Five University of Montana coeds enter pageant at University of Montana

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At least five University of Montana coeds will enter the preliminary contest to the 1969 Miss Universe pageant to be held Tuesday, April 22, in Missoula.

Deadline for application to the pageant has been extended to Saturday, April 12, according to Anita Kester, state producer and director for the Miss Universe preliminary. Entry blanks may be obtained from Mrs. Kester at the Chamber of Commerce Building, 207 E. Main St., Missoula, 59801, or she may be reached by phone at 543-3053, Missoula.

The five coeds now entered are Pamela Fae Walters, Linda Tripp, Christina Lynn Jovin, Missoula; Pamela Jo Donaldson, Kalispell and Korrinne E. Whitney, Glendive.

The UM girls will vie with other young ladies from across the state to choose a candidate to represent Montana at the Miss U.S.A. contest in Miami, Fla., later this year.

The winner of the contest will be crowned Miss Montana by Lt. Gov. Tom Judge at the gala event to be televised by KGVO from the University Theater. Entrants will be judged on beauty and poise.

Miss Walters, a sophomore majoring in education, is UM K-Dette commander. Miss Donaldson, a sophomore majoring in music education, and Miss Whitney, a freshman majoring in music, are also members of K-Dettes, which is the coed auxiliary to the Army ROTC. Miss Walters indicated two other K-Dettes are expected to enter the contest.

Miss Tripp is new to the University this quarter, having graduated from Hellgate High School in 1968. She is majoring in elementary education. Miss Jovin, also a freshman, is majoring in health and physical education and is a Sentinel High School graduate.

UM President Robert T. Pantzer will be one of the prominent Missoula citizens to judge the contestants on their beauty and poise.

Other judges are Missoula Mayor Richard Shoup; Randolph Jacobs, president of the First National Bank; Jack Hoone, president of Western Savings and Loan; Dr. C.P. Brooke, M.D., president of the Missoula Chamber of Commerce; Steve Schoen, manager of radio station KYLT, and Evelyn King, The Missoulian's society page editor.