



Mobile Azalea Trail Maid Application, Interview, and Selection Process

Application Process:

- Packets are sent to the school in September.
- Schools hold county interviews and choose girls based on census numbers, which vary from year to year.
- County interviews are held in November for the 100 girls chosen from school interviews.
- The official letters are mailed Sunday night following interviews, but they can take 3-4 days to arrive.
- The Queen's Reception takes place the weekend after interviews. During this reception, girls receive their colors, and the Queen, First, and Second Lady-in Waiting are announced.

Alternates:

- Schools are allowed to send one alternate.
- If there are not 100 total girls for county interviews, alternates are called to fill those spots.
- The alternate call list is organized by GPA, highest to lowest.
- Alternates should be on call the entire selection weekend in case someone does not show up for their given interview time.

Scoring:

- Girls are scored on five categories (categories and examples can be found in the table below).
- Each category is worth 20 points for a max score of 100 from each judge.
- Grades scores are tabulated prior to interviews based solely on official transcripts.
- All other category scores are given by the three judges.
- Scores are totaled and the top 50 scores are chosen as Mobile Azalea Trail Maids.

Category	What is included?	Examples/Tips to Prepare:
Appearance	Outfit, make-up, confidence/ how you carry yourself	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A nice dress, pants, a skirt, a suit, flats, or heels• Practice walking into the room confident and not nervous or scared
Delivery/ Presentation	The way you answer questions, including those you don't know the answer to. These questions can come from your resume as well.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Practicing answering questions not just learning the information.• How are you going to handle the situation if you don't know the answer to a question?
Local History and Attractions	Mobile history to include: Mardi Gras, Mobile Azalea Trail Maids, Mobile Azalea trail; attractions in Mobile, restaurants, festivals, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can you name some historic cemeteries in Mobile?• Name local and state representatives.• If I were a visitor coming to Mobile, what are some things you could recommend doing? (Try and find unique answers for these questions that everyone else may not think about)
Current Events	Big news stories, political topics and events, major catastrophes, controversial issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How do you think bullying at your school could be better handled?• How do you think the new Mobile Bay Bridge will impact Mobile & Baldwin County?
Scholastic	Grades from your freshman and sophomore years will be used for your grade score.	

Interview:

- Interviews are conducted with three out of town judges and last at least three minutes but no more than four minutes.
- The Mobile Jaycees have no part in the selection process.

Financial Information:

- Dresses start at around \$3,000+ fabric
- You will also be responsible trip assessments and generally there are three trips.

Fundraising:

- There are generally between 2-3 fundraisers each year and participation is mandatory.
- The number of fundraisers and specific obligations can change from year to year.