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— 2026 —

OFFICIAL CONTESTANT  
HANDBOOK

Leadership. Integrity. Professionalism. Service.  
Representing ACHF with Excellence  
On and Off the Stage.

# **OFFICIAL Miss/Mister ACHF PAGEANT HANDBOOK**

## **Miss & Mister ACHF Pageant**

Presented by the America's Clogging Hall of Fame, Inc.

### **Welcome**

Thank you for your interest in the America's Clogging Hall of Fame Pageant. We are honored that you are considering competing for a Miss or Mister ACHF title.

This handbook contains important information regarding eligibility, competition phases, scoring, awards, and expectations. Please read carefully, as this document will answer most of your questions and help you prepare for a successful pageant experience.

We cannot wait to celebrate the talent, leadership, and character of our contestants!

### **Event Location & Date**

ACHF EXTREME  
Friday, July 17, 2026  
Hickory-Metro Convention Center  
Hickory, NC 28602

### **Eligibility to Compete**

Dancers are eligible to compete in the Miss & Mister ACHF Pageant as long as they are competing for a *new age division title*.

If a dancer wins the crown in their age division, they may compete the following year for:

- Junior Miss/Mister ACHF
- Overall Traditional
- Overall Contemporary
- Overall Miss/Mister ACHF

However:

- They may not crown again in the same age division or overall title division.
- If they do not win an overall title, they are not eligible to re-crown in the same division they previously won.

## **Age Divisions & Titles**

<b>Tiny</b>	<b>Tiny Mister</b>	<b>4 &amp; under</b>	<b>No Backstage Interview</b>	<b>Jr Miss/Mister ACHF</b>
<b>Princess</b>	<b>Prince</b>	<b>5-7</b>		
<b>Sweetheart</b>	<b>Mini Mister</b>	<b>8-10</b>		
<b>Pre Teen</b>	<b>Pre Teen Mister</b>	<b>11-13</b>		
<b>Teen</b>	<b>Teen Mister</b>	<b>14-17</b>		
<b>Senior</b>	<b>Senior Mister</b>	<b>18-27</b>	<b>Backstage Interview</b>	<b>Miss/Mister ACHF</b>
<b>Senior Elite</b>	<b>Senior Elite Mister</b>	<b>28-39</b>		
<b>Elite</b>	<b>Elite Mister</b>	<b>40+</b>		

## **Age Division Awards**

Each division will award:

- 2nd Runner-Up
- 1st Runner-Up
- Division Winner

*The number of runner-up placements may vary based on the number of contestants in each division.*

All contestants will receive a participation medal.  
Runner-ups will receive a plaque.

## **Registration Information**

Entry Fee: \$165.00

Includes:

- All phases of competition
- One (1) Photogenic entry (optional)
- Event T-shirt

Additional Photogenic entries: \$10 each (maximum of 4 total)

## **Clogging & Pageant Requirements**

Phases of competition include:

ALL contestants are required to perform:

- At least one (1) freestyle solo of choice (Traditional or Contemporary)

Choreographed solos are NOT required unless competing for an Overall Title (Junior Miss/Mister, Overall Traditional, Overall Contemporary, or Miss/Mister ACHF).

## **Overall Title Requirements**

To be eligible for:

- Junior Miss/Mister ACHF
- Overall Traditional (ages 18+)
- Overall Contemporary (ages 18+)
- Overall Miss/Mister ACHF

Contestants must compete in:

- One choreographed solo
- One traditional freestyle solo
- One contemporary freestyle solo

Top 3 Finalists for Overall Miss/Mister ACHF title will:

- Be asked one on-stage question
- Receive an additional interview score that counts toward their final score. Backstage and on-stage interview scores will be averaged to determine total interview score to count towards overall placement.

Mister ACHF contestants will also be asked one on-stage question

## **On-Stage Questions (Miss/Mister ACHF Finalists)**

Finalists will be asked one of the following questions at random:

- Which of your personal qualities would make you a great ACHF titleholder?
- How would you promote ACHF if you were to hold a title?
- What would it mean to you to be Miss/Mister ACHF?

## **Photogenic Competition**

Photogenic is optional.

- One entry included with registration
- Additional entries: \$10 each (maximum of 4 total)
- Photos may be color or black & white
- Photo size: 5x7 or 8x10
- Submit three (3) identical copies at check-in that can be kept by ACHF

Judging is based on:

- Presentation of contestant

- Clarity
- Overall photo quality

A Top Photogenic Award will be presented.

