



Miss Olustee Pageant

CONTESTANT APPLICATION AND GUIDELINES

The Miss Olustee Pageant is a scholarship pageant program designed to support the young women from the Olustee communities of Baker, Columbia, Gilchrest, Hamilton, Suwannee & Union. Please see the application and guidelines for becoming a contestant in this annual event.

The pageant will be held Saturday, February 8, 2025, at Wesley Memorial Methodist Church at 1275 SW McFarlane Ave, Lake City FL 32025 (besides Summers Elementary). The deadline for entry is January 24, 2025. Orientation meeting will be held January 13, 2025, at Wesley Memorial, ages 3mos-10 years from 5:30-6:30 pm and the 11 years old to 22 years old will be 6:30-7:30pm. Dress rehearsal is MANDATORY and will be held Thursday, February 6, 2025, at the Wesley Memorial Church at 6pm.

Again, the deadline for entry will be January 24th. **No late entries will be accepted.** The checklist below also has the date of when everything is due. This year we will be doing a presale ticket contest, but all contestants are required to sell 5 presale tickets. To be entered into the contest, you must sell a minimum of 10 tickets and the contestant with the most ticket sales will win half the amount of their ticket sales. There will be a winner for the morning & evening pageant session. This is not counted toward your final tally towards the crown.

Pageant fees will be due on or before the registration date. Pageant entry fees listed below:

Ages 3mos-23mos (Beauty & photogenic) \$75

Ages 2 yr –10 yr (Beauty, Photogenic & Fun Fashion) \$100

Ages 11yr-16 yr (Beauty, Photogenic, Fun Fashion & interview) \$100

Ages 17yr-22yr (Beauty, Photogenic, Fun Fashion, Interview & onstage question) \$130

Talent can be added to ages 2 years and up for \$20

Item Due	Due Date	Date Completed/By:(Director)
Registration Sheet	1/24/2025	
Copy of Birth Certificate/Parent ID copy if under 18	1/24/2025	
Information Sheet	1/24/2025	
Fact Sheet	1/24/2025	
Essay (Teen & Miss Category)	1/24/2025	
Printed 5x7 Headshot in Color	1/24/2025	
Talent Sheet	1/24/2025	
Talent Music on USB only(labeled)	1/24/2025	
Presale Tickets – 10 per contestant	2/6/2025	

If you have any questions, feel free to email olusteecontestant@gmail.com

Or call Jennifer Freeman at 386-292-2921

Contestant Name: _____ Age: _____

Contestant/Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

Essay Instructions
Miss Olustee Pageant 2025
(Teen & Miss Category Contestants Only)

Please remember that this is your opportunity to explain to the judges about yourself and why this title is important to you. This should be a one-page, single spaced document that follows the instructions listed below.

The following format must be used when typing your Essay:

1. Set margins for 1" on all four sides. The font size should be 12 pt Arial style.
2. Your essay must contain your full name as an introduction.
3. Write in 500 words or less what you feel is critical for the judges to know about you as a young lady, a student, a daughter and even an employee as some entering will have employment status. This is also your time to tell how, if won, this title can be used in your community.
4. At the bottom of the page, type a signature/date line. Once you have printed the document, you must sign and date it. In doing so, you are attesting to the authenticity of your essay.

Contestant Talent Sheet
Miss Olustee Pageant 2025

Name: _____

Age Category: _____

Talent (I.e. Vocal, "Defying Gravity"): _____

My talent presentation is precisely ____minute(s) and ____second(s)

Please note that your talent presentation must be 2:00 minutes or less!

Props used (if applicable): _____

Accompaniment, if applicable (i.e USB, Piano etc.): _____

Please give a brief opening for your talent in 32 words or less. This information will be used in preparing your talent introduction.

Contestant Signature: _____ Date: _____

2025 Qualifications for Miss Olustee Pageant

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1. I, _____, am a resident of one of the counties; Baker, Columbia, Gilchrest, Hamilton, Suwannee or Union.

2. I am single, never married, a natural born female and do not have a child. In the event that I become pregnant or do anything to tarnish the reputation of the Miss Olustee organization during my reign (Including distasteful social media posting), if selected as Miss Olustee or her court, I hereby understand that my title and scholarship will be revoked upon the discretion of the directors. Any part of the scholarship disbursed will be paid in full to the Miss Olustee Pageant before the pageant of the following year.

3. I have never been arrested, nor committed a felony or crime.

4. If I am selected Miss Olustee Teen / Junior Miss / Miss:

A. I will serve as Miss Olustee Teen / Junior Miss / Miss until my successor is appointed.

B. I will make myself available for such personal appearances, filming, interviews, parades, and other various commitments that the pageant has made and will make for me.

C. I will permit my name, photographs, and title as Miss Olustee Teen / Junior Miss / Miss to be used by such persons, firms, or corporations that may be approved by the Miss Olustee Pageant directors.

D. I will only display my title, sash and signs exclusively at functions designated by the Miss Olustee Pageant (applicable until you hold another title)

A sash and crown will be provided by the pageant. Therefore, I will be responsible for any loss or replacement.

5. If I am selected as First Runner up to the title, I agree to be available to succeed to all the rights and assume all duties and obligations of the Miss Teen / Junior Miss / Miss Olustee.

6. I understand that I must utilize the awarded money **within two years of receipt of the funds**. I further understand that the grant of bonds and awards will be forfeited in the event I breach this contract or fail to perform any duties, which may have been selected by the Miss Olustee pageant directors.

7. I hereby release the Miss Olustee Pageant, any co-sponsor and facility (where the pageant and practices are to be held) from liability for any accident of injury, damage to me, my child or our personal property as a result of our participation in the pageant.

8. I, as well as my parent / guardian, have read all the rules and regulations of the Miss Olustee Pageant and understand that if the stated are not followed, I will be disqualified by the judges from the pageant.

Contestant Name (Printed)

Contestant Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Contestant Titleholders Future Responsibilities

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After final selection of titleholders and their court, each member shall portray good conduct and morals. They should always conduct themselves with dignity and be a credit to Miss Olustee Pageant and to the community she represents. You will be responsible for any fees associated with your appearance, except the booth fee at Columbia County Fair & 2025 Christmas Parade in Columbia County.

Following her selection as Miss Olustee, the titleholder will be required to make future appearances on behalf of her title. The following appearances and responsibilities are considered mandatory for the titleholder:

- Titleholder will be at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Olustee Festival (time & place will be given night of pageant)
- Attend first Blue Grey meeting after pageant for recognition and thank you to the Blue Grey Army
- Spring Fair – if offered in your community
- School / College events
- 4th of July celebration in your community
- Homecoming parade for your community
- Columbia County Agricultural Fair in October (we will have booth)
- Christmas Tree Lighting in your community
- Christmas on the Square in your community
- 2025 Christmas Parade in Columbia County on the float for the whole court.
- Other local community pageants to support other young ladies in their pursuit of a title
- Following Year's Orientation Meeting
- Following Year's Dress Rehearsal and Pageant

Photos of your activities in your crown along with a few words about the activity will need be emailed to directors at olusteepageant@gmail.com for year-end slide show and uploaded to the social media account.

Failure to follow these rules and make such requested appearances for any reason will be considered cause for dismissal from the title held as well as forfeiture of crown, sash and scholarship balance.

Contestant Name (Printed)

Contestant Signature

Date

Parent / Guardian Signature

Date