Common Questions and Answers regarding the National Esthetics Competition.

Q: Can Prosthetics be used?
A: The scoring is associated to the application of Makeup, Prosthetics are items attached to the skin and are not a Makeup type of item.

Q: What type of embellishments are allowed:
A: Embellishments that contribute to the Fantasy Makeup application are allowed. Individual sequins, rhinestones specialty lashes or similar are allowable when part of the fantasy makeup. Not suggested would be embellishments covering a feature (lips, nose, eyes, cheekbones etc) area . . . This prevents the makeup application from being viewed in any covered areas. Scoring can be negatively impacted if an adhesive being used is not intended for use on the skin.

Q: What products are safe for use on the skin?
A: Products intended to be used on the skin. Items that state they are non-toxic, water soluble etc. but do NOT state safe for use on the skin are not allowed.

We commonly have contestants using craft paints, school glue, and many other products that are not intended for use on the skin. We have had a few models have negative reactions on site resulting in the contestant being unable to complete this portion of the contest.

It is common for instructors to overthink this segment of the contest. If the task name is considered, "Fantasy Makeup", it does not include terms such as "Theatrical, Face Painting or Costuming".

Scoring is primarily focused on 1) clean and safe workmanship, 2) application of cosmetic type products to produce an original and creative look related to the yearly theme. Example: A contestant will score much better using color to produce the look of a larger nose than attaching a larger prosthetic nose. There is little skill in attaching a fake nose, but it takes a deeper understanding of product and color applications to produce the illusion the nose is different.