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W E L C O M E

MAY 22-24, 2026 · BRADEN AUDITORIUM · NORMAL, IL

Dear 2026 State Delegate,

The pageant is quickly approaching, and we hope you're looking forward to a great pageant! Included in this packet you will find:

- A pageant schedule
- Information regarding the finalist interview and a form for your delegate question. Please bring the form with your delegate question to registration!
- Ticket information and Parking Information
- Order forms to purchase a pageant video package and/or photos.
- A link to purchase Delegate Buttons. Buttons are a great way for your fans to show support or just have a souvenir of your pageant experience (see flyer in this packet). Please note that the deadline for ordering Delegate Buttons is **Monday, May 18th**.

ORDER HERE: missillinoisusa.com/finalpacket

There will be a **Delegate and Parent ZOOM Orientation** on **May 13, 2026, at 7:00 pm**. John Vannatta, the Executive State Director, will go over details about the pageant, the scoring procedures, and introduce you to other staff and pageant volunteers. A link to the Zoom meeting is below.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8518540210?pwd=RVg1ZTloV1hxVXdRMlI3V3dZR0pUZz09&omn=89018197942>

The actual pageant is being held at the Braden Auditorium in the Bone Center on the campus of Illinois State University in Normal, IL, and the host hotel is the Bloomington/Normal Marriott Hotel & Conference Center. Please remember, you are responsible for booking your own hotel room during pageant weekend. To book your room and for family and friends, go to missillinoisusa.com/hostcity where you will find a link to the hotel website. Please carefully review the weekend schedule. If you have any questions, call or email the pageant office. You will need to be at registration at 8:00 am on Friday, May 22nd. Please arrive with hair/make-up complete and dressed ready for an official headshot photo immediately following registration. You will also record a video introduction to be played during the pageant shows. If you have a conflict with the arrival/registration time, please contact us as soon as possible.

We are looking forward to discovering who will become the next MISS ILLINOIS USA and MISS ILLINOIS TEEN USA for 2026! Don't hesitate to contact us with any questions prior to your departure for the pageant. You should be very proud of yourself for stepping out of your comfort zone and taking on this challenge. We will see you May 22nd at the Bloomington/Normal Marriott Hotel & Conference Center.

Regards,
John, Jason, Jennifer, and Karen



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SCHEDULE

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FRIDAY · MAY 22, 2026

- 8:00 am** Larry Roberts (OMNI Productions) arrives at Braden Auditorium for stage set-up.

- 8:00 am** Registration at Bloomington/Normal Marriott Hotel and Conference Center
(201 Broadway Ave, Normal, IL 61761)
Photos and video introductions at Marriott Hotel (*wear registration outfit*)

- 11:30 am** LUNCH ON YOUR OWN WITH FAMILY AND/OR FRIENDS

- 11:30 am** Pageant Staff arrives at Braden Auditorium

- 12:30 pm** Delegates arrive at Braden Auditorium
(Bone Center, 200 N University St, Normal, IL 61761)
Drop off at loading dock (corner of N University St and W College Ave) or park and enter through loading dock door.

- 1:00 pm** Rehearsal at Braden Auditorium

- 2:45 pm** Dress/Tech Rehearsal

- 4:00 pm** Hair and Make-Up Artists arrive

- 5:00 pm** DINNER at Braden Auditorium

- 5:00 pm** Prepare for Presentation Show
Delegates using approved HMU Artists go to HMU Room

- 7:00 pm** 2026 MISS ILLINOIS USA & MISS ILLINOIS TEEN USA
Presentation Show

- 9:30 pm** Done for the day ~ Enjoy your evening!

