1. Each contestant must be either a freshmen, sophomore, junior, or senior enrolled at South Gwinnett and meet the Georgia High School Eligibility requirements. The contestant must be in good academic standing; passing all of their classes. Potential contestants who fail to meet this criterion will not be allowed to participate in the pageant. (This will be verified by the South Gwinnett Administration)
2. Final applications must be received by January 29, 2016. No applications will be accepted after January29, 2016. Each contestant must be a current PTSA member or pay a $5 fee, which will be verified.
3. Each contestant must have a minimum of $180 in sponsorship funds due February 18, 2016 (checks made payable to South Gwinnett PTSA). Sponsors may be parents, grandparents, relatives, neighbors, friends, and/or businesses. 100% of all ad sales will go towards the sponsorship fees, which are tax deductible.
4. **All registration, sponsorship and entry fees are non-refundable**.
5. Each contestant must write a short essay using our Miss South theme, which will be announced at the Acceptance Dinner Thursday, February 4, 2016. Your essay is not graded or scored; however, it will be used as part of the commentary during the Evening Gown competition.
6. Attendance at the Acceptance Dinner and all pageant scheduled rehearsals are mandatory and shall be punctually attended. In case of a conflict in schedule, your parent, guardian or teacher must contact the pageant director, prior to practice to make alternate arrangements.
7. Miss South Pageant, PTSA Board and school administration require high moral standards; therefore, any contestant or winner caught engaged in any such acts as drinking/drugs, smoking or any other behaviors deemed inappropriate will be immediately disqualified at the discretion of the director and the PTSA board.
8. Miss South Pageant and the host buildings are not responsible for any loss due to injury incurred at or in travel to and from ALL pageant events. Miss South Pageant is also not responsible for any thefts that may occur.
9. Good sportsmanship is required at all times. Failure to show good sportsmanship (including parents and guest) will result in disqualification of the contestant; without refund and forfeiture of any and all awards received. This includes all social media but it not limited to, facebook, texting, twitter, snapchat, etc... during or after the pageant
10. Each contestant must have a long dress for evening gown competition.
11. Each contestant must have an outfit for sportswear competition. NO JEANS! This sportswear outfit does not have to be worn for your interview, but it should reflect your personality!
12. The scholarship winners will receive a letter regarding the scholarship money. The winners must claim their scholarship money within eight months of graduating from South Gwinnett High School.
13. A contestant is not now nor has ever been married, pregnant and is not the adoptive parent of a child.
14. If a contestant becomes pregnant during the pageant or is crowned as Miss South, Miss Junior, Miss Sophomore or Miss Freshmen and becomes pregnant during her reign, she will forfeit her title and any money the Miss South Scholarship Pageant awards.
15. A contestant has never been convicted of any criminal offense and has no criminal charges presently pending.
16. A contestant has never performed in any act or engaged in any activity or employment that is or could reasonably be characterized as dishonest, immoral or indecent.
17. All judges’ decisions are final! Talking with the judges while they are judging is prohibited. If any family, friends of the contestants or the contestants themselves are caught violating this, the contestant will be disqualified.
18. There can be no affiliation in any form with any of the Miss South judges. If a relationship between either the contestant and / or family/friend is revealed, the contestant will immediately be disqualified.