

# 2017 Miss MSC Pageants

January 7, 2017



Miss Memphis  
Chessie Biggam

- Top 10 at Miss Tennessee
- Bronze Medal, Duke of Edinburgh



Miss Shelby County  
CaDana Campbell

- Top 15 at Miss Tennessee
- Miss Congeniality at Miss Tennessee
- 5th Runner Up, Quality of Life



Shelby County's  
Outstanding Teen  
Gabriella Genereaux

- Top 12 at Tennessee's Outstanding Teen



Miss Memphis Princess  
Courtney Neill

## COULD YOU BE THE NEXT MSC TITLEHOLDER?

We would like to thank you for your interest in participating in the 2017 Miss Memphis and Shelby County (MSC) Scholarship Pageants. You are about to embark on a very exciting experience filled with new friendships and new opportunities. Throughout your pageant experiences you will sharpen qualities of character and talent that you can use the rest of your life.

Within this packet you will find the official information from the Miss MSC Scholarship Pageants regarding your wardrobe, competitions, and scholarships. Please read all of this information carefully as the rules may change at any time.

It may seem like quite a lot but most people find it very helpful. You may want to keep all correspondence from the Miss MSC Scholarship Pageants in a three-ring binder. If additional mailings are sent to you, just add them to the binder.

Please note that deadlines exist for certain pageant information. If you have forms that are ready to send prior to the deadline date, please send them in. You do not have to wait until the deadline. It would be best to call or email several days after you have mailed the information to ensure we have received it.

If there is anything I can do or if there is any information that you do not understand, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am here to help you in any way that I can. I want to wish each of you the best of luck in your preparations for the 2017 Miss MSC Scholarship Pageants.

Sincerely,  
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This information is being provided to assist interested contestants with the answers to the most commonly asked questions. This is not a finalized list of rules, regulations, and guidelines for the Miss MSC Scholarship Pageants.

### **Miss MSC Scholarship Pageants Contestant Information**

Being a Miss Memphis & Shelby County titleholder is a great honor, a great responsibility, and a great experience. We are happy to extend to you this information which will answer your questions.

The Miss MSC Pageants are more than a beauty pageant. It is part of the Miss America Organization, which provides millions of dollars in scholarship money to contestants throughout the United States. In addition to the scholarships, the Miss MSC Pageants offer you the opportunity to sharpen qualities of character and talent that you can use the rest of your life.

The Miss Memphis Pageant is also a legacy. As the longest running pageant in the state, it began in 1947. Memphis & Shelby County is proud of its 69 years of producing talented and intelligent representatives for our state. Many MSC titleholders have gone on to pursue successful careers as television broadcasters, fashion designers, performers, doctors, and lawyers thanks to the scholarship monies provided by our organization.

### **WHO ARE OUR MSC TITLEHOLDERS?**

She is a role model who cares about her role and other women's roles in society. She is an attractive and poised woman with a confident and commanding presence. She is talented and intelligent, and she is an independent and eloquent communicator. A Miss MSC titleholder is a leader by virtue of her experiences and takes pride in her health and physical fitness.

As a titleholder, you will represent Memphis and Shelby County as an ambassador for our area. You will gain through the rich personal experience of meeting and associating with many exciting people from Memphis and across Tennessee.

Because we are part of the Miss Tennessee and Miss America program, you will represent our city at the Miss Tennessee Scholarship Pageant held in Jackson during June 2017. The winner of the Miss Tennessee Pageant travels to Atlantic City to compete in the Miss America Pageant. At each level,

winners and alternates receive hundreds of dollars in scholarship money which will help you further your education.

Shelby County's Outstanding Teen and Memphis Princess will represent our city in March 2017 at Tennessee's Outstanding Teen and Teen Princess Pageant which will be held in Jackson, TN. The winner of the state outstanding teen title will progress to Miss America's Outstanding Teen Pageant in August 2017 in Orlando, FL!

As you consider this opportunity today, remember that you could be the next Miss Memphis, Miss Shelby County, Shelby County's Outstanding Teen or Memphis Princess...even ultimately Miss America or Miss America's Outstanding Teen! It's all up to you.

### YOUR YEAR AS A TITLEHOLDER

As the titleholder, you will continue to meet new and interesting people and your subsequent civic activities will add to your self-confidence and poise. You will serve as an ambassador for the city at social, civic, and community events. A chaperone will be designated and accompany you to personal appearances as needed.

