

**D'wess Productions & Johnny Thomas
Presents**

“COVER GIRL”

Miss Wessland USofA Newcomer 2010

An Official Prelim to Miss Gay USofA Newcomer August 3rd-5th 2010 Indianapolis, IN

Contestant Information Handbook

Saturday May 15th, 2010

**The Jungle
2115 Faulkner Rd NE
Atlanta, GA 30324
7:00 PM**



REGISTRATION FORM

Stage Name: _____

Legal Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Birth Date: _____ Age: _____

Current & Former Titles: _____

Why did you choose to participate in this pageant? _____

Please tell us a little about yourself and your goals in life: _____

Where do you perform/work? _____

Describe your package for the pageant:

Talent Description: _____

Props: Yes _____ No _____ Dancers: Yes _____ No _____

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Rules & Regulations

1. All contestants must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age males, with a valid state issued ID that will be presented at the time of registration. There are no residency requirements for this pageant.
2. **The NON- Refundable Registration fee for the pageant will be \$100.00 before February 1st and \$150.00 after.** All registration fees for the pageant MUST be in the form of cash or money order. No personal checks will be accepted. Completed applications and registration fees can be mailed to: D'wess Productions, PO Box 160047, Atlanta, GA 30316 or from a Valid Paypal Address to dwess@comcast.net
3. Judging will be based on a total point's accumulated system. This preliminary pageant will be scored using the standard USofA comparative scoring system. In the event of a tie for the winner and first alternate, the highest score received in talent competition will break the tie. Judging score sheets and comments will be available to all contestants immediately following the pageant.
4. Contestants will be judged in the following categories: Personal Interview, Talent, and Evening Gown. The theme for Presentation will be "Cover Girl". This category will be a simple parade of the contestants in their choice of High Fashion/Runway apparel and will not be judged towards selecting the winner of the contest.
5. Talent presentation will be limited to seven (7) minutes. The use of props for talent is permitted. Any talent presentation is acceptable except those which may cause injury to the audience or any other person(s). No excessive glitter, confetti, powder, fire, water or nudity may be used in any talent presentation. No live animals or reptiles are permissible in talent presentations. Prop set-up time will be limited to five (3) minutes. Prop set-up time is not included in the seven (7) minute time limit contestants are allotted for talent competition. Talent presentations lasting over seven (7) minutes will have administrative points deducted.
6. Contestants must be prepared to start their talent after the contestant before them has finished, or if they are the first contestant, they must be ready when announced. Any contestant not ready when called will have 30 seconds to hit the stage. **After 30 seconds you will have Admin points deducted from you. After 1 minute you will be skipped and receive a Zero for that category**
7. **All music must be placed on one (1) high quality CD with nothing else on it. Talent music should be track 1 and crowning music will be track 2.** All CD's will be labeled with the contestant's stage name read clearly and legibly on the CD. You may not use commercial CD's that have multiple tracks. Contestants will not be able to choose or submit their music for Presentation and Evening Gown. CD will be due at the time of registration which is 12:00PM - 1:00PM EST.
8. Contestants will be allowed one (1) free admittance for their dresser (only one dresser will be permitted the whole night). Please see pageant promoter(s) for your dresser's pass.
9. Tickets for back-up dancers and assistants will be available for \$10.00 each and will be collected from the contestant at registration.

10. Professional conduct is required both as a contestant and as a titleholder. **Unprofessional conduct is interpreted by D'wess or Johnny Thomas and will find you disqualified.**
11. **The use of or dispensing of illegal drugs or marijuana on the pageant site premises** and while a participant in the Miss Gay Wessland USofA Newcomer 2010 Pageant **will result in immediate disqualification of the contestant(s) and/or individual(s) involved and removal from the pageant premises.**
12. Punctuality is required. Any contestant that is not in the appointed place at the appointed time will lose administrative points **or be skipped.**
13. Any contestant, dresser, contestant's dancer(s), etc. caught in the act of stealing or tampering with another contestant's possessions will be **immediately disqualified and removed from the pageant premises.** Should the circumstance warrant legal action, the person(s) involved shall be responsible for all legal fees incurred.
14. Contestants are required to keep dressing area and passages clean and free of props. Discard all unwanted materials properly.
15. **Any contestant not staying on stage for the entire crowning and photographs will forfeit the placement and prize money.**
16. Neither D'wess Productions or Johnny Thomas, nor the place of venue can be held liable for any damages or injury to participating contestants, their assistants or backup dancers.
17. D'wess Productions (D'wess) reserves the right to make any decision concerning any matter not covered by these rules and regulations.
18. Any contestant that qualifies to compete at the USofA National Pageant by winning or being the First Alternate of the Miss Gay Wessland USofA Newcomer 2010 Pageant and does not attend the respective National Pageant will be banned from competing in any USofA Pageants franchised local, city, state, regional or national pageant for a period of three (3) years. The contestant will be banned until they have paid back the state or regional promoter all prize money dispersed and returned the crown and any other awards. In addition, the banned contestant must pay the National Promoter the \$325.00 fine for not attending. Once they have paid all applicable fees, and returned all prizes packages, they may be removed from the banned list. In no case may a contestant be removed from the banned list until one year has passed from National Pageant that they failed to attend. Any variations from this policy must be approved by the National Promoter for the systems involved.
19. The Jungle is a twenty-one (21) and over club. Everyone including dressers and/or dancers will be required to provide proper state issues identification to enter.
20. Miss Gay Wessland USofA Newcomer and the official USofA Pageantry System does not discriminate against entertainers who use silicone and/or hormones. The use of silicone and/or hormones will not be considered by any judge in the scoring of contestants.

