

Ms. Texas

Senior America Pageant 2025

CONTESTANT ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

WELCOME to the Entry Navigation of becoming a contestant for the 2025 MS. TEXAS SENIOR AMERICA PAGEANT!

MARK THESE 2024 DATES!!

THURSDAY – JULY 15TH, 2024 - DEADLINE FOR ALL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING NONREFUNDABLE \$200.00 ENTRY FEE. For first time contestants, please include a copy of your driver's license. Entry requirements besides the entry fee and a copy of driver's license, includes 5,6,7, & 8. Pages 9 & 10 are OPTIONAL but required if competing for the Mary Frances Hansen Community Service Award.

SUNDAY – JULY 21ST, 2024 - MTSA CONTESTANT WORKSHOP – 2-4 PM – CC Young, 4847 W. Lawther Dr, Dallas, TX - 214-827-8080 – PHOTO DEADLINE TODAY, OR ANYTIME BEFORE THIS DATE TO Sheila Klein, see page 3, 4th step.

SUNDAY – OCT. 13TH, 2024 - MTSA CONTESTANT TEA – 2-4 PM – CC Young, 4847 W. Lawther Dr, Dallas, TX - 214-827-8080 – HATS ARE OPTIONAL.

AD DEADLINE – FRIDAY, SEPT. 20TH, 2024(or any time before this date)– Everything sent to Sheila Klein, as was photo/headshot. Details in Advertising Form on Website.

THURSDAY – October 31ST, 2024 - The Hilton – 701 E. Campbell Rd and Central, Richardson, TX - FOR 3 NIGHTS by 1:00 PM. then Orientation. 972-231-9600.

FRIDAY – NOVEMBER 1ST, 2024 – A.M. Judges interviews; P.M. 1st and 2nd rehearsals through afternoon and evening.

SATURDAY – NOVEMBER 2ND, 2024 – AM Final Rehearsal. PAGEANT BEGINS AT 1 PM. Tickets are \$20 each. Programs are \$10 each. Winner receives an all-expense paid trip to the Ms. Senior America Pageant in 2024. Immediately following pageant, there will be a reception for the Queen and Court, all invited.

SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 3RD, 2024 - QUEENS BREAKFAST – Contestants eat free. All other guests are required to pay for his/her own meal.

PLEASE CONTINUE READING FOR DETAILED INFORMATION.....

FIRST STEPS!! - Here are the first steps you need to take.

1. STUDY OUR WEBSITE & ENTRY REQUIREMENTS - www.mstexassenioramerica.org
2. CALL/EMAIL CONTESTANT COORDINATOR – NO TEXTING!!
DR. SYNTHA WEST – 817-349-0284 - drsynthawest@yahoo.com

When you have made the commitment to be added to the 2025 Contestant List, reserve your spot by mailing the following items:

- A Non-refundable entry fee of \$200 REQUIRED - check or money order made payable to Ms. Texas Senior America.
- A Copy of your Driver's License -REQUIRED FOR FIRST TIME CONTESTANTS- *to validate the age requirement (60+) and that you are a Texas Resident.*
- Place in a Single Envelope and Mail to:

DR. SYNTHA WEST

494 SPYGLASS DRIVE
WILLOW PARK, TX 76008-3152

SECOND STEPS! – REQUIRED – FORMS - YOU ARE NOT AN OFFICIAL CONTESTANT UNTIL YOUR PAYMENT AND REQUIRED PAGES 5, 6, 7, 8, ALONG WITH THE OPTIONAL PAGES 9 & 10, HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY DR. SYNTHA. PAGES ARE TO BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, JULY 15TH, 2024.

When you have been confirmed, continue the *Entry Process* by following the next steps:

1. Go to the website, (www.mstexassenioramerica.org), and click on the “Participate” link. Scroll down and download pages ,5,6,7,8, 9 and 10 and fill out. **Pages 5 & 6** are used by the judges in the judge’s interview. This is their FIRST IMPRESSION of you, so remember how powerful that first impression can be.

Page 7 is the PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE Statement. IT CANNOT BE MORE THAN 35 SPEAKING SECONDS! This will be said on stage during the evening gown competition and will be timed! Judges will score both evening gown and philosophy of Life statement at the same time. If a contestant goes over the 35 seconds, deductions will be taken from her score.