## **Contestant Ad Pages**

Each contestant is required to sell a minimum of one (1) full-page advertisement for inclusion in the official program book.

These ads:

- Support pageant operations
- Contribute to the ACHF Pageant Scholarship Fund
- Help enhance the overall contestant and titleholder experience

Ads may include:

- Business advertisements
- Friends & Family pages
- Good Luck or Congratulations pages
- Personal sponsor pages

Additional ads may be sold beyond the minimum requirement.

All ads must follow published size and format guidelines. All paperwork and payments must be submitted by the deadline.

## **Special Awards**

In addition to division and overall titles, the following awards will be presented:

- Photogenic
- Ad Page Contest (Most Sales)
- Evening Gown/Formal Wear
- Fun Fashion
- Congeniality (voted on by contestants)

## **Phases of Competition & Scoring Breakdown**

### **Solo Performance (20%)**

- Choreographed score OR highest freestyle score - whichever is highest
- Judged on clarity and execution of footwork performed, appearance, and entertainment value - not judged on the most advanced dancer or footwork
- All 3 solos required for Overall titles

## **Interview - ages 18+ / On-Stage Chat - ages 17 & under (25%)**

- Poise & confidence
- Communication skills
- Overall appearance
- Finalists (ages 18+) receive additional on-stage question score that will be averaged with backstage interview score to calculate overall finalist score
- Contestants ages 17 & under will interact on-stage with our emcee about information submitted on their official paperwork about their interests and activities. Not scored on accuracy of their answers but on poise and ability to speak in public.

## **Evening Gown/Formal Wear (30%)**

- Poise
- Proper fit of attire
- Overall appearance

## **Casual Wear / Fun Fashion (15%)**

- ACHF themed (red, white, and/or blue)
- Should represent ACHF and clogging in some way
- Creativity encouraged
- Emcee will interact with each contestant on-stage during this category - see details in Interview section above

## **Overall Impression (10%)**

The Overall Impression score reflects the contestant's total presence throughout the entire pageant experience, not just one phase of competition. Impression is not based on skill level.

Judges should consider how the contestant represents themselves across:

- Solo performance(s)
- Interview or on-stage chat
- Evening Gown/Formal Wear
- Casual Wear/Fun Fashion
- General conduct & attitude during the pageant

## **Royal Court Awards**

Division Winners Receive:

- Crown
- Sash & Pin
- Flowers

Overall Miss ACHF receives:

- Official Headshot provided by professional photographer at the conclusion of the pageant. Miss contestants should be prepared to have headshots taken in gown, crown, and sash, as well as their interview attire.

## **Tentative Schedule of Events**

Thursday, July 16

7:30-8:30 pm - Contestant Check-In and Meet & Greet at Hampton Inn

Friday, July 17

8:00 am - Interviews begin for Miss & Mister Contestants

8:15 am - Required On-stage rehearsal begins for contestants ages 17 & under & current reigning royalty

\*Miss/Mister contestants will change & join rehearsal after their interview

Rehearsal includes:

- Welcome and general overview of the pageant
- walking pattern rehearsal for all phases of competition (including group sections and individual)
- Crowning flow
- Chance to hear freestyle solo music - will not practice individual solos
- Final cue for choreographed solo music - no on-stage rehearsals

\*\*Rehearsal is closed to spectators. To allow contestants to focus, only contestants and parents may be present during this time.

2:00 pm - Choreographed Solo & Freestyle Solo Competition Begins

6:00 pm - Formal Portion of Pageant Begins

- Opening Number performed by current reigning royal court
- Parade of Contestants in Fun Fashion/Casual Wear
- Final Introduction of current reigning royal court
- Formal Wear
- Miss ACHF Farewell
- Top 3 On-Stage Question for Miss & Mister age groups
- Crowning

\*\*There will be a Final Look at the end of each age division/phase of competition.

A judge's "final look" is a brief opportunity at the end of an age division for judges to see all contestants together one last time before final scores are submitted. This allows judges to compare overall presentation, confidence, stage presence, and consistency across the phase of competition. No additional performance or modeling is required beyond lineup instructions provided on stage.

