

FORMAL WEAR

25% of your TOTAL SCORE



REQUIRED OVERALL COMPETITION



You will be introduced by the emcee as you walk onto the stage in the formal dress of your choosing.

You Bring

- Formal Dress
- Shoes to complement your Formal Dress
- Age-appropriate jewelry
- Emcee Card

Escorts

All age divisions except for Miss will need an escort for the Formal Wear Competition. Escorts may be a father, grandfather, brother, uncle, or any family member or friend.

Escorts are needed only during the Formal Wear Competition. You will be presented on stage unaccompanied during the Final Show. Thus, escorts will need a ticket if they plan to attend the Final Show.

Escorts may wear suits, tuxedos, their Sunday best, military uniforms, or something that complements your formal dress.

Official Formal Wear Outfit Rules

Princess, Jr. Pre-Teen, & Pre-Teen:

- Select a formal dress that is appropriate for your age and personality.
- The dress may be any length and any style.
- No bare midriffs.
- Shoes should be small heels or flats that complement the dress. Make sure you can walk confidently, smoothly, and safely in your shoes.
- No noticeable makeup.

Jr. Teen, Teen, & Miss:

- Select a prom or formal dress that is appropriate for your age and personality.
- The dress may be any length and any style.
- Shoes should complement the dress. Make sure you can walk confidently, smoothly, and safely in your shoes.
- Makeup must be age-appropriate.

Walking Pattern Instructions

Stop 1

- All divisions except for Miss will briefly pause with escort. Then you will depart from your escort and walk toward Stop 2.

Stop 2

- Brief pose without turning your back to the audience. No spins or turns are allowed.
- Do not stop walking between Stop 2 and Stop 3.

Stop 3

- All age divisions except for Miss will meet escort, briefly pause, and then exit the stage together. Miss contestants will briefly pause and then exit the stage.

Scoring

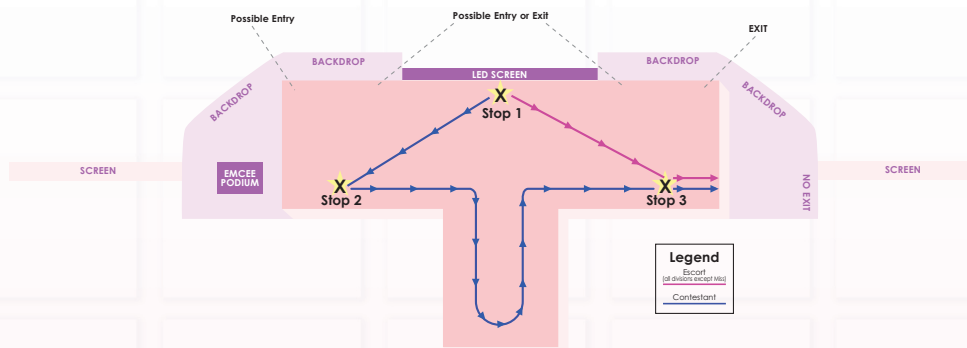
Scoring is based on the judges' overall impression, and the finalist's ability to command attention with her poise and personality. Judges are looking for a representative who is wearing appropriate attire, and is confident and comfortable on stage.

Rehearsal

During Nationals, each National Finalist will attend a rehearsal so they may practice walking with their escort. Escorts are encouraged to attend this rehearsal, but it is not required.

Misses will not have an escort.

Formal Wear Stage Pattern for All Age Divisions at NAM Nationals



PRINCESS, JR. PRE-TEEN, & PRE-TEEN



JR. TEEN, TEEN, & MISS