

## Miss AMS Pageant 2027– Dress Guidelines

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### Dress Length & Appearance

- Dresses must be **full-length gowns**.
  - **Ankles and feet should not be visible**.
  - The hem should **graze the floor**.
  - Shoes may slightly peek out while walking, but should **not be clearly visible**.
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### Allowed Dress Styles

- Ballgown
- Mermaid
- Trumpet
- A-Line
- Straight styles

*(All of these are acceptable as long as they meet the other guidelines.)*

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### Structure, Size & Volume

- **NO hoops allowed under any circumstances.**
  - **Tulle crinolines are allowed.**
  - Dresses must not exceed **3 feet in width** (front-to-back or side-to-side).
    - This is due to **limited stage space**.
  - Any dress that is too large or difficult to move in may not be approved.
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### Straps & Bodice Fit

- Strapless dresses are allowed
    - Must be **secure and tight-fitting in the bodice** to ensure proper coverage and support.
  - Spaghetti straps are allowed.
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### Trains, Length & Safety

- **No trains are allowed** for dancing.
  - If your dress comes with a train, it **must be fully bustled**.
  - Dresses must **not drag or puddle on the floor**.
    - This is a **safety concern** for you and other contestants, tripping due to extra fabric pooling has been an issue
  - This rule also applies to:
    - Capes
    - Overskirts
    - Any additional fabric that touches the floor
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### Strictly Not Allowed

- No hi-low dresses
  - No two-piece dresses
  - No backless dresses
  - No leg slits
  - No cutouts
    - Even if covered with sheer/mesh fabric, it is still considered a **cutout and not allowed**
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### Back & Coverage Requirements

- The back of the dress cannot go **lower than 1 inch below where a bra strap would sit**.
  - Some sweetheart or fitted bodices may dip slightly lower in the back — these are often acceptable, but:
    - **✓ When in doubt, check for approval before purchasing**
  - If the back is:
    - Sheer
    - Mesh
    - Corset-style with thin ribbon
      - You **must have a modesty panel**
  - Acceptable solutions:
    - Built-in modesty panel (most dresses include this)
    - Bandeau or tube top worn underneath
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### Sheer / See-Through Material


- Sheer fabric is allowed on:
    - Shoulders
    - Arms
    - Neckline
  - Sheer fabric is **NOT allowed on the torso** (front, sides, or back without proper lining/panel).
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### Neckline Rules

- Sweetheart necklines are allowed.

- Necklines must **not plunge too low in the front**.
  - Dresses should provide **appropriate coverage and support at all times**.
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### Final Approval & Enforcement

- All dresses are subject to approval by **chairpersons and administration**.
  - Dresses that are:
    - Ill-fitting
    - Too revealing
    - Unsafe
    - Not aligned with guidelinesmay be **denied at their discretion**.
  -  If your dress does not meet requirements, you **will not be allowed on stage**.
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### Dress Submission Requirement

- Submit a **full-length photo** by **February 28th** on Remind:
    - Front view
    - Back view
    - With shoes on
  - You must wear the **same approved dress** for:
    - Dress rehearsal
    - Pageant night
  - If any issues are found, sponsors will:
    - Notify you
    - Help you find a solution
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### Shopping Tips

- You do **NOT** need to purchase from a pageant store.
  - Great options include:
    - Consignment shops
    - Secondhand stores
    - Facebook Marketplace
  -  Many beautiful dresses are available **gently used at great prices**
  -  **A dress sale will be held in January**
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### 8th Grade ONLY – Outfit Change

- 8th graders must change for their dance.
  - Required outfit:
    - Black leggings
    - White long-sleeve button-down shirt that extends long enough to cover their backside
  -  Keep this in mind when choosing your pageant dress for ease of changing.
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### Questions & Help

- If you are unsure about a dress:
  -  **Ask BEFORE purchasing**
- Contact sponsors through:
  - Remind
  - Facebook
  - Instagram
-  Sponsors are always available to help guide you and avoid issues.