

Miss K-State

*Delta Upsilon Fraternity presents:
The Miss K-State Competition*

Tuesday, April 7th, 2026 | McCain Auditorium, 7 pm

*Delta Upsilon Fraternity will host the university's **thirteenth annual "MISS K-STATE COMPETITION"**. This event enables organizations to represent themselves and showcase one of their outstanding, well-rounded members who signify talent, confidence, class, and excellence at its finest. Proceeds will go to Delta Upsilon's International Philanthropy, the Global Service Initiative. The Global Service Initiative prepares men for the global environment, along with developing global awareness through working in a variety of community projects across Jamaica. All of the proceeds raised for the Global Service Initiative are used to purchase the supplies necessary to complete service projects in underdeveloped communities abroad.*

THE MISS K-STATE COMPETITION MISSION STATEMENT:

The purpose of the Miss K-State Competition is to showcase the outstanding women in the K-State student body while empowering contestants to make a lasting impact and ultimately assist in providing a role model for young girls in the Manhattan community. The Miss K-State Competition intends to highlight the well-rounded women in the Wildcat family and celebrate their campus pride, personal ambitions, talents, and intelligence. The hope for the event is to not only allow organizations to feature an exceptional woman in their membership but to also raise money for the betterment of underdeveloped communities abroad, through the Delta Upsilon Global Service Initiative.



Rules and Regulations

Participants: The women who submit the contestant commitment form and meet the requirements outlined below will be able to participate in the competition. Organizations may only have one registered representative in the competition. Two women from the same organization may compete but must represent different organizations. Past winners of the Miss K-State title cannot compete again.

The individual must meet the following qualifications in order to be eligible to serve as a contestant in the competition:

1. Must be a current collegiate member, in good standing of the organization she is representing. Contact information from the organization (president, advisor, or chairperson) is required on the commitment form.
2. Must be a student enrolled at K-State Manhattan campus for the Fall 2026 semester and be able to attend the 2026 Miss K-State competition next April.
3. Identify as a female and use “she/her” pronouns (regardless of the gender assigned at birth).
4. Must have a cumulative GPA that is equal to or greater than a 3.0. A screenshot verifying this on your KSIS account must be submitted with contest forms.
5. Must have a contestant Commitment Form and Competition Profile completed by deadlines.



Early Bird Deadline (\$125) for Commitment Form:

Sunday, February 22nd | 11:59 pm CST

After the Commitment Form is filled out, reserving your spot in the event, the Contestant Profile will be sent by email and should be turned in by the deadline of Monday, March 1st.

Commitment Form Deadline (\$175)

Sunday, March 1st | 11:59 pm CST

After the Commitment Form is filled out, the Contestant Profile will be sent by email and should be turned in by the deadline of Sunday, March 8th.

Contestant Commitment Form Is LIVE! @ misskstate.org

Contestant Profile Deadline

Sunday, March 8th | 11:59 pm CST

Information will be collected for what is needed for contestants during each round of the competition, along with biographical information to be added to the script.

All commitment forms must be submitted online at misskstate.org. If you have any questions or issues, please email MissKState@gmail.com.

Competition Fees: The entry fee for each woman will be **\$125 or \$175 by Tuesday, March 3rd at 7:00 pm in the Flint Hills Room at the Union via check or venmo @Miss K-State with your organization as the caption.** This can be paid by the organization they are representing or by the individual.

*Please make competition entry fee checks payable to “Delta Upsilon Fraternity” - **(checks are preferred)**. Cash/Venmo will also be accepted.

***If a contestant is unable to pay the entry fee, this should not discourage them from competing. Please email us at MissKState@gmail.com to discuss scholarship opportunities.

The admission fee for anyone else attending the competition is approximately \$20 (including McCain taxes and fees) through the McCain ticket office. No cash.

Proceeds: All profits from the competition will go to Delta Upsilon Fraternity’s international philanthropy, *The Global Service Initiative* (GSI). GSI offers members a unique opportunity to engage in direct service in developing nations and the United States while uniting their actions with the principles of the Fraternity.

Competition Details:

ROUND 1: "Wildcat Round"- This introductory round allows each contestant to represent her organization and show off her Wildcat creativity! The women will walk out individually and show the crowd and judges their K-State Pride. **Each contestant will:** **1) Introduce herself 2) State the organization she is representing 3) State simply why she is proud to represent her organization here at K-State.** Contestants will be deducted **4 points for every 15 seconds in excess of 1 minute, and will be cut off if exceeding 1.5 minutes.** The spectrum is wide for what a woman's K-State pride can look like! (*Examples: Face paint, foam sports fan hands, and anything with purple, etc.!*) Each contestant will be judged on her *confidence (10 points), poise (10), speaking ability (10), and her overall creativity that represents pride for K-State (10)*.