The night you are crowned, you will spend an evening with your new sister crowns at the luxurious Peabody Hotel, an official sponsor of the Miss MSC Pageants. Please plan an extra change of clothes and a pair of pajamas in advance. You may even get the opportunity to be an honorary Duckmaster the next morning! An official member of the Miss MSC staff will be your chaperone for the evening. And that's just the beginning of a whirlwind reign...

Selected members of the Miss MSC Committee will coordinate your preparation for the Miss Tennessee Pageant/TOT. You will work directly with the MSC committee to prepare you in all aspects for the upcoming state pageant.

We exclusively utilize our sponsors to prepare you for state competition. Should you be chosen as one of our four titleholders, you will be contractually obligated to use our sponsor vendors for photography, hair and makeup, fitness, tanning, and more. All of these come as free services to our local titleholders. The Miss MSC Organization takes great pride in finding you a host of sponsors who will make your state preparations flawless!

You will also be required contractually to coordinate and organize at least (1) one fundraising event during your reign. We require this to be done before June 2017. The sister crowns may work together to do one fundraiser or each may do one separately.

### QUALIFICATIONS FOR MISS MEMPHIS / MISS SHELBY COUNTY

To enter the Miss Division of the MSC Scholarship Pageants, or any other Miss America local preliminary, contestants must meet certain basic requirements and agree to abide by all the rules of the local, state, and national Miss America Pageants now in effect or as announced hereafter.

- High school graduate or equivalent by June 30th, 2017.
- Resident or student of Tennessee at least (6) months prior to the local pageant.
- No younger than 17 on the date of the local competition.
- No older than 24 by December 31, 2017.

- Be a citizen of the United States of America.
- Is and has always been a female.
- Not be married, never have been married, never have had a marriage annulled, and/or never cohabitated.
- Not be pregnant and has never been pregnant nor have a child or be the adoptive parent of any child.
- Of good moral character and not been involved in any act of moral turpitude.
- Other than minor or petty offenses, never been convicted of any criminal offense and there are no criminal charges presently pending.
- Never performed any act or engaged in any activity or employment that is or could reasonably be characterized as dishonest, immoral, or indecent.
- In good health and can participate fully in any Program activities.
- Do not use or consume any illegal controlled dangerous substances or abuse the use of alcohol or other dangerous substances.
- Be available to plan and participate in a fundraiser as required during the 2017 pageant year as Miss Memphis and Miss Shelby County.
- Must complete the CMN requirements listed within this packet.
- Must have transportation to appearances and pageant preparations in the Memphis area.
- MISS SHELBY COUNTY: OPEN Be a resident of any county in Tennessee; or attend a college or university in any county in Tennessee; or be a full-time employee in any county in Tennessee.
- MISS MEMPHIS: Be a resident of Shelby, Tipton, or Fayette counties; or attend a college or university in Shelby, Tipton, or Fayette counties; or be a full-time employee in Shelby, Tipton, or Fayette counties.

#### TEEN AND PRINCESS QUALIFICATIONS

To enter our local preliminary, contestants must meet certain basic requirements and agree to abide by all the rules of the local, state, and national Miss America Pageants now in effect or as announced hereafter. Requirements are:

- Teen: Ages 13 to 17 (cannot be a senior in high school)
- Princess: Ages 13 to 17 (can be a senior in high school)
- Teen competes in talent portion of the competition.
- Princess will not compete in talent portion of the competition.
- A resident or student in the state of Tennessee for at least six months
- Be a citizen of the United States of America.
- May not have graduated from high school before the start of the MAOT National Finals, except for 16 year olds who graduated early.
- Teen may not turn eighteen (18) years of age on or before August 31 of the year of the National Finals in which she will compete.
- Not eligible to compete in the Miss America Pageant.
- Is and has always been a female.
- Has never been married.
- Is not pregnant and has never been pregnant nor the adoptive parent of any child.
- Of good moral character and not been involved in any act of moral turpitude.
- Other than minor or petty offenses, never been convicted of any criminal offense and there are no criminal charges presently pending.

- Never performed any act or engaged in any activity or employment that is or could reasonably be characterized as dishonest, immoral, or indecent.
- In good health and can participate fully in any Program activities.
- Do not use or consume any illegal controlled dangerous substances or abuse the use of alcohol or other dangerous substances.
- Be enrolled in an accredited public, private or homeschooling program with passing scores (passing score as determined by state accreditation score) in academic and citizenship grades.
- TEEN AND PRINCESS: Be a resident of:  
 Miss Memphis Princess: Shelby, Tipton, and Fayette County Residents Only.  
 Shelby County's Outstanding Teen: OPEN STATEWIDE

COMPETITION

Our pageants will be held Sunday, January 7, 2017 at The Buckman Performing Arts Center at St Mary's Episcopal School. Times to be announced in October.

