

## RULES FOR THE 2026 MISS HAMPTON BEACH PAGEANT

Applicants must be single and never have been married or have had a marriage annulled. Young women in their 16<sup>th</sup> year and not to be older than 24 years of age at the time of the pageant may participate; also must have been born a female. Proof of age must be available at the rehearsal. Applicants may have never given birth to a child, are not now pregnant or a parent. If any of these conditions change notify the director and be aware that this may affect eligibility. Selection for the title of Miss Hampton Beach will be based on appearance, poise, and personality.

Applications must be completed, signed and received by S&E Productions no later than July 17.

Applications must include a recent black and white or color head-shot photograph by July 17.

Contestants are responsible for obtaining a sponsor and must provide a check for \$125 at the time the application is submitted. A sponsor may be one or more businesses, family, and friends. All checks made payable to S&E Productions. **If Application and fee are postmarked by July 1<sup>st</sup> fee will reduced to \$100**

On Friday July 24, all contestants must be at the Seashell stage from 10am to 1pm for rehearsal. Please bring swimsuit and heels that will be worn during the pageant. Contestants should dress in shorts and comfortable sneakers or shoes. This is a mandatory rehearsal.

Only conservative basic style one piece swimsuits may be worn during the pageant. These suits are to be a solid, one color suit without ornamentation or additional design and may not be string, plunging neckline or cut out style suits. The pageant officials will review suits on Friday rehearsal. Suits that do not follow the guidelines provided would have to be replaced or the contestant will be disqualified. The contestants will also need an evening dress or gown and heels for the pageant.

Participants in the pageant agree by signing this application to appear at various events and promotions held by the Chamber of Commerce and the Hampton Beach Village District throughout the year. Participants agree to represent the NH Seacoast as a true ambassador in a proper manner during the year's reign as Miss Hampton Beach and area events. So that you may better acquaint yourself with the area, literature is available at the Chamber's Visitor Welcome Center. Upon accepting the title of Miss Hampton Beach, you are accepting the responsibility of representing the NH seacoast. If you are unable to represent the seacoast at two of the four major events, the four events being the Children's Festival, Seafood Festival, Christmas Parade, and Fourth of July, the first runner-up will be appointed to the title. Miss Hampton Beach 2026 may enter State Pageants should she so choose.

Participants will not be allowed to consult with or talk to anyone other than pageant officials and fellow contestants from the time of arrival at 8am, until the end of the pageant. No one other than contestants and Pageant staff will be allowed backstage. Anyone not adhering to this rule will be disqualified.

The Hampton Beach Area Chamber of Commerce retains the right to use photographs and videotapes of any participants for news and/or publicity in the newspapers, folders, and magazines or any other media and the participant whose signature appears on this application adheres thereto. Contestants are advised that their picture, name, hometown and sponsor may appear in the pageant program book and the weekly Beach News.(the week prior to the pageant)

Some sponsorship may be available from local merchants.

The pageant committee is not responsible for stolen articles during the pageant.

The decision of the judges is final. S&E Productions has final authority on all issues relating to the pageant. Contestants and/or parents who question the judge's decisions or that of S&E will be disqualified from this and all future pageants.