All contestants/coaches are responsible for their own props for Round 1

ROUND 2: "Talent Round"– This is the round where each contestant shows off her talent! There is a time limit of **two minutes** for each talent. Contestants will be deducted **4 points for every 20 seconds in excess, and will be cut off if exceeding three minutes.** Attire is completely left up to the discretion of each contestant. Only one “extra” person will be allowed on stage with the contestant. Each contestant will have the ability to display an image/video/looping graphic in the background of their performance. All contestants will be judged on their: *passion (20), stage presence (20), and Execution of the act performed (20)*.

Stage crew will take care of props for Round 2

ROUND 3: "Career Round"- This round allows each contestant to use what she is passionate about to express herself! Each contestant will individually walk out with props and an outfit, giving the crowd and judges an idea of her ambitions/what she is studying here at Kansas State: this could include the major/profession itself, what the contestant is looking forward to after graduating, what their “dream job” would be, or even a current job/extracurricular activity! Attire is completely left up to the discretion of each contestant; BE CREATIVE! Each contestant will have the ability to display an image/video/looping graphic in the background. The contestant will be judged on *creativity (10), confidence (10), incorporation of career (10), and overall presentation (10)*.

**Contestants and coaches are responsible for bringing and removing all props from the stage. One table and chair will be provided. All other props, ie whiteboard, will not be provided **

ROUND 4: "Question Round"- This is the round where each contestant can display their improvising and speaking abilities. Each contestant will individually walk out and pick a question at random from a bowl. The emcee will announce the question twice, and the woman must answer the question to the best of her ability. All questions will be opinion-based and relevant to Kansas State University-related issues. There is no time limit, but responses should be around 30 seconds in length. **Attire for this round is formal.** The contestant will be judged on: *eloquence (10), intellect (10), confidence (10), and the content of the answer (10).*

Judging: There will be multiple judges for the competition. They will be evaluating the contestants on a scale of 1 to 10 (15 for round 2) for each trait specified for each round. All judges will be K-State/Competition relevant, not undergraduate students.

Disqualification: If at any point a contestant displays any inappropriate attire or behavior, they will be **automatically disqualified** from the event. Judges have the ultimate say over what qualifies as inappropriate dress and behavior.

If you have any questions regarding your attire, contact us at misskstate@gmail.com

Group Ticketing: Tentatively from **March 16th - 28th**, any contestant may reserve group seating for organization members by reaching out to McCain auditorium (after the dates provided, you **will not** be guaranteed to sit with organization members). Tickets will be open to the public on **Monday, March 31st; seating is reserved.**

ADVANCING IN THE COMPETITION:

The top half (this number may change depending on the number of contestants) of contestants with the highest scores after Rounds 1 and 2 will advance to Rounds 3 and 4. The other contestants will no longer be considered for the title of Miss K-State, but will return to the stage after Round 4 in formal wear, to potentially receive other awards. They are still eligible to accept "Team Spirit" or "Fan Favorite." The contestant with the most points at the end of all four rounds will be crowned MISS K-STATE 2026! In the event of a tie, the judges will review the top two contestants' scorecards and make a decision. The highest title awarded will be Miss K-State, and three runners-up will be recognized!



OVERALL AWARDS:

“MISS K-STATE 2026”: The highest scoring contestant will receive a crown, sash, bouquet, trophy, \$200 to a philanthropy/charity of her choice, and a \$500 scholarship! Three runners-up will also be recognized.

“Team Spirit” Award: Each organization will have the opportunity to earn points and prove that they are the most spirited group on campus! Points will be determined through ticket sales. The organization with the most points will receive the coveted *Miss K-State Team Spirit* trophy awarded at the end of the competition.

“Fan Favorite” Award: The contestant that earns the most donations on their behalf, the weeks leading up to, and the night of the competition, will win “Fan Favorite”! Supporters can donate online under their desired contestant’s name or via Venmo at the event (with contestant’s name included as a comment).

“Social Media” Award: On **Tuesday, March 31st**, the order for contestants will be released via Instagram with a headshot taken from the info meeting. On **Wednesday, April 1st**, the Facebook portion will begin on the Miss K-State event page. Here, each contestant will have a short video of themselves released. The contestant who has the most Instagram “likes, and Facebook “likes” for her respective posts by noon on **Sunday, April 5th**, will win the “Social Media” Award. (**NOTE:** Only the “likes” of the photos on the Miss K-State Facebook event page and Instagram will count towards each contestant’s overall total.) Contestants are encouraged to campaign to get the most online involvement in this way.

Paying for likes or retweets is prohibited.