The competition is divided into five phases of Competition, including private interview, swimsuit, evening wear, onstage question, and talent. \*Princess will compete in all of the same phases of competition with the exception of talent.

Each contestant is scored individually from one to ten in each category. The Top Five will be announced and the judges will then rank the contestants.

SCHOLARSHIP & AWARDS

Miss: The Miss MSC Scholarship Pageants will award educational scholarships to the winner and alternates for unpaid college debts. These are awarded 6-8 weeks after the pageant competition and are applied to the semester of your choice.

Miss Memphis	\$750
Miss Shelby County	\$750
1st Alternate	\$300
2nd Alternate	\$200
3rd Alternate	\$100

The new Miss MSC titleholders and her alternates will also receive in-kind tuition waivers for surrounding colleges and universities to utilize.

Additional side awards are also provided and will be presented at the pageant.

Teen and Princess: The new Shelby County's Outstanding Teen and Miss Memphis Princess will be awarded cash prizes (\$100). Their entry fee to the upcoming Outstanding Tennessee Teen pageant will also be paid (\$300).

Additional side awards are also provided and will be presented at the pageant.

Awards, Prizes, & Gifts: The winners will receive an official Miss America preliminary crown, plaque or trophy, sash, and flowers. The new winners will also be swept away to a night at The Peabody after her crowning with her new "sisters", staff, and Executive Director.

The new titleholders will receive prizes and gift packages including assistance with competition wardrobe, numerous gifts from Memphis-area businesses, and gift certificates from various midsouth businesses. All scholarships, awards, prizes, and gifts are subject to final confirmation and will be officially announced during the pageant.

## SCHEDULE

Workshop: Please note that workshop will be held on Saturday, December 3, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. Additional details will be available soon. Workshop is for contestants and parent(s) to help prepare you for the upcoming competition and to help answer any questions you may have. Workshop is “business casual.”

Production Rehearsals: We will have one production rehearsal on the day of the pageant or the night before. This is TO BE DETERMINED. We will also send you everything you need via video in December. You will have to learn walking for the pageant as well as stage lineups and entrances. We will have very little dance choreography for contestants to learn but will need to go over walking and lines as well as contestant introductions.

All rehearsals are closed to the public. Contestants and pageant staff only.

Talent Rehearsal: Your private talent rehearsal will be held the day before the pageant. Times will be announced at workshop. Each contestant will have (5) minutes to rehearse onstage. \*Miss and Teen contestants only.

You may have (1) person (coach, parent, or friend) present in the auditorium. They MUST arrive on time for your scheduled rehearsal. They will not be admitted if they are late. We will not hold up rehearsal time.

A piano is not available at this time. Pianist will need to make arrangements to have a piano made available to them. Pianists may also use a keyboard as the judges have been advised that a piano is not available. (You are not judged on the type of piano you use. If you have access to another piano or keyboard, you may use it but you will be responsible for the delivery and pickup and fees associated with it.)

## MISCELLANEOUS

Wardrobe: The following is an outline of the contestant competitions and wardrobe needs for the pageant and events surrounding the pageant.

We urge you to be reasonable in expenditures for your wardrobe. Please feel free to let your clothing, hairstyle, talent and overall image reflect your true personality and the image of today’s young women. You are responsible for your own competition wardrobe as a contestant in the Miss MSC Pageant.

Production Wardrobe: For the opening number and introductions, you will wear a black, white, or black/white gown, cocktail dress, high-low, or formal pant suit of any style with nude heels and the jewelry of your choice. You will wear this for contestant introductions and also for onstage questions.

Competition Wardrobe:

Miss Contestants will need:

- Interview Outfit (dress or suit)
- Talent Gown or Outfit
- Evening Gown
- Swimsuit (no shawls or props)

Teen and Princess Contestants will need:

- Interview Outfit (age appropriate dress or suit)
- Talent Gown or Outfit (not required for princess contestants)
- Evening Gown
- Fitness Outfit: Fitness outfit must wear black athletic shorts, fitness capris, or long pants with a solid red tank top or solid red sports top. No metallics. No bling. You may show your midriff, if you chose. You may wear tennis shoes or jazz dance shoes.