SATURDAY • MAY 23, 2026

- 9:00 am** MISS Rehearsals at Marriott Hotel - Redbird C Ballroom
(201 Broadway Ave, Normal, IL 61761)
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- 9:00 am** TEEN Interviews at Marriott Hotel - Fell A meeting room on second floor
(arrive at designated time on your registration packet)
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- 11:00 am** LUNCH WITH YOUR FAMILY AND/OR FRIENDS
-
- 2:00 pm** TEEN Rehearsals at Marriott Hotel - Redbird C Ballroom
(201 Broadway Ave, Normal, IL 61761)
-
- 2:00 pm** MISS Interviews at Marriott Hotel - Fell A meeting room on second floor
(arrive at designated time on your registration packet)
-
- 5:00 pm** Delegates are released to spend evening with family and friends

SUNDAY • MAY 24, 2026

- 8:00 am** Delegates arrive at Braden Auditorium
(Bone Center, 200 N University St, Normal, IL 61761)
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- 8:30 am** Rehearsal at Braden Auditorium
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- 10:00 am** Dress/Tech Rehearsal
-
- 11:30 am** Hair and Make-Up Artists arrive
-
- 12:00 pm** LUNCH at Braden Auditorium
-
- 12:00 pm** Prepare for Coronation Show
Delegates using approved HMU Artists go to HMU room
-
- 3:00 pm** 2026 MISS ILLINOIS USA and MISS ILLINOIS TEEN USA Coronation Show
Crowning of MISS ILLINOIS USA and MISS ILLINOIS TEEN USA 2026
(Finalists in each age division remain on stage after crowning for photos. All other delegates are released.)
- Load out begins following on-stage photos.**

SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE - Check with chaperones for updated locations & times

NOTES:

Be sure to label all of your belongings. Bring along your own towels and any necessities to keep at theater.

All delegates are released after the Coronation Show. No one is allowed on-stage, backstage, or dressing area, but you may meet your family at the stage door to help carry your belongings.

Newly crowned titleholders will be required to meet with the pageant directors Monday morning and have their first official photo shoot. Hair and make-up will be provided. Please bring your gown and interview suit. The photo shoot will end around noon on Monday and is NOT optional. **One hotel room for the Miss winner and one room for the Teen winner will be provided at the host hotel by Vanbros on Sunday night.**

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Dear 2026 State Delegate,

This is a recap of how finals night will unfold. As the pageant progresses past preliminary competition, the field of contestants will be narrowed to our group of semi-finalists, and then a group of finalists in TEEN and a group of finalists in MISS. The semi-finalists will compete in Swimsuit (MISS) or Activewear (TEEN) and Evening Gown competitions in order to narrow the field to our finalists. The finalists in both age divisions will then participate in an on-stage interview competition. Each of the Teen and Miss finalists will receive 2 questions.

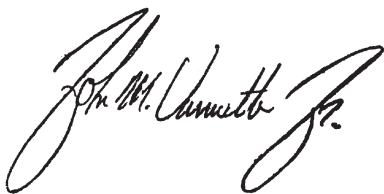
First, they will receive a “delegate question.” Each of you will need to submit a question that you would like to ask of a finalist. You should bring your question to registration and turn it in then. Be sure to include your name and title on your question. The staff will review the questions and select questions in each age division.

On final night, each of the finalists will draw one question to answer. You will be told which of your fellow delegates submitted the question. If you happen to choose your own question, simply select another. Please give due consideration to the question you ask. This is your chance to participate in determining what questions the finalists will have to answer.

The second question to be asked will be the traditional “judge’s question.” Each of the five judges will submit a random question, and each of the finalists will randomly draw one of the judges’ questions that they will answer.

This process will be explained again during orientation, so if you have questions feel free to ask for clarification at that time. In the meantime, please think about various questions and formulate opinions; but speak from your own heart with your own words! Also, please don’t forget to write a question that you want asked to one of the finalists. Be sure to label it with your name and your title.

Have fun, and Good Luck!



John M. Vannatta, Jr.
Co-Executive Director



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DELEGATE QUESTION

Please fill out with your name, title and question.

You will need to bring this form with you to the pageant and turn in at registration.

Thank you!