## **Photo & Media Policy**

Photos and videos taken by ACHF or its authorized representatives during pageant events are the property of ACHF and may be used for promotional, advertising, educational, and archival purposes related to the Miss & Mister ACHF Pageant and the organization.

No compensation will be provided for such use.

## **Questions & Contact**

If you have any questions, please reach out to our Pageant Committee. Email is the preferred form of communication. Please allow our committee at least 24 hours to respond.

Email: [achfpageant@gmail.com](mailto:achfpageant@gmail.com)

Sincerely,

ACHF Pageant Committee

Hoyt Starkey  
Hannah Primm  
Jessica Larson



# 2026 Miss & Mister ACHF Pageant Ad Sales Sheet

Full Page Ad \$150	1/2 Page Ad \$90
	1/4 Page Ad Choose Horizontal Or Vertical \$65
	1/8 Page Ad \$40

Contestant Name (If Applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Due: \$\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ size page ad

Payment Method: Zelle - Venmo - Check (Payable to ACHF)

**FINAL DEADLINE FOR ADVERTISING IN PROGRAM IS JUNE 26, 2026**

FULL PAGE ADS CAN BE SENT AS A PDF. ALL OTHER ADS SHOULD BE IN JPG FORMAT

EMAIL LOGOS AND IMAGES TO: [ACHFPAGEANT@GMAIL.COM](mailto:ACHFPAGEANT@GMAIL.COM) BY 6/26

MAIL CHECKS BY 6/26 TO: JESSICA LARSON - 418 N SYCAMORE ST, ROSE HILL, NC 28458

# MISS & MISTER ACHF PAGEANT

## Titleholder Quick Guide for Character & Conduct Expectations



### A Title is More Than a Crown

Winning a Miss or Mister ACHF title with the America's Clogging Hall of Fame, Inc. (ACHF) is an honor and a leadership opportunity.

When you wear the crown and sash, you represent:

- Yourself
- Your team
- The Miss & Mister ACHF Pageant
- ACHF and the entire clogging community

We look for titleholders who shine not only on stage but also in character.

### What We Expect From Our Titleholders

As a reigning Miss or Mister ACHF, you agree to:

- ✓ Be kind, respectful, and encouraging
- ✓ Demonstrate good sportsmanship
- ✓ Speak positively about ACHF and fellow dancers
- ✓ Offer help at events when needed
- ✓ Represent your title with confidence and humility

Your actions reflect the heart of the organization.

### Attendance Responsibilities

Titleholders are required to attend:

- At least two (2) ACHF-sanctioned competitions
- ACHF National Championships
- The next pageant to crown their successor

If an emergency arises, communication with the Director is essential.

## **Social Media Matters**

As a titleholder, your online presence is part of your leadership.

Please remember:

- Keep posts positive and family-friendly
- Avoid inappropriate language or imagery
- Do not engage in gossip, arguments, or negativity
- Do not speak negatively about ACHF, the Miss & Mister ACHF Pageant, fellow titleholders, or the crown you represent
- Avoid controversial or divisive topics while representing your title
- Tag official ACHF accounts when attending events

If you wouldn't say it on stage with your crown on, don't post it.

## **Behavior Expectations**

While serving as a titleholder:

- No alcohol, drugs, vaping, or smoking
- No bullying or negative remarks
- No behavior that harms the reputation of ACHF
- No misuse of crown, sash, or title for personal gain

Leadership is about making wise choices, even when no one is watching.

## **Accountability**

If behavior does not reflect the values of ACHF, the Pageant Director and Board may review the situation and take appropriate action.

Possible outcomes may include:

- A warning
- Suspension of appearances
- Forfeiture of title in serious situations

These policies protect every titleholder and preserve the honor of the crown.

The crown represents character.

The sash represents service.

The title represents leadership.

# MISS & MISTER ACHF PAGEANT

## Parent Quick Guide to Titleholder Expectations



### Thank You for Your Support

Parents play a vital role in helping their dancer have a successful and rewarding year as a Miss or Mister ACHF titleholder.

This guide outlines your partnership in that journey.

### Event Attendance

Titleholders are expected to attend:

- Two (2) ACHF competitions
- ACHF National Championships
- The next pageant to crown their successor

Parents are responsible for transportation, scheduling, and communication regarding required appearances.