Headshot:

You will need to provide a good quality professional photograph (5x7 or larger) to the Miss MSC Pageant to be used in the program book and for the judges.

Digital files are preferred and must be more than 200 dpi in order to be used in the program book. Files can be emailed directly to [contestants@missmemphispageant.com](mailto:contestants@missmemphispageant.com)

Photographs should not be taken on cell phones! Headshots should be head and/or shoulders only. Any contestant who is unable to afford a professional headshot, please let the director know so we can help.

Platform:

As with the Miss America Pageant, each contestant is to have a platform or issue that she feels strongly about. It is best to choose a platform in which the contestant has a strong personal commitment, involvement, and conviction.

Talent:

Per Miss America rules, all talent performances must adhere to the time limit of (90) seconds. There will be no exceptions.

Fitness (OT/TP):

A video will be emailed to you by December 10 with the routine you are required to learn for this phase of the competition. This does not apply to miss contestants.

#### Silent Auction Baskets:

The Miss MSC Organization continues with our exciting fundraiser. Each contestant will be asked to provide a gift basket for our silent auction. You can be as creative or simple as you like. The baskets should be something that people would be interested in purchasing. They may be any size, any product, anything that you think might interest people. They may be wrapped or not. It may not even be a basket but some other container. It is entirely up to you.

You may drop off your silent auction baskets before your interview time.

The basket should include your name AND your division (princess, teen, or miss) on the basket somewhere. We will secure a form to the basket at rehearsal. The pageant will provide the silent auction sheets.

This is not a requirement but we are hoping that you will participate to raise money for the scholarship fund and have some fun with it.

#### Program Book:

All contestants will be in the program book featuring your headshot and a brief description. There will be three contestants per page.

Ad Page(s): You are asked to seek sponsorship for an ad page(s) that will be placed in the official program book. The cost to cover your salute page is only \$100 for a full page ad. You may sell as many or as few ads as you would like.

Ad sales go directly to the Miss MSC scholarship fund. This is not a requirement.

The advertising for an ad can be divided amongst several businesses or individuals who would like to 'salute' the contestant. Keep in mind you can sell your salute page to more than one person. Example: If you sell to four sponsors, you can split the cost four ways at \$25 each and fit four logos/business cards on one page!

A full page is 8x10 in size and should be no less than 200dpi.

Digital files are preferred.

Ads can be created for you at no additional cost or you may submit print-ready art.

**ALL PAYMENTS SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO THE MISS MEMPHIS PAGEANT**

Salute page artwork and money is due no later than December 1st. Due to print deadlines, there are no exceptions.



Any contestant that sells more than 3 ad pages will receive a \$75 cash award at registration.

Entry Fee (Teen and Princess Only):

There is an entry fee to compete in the Teen or Princess division.

Pay before November 15 and receive \$100 Early Bird special! Save \$25!

After November 15, your entry fee is \$125. No entries accepted after December 1st without written permission from director.

CMN Fundraising Requirements:

All contestants (miss, teen, and princess) are required to participate. We realize that in the past it has only been the miss contestants so please note the change.

1. Before participating in local, state and the national, Miss America pageants, each contestant will log onto [www.missamerica4kids.org](http://www.missamerica4kids.org) (miss) or [www.maoteen4kids.org](http://www.maoteen4kids.org) (teen/princess) to create her personal fund raising web page and to set a fund raising goal.

Miss Contestants are required by Miss America Org to raise \$100 to compete in the Miss MSC Scholarship Pageants.

Teen and Princess Contestants are required to only raise \$25.

2. Once registered, contestants will e-mail friends and relatives to ask for donations to support Children's Miracle Network and the Miss America Scholarship Fund using a simple pre-formatted email system.

3. Friends and relatives will then log on to their contestant's personal fund raising web page to make secure online donations using a credit card or check.

4. CMN money must be raised no later than December 25, 2016. We have an early deadline due to the holidays.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

If you would like to enter the pageant, please follow the steps below. If this is your first time in entering any Miss America preliminary, don't worry. We will be glad to assist you step-by-step. Many of our contestants are first time entrants.

1. Email the Executive Director and express your interest in entering the program. Please note your name, age, grade in school, and talent type.