Teen Contestant: _____ Miss Contestant: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

QUESTION:

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TICKETS

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PRESENTATION SHOW

FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2026 • 7:00 PM

All delegates will be featured in an Opening Fashion Runway Introduction and compete in the Preliminary Activewear/Swimsuit and Preliminary Evening Gown Competitions.

CORONATION SHOW

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2026 • 3:00 PM

All delegates will be featured in an Opening Fashion Runway Introduction. Delegates with the highest composite scores from the Preliminary Interview, Active Wear/Swimsuit, and Evening Gown Competitions will be announced as Semi-Finalists and compete in the Semi-Final Activewear/Swimsuit and Semi-Final Gown Competitions narrowing the field to our Finalists. After the Finalist On Stage Interviews, we will say farewell to our reigning titleholders, present some special awards, and crown MISS ILLINOIS USA 2026 and MISS ILLINOIS TEEN USA 2026.

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*To purchase live webcast tickets go to
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\$8

ORDER DEADLINE:
MONDAY, MAY 18th

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2026 MISS USA & TEEN USA STATE PAGEANTS

STAGE PHOTOGRAPHY

Official Vanbros Pageants - Photography by Devine Studios

Standard Stage Package: \$195

- Professionally edited images
- Online gallery delivery
- Delivered within 5-7 business days

Includes:

Registration Photos
Interview Outfit Photos
Optional Photo with Current Titleholders (prior to interview)
Stage Photography Coverage



Additional Delivery Options

Priority Delivery: \$75

Receive your full gallery within 3 days after finals

24 Hour Delivery: \$125

Receive your full gallery within 24 hours after finals

Same Day Delivery: \$250

Receive your images the same evening after finals
(Limited availability)



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Optional Add-On Opportunity

Backstage Pop-Up Portrait Sessions: \$150

We will be offering a limited number of quick backstage portrait sessions during the event for contestants who are fully photo-ready.
(Limited availability)

Sessions will take place during available downtime throughout the weekend (between rehearsals and scheduled events) and will not occur during live competition. These are short, 10-minute sessions designed to capture additional polished portraits in your gown or outfit. (Not intended for competition headshots.)

Includes:

- 5 lightly retouched, photographer-selected images
- Online gallery delivery

Availability will be shared on the day of the event, as timing and scheduling may vary.

Contact us at: info@devinestudios.com



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Full private judges interview - the only way to see how it went!

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\$72.25/pmt with

afterpay

Platinum

Full competition recording

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"In the Spotlight" - edited highlight video of every time your contestant is named on stage

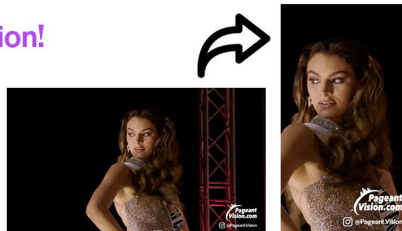
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\$94.75/pmt with

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Our professional editors will transform your spotlight into perfectly-framed vertical video. Amazing for sharing on social!



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Due to the nature of pageant competitions, we are unable to offer refunds or reductions.

Orders will be emailed or shipped within approximately 2-8 weeks of finals. Questions about your order? Email support@pageantvision.com

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PARKING MAP

Braden Auditorium
Bone Student Center
Illinois State University

200 N University St
Normal, IL 61761

We have recently been informed that the Bone Student Center parking lot will be under construction from May 18th until July 2026. We have been working closely with Illinois State University's Parking and Transportation Department to ensure your event guests have adequate parking.

Below is a map of the alternate parking locations. The indicated parking lots in green and a parking garage in purple are available for your attendees to park in that are in close proximity to the Bone Student Center. If your guests choose to park in the parking garage, they will be charged a rate of \$5.00 per day. If they park in any of the indicated green lots located on the map, parking will be complimentary for your event this summer. Please communicate the parking options to your attendees so they are aware.



✦ Loading Dock/Back Stage Door