2. **Page 8** is the Talent Presentation. This MUST NOT EXCEED 2 Minutes and 45 Seconds!! Your talent may be traditional or non-traditional, as long as it is confined to the time allotment stated. Each Contestant is expected to have a talent and costume appropriate to the standards of the MTSA Pageant. The Production Manager, AT HER DISCRETION, may require a change or modification to any talent or costume deemed inappropriate or offensive. 2 THUMB DRIVES are REQUIRED if applicable. It can also be submitted on a CD if other avenues do not work. Stage size 16 X 22, 3 feet up off the ground.

THIRD STEPS!! - OPTIONAL— Your Volunteer Documentation

If you do Volunteer Work and can justify your volunteer hours for the past 12 months, you will want to enter your application for the esteemed *Mary Frances Hansen Community Service Award*. Remember that these volunteer hours are OUTWARD focused for service to others, making their lives personally better. Volunteering is NOT SELF SERVING, for example, Class Act, Dallas Tap Dazzlers, Spectacular Senior Follies. A MTSA Board Committee will select this award which will be announced at the end of the pageant. To enter this portion of the competition, Complete the following:

- a. Download **pages 9 & 10** from the website.
- b. Write each volunteer activity on a separate line and put the number of hours volunteered to the left of each activity.
- c. Put the total number of hours earned at the top right of Page 10. These total listed hours are required!

THESE PAGES CAN ALL BE EMAILED AT NO COST TO YOU AND DON'T CREASE to drsynthawest@yahoo.com. REMEMBER TO SEND ALL PAGES AT THE SAME TIME. IF YOU CHOOSE TO USE THE US POSTAL SERVICE RATHER THAN EMAIL, PUT ALL PAGES IN A LARGE MANILLA ENVELOPE, HAVE ENVELOPE WEIGHED, AND THEN MAIL TO DR. SYNTHA AT THE ADDRESS ON PAGE TWO.

FOURTH STEPS!!! – REQUIRED - Pageant Program Photo

Please send Your Photo/Headshot to our MTSA Board Member, Sheila Klein, no LATER than the Contestant Workshop, July 21st, 2024, or any time before.

SHEILA SHEPARD KLEIN
560 SELLMeyer LANE
HIGHLAND VILLAGE, TX 75077
CELL: 214-709-4476; EMAIL: sheilakk@verizon.net

FIFTH STEPS!!! – Pageant Program Ads

You may want to have an Ad or Ads in the Pageant Program. You may include sponsors, family, and/or friends. Ask about this option at our Workshop, Sunday, JULY 21st, 2024, 2-4 pm at CC Young in Dallas. **Vendor Required Ad forms, along with payment are REQUIRED at the SAME TIME. If you do not submit BOTH the Ad form, and the payment, there will be NO Ad. DEADLINE FOR ALL ADS IS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th, 2024. See Advertising Form on Website. Sheila Klein receives all program ads, same as photo/headshots.**

FINAL NOTES!!!!

- Please keep a copy of EVERYTHING you mail, as you will want to bring your submissions to the hotel Thursday, October 31st.
- Please consider your AMAZING Contestant Coordinator, Dr. Syntha, as she is available to you on a Consistent and Continuous Basis. Please direct any questions, (other than photo & Ad questions, which goes to Sheila Klein), to Dr. Syntha, or our MTSA Board Director/Production Manager, Sarah Senter at – 214-274-4050 – ssenter638@aol.com.
- **HOTEL INFORMATION!! - PLEASE READ!!!** – HILTON RICHARDSON, 701 E. CAMPBELL RD AND CENTRAL, RICHARDSON, TX 75081. 972-231-9600. **WE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS, YOU DON'T.** THIS WILL BE YOUR HOME FOR 3 NIGHTS IN YOUR OWN PRIVATE ROOM. PLAN TO PAY BY CREDIT CARD OR CASH. WHEN PAYING BY CASH, CALL THE HOTEL BEFORE ARRIVAL TO SEE IF A DEPOSIT IS REQUIRED AND THE AMOUNT OF DEPOSIT. CONTESTANTS DO NOT ROOM TOGETHER. YOU MAY CHOOSE ANYONE OTHER THAN A CONTESTANT TO HAVE AS A ROOMMATE. BE THINKING ABOUT WHETHER YOU WANT A KING BED, OR 2 QUEEN BEDS. ROOMS WILL BE \$129 PLUS TAXES PER NIGHT, WHICH IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY. YOU, THE CONTESTANTS, DO NOT MAKE YOUR OWN RESERVATIONS. WE DO IT FOR YOU.

All Board Members are EXCITED to meet and greet you at our SUMMER WORKSHOP and TEA! Welcome aboard to one of the most awesome ADVENTURES of your life and begin to alert your family and friends so you will have a Vibrant Support Group at the Pageant!!