2. Complete/Compile the following:

Entry Fee for Teen & Princess Contestants:

**Early Bird Entry Fee \$100    Deadline Nov 15th**

*After November 15th, the price jumps to \$150*

DECEMBER 1:

MM1 - RESUME

MM2 - FACT SHEET

MM3 - PLATFORM ESSAY

MM4 - HEADSHOT

MM9 – AD PAGE(S)

Contestant Contract is now due before you can be accepted as a contestant per Miss America Organization. Please submit this with the above mentioned paperwork. This requires notarization and you will not be allowed to compete without it. **MISS ONLY!**

DECEMBER 15:

MM5 - TALENT REQUEST/INTRO

MM6 - BIRTH CERTIFICATE

MM7 - PROOF OF RESIDENCE

MM8 - EDUCATION

MM10 - AWARD RULES

DECEMBER 25:

CMN FUNDRAISING

SCHOLARSHIP/AWARD REQUEST FORMS

Deadline: 6 Weeks After Pageant

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Email: [contestants@missmemphispageant.com](mailto:contestants@missmemphispageant.com)

Snail Mail: Shay Bader-Wallace, 10862 Nichols Blvd #30-9, Olive Branch, MS 38654

**Please do not hand deliver to this address.**

SCANNED COPIES OF SIGNED DOCUMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED!

Must be emailed to [shay@missmemphispageant.com](mailto:shay@missmemphispageant.com)

Phone/Text: (662) 772-6899

Checks made payable to Miss Memphis Pageant

## TEEN AND PRINCESS ENTRY FEE FORM

Checks made payable to Miss Memphis Pageant

Please attach payment to this form.

Mail to: Shay Bader-Wallace, 10862 Nichols Blvd #30-9, Olive Branch, MS 38654

Contestant Name (Please Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Contestant Division:             Teen                             Princess

Select One.

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## MM1 - RESUME

### Instructions for Completing the Contestant's Resume

Please remember this is your opportunity to demonstrate to the judges why they should consider you for the job of a Miss MSC titleholder. You may list as many or as few items under each category as you desire. Your only restriction is that it must follow the established format and it must fit on one page. The judges will receive exactly what is submitted.

A sample resume is available at: <http://www.misstennessee.org/downloads/C09Resume-Sample.doc>

1. Go to the word processing program of your computer. Microsoft Word preferably.
2. Start a "new" document.
3. Set margins for 1" on all four sides. (The font style may not be any smaller than "10" and no larger than "12" point type, using the Times New Roman font style.)
4. With the justification set for left, type "Name:" in bold. Following the colon (:), hit the space bar twice. Then, type your name as you wish the judges to know it. (If your name is Jamie Ruth Marie Watkins and you want to be known as "Jamie Watkins", please type "Jamie Watkins").
5. Then, move to the next line and type "Title:" in bold. Following the colon (:), hit the space bar twice. Then, type your state title.
6. Then, move to the next line and type "Hometown:" in bold. Following the colon (:), hit the space bar once. Then, type your hometown including the city and the state.
7. Move to the next line. Now set your justification to the right. Type "Age:" in bold. Hit the space bar two (2) times, and type your age. (Ex. Age: 21)
8. Move Justification to the left. Double space down and type "Education:" in bold. Hit the tab bar three times and then type your most recent school first. If it is grad school, indicate it as such. List degree seeking (all on the same line as the name of the school), move to the line underneath that to list your undergraduate school and degree sought/achieved, and below that list your high school.
9. Double space down. Hit the tab bar once. Type "Platform Issue:" in bold. Hit the tab bar three times. Type the TITLE of your platform, MAKING SURE IT LINES UP WITH THE INFORMATION ABOVE IT. DO NOT TYPE ANYTHING OTHER THAN THE TITLE.
10. Double space down. Hit the tab bar once. Type "Scholastic/Career Ambition:" in bold. Hit the Tab bar once, MAKING SURE IT LINES UP WITH THE OTHERS ABOVE IT. Then type the type of degree/education you would ultimately like to achieve and beneath that, list your career ambition.
11. Double space down. Hit the tab bar once. Type "Talent:" in bold. Hit the tab bar three times. Type the type of talent and specific selection. MAKE SURE IT LINES UP WITH THE INFORMATION ABOVE IT. (i.e. Pop Vocal - "Crying", Tap Dance - "Staying Alive", etc.)
12. Double space down. Type "Scholastic Honors:" in bold. Hit the space bar twice. Each item should be separated by a semi-colon (;).
13. Double space down. Type "Leadership Roles:" in bold. Hit the space bar twice. Each item should be separated by a semi-colon (;).
14. Double space down. Type "Accomplishments:" in bold. Hit the space bar twice. Each item should be separated by a semi-colon (;).
15. Double space down. Type "Interesting Facts:" in bold. Hit the space bar twice. Each item should be separated by a semi-colon (;).

