

South Florida Entertainer of the Year FI 2026 Contestant Handbook

Pageant will be held at Cruisers- 1517 SE 47th Terrace, Cape Coral, Florida 33904 on Sunday August 16TH 2026. Pageant begins at 7 Pm, doors open at 6 to patrons.

Entry Fee

The entry fee for South Florida EOY FI is \$ 150.00. The contest is open to any male over the age of 18. It is an open contest and not limited to only residents of Florida.

Prizes

The winner will be awarded \$ 1500.00 Cash. Paid out as follows- \$500.00 upon crowning the night of the Pageant, \$500.00 upon registration at National Entertainer of the Year 2026 in Louisville Kentucky, and final \$500.00 at the South Florida Entertainer of the Year 2027 when the title is passed on to South Florida Entertainer of the Year 2027. The winner will also receive The South Florida Entertainer of the Year Crown. A wonderful jewelry package by Beauty and Elegance Designs. Paid entry fee to National Entertainer of the Year and a hotel room (3 nights stay) in Louisville during 2026 National Entertainer of the Year.

1st Alternate South Florida Entertainer of the Year 2026 qualifies to compete in the National Entertainer of the Year 2026 Competition and the entry fee for National Entertainer of the Year will be paid. a cash prize of \$ 900.00- (\$ 450.00 paid at crowning of 2026 South Florida Entertainer of the Year and \$ 450.00 paid at registration of National Entertainer of the Year) and a hotel room (3 nights stay) in Louisville during 2026 National Entertainer of the Year.

Failure by winner or 1st alternate to compete in 2026 National Entertainer of the Year or to attend and perform at 2026 South Florida Entertainer of the Year will result in forfeiture of Prize monies due at these events.

Admission

Tickets will be available beginning July 6, 2026 to contestants and available to the general public, beginning July 13, 2026. You may purchase tickets by emailing your contact info to MissAlyssaLemay@gmail.com or calling Cruisers@ 239-673-8002.

Contestants and one dresser do not pay admission and will be given a pass at registration. These passes must be presented at the door for admission. All other dressers, dancers, hair and make-up artist, prop people and assistants are required to purchase tickets. and are only allowed in the dressing room 15 minutes prior to your performance. And must purchase tickets to the venue if they desire to watch pageant.

Registration

Registration deadline is August 12, 2026 at 10 pm. Contestants may register at any time prior to the deadline by mailing or emailing the contestant information sheet along with \$ 150.00 entry fee to MissAlyssaLemay@gmail.com or Andy Spaulding at 1495 Charmont Pl, Fort Myers, FL 33919. The South Florida EOY FI Director may at his discretion accept late entry registrations up to 12 noon on the day of contest. Any registrations after 10 pm on August 12, 2026 will be charged registration fee of \$200.00

Meetings and Rehearsals

Contestants are expected to arrive for all meetings and rehearsals approximately 10 minutes before the scheduled time. Orientation will be at 12 noon on Sunday August 16th 2026. in the showroom at Cruisers. At this meeting contestants will draw a number for placement, turn in their entry form and contestant information sheet with a short biography. Your on stage question will be taken from information in your biography. Each contestant will be allowed a quick sound check after registration and music for presentation and talent categories will be collected at this time. We recommend that you bring a back up copy of your music and bring it to the contest as a precautionary measure.

Music must be loaded on a flash drive and clearly marked with your name and category. We will not play any music from a cell phone. to expedite the

registration process we request that music - both presentation and talent, be emailed to MissAlyssaLemay@gmail.com one week prior to registration therefore it may be already downloaded into the system this will permit a quick and smooth sound check for everyone.

Program Advertising

Advertising for the 2026 South Florida Entertainer of the Year Program must be turned in no later than August 6, 2026. Ad space is available and may be purchased now or any time before the deadline. It may be full color and must be copy ready for the ad space requested.

Pricing for advertising in program is as follows:

Full Back Cover 8.5x11 - \$300.00

Inside Back cover 8.5x11 - \$200.00

Inside Front Cover 8.5x11 -\$250.00

Inside Middle double Spread \$350.00

Full Page 8.5x11 -\$ 125.00

Half Page 8.5x5.5 - \$75.00

Categories

Presentation

The maximum time for this category is three (3) minutes. The contestant will be required to state their name and where they are from. This may be done any time during the three minutes. The remainder of the time can be used in any manner to present yourself to the judges and the audience. THERE IS NO PROP SET UP OR BREAK DOWN TIME FOR THIS CATEGORY.

Scoring for Presentation is as follows.

- Stage Presence 1-5 points
- Self Confidence 1-5 points
- Ability to communicate 1-5 points
- General Appearance 1-5 points
- Self-Expression delivery and content 1-20 points

Possible Points - 40

Talent

Talent may be any type of entertainment. As long as it is legal and does not create any danger of injury to either the contestant or anyone else. Talent presentations are limited to seven (7) minutes in length. Prop set up and breakdown time is limited to 4 minutes total. There is no restriction on the number of people who may be involved in the talent presentation.

Scoring for Talent is as follows.

- Costume 1-5 points
- Hair and Makeup 1-5 points
- Precision of medium used 1-40 points
- Entertainment Value 1-50 points

Possible Points -100

Creative Evening Wear

Evening wear may be of any color or style and should display creativity, Imagination, and Individuality on the part of the contestant. In Evening Wear category, we are looking for a total evening wear look from head to toe and the proper display of that look. This should not be a costume. No outfit commentary cards will be read during this portion of the contest. It is free form modeling to soft music. **NO PROPS OR SET-UP TIME ALLOWED FOR THIS CATEGORY.**

Scoring for Creative Evening Wear is as follows.

- Presentation, Poise, Hair and Makeup 1-5 points
- Fit and Coordination 1-5 points
- General Appearance 1-20 points
- Creativity 1-20 points

Possible Points - 50

On Stage Question

On stage question will be created from information found in your biography. This category will be blended with the evening Wear Category- As modeling music fades please walk to the podium. The MC will ask you the question and repeat it, then hand you the microphone.

You are given two minutes to answer the question.

Scoring for On Stage Question is as follows.

- Appearance, Presentation, Self Confidence 1-5 points
- Answer Content, Ability to Communicate 1-5 points
- Possible Points -10

TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS- ALL CATEGORIES 200

If you have any further questions, please text Andy Spaulding/Alyssa Lemay at 330-806-5221