### Social Media Partnership

We encourage parents to:

- Monitor social media activity during the reign
- Encourage positive, respectful online conduct
- Help ensure official tags are used appropriately
- Notify the Director if concerns arise

Online behavior reflects the integrity of the title.

### Appearance & Professionalism

Titleholders should:

- Wear crown and sash at required official appearances
- Dress modestly and appropriately
- Demonstrate sportsmanship and kindness
- Arrive early and thank event hosts

Parents help reinforce these standards throughout the year.

## **Financial Understanding**

Unless otherwise stated:

- Travel, lodging, and wardrobe expenses are the responsibility of the family
- Replacement of lost or damaged regalia may be at the titleholder's expense

Clear expectations help avoid misunderstandings.

## **Accountability & Protection of the Title**

The Miss & Mister ACHF Pageant reserves the right to review behavior that may negatively impact the organization.

Possible actions may include:

- Written warning
- Suspension of appearance privileges
- Forfeiture of title if necessary

These measures are in place to protect all contestants and uphold the integrity of the program.

## **Our Shared Goal**

Our goal is simple:

To raise confident, respectful leaders who represent ACHF with excellence — both on and off the stage.

With strong family support, a titleholder's reign can be one of growth, leadership, and unforgettable memories.

# **Miss & Mister ACHF Pageant**

## **Official Titleholder Expectations & Conduct Agreement**

This document serves as an example of the expectations and responsibilities that accompany the honor of being crowned a Miss or Mister ACHF Titleholder.

Titleholders represent not only themselves, but also the America's Clogging Hall of Fame, Inc. (ACHF), the Miss & Mister ACHF Pageant, fellow contestants, directors, and the broader clogging community.

Being crowned is both a privilege and a commitment.

### **PURPOSE**

This agreement outlines the standards of conduct, attendance expectations, financial responsibilities, appearance requirements, and social media guidelines required of all reigning Miss & Mister ACHF Titleholders.

The purpose of this agreement is to protect the integrity, reputation, and mission of ACHF while ensuring that each titleholder upholds the highest standards of professionalism, leadership, and character throughout their reign.

### **1. TERM OF REIGN**

- The titleholder's reign officially begins at the time of crowning.
- The reign concludes when the successor is crowned at the following Miss & Mister ACHF Pageant.
- Should the next pageant be postponed, the current titleholder agrees to continue serving until a successor is named.

### **2. REQUIRED APPEARANCES**

As an official representative of ACHF, each titleholder must attend:

- A minimum of two (2) ACHF-sanctioned regional competitions
- ACHF National Championships
- The Miss & Mister ACHF Pageant (to crown and pass on their title)

If unable to attend a required event due to emergency, the Pageant Committee must be notified immediately.

### **3. OPTIONAL APPEARANCES**

Titleholders are encouraged to participate in additional outreach opportunities including:

- Community events and festivals
- Parades

- Nursing homes and senior centers
- School appearances
- Workshops and clogging-related events

These appearances allow titleholders to promote clogging and serve as ambassadors within their communities.

#### **4. DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES**

Titleholders agree to:

- Serve as ambassadors for ACHF at all times.
- Speak positively and knowledgeably about the organization.
- Raise funds for approved pageant-related and organization initiatives.
- Act as role models for dancers of all ages.
- Offer assistance to competition directors when attending events (awards ceremonies, announcements, event support, etc, when needed or asked).
- Maintain respectful, honest communication with the Pageant Committee, Competition Directors, Board Members, and fellow Titleholders and competitors.

Titleholders should always approach events with the mindset: "How can I serve?"

#### **5. DRESS CODE & APPEARANCE**

##### **Crown & Sash**

- Must be worn neatly during official competition arrival (when possible), award ceremonies, and fundraising efforts.
- May not be worn at outside commercial events or used for personal business promotion without written approval.
- In the event of resignation, suspension, or forfeiture, all regalia must be returned within ten (10) days.

##### **Attire**

- Business casual or appropriate dress attire for stage announcements and awards ceremonies.
- Age-appropriate, modest, and clean clothing aligned with ACHF's family-friendly image.
- Pajamas, cutoff shorts, ragged clothing, or inappropriate attire are not permitted during official appearances or at any time while wearing sash or crown.