16. Double space down. Type "Employment:" in bold. Hit the space bar twice. Each item should be separated by a semi-colon (;).
17. Double space down. Type "Of all the ways you could succeed in your life, why have you chosen to succeed in the Miss Memphis/Shelby County Pageant?" in bold. Hit the space bar twice. Please answer the question in sentence form.

The entire form MUST FIT ON ONE PAGE using the Times New Roman font style. You must leave a 1" margin on all four sides of the page.

Use your best judgment on what is most important for the judges to know about you. Use your space wisely.

## MM2 – FACT SHEET – INFORMATION

Please type.

Name:

Date of Birth:

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Cell Phone #:

Email Address:

Parents' Name(s):

Parents' Cell Phone #:

I am competing as a  Miss  Teen  Princess

Miss Contestants:

- I am no younger than 17 years old by January 2, 2017.
- I am no older than 24 by December 31, 2017.

All Contestants:

- I reside in/attend school in the county of \_\_\_\_\_ in the state of Tennessee.
- I give permission to the Miss MSC Pageants to use my likeness in images and video or any publicity regarding this pageant.

Please order my MSC t-shirt in size:  Small  Medium  Large

## **MM2 – FACT SHEET – QUESTIONNAIRE**

Please type. The questionnaire portion of MM2 should not exceed three pages.

Name:

Age:

Platform:

Talent:

What school/college did you attend, or are currently attending?

What is your major (if applicable)?

What is your scholastic ambition?

List scholastic honors:

Greatest non-academic accomplishment:

**Please keep the answers to the following questions to two sentences or less:**

What is your hometown like?

What were you like when you were a child?

Who is the most influential person in your life?

What is the one thing about you that people you meet may not immediately realize?

Describe one defining moment in your own life:

What is one important thing you have learned from being in the Miss America Program?

If you are crowned tonight, what do you want to accomplish during your Year of Service?

Secret wish or dream?

I'm motivated by:

Is there a personal connection that made you pick your personal platform?

What do you think has been the most significant event in your lifetime?

The one thing I can't live without:

My best friend would describe me as:

Something interesting about my family:

Funniest or most embarrassing thing that has ever happened to me:

One thing I'd like to try that is out of character for me:

Do you have any pets? If so, what kind and tell us their names:



### **MM3 - PLATFORM ESSAY**

Please remember. This is your opportunity to explain to the judges what your chosen platform is and why it is important for the Miss MSC Organization to embrace this platform. In addition, it should explain how your platform will further the Miss MSC Organization “brand” to the public. This ONE (1) page, single-spaced document combined with the Contestant’s Resume, will comprise your entire application for this job. . The judges will receive exactly what is submitted. Any items submitted that do not fit the established criteria will be returned for correction only once. Any items, which do not meet the criteria or are submitted after the deadline, will not be given to the judges. The contestant may explain the lack of judging materials during her interview, if she so chooses.

1. Go to the word processing program of your computer.
2. Start a “new” document.
3. Set margins for 1" on all four sides. The font style may not be any smaller than “10” and no larger than “12” point type using the Times New Roman font style.
4. With the justification set for left, type “Name:” in bold. Following the colon (:), hit the space bar twice. Then, type your name.
5. Then, move to the next line and type “Title:” in bold. Following the colon (:), hit the space bar twice. Then, type Your state title.
6. Double space down. Set your justification to “center”. Then type in bold and underline the title of your Platform.
7. Double space down. Write what you feel is critical for the judge’s to know about your platform and why it is necessary for you to have the job of Miss Tennessee to promote this issue. What you write will be what the judges know about your platform, your role in successfully dealing with this issue, and the role the Miss Tennessee Organization may play in your plan.
8. This essay may include some of the following items (this is not to be meant as an exhaustive list):  
A clear definition of the platform and the specific issues you wish to address  
A plan on how you have or will create awareness of the platform  
The way in which you have or will change attitudes regarding the issue  
The way in which you have or will change behaviors related to this issue  
The way in which your platform issue will move the Miss MSC Organization forward  
Your media plans  
Your marketing strategy  
How you propose to fund your ideas/plans  
Any significant accomplishments you have made in regard to your issue

## **MM4 - HEADSHOT**

Please email photo to [contestants@missmemphispageant.com](mailto:contestants@missmemphispageant.com)

Your photographer may email these as long as they identify your name in the email. All photos will be converted to black & white.

