

# UNITED STATES of AMERICA'S

## PEOPLE'S CHOICE VOTING

### POLICIES

United States of America Pageants has donated over \$60,000.00 to charitable causes since its inception in 2019 through its annual People's Choice Award voting system. Participation by contestants is not mandatory, will not affect their score for the pageant and while encouraged to partake in the contest which allows for United States of America Pageants and its affiliate state programs to pledge financial contributions to 501c3 charitable organizations, is completely voluntary.

Online voting begins approximately 4 weeks prior to the start of the annual competition and is open to anyone who has access to the internet and can secure payment via PayPal or Credit Card. Participants under the age of 18 must have the permission of their parent or guardian to cast a vote. Voters can cast votes for as many contestants as they choose and as many times as they choose. Votes are \$1.00 per vote and voters must cast a minimum of 5 votes per transaction. The voting will close the day of finals at 12:00pm CST unless specified otherwise. **No refunds will be issued to any voter for any reason under any circumstances.**

The participant in each division that garners the greatest number of online votes will be selected as the division winner for United States of America's People's Choice. Each winner will be given automatic entry into the semi-finals (first elimination round only, regardless of their current score), an award presented on-stage at the national pageant, and a portion of the proceeds to benefit their charity of choice. It is at the sole discretion of UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PAGEANTS® what percentage of funds raised are donated, what the portion consists of and how the money is distributed. The remainder of the proceeds are used to offset the many costs and fees associated with the production of the Pageant event including but not limited to: Cash Prizes for the Crowned Winners and other associated expenses and operating costs.

The People's choice winner's charity recipient selection must be a registered 501c3 and approved by the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PAGEANTS®. Furthermore, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PAGEANTS® reserves the right to grant approval or deny the charity of choice at its sole discretion with or without cause. In the case of a denial, the winner will be given the opportunity to submit an alternate selection in which UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PAGEANTS® agrees with.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PAGEANTS® is not obligated to disclose who voted or how many votes were received in total or for a particular participant.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PAGEANTS® reserves the right to donate funds raised through People's Choice to an undisclosed charity of its choice.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PAGEANTS® is not responsible for (a) electronic transmission errors or delays resulting in an inability to participate or other loss (b) theft or destruction of or unauthorized access to or alterations of entry materials or for technical, hardware, or software failures of any kind (c) lost or unavailable connections, fraud, incomplete, garbled, or delayed computer transmissions whether caused by users or any of the equipment or programming associated with or utilized in the voting or by any technical or human error which may occur in the processing of submissions, which may limit, restrict, or prevent a voter's ability to participate in the voting.

Please note that rules and regulations for state programs may vary. This includes, but is not limited to, the following: the designation of winners per division, pricing of votes, and the minimum required votes per transaction. We encourage participants to review the specific guidelines for their state program to ensure compliance and understanding of all requirements.