

# Changes

## WHAT'S NEW FOR 2026

Confidently Growing. Confidently Innovating.



### *\$230 Million Dollars in College Scholarships will be awarded!*

National American Miss is now an incredible facilitator of collegiate scholarships for females, thanks to our powerful partnership with Midland University. Every single National Queen, State Queen, PLUS their runner-ups in each age division will win a scholarship to Midland University! Details: [namissinfo.com/scholarship](https://namissinfo.com/scholarship)



### *New Optional Contest: The "Reel" Me!*

In The "Reel" Me contest, you'll create a 60-second sizzle reel that highlights YOU while doing your strongest skill, favorite talent, hobby, or passion. This can be anything you excel at or love. You'll participate in this digital contest PRIOR to your state pageant by submitting a video! Details: [namissinfo.com/optional-contests](https://namissinfo.com/optional-contests)



### *Check out our Optional Contest: Aspiring Author*

Do you aspire to be a published journalist, author, blogger, or do you just have a story you want to share? The Aspiring Author contest gives you a chance to add to your resume: "published author," as the winner of each age division will have an excerpt featured in the The iam Dream Magazine. Details: [namissinfo.com/optional-contests](https://namissinfo.com/optional-contests)



### *Updates on Premium Optional Prizes*

All premium optional contest winners will receive the coveted "Golden Ticket" invitation to Nationals, a trophy, PLUS a full scholarship into that specific optional contest at the National Pageant & the chance to be scouted by top modeling & acting agencies.



### *The Cover Girl & Spirit of Pageantry awards head into retirement*

We've loved watching girls capture these awards over the years, however, it's time to send them into retirement. Aside from these changes, the optional Spotlight Program is still available! Details at [namstatepageant.com](https://namstatepageant.com)



### *New Optional: Screen Test Contest!*

Using the Screen Test script, we can't wait to see how you bring a character to life in this contest that allows you to experience real world "screen testing." **BONUS:** For the very first time, NAM Nationals will host the optional Screen Test contest! State Screen Test winners will each receive a scholarship to compete in the National Screen Test contest this November in Orlando! Details: [namissinfo.com/optional-contests](https://namissinfo.com/optional-contests)



### *New Script: Optional Media Correspondent Contest*

Using our new script, this is your chance to demonstrate your ability as a on-camera host! This optional will be in-person this year. Scripts available at [namissinfo.com/optional-contests](https://namissinfo.com/optional-contests)



### *New Commercial Lines: Optional Actress Contest*

This competition will be live in-person onstage this year! Scripts available at [namissinfo.com/optional-contests](https://namissinfo.com/optional-contests)



### *Optional Fun Fitness Updates: New Walking Pattern + Attire Rules*

Show up for this optional contest in an outfit that meets the updated attire rules and ready to slay the new walking pattern. Information at [namissinfo.com/optional-contests](https://namissinfo.com/optional-contests)



### *Place your Production # T-shirt size before the State Pageant.*

By the Final Deadline, you'll be required to give us your t-shirt size for your NAM production number t-shirt.