



MISS INDIA CONNECTICUT PAGEANT 2016

Pageant General Information

We are now inviting contestants for this year's MISS INDIA CONNECTICUT Pageants, the official event that could send you to represent the state in the 30th Miss India together with winners from many other states.. The winners of Miss India USA in turn will represent the US in the Annual Miss India Worldwide Pageant.

TO QUALIFY

The contest is open to single, never married, Indian origin girls who were born in Connecticut, or are residents of Connecticut, or current full-time college students in a Connecticut College or school, or are working in Connecticut or have a parent or guardian working in CT. Participants must be US citizens or legal residents, between the ages of 17 and 27 as of December 31st 2016 for Miss India Connecticut.

JUDGING CATEGORIES AND CRITERIA

The contestants will be judged in the following three segments:

1. DRESS

For the Indian and western dress competitions, contestants will wear a dress of their choice. Attention will be focused on each contestant's overall appearance, self-confidence, sense of style and the beauty she brings to the dresses of her choice

(a) Indian Dress

(b) Evening Gown.

Based on the two segments, the top five contestants will be selected in Miss India. The top five contestants will move on to the:

2. INTERVIEW:

The top five contestants will then move on to the Question/Answer segment. Pageant judges will spend time with each finalist to learn about her achievements, talents, goals and ambitions. Attention will be focused on the contestant's poise, charm, self-confidence and ability to communicate, as well as the substance of her answers. In addition, each winner must show awareness and personal commitment to a healthy lifestyle. The Interview will have one health related question.

3. Special points will be awarded to the contestants with a healthy **Body Mass Index**

TALENT SHOW

Talent show is not a part of the selection criteria for the Miss India. One month before the show, Diva Board members will select two candidates from each group for the final Talent show competition.

Due to time constraints each contestant will be allowed only 3 (three) minutes for the talent category (NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE TO THIS RULE). The contestants must notify Diva America Inc. of any special technical need at least two weeks prior to the pageant. THE CONTESTANT WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO HAVE ANY ON-STAGE ACCOMPANIMENT DURING THE TALENT SEGMENT (I.E. MODELS, BACKUP SINGERS, ETC.)

JUDGES

Judges will be selected by Diva America Inc. They will be eminent, respected members of the Indian, American and International Community. Diva America Inc. reserves the right to appoint all such judges. THE DECISION OF THE JUDGES, ONCE TABULATED, WILL BE FINAL. Diva America Inc. BEARS NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DECISIONS OF THE JUDGES.

PRIZES

- **Miss India CT** will receive \$1000 in cash and participation fee for Miss India USA pageant.
- **Miss India CT runner-up** will receive \$500 in cash.

REHEARSALS

There will be mandatory scheduled rehearsals for the contestants. Any contestants not participating in the rehearsals will be disqualified.

OTHER Information:

Diva America Inc., in its sole discretion, retains the right to alter the format of the Pageant. The winners of Miss India Connecticut will be the only delegates of Connecticut in the Miss India USA Pageant.

9. HOW TO REGISTER

- Complete and sign the **Registration** and **Agreement forms**
- Attach recent photographs (2 colored digital passport size and one full and one profile photographs)
- Check for \$100/- non refundable application processing fee
- Please mail the above to the following address:

Diva America Inc., 1280 Long Ridge Rd, Stamford, CT 06903

If you have any questions, please call our office at **(203) 524-2935** or email **abdiva@missindiact.com**

Once we receive your forms and pictures, our office will contact you within a week

We are here to assist you to make the MISS INDIA CONNECTICUT Pageants the most rewarding experience of your life!