (ages 18-21, or a high school Senior; single/never married; \$100.00)**

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite School Subject or Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Something Unique About Contestant: \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies and Activities: **(Please list only three to six.)** \_\_\_\_\_

Ambitions: \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Feature of the Opp Rattlesnake Rodeo: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check all that apply: Reminder, **all fees are non-refundable.**

**Photogenic (\$10.00)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Best Dress (\$5.00)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Best Hair (\$5.00)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Best Smile (\$5.00)** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Cellular Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check your e-mail on a regular basis for important communications, especially after being selected as a Queen or Alternate.**

Signature (18+)/Date \_\_\_\_\_

**By signing this application I hereby verify that I have read and understand all the information, guidelines, and rules of the Opp Rattlesnake Rodeo Pageant and do hereby agree (or require my child) to abide by these guidelines and rules. The majority of communication will be via e-mail, so please ensure you provide a viable e-mail address. For the Miss contestants, the address you provide will be where the scholarship money will be mailed if you are crowned as Queen or place as an alternate. I COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND ALL WINNERS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND AND SUPPORT ALL CHAMBER- and CITY- SPONSORED EVENTS, AND I (my child) WILL ABIDE BY THIS GUIDELINE!!!**