Coaches: Each contestant will be assigned a Delta Upsilon Coach for the Miss K-State Competition. The contestant’s coach can help answer any questions the woman may have regarding the competition, prepare for the Question Round, and view the contestant’s talent beforehand. The coach will escort their contestant onto the stage for Rounds 1, 3, and 4. He will then escort her off the stage for rounds 1 & 3 only, not 4. The coach (and stage crew) is responsible for setting up everything the contestant needs for Talent Round 2 and Career Round 3 of the competition and may be as involved in this round as the contestant needs.



Order of the Contestants: The order that the contestants will walk in will be decided at random at the Contestant Informational meeting on **Tuesday, March 3rd**. Each contestant will pick a number based on the number of contestants. The order in which women will enter the stage for each round will be further explained at the informational meeting. The contestant's name, organization, and order number for each round will be on the judge's scorecard to identify them.

Music Rules: The contestants will provide the information for the songs they wish to walk in with for Rounds 1, 2 (if necessary), 3, and 4 on their competition profile. NOTE: All songs played will be the clean/edited version. Contestants will be asked to provide their top two choices for walk-in music for the rounds. The woman who turns in her competition profile first will get first choice in the event of duplicate songs turned in. If the contestant's second choice is also taken, the woman will be contacted to select a third song. The first thirty seconds of the song will be used. If the contestant wishes to have another part of her song played for her walk-in, she must email the audio file to MissKState@gmail.com.

Photo/Video of Contestant: Contestants will have individual profiles and group pictures taken at the informational meeting, along with a short video spotlight. Each contestant is asked to wear purple for these. This picture/video will be shown on a slideshow before the competition, assist in the selection of the *"Fan Favorite"* & *"Social Media"* Awards, and also be used for promotional purposes of the event.

Dressing Room: Each contestant will have an area of her own in the reserved dressing room to prepare for each round. Each contestant is allowed one woman to be backstage in the dressing room with her to assist her in any way she would like throughout the entire competition. Contestants are expected to bring their outfits and are encouraged to bring any other personal items they feel they would like in preparation for the event.

Theater Etiquette: We ask each contestant to encourage their guest/supporters to adhere to proper theater etiquette before, during, and after the event. This includes, but is not limited to, showing respect to other contestants, guests, and McCain Auditorium staff. McCain Auditorium and the Delta Upsilon Fraternity reserve the right to remove guests from the event without a refund.

MANDATORY unless extenuating circumstances exist. In the event that a contestant cannot attend, they may send a representative in their place to retrieve the information.



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IMPORTANT DATES:

- **Sunday, February 22nd:** Early Bird Contestant Commitment form deadline
- **Sunday, March 1st:** Contestant Commitment form deadline
- **Tuesday, March 3rd:** *Informational Meeting* for all contestants. This will be at **7:00 pm** in room 206 in the K-State Student Union. You can send another member of your organization if you are unable to attend. Participant fee is due at or before the Informational Meeting.
- **Tuesday, March 8th:** Contestant Profile submission deadline
- **Tuesday, March 24th | Big 12 room, K-State Student Union- *Contestant Run Through First Round*:** During the individual run-through, each contestant will sign up for a 20-minute time slot between 6 pm and 9 pm. This is for contestants to **individually** practice their talent and specify any special needs on stage.
- **Tuesday, March 25th | Delta Upsilon House (1425 University Drive)- *Contestant Run Through Second Round*:** During the individual run-through, each contestant will sign up for a 20-minute time slot between 6 pm and 9 pm. This is for contestants to **individually** practice their talent and specify any special needs on stage
- **Tuesday, March 30th, 6 pm – 9 pm | Forum Hall, K-State Student Union *Full Rehearsal*** for all contestants, coaches, and stage crew.



Dates continued:

- **Tuesday, March 31st:** Announcement of the order of contestants/start of Instagram Competition for Social Media Award
- **Wednesday, April 1st:** Start of Facebook competition for Social Media Award
- **Monday, April 6th: *Miss K-State Ice Cream Social / Q&A Meeting***
There will be a meeting at the **Delta Upsilon House** (1425 University Drive) to go over any last-minute questions or concerns contestants might have and get ready for the event the next day!
- **Tuesday, April 7th, 7 pm**
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Contestants may arrive as early as 4:30 pm, but must check in by **6 pm** at the latest.
- ****Be sure and follow @MissKstate on Facebook & Instagram for information and promos leading up to the competition!****

Contact Information:

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the 2026 Miss K-State Competition, please feel free to contact Delta Upsilon's V.P. of Philanthropy:

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**Thank you so much for your interest in this event.
The men of Delta Upsilon look forward to working with you!**