

Pageantry at IU Organization

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Preamble

The Pageantry at IU student organization is a leadership development organization designed to provide opportunities for students to develop leadership skills, interviewing skills, performing arts skills, and philanthropic connections to the community. The Organization aims to promote interest in Miss Indiana University and to act as an advisory board in the planning and execution of the annual Miss Indiana University Scholarship Pageant, a preliminary to Miss Indiana/Miss America, on the Indiana University-Bloomington campus. The ultimate goal of the Organization is to create a student-driven local pageant while also providing resources and opportunities for networking to students who are interested in, who support, or who compete in pageants.

Article I: Membership

- A) Participation in the Pageantry at IU Organization will be without regard to arbitrary consideration of such characteristics as age, color, disability, ethnicity, gender, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status.
- B) Any Indiana University student, alumni, or employee may join the Pageantry at IU Organization or serve on a committee within the organization. There will be no limitations on the size of membership in this organization.
- C) There will be three classes of membership: officer, member, and adviser.
- D) In order to become a member, those interested must attend one of the semi-annual call-out meetings.
- E) Members who do not pay dues and attend at least two meetings each semester will be removed from membership.

Article II: University Compliance

This organization shall comply with all Indiana University regulations, and local, state, and federal laws. See <http://www.dsa.indiana.edu/Code> for the complete IU Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities, and Conduct. The Miss Indiana University student organization will conduct its business at Indiana University-Bloomington.

Article III: Executive Officers

- A) The executives of the Organization will include the following:
 - 1. President, whose responsibilities include
 - a) Scheduling meetings and their facilities
 - b) Establishing meeting agendas
 - c) Communicating regularly with membership
 - d) Working closely with the adviser
 - e) Acting as official spokesperson for the Organization

- f) Contributing to the Organization's website, social media
- 2. Vice president, whose responsibilities include
 - a) Appointing committees and their chairpersons
 - b) Overseeing committees
 - c) Assisting the president
 - d) Contributing to the Organization's website, social
- 3. Secretary, whose responsibilities include
 - a) Recording, distributing, and archiving minutes from meetings
 - b) Maintaining accurate and updated Constitution
 - c) Maintaining membership roster
 - d) Taking attendance at meetings
 - e) Completing required University paperwork
- 4. Treasurer, whose responsibilities include
 - a) Keeping financial records for the Organization
 - b) Maintaining student organization account
 - c) Making deposits and paying bills
 - d) Collecting membership dues
 - e) Developing and tracking annual budget
- 5. Adviser, whose responsibilities include
 - a) Assisting the officers and members in their endeavors
 - b) Acting as liaison between local Organization and boards of state pageants
 - c) Acting as liaison between Organization and the University

B) Any Indiana University student who is a member of the Organization may be nominated for an officer position.

C) Should an officer need to resign his/her position, he/she must submit a letter of resignation to the membership. The remaining officers may appoint a member to fill the vacant position for the remainder of the term if they deem it necessary.

D) Officers may be removed from office by majority decision of the executive officers and consent of the faculty adviser.

Article IV: Adviser

The faculty adviser serves as a guiding resource for the officers and membership. In the absence of a faculty or staff adviser, the executive officers will locate a replacement among the faculty and staff on the Indiana University-Bloomington campus.

Article V: Committees

A) Scholarship

- 1) Secure monetary scholarships to award at Miss IU pageant
 - a) IU Foundation
 - b) Civic organizations, philanthropies
- 2) Recruit sponsors & in-kind donors for pageant
- 3) Collect and share info on local, state & national scholarship opportunities for all members, including CMN local scholarship monies

B) Service

- 1) Network with Bloomington and campus community
- 2) Coordinate & communicate volunteer opportunities
- 3) Lead philanthropic efforts
 - a) IU DM
 - b) Local Kiwanis clubs

C) Style

- 1) Develop and maintain Miss IU "brand"
- 2) Work closely with public relations chair(s)
- 3) Pageant production

D) Success

- 1) Establish and maintain network with IU alumni & former titleholders
- 2) Arrange personal and professional development opportunities for members, both pageant and non-pageant related
- 2) Develop and maintain network with IU alumni & former titleholders
- 3) Plan pre-pageant workshops for contestants
- 4) Plan pageant-day luncheon
- 5) Gather information and report opportunities for members to participate in other pageants
 - a) Other Miss America locals
 - b) Miss USA
 - c) 500 Festival Princess Program
 - d) Miss Black & Gold Pageant
 - e) Miss Greek IU
 - f) County/State Fair Pageants

E) Public relations chair

- 1) Lead public relations team
- 2) Coordinate marketing, promotion and public information efforts
 - a) Social media
 - b) Website
 - c) MyInvolvement
 - d) Press releases
 - e) Arrange interviews, provide sources
- 3) Serve as organization's liason with media

Article VI: Meetings

A) The president will call membership meetings September through April and will publicize these meetings using MyInvolvement, the Organization's website, social media, fliers, e-mails, and word-of-mouth.

B) The president will set the agenda and secure a facility for membership meetings.

- C) The executive officers will consult prior to each membership meeting.
- D) If in the event there is ever a need for an emergency or special meeting, which would be determined by the executive officers, members will be notified of meeting as usual.

Article V: Elections

- A) Nominations for officer positions will take place during the spring semester of every academic year. Current officers will slate candidates from nominations for officer and committee positions.
- B) Members interested in becoming an officer should make their interest known to the membership. Only student members of the Pageantry at IU Organization can nominate a member for an office.
- C) Officers will be selected at the beginning of spring semester. Their terms will last until the following spring semester.
- D) If officers receive an abundance of nominations, those slated and write-in candidates will be listed on a ballot. The Organization's members will then vote anonymously via online survey (such as Survey Monkey).
- E) Membership will be notified of the upcoming election a month in advance.
- F) A simple majority of members must vote for an election to render results.

Article VIII: Non-Hazing

Hazing is strictly prohibited. Hazing shall be defined as any conduct which subjects another person, whether physically, mentally, emotionally, or psychologically, to anything that may endanger, abuse, degrade, or intimidate the person as a condition of association with a group or organization, regardless of the person's consent or lack of consent.

Article IX: Dues and Budgets

- A) Dues, as determined by the executive officers, will be required for all Pageantry at IU Organization members.
- B) Dues will be collected once each semester.
- C) The treasurer will collect dues.
- D) The treasurer will create and maintain the group's budget to be revised as needed.

Article X: Finances

- A) The treasurer is in charge of financial affairs.

- B) Pageantry at IU Organization will maintain a Student Organization Account.
- C) Pageantry at IU Organization will submit to the Student Organization Account's office policies and procedures if ever the organization is in need of said space.
- D) If Pageantry at IU Organization dissolves, the remaining funds will be donated to Student Organization Accounts.

Article XI: Amendments

- A) In the event that an amendment is applicable to members, the executive officers will notify members of the change.
- B) A majority vote by the executive officers will ratify an amendment.
- C) Once approved by the Organization, all constitutions with amendments must be submitted to the Student Activities Office for approval.

Article XII: Personal Gain Clause

This organization, if raising funds, shall ethically raise and distribute profits from organizational functions to either the organization or to members who provide a service that directly benefits the organization. Individual members may not receive compensation from for-profit companies if acting as a representative of a student organization.

Article XIII: Non-Discrimination Clause

Pageantry at IU Organization allows any interested students to participate in, become a member of, and seek leadership positions in the organization without regard to arbitrary consideration of such characteristics as age, color, disability, ethnicity, gender, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status.