



## **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.

<b><u>Category</u></b>	<b><u>What is included?</u></b>	<b><u>Examples/Tips to Prepare:</u></b>
Appearance	Outfit, make-up, confidence/ how you carry yourself	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A nice dress, pants, a skirt, a suit, flats, or heels</li> <li>• Practice walking into the room confident and not nervous or scared</li> </ul>
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"> <li>• Practicing answering questions not just learning the information.</li> <li>• How are you going to handle the situation if you don't know the answer to a question?</li> </ul>
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"> <li>• Can you name some historic cemeteries in Mobile?</li> <li>• Name local and state representatives.</li> <li>• 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)</li> </ul>
Current Events	Big news stories, political topics and events, major catastrophes, controversial issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How do you think bullying at your school could be better handled?</li> <li>• How do you think the new Mobile Bay Bridge will impact Mobile &amp; Baldwin County?</li> </ul>
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.