**MM5 - TALENT REQUEST FORM MISS AND TEEN ONLY**

Please type.

All talent performances must now be 90 seconds or less.

Name:

Phonetic Spelling of your name:

Please indicate type of talent:       Dance       Vocal       Drama       Other (explain)

Title of Music:

Composer:

Publisher:

Will You Use a Tape/CD Accompaniment?    Yes    No

If Your Talent is a Reading, Monologue or Theatrical Presentation, give the name of the book, play or writing you will use:

I will need...

Microphone?    Wireless Mike    Body Mike       N/A

What Other Technical Requirements Does Your Talent Require?

Describe Any Props or Sets You Will Use in Your Talent Presentation.

Give Your Background of Talent Training or Professional Experience:

Name, Address, and Telephone Number of Talent Coach:

Talent Introduction Suggestion Please type. We reserve the right to edit as necessary.

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Please email MP3s (no M4a files please) to shay@missmemphispageant.com with this form. You may change your talent through Dec 15th but not after.

**MM6 – BIRTH CERTIFICATE**

Please attach your birth certificate to this page. You are welcome to send a copy via mail or scan and email the file to [shay@missmemphispageant.com](mailto:shay@missmemphispageant.com)

## MM7 – PROOF OF RESIDENCE

Please attach your proof of residence to this page. You are welcome to send a copy via mail or scan and email the file to [contestants@missmemphispageant.com](mailto:contestants@missmemphispageant.com)

Contestant Name (Please Print): \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that, in order to compete in the local or state pageant that I must reside in; be enrolled in and attending classes on a full-time basis at an accredited high school, college, or university in; or (Miss) be employed in on a full-time basis, the state in which I intend to represent:

If I am claiming eligibility to compete in the Miss MSC Organization based upon my residence in the state in which I competed, I must have been a resident of that state for at least six (6) months prior to the first local or state competition that I entered in that state.

I currently reside at \_\_\_\_\_ in the city of \_\_\_\_\_,  
State of \_\_\_\_\_. I have resided at this address since \_\_\_\_\_.

I have included proof of this residency in the form of \_\_\_\_\_ (driver license, automobile registration, current lease, or other official document establishing residency).

### MISS CONTESTANTS - ONLY COMPLETE ONLY IF THIS APPLIES TO YOU:

If I am claiming eligibility to compete based upon my employment in the state in which I am competing, I must have been employed in the state on a full-time basis (at least forty (40) hours per week, or such other number of hours as may qualify by law as “fulltime” employment in the state in which I am competing) for at least six (6) months immediately prior to the first local or state competition that I entered this year and at the present time.

Name of Current Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number of Employer: (        ) \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

**MM8 - EDUCATION**

Please attach to this page.

**TEEN & PRINCESS:**

Most Recent Middle or High School Report Card or Transcript (You do not need to fill out the form below.)

MISS: College Transcript / College Registration for Current Classes / College Degree / Graduate School Registration for Current Classes / Graduate School Degree

Contestant Name (Please Print):

If I am claiming eligibility to compete based upon my status as a student in the state in which I am competing, I must have (a) successfully completed at least one semester as a fulltime (at least 12 credit hours) student, and presently be enrolled and attending classes on a full-time basis at an accredited college or university in the state in which I competed, or (b) have graduated from an accredited college or university in the state in which I competed between the date I was declared the winner of a local competition duly authorized by MAO that I entered in anticipation of this year's National Finals, and the date of this Application and Contract. For purposes of this Section 2.3.2, I understand that my physical attendance of classes in the state in which I am competing is a requirement for eligibility to compete based upon my status as a student. I also understand that no more than six (6) months may have elapsed between the completion of my last full-time semester and the beginning of the next full-time semester that I am attending at a college or university in the state in which I am competing.

**COMPLETE THE PORTION THAT APPLIES TO YOU:**

I have completed \_\_\_\_ semesters of study at \_\_\_\_\_ College/University in \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_. I have received credits for courses totaling \_\_\_\_\_ hours. I have attached to the contestant application a transcript that shows these credits.

I am currently enrolled at \_\_\_\_\_ College/University in \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_, where I am presently attending classes in \_\_\_\_\_ accredited courses. I represent and warrant that I am considered a "full time student" by the college or university that I attend and that I am physically attending classes in the state in which I intend to compete. I have attached to the contestant application a copy of a registration form from the school that shows this enrollment.

