2021 Emcee/Announcer Application

Due October 26, 2020

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ELIGIBILITY

1. Miss Sam Houston Emcee/Announcer Eligibility and Requirements
   a. All applicants must have a 2.75 or higher cumulative SHSU grade point average as of the beginning of the fall 2020 semester unless beginning their first semester at Sam Houston State University (i.e., incoming freshmen or transfer students).
   b. Applicants must be enrolled as a full-time (undergraduate or graduate) student at Sam Houston State University (i.e., undergraduate = 12 hours, graduate = 9 hours).
   c. Applicants must be in good academic standing with Sam Houston State University.
   d. Applicants must not be eligible for graduation prior to spring 2021.
   e. Applicant must not have any Sam Houston State University Code of Conduct Violations. The SHSU Student Code of Conduct can be found here: https://www.shsu.edu/dept/dean-of-students/guidelines/student-conduct

2. Judging Criteria
   You will be judged on the following:
   a. Self-introductions. This includes your name, major, organizational involvement, and a fun fact or two. Please state your motivation to be an emcee for the Miss Sam Houston Pageant and time commitment issues/questions if any.
   b. Body Language. This includes eye contact, posture, poise, etc.
   c. Professionalism
   d. Confidence
   e. Voice Projection
   f. Diction
   g. Chemistry with others
   h. Personality & On-Camera Presence
   i. Overall Impression

3. Emcee/Announcer Expectations
   a. All applicants must commit to attend all preset practices unless contestant has approval from the Pageant Director. See Timeline & Schedule for specifics on when pageant practices and dress rehearsals will be held. We reserve the right to implement additional practice sessions.
   b. Emcees and Announcer must provide two of their own attires for the pageant. Please see the details below to select the appropriate outfits. One outfit of choice will be worn for the headshot and videos that will be made on a date to be determined. Outfit must be approved by December 1, 2020. The remaining outfit will need to be shown/approved by Pageant Directors no later than December 6, 2020.
      i. Male:
         - Suit or Tuxedo of choice (with 2 jacket options) to alternate during the show.
         - Matching tie or bow tie
         - Dress socks and shoes
         - Neatly groomed: Clean haircut & face shaven
      ii. Female:
         - 1 Cocktail dress with matching shoes
         - 1 Evening wear dress with matching shoes
         - Appropriate jewelry
         - Hair and make-up neatly done
**Timeline & Schedule**

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*All practices are mandatory.*

**Auditions & Script**

a. Applicants will be paired up with other applicants. You will audition with this pair before a panel of judges. You may not be re-paired unless requested by the judges.

b. Once auditioned, the judging panel will review their scores. Some pairs may receive a call back or be asked to be seen with a different applicant than their original partner. We ask that you do not leave until all callbacks are read.

c. Attached is an excerpt of the actual Miss Sam Houston Script as the audition script. Please read the script thoroughly, and practice! Memorization is not a requirement for the audition portion. We encourage establishing a chemistry with the partner(s) you audition with in order to create a stronger impact on your performance!
Audition Script

JUDGE & MISS TEXAS INTRODUCTIONS

[EMCEE 2]: Our judges will have a very difficult decision to make this evening. Let’s take a moment to meet the people who have the honor of determining which contestant will be crowned Miss Sam Houston 2020.

[ANNOUNCER]: Our official judges for tonight are Frank Parker, Vice President for Student Affairs. Blaine Ochoa, Miss Houston USA 2019, John Yarabeck, Dean of Students. Ray Hernandez, President and CEO of Huntsville Walker County Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Harriet Griggs, Retired Faculty, from the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences. Keith Ahee Jr., Associate Director of Admissions for the College of Osteopathic Medicine. Rissie Owens, President of the Huntsville ISD Board of Trustees. Our official tabulators for tonight are Lynn Clopton, Director of Financial Planning & Budget. And Ronald Daigle, Professor of Accounting at Sam Houston State University.

[EMCEE 1]: Thank you Victoria. This morning, our candidates had their preliminary interview round, where they were interviewed and judged by our judges’ panel. This interview counts for 20% of the overall pageant score. This is one phase of the competition the audience does not get to see, but it certainly plays a huge role in determining if she is prepared to hold this very important position.

[EMCEE 2]: Before we begin the Spirit Wear competition, we would like to take a moment to welcome our special guest this evening, Miss Texas herself, Chandler Foreman!

[EMCEE 1]: Thank you Chandler! We are so excited to have you with us this evening. Don’t worry, we’ll be seeing her again before the night is over!

SPIRIT WEAR

[EMCEE 1]: The ladies will now start the competition by showing us their Bearkat Pride. This portion is worth 10% of tonight’s overall score.

[EMCEE 2]: The ladies were asked to personally design, embellish, and decorate clothing to display their creativity and spirit for Sam Houston State University. In addition, the ladies were asked to write a short description explaining their choice of spirit theme.

[EMCEE 1]: Wonderful! We’re not wasting any more time, let’s get started.

[ANNOUNCER]: Miss Alpha Chi Omega, Katelynn Trout’s spirit theme is March to the Grave. On March 2nd of each year the faculty, students and alumni gather and march down university avenue to Sam Houston’s gravesite, where a ceremony is held in remembrance of Sam Houston. Katelynn’s robe represents the annual event held on Sam Houston’s birthday including pictures from the event dating back to 1893, with colors of orange and royal blue to show her school pride. Katelynn believes the best way to show her Bearkat spirit is through the tradition for the man himself and the reason we are Sam Houston State University.
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Applicant Name: _____________________ Preferred Pronouns: ____________
Phone Number: _____________________ SHSU Email: _____________________
SAM ID: __________________________ Classification: _____________________
Expected Graduation Date: ___________ Major/Minor: _____________________
Student Organizations/Programs Involved In: ____________________________

Do you have access to GroupMe? Circle one: Yes No
Do you have experience in hosting a live show? Explain.

What other time commitments do you have that may possibly interfere with the pageant?
Please explain.

I, __________________________, agree to all “Miss Sam Houston Pageant” emcee/announcer requirements mentioned beforehand.

(Signature): _____________________
(Date): _________________________