Categories

Personal Interview Personal Interview will take place at The Jungle at 1:30pm EST. Each contestant will be interviewed individually by the judging panel. The purpose of the Personal Interview in the USofA system is to allow the judges some insight into the character of each contestant. During the interview, the judges are also afforded the opportunity to evaluate each contestant's basic qualities, such as intelligence, ability to communicate, attitude, composure, etc. The judges may also gather information about a contestant's professional or personal life. The basic nature of the interview is intended to be casual and relaxed. The suggested attire for the interview is casual day wear, male or female; however, each contestant should select clothing in which he feels at ease. You should dress as you would for a professional job interview. **Interview WILL BE recorded for coaching and training purposes.**

Presentation The theme for Presentation will be "Cover Girl". This category will be a simple parade of the contestants in their choice of High Fashion/Runway apparel and will not be judged towards selecting the winner of the contest. The contestants will be involved in the opening as well with presentation costumes.

Evening Gown Evening gowns may be of any color or style. They must, however, be full length. Evening Gown Description Cards will need to be completed at registration.

Talent As described above in #5 and #7 of the "Rules & Regulations". There will be a cash award for best talent.

Schedule of Events

Saturday, May 15th 2010

12:00 – 1:00 PM	Contestant Registration
1:30 PM	Personal Interview
4:00 PM or after all interviews are completed	Talent Rehearsal
5:30 PM	All Contestants must be at The Jungle
6:00 PM	Doors Open to the Public
7:00 PM	Pageant Begins PROMPTLY

Immediately Following the Pageant, the winner is required to attend her first paid booking at the Legendary Traxx Atlanta. This is a spot performance in a Dance Club. NO SLOW SONGS allowed.

Host Hotel

Homewood Suites 3200 Cobb Parkway Atlanta, GA 30327 (770) 988-9449
King Size Suites with Fold out Sofa-Bed in Living room.... Hot Breakfast Buffet, Pool, free internet, business center, 1 block from Cumberland Mall.....\$79.00 Contact D'wess to Book Room

Prize Package

The following prize packages are the Maximum amounts that will be offered by the promoters. As required, the promoter is responsible for your entry fee to Nationals, your room and board, and your travel Allowance to Indiana.

Winner: Miss Gay Wessland USofA Newcomer

- \$1400 cash (\$700 cash at crowning, \$700 upon at Nationals)
- Crown and Trophy
- 2 paid Bookings. (Saturday At Traxx Atlanta immediately following the pageant & Sunday at the Chaparral if you decide to stay over) Hotel will be provided.
- \$250.00 Jewelry Credit with Rhinestone Art (Official USofA Pageants Jeweler)
- Travel Expenses- Airfare, Bus or rental car (Rental car not too exceed \$50/Day)
- Complimentary Photo shoot the following day with Xopher Media
- Banner Ads and other promotional items
- Hotel Accommodations (3 Nights)
- Entry Fee to National Pageant

First Runner-Up: Miss Gay Wessland USofA Newcomer

- \$800.00 cash (\$250 cash at crowning, \$550 at Nationals)
- Trophy
- \$100.00 Jewelry Credit with Rhinestone Art (Official USofA Pageants Jeweler)
- Complimentary Photo Shoot the following day with Xopher Media
- Banner Ads and other promotional items
- Hotel Accommodations (3 nights)
- Travel Expenses- Airfare, Bus, or rental car (Rental car not too exceed \$50/Day)
- Entry Fee to National Pageant

Second Runner-Up: Miss Gay Wessland USofA Newcomer

- \$200.00
- \$100.00 DVD Credit with D'wess Productions

Best Talent Award: \$100.00

Most Beautiful: \$ 50.00

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Agreement and Release

I, _____, hereby agree to the rules and regulations of the Miss Gay Wessland USofA Newcomer 2010 by signing my signature below. I agree to release and hold harmless D'wess Productions and Johnny Thomas, their hosts, agents and employees, from any liabilities and/or responsibilities whatsoever resulting from, associated with or arising out of my participation in the Miss Gay Wessland USofA Newcomer or the title I have registered for above, but not limited to personal injury, or loss or damage to my personal property, regardless of whether the loss or injury occurs before, during or after the pageant or any other related activities.

I also hereby release myself from rights to any videotaping (sound and/or video), photography, recording, still camera or motion pictures of the pageant. I understand that I have no rights to any of the recording that I appear in/on or future sales thereof.

I hereby agree that my name or any photographs taken of me during the pageant may be used for publication for promotional purposes or in advertising publicity.

By signing below, I affirm and attest that I have read and agree to the above terms of this application. I understand that this application is held in the strictest of confidence, to be utilized and analyzed only by D'wess Productions and/or USofA Pageantry System, and will not be sold, suggested or transferred to third parties, unless otherwise notified.

Print Legal Name

Date

Signature