UPDATED: 2-18-24

Contestant Application

Name:_____

Your Contestant Application is photocopied and provided to the judges as background information prior to your interview. Any extra materials such as resumes, clippings, extra photographs, biographical statements, etc., are discarded and are not furnished to the judges. Do not answer any application question with a reference to an attachment.

Part 1 – Contact Information

Spouses Name (if applicable)_____

Birthdate:_____

Address:_____

City:_____ State:_____ Zip Code:_____

Primary Phone:_____ Cell Phone:_____ Other:_____

E-Mail: _____

Part II – General Information

Are you presently employed? _____ Married? _____ Volunteering? _____

Number of children: _____ Grandchildren: _____ Great-grandchildren: _____

Do you have a hearing/sight/or other impairment of which we or the judges may need to be aware? Please describe: _____

Organizations: _____

Sponsors: _____

Volunteer Work (Can be duplicated on pgs. 9 &10 FOR THE COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD.)

Community Involvement: _____

Contestant Application Continued

Name: _____

Special Interests/Hobbies: _____

Work Experience (briefly): _____

What has your life been like since you reached 60? _____

Return all entry materials, excluding your photo, **ALL AT ONE TIME**, to Dr. Syntha West, 494 Spyglass Drive, Willow Park, TX 76008, 817 -349-0284, drsynthawest@yahoo.com. You may provide additional written or printed personal information in the blank space below, but no extra pages, no pictures, and/or newspaper articles.

Contestant Application Continued

Name: _____

Part III – Philosophy of Life

Philosophy of Life Statement

The Philosophy of Life Statement is recited verbally on stage by the contestant after modeling her evening gown. The Philosophy of Life Statement **MUST NOT EXCEED 35 SECONDS!** One point will be deducted from each judge's Philosophy of Life score if the time exceeds 35 seconds. The contestant will be given an opportunity to practice her philosophy statement, allowing her to present the best possible delivery. At this time, she will be given the opportunity to refine her philosophy to fit into the confines of 35 seconds.

Philosophy of Life Statement _____

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Contestant Application Continued

Name: _____

Part IV – Talent Information

Your talent **must not exceed 2 minutes 45 seconds, or one point will be deducted from each judges score.**

Talent is timed from the moment the music starts to the moment it ends, or when the contestant begins speaking to the moment she stops speaking.

Talent may be traditional or non-traditional. You are expected to have a talent and costume appropriate to the standards of the MTSA pageant. The Production Manager, at her discretion, may require change or modification to any talent or costume deemed inappropriate or offensive. Politically based talent presentations are not appropriate for this pageant and are not allowed. Brief description of your talent presentation including music title or name of music if any.

Music must be on 2 identical thumb drives which contains only the music needed for the pageant performance. These 2 thumb drives must be given to Production Manager at Hotel Orientation, Thursday, Oct. 31st, 2024. A CD can be used if other means are not acceptable.

Preferred Microphone: Hand held____ Lavalier____ Stand____ N/A_____

Props must be furnished by contestant and are subject to Production Manager approval. Maximum number allowed, 2; contestant must be able to carry it on themselves. Contestant must submit a detailed description of all props and a picture that shows scale of all props. Political signage or props are not appropriate for this pageant and are not allowed. Please list any props being used:

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Total Hours _____

Community Service Award-Application Continued – Optional -

Name: _____

Each year the Ms. Texas Senior America Pageant presents the *Mary Frances Hansen Community Service Award*. With this award we recognize the contestant who has demonstrated the greatest dedication to volunteerism. We all know the importance of volunteerism and the impact it has on our community. No matter how much you do as a volunteer or how little, it is all needed. If you are involved in community service work and feel you would like to participate, please fill out the application and return it with your other entry documents. Participation in the Mary Frances Hansen Community Service Award is not required. This award is awarded for serving others, not self-serving activities. Examples: Class Act, Dallas Tap Dazzlers, Spectacular Senior Follies, Dallas Symphony/Orchestra.

A select committee made up of members of the Ms. Texas Senior America Board review each community service award application and select the winner based service volunteered and on the number of volunteer hours.

The award is presented during the Pageant on Saturday, Nov. 2nd, 2024.

Name: _____

Describe what you do as a volunteer and approximately how many volunteer hours of service you gave in the last 12 months. (Church, Organizations, Clubs etc.).

Number of volunteer hours is required. Entries that do not include total hours at the top right of this page will not be considered.

Describe in your own words how you feel you have made an impact as a volunteer in your community.

Community Service Award-Application Continued – Optional

Name: _____

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