## **6. BEHAVIOR & PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**

Titleholders are expected to demonstrate:

- Honesty and integrity
- Good sportsmanship
- Grace and humility
- Proper etiquette

The following behaviors are strictly prohibited while representing ACHF:

- Alcohol consumption
- Smoking or vaping
- Illegal drug use
- Inappropriate cellphone usage during official appearances

Titleholders must avoid gossip, negativity, controversial discussions, or any conduct that could reflect poorly on the organization.

## **7. SOCIAL MEDIA CONDUCT**

A titleholder's online presence reflects the integrity of the Miss & Mister ACHF Pageant and ACHF.

### **Posting & Promotion**

- Titleholders (or parents/guardians) should post and tag ACHF during competitions and special occasions.
- Official tags should be used when representing the title.

### **Professionalism Online**

Content must remain positive, encouraging, and family-friendly.

Titleholders must refrain from:

- Profanity
- Inappropriate imagery
- Alcohol or drug references
- Political or divisive commentary
- Negative statements about individuals or organizations

### **Brand Protection**

- ACHF logos may not be used for personal sponsorships without written approval.
- Social media handle changes must be reported to the Committee.
- Parents/guardians of minors agree to monitor online activity.

## **8. FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

Unless otherwise stated in writing by ACHF:

- Titleholders are responsible for their own travel, lodging, wardrobe, and appearance-related expenses.
- Replacement of lost or damaged regalia may be at the titleholder's expense.
- Any scholarships or prizes awarded may be contingent upon fulfillment of all contractual obligations.

## **9. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

- Titleholders may not compete in or accept another clogging-related title during their reign without written approval.
- Titleholders may not represent or promote competing organizations in a manner that conflicts with ACHF.
- Outside sponsorships must not conflict with ACHF values or mission.

## **10. COMMUNICATION EXPECTATIONS**

- Titleholders are expected to respond to official communication within 48 hours.
- If unable to attend a scheduled appearance, timely notice must be given.
- For minors, a parent/guardian serves as the primary communication contact.

## **11. GOOD STANDING REQUIREMENT**

Titleholders must:

- Remain in good standing with their team, directors, and ACHF.
- Maintain respectful conduct within their community.
- Uphold the character standards associated with representing ACHF.

## **12. ACCOUNTABILITY, RESIGNATION & FORFEITURE**

The Miss & Mister ACHF Pageant reserves the right to review any conduct that may bring disrepute to the organization.

Consequences for violations may include:

- Formal written warning
- Loss of appearance privileges
- Temporary suspension of duties
- Forfeiture of title

Titleholders may voluntarily resign by submitting written notice to the Pageant Committee. In the event of resignation or forfeiture, crown and sash must be returned within ten (10) days.

Any behavior, public or private, that reflects negatively on ACHF may result in immediate review and possible forfeiture of title.

### **13. PHOTO & MEDIA RELEASE**

ACHF may take photographs or videos of contestants and titleholders during:

- Pageant events
- Competitions
- Rehearsals
- Award ceremonies
- Appearances
- Promotional activities

#### **How Photos May Be Used**

These photos and videos may be used for:

- Social media posts
- Website content
- Promotional materials
- Advertising for future events
- Educational or archival purposes related to the pageant

#### **Ownership of Materials**

Photos and videos taken by ACHF or its approved representatives are the property of ACHF.

This means:

- ACHF may use them to promote the pageant and organization
- No payment will be provided for the use of these materials
- Permission continues even after a titleholder's reign ends

These images help us celebrate our contestants, highlight accomplishments, and promote the growth of clogging through the Miss & Mister ACHF Pageant.

We are proud to showcase the leaders who represent ACHF with excellence.

If under 18 years of age, a parent or legal guardian must sign.

## 14. ACKNOWLEDGMENT

By signing the official Titleholder Contract, the reigning Miss or Mister ACHF titleholder (and parent/guardian if applicable) affirms:

- They have read and understand all expectations.
- They agree to uphold the standards of conduct.
- They accept the responsibilities associated with the honor of the title.

### Closing Statement

A Miss or Mister ACHF title is more than a crown.

It is leadership.

It is service.

It is character in action.

Those who wear it are expected to represent the heart of clogging with excellence, both on and off the stage.

Titleholder Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (if under 18): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Pageant Director: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*This contract will only need to be signed upon becoming an ACHF titleholder. Contestants and/or parents/guardians will sign the official paperwork at the completion of the pageant.