I received a \_\_\_\_\_ degree from \_\_\_\_\_ College/University in \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ (year). I have attached a copy of this degree to the contestant application.

I have completed \_\_\_\_\_ semesters of study at Graduate School in \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_. I have received credits for courses totaling \_\_\_\_\_ hours. I have attached to a Supplemental Fact Sheet a transcript that shows these credits.

I am currently enrolled at Graduate School in \_\_\_\_\_, in \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_, where I am presently attending classes in accredited courses. I represent and warrant that I am considered a "full time student" by the Graduate School I attend and that I am physically attending classes in the state in which I intend to compete. I have attached to the contestant application a copy of a Registration Form from the school that shows this enrollment.

I received a \_\_\_\_\_ graduate degree from \_\_\_\_\_ Graduate School in \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ (year). I have attached a copy of this degree to the contestant application.

**MM9 – AD PAGES AND MONEY OPTIONAL**

Contestant Name (Please Print):

# of Ads Sold:

Total Amount Enclosed: \$

Please email 8x10, grayscale, 200dpi advertisement to [shay@missmemphispageant.com](mailto:shay@missmemphispageant.com) or email the director to help you design your ad.



**MM10 - SCHOLARSHIP RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Please initial after reading each section.

Scholarship winners shall submit to the Miss MSC Scholarship Organization, a Statement of Intent with the type of education or training they wish to pursue and receive approval of their college, university, or school from the Miss MSC Scholarship Organization. \_\_\_\_\_

This statement must be submitted in writing within 90 days after the pageant or it will revert back to the scholarship fund for the following year. Please be sure to include all contact data including school bursar address, student identification number, and any additional information necessary to make your payment. I have read and fully understand the above section. \_\_\_\_\_

A form is available and it is attached to the Contestant Paperwork should you prefer to use it. I have read and fully understand the above section. \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarships shall be executed for tuition, on-campus room and board, and supplies. All monies will be paid by check to the individual college, university, or school and must bear said college, university or school's endorsement. Request for scholarship funds will be paid only as expenses are incurred.  
\_\_\_\_\_

All cancelled, unrequested or unused portions of scholarships will revert to the Miss MSC Scholarship Organization for redistribution. \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship monies are paid immediately upon receipt of statements from approved colleges, universities, or schools; however, this process may take up to six (6) weeks. \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship winners who have completed their education or training may use their Scholarship for outstanding student loan obligations provided the loan is not in default and provided the student has satisfactorily completed the coursework for which the loan was obtained. The scholarship will be paid directly to the lending institution only. We must receive an itemized statement from the lending institution, documentation that shows the contestant as the primary or secondary payer of the loan obligation, and a copy of the contestant's diploma. \_\_\_\_\_

Final interpretation of all rules and regulations listed above will be made by the Executive Committee of the Miss MSC Scholarship Organization. \_\_\_\_\_

By completing below, I accept and understand these rules and regulations. All bills and correspondence relative to the Miss MSC Scholarship Organization, should be directed to:

Miss MSC Org, 9421 East Goodman, Olive Branch, MS 38654.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Contestant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
\*Signature of Parent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**\*Parental signature required regardless of the age of the contestant.**

**MISS SCHOLARSHIP REQUEST FORM**

**DO NOT SUBMIT THIS BEFORE OR AT THE PAGEANT!**

You must submit this within six weeks of the date of the pageant! This form must be sent via U.S. Mail. Forms not submitted will result in loss of scholarship monies.

Name:

Award(s) Won:

(PLEASE LIST ALL AWARDS ON ONE SHEET.)

Title Competed For: Miss Memphis and Miss Shelby County

For payment to school:

School Name:

Mailing Address:

City State Zip:

Student ID Number or Social Security Number:

Amount won \$

To what semester/quarter should request be applied?

Is there a due date for this request? Yes No If yes, date?

Cell phone number

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For payment going to Loan Agency:

Lending Agency

Mailing Address

City State Zip

Account Number

THIS FORM IS NOT ACCEPTED VIA EMAIL. YOU MUST SEND IT VIA U.S. MAIL.

PAYMENTS WILL BEGIN BEING SENT OUT DURING MID JANUARY OR UP TO SIX WEEKS AFTER YOUR FORM HAS BEEN RECEIVED. AFTER TEN (10) WEEKS, UNUSED MONEY WILL DEFAULT BACK TO THE MISS MSC ACCOUNT.

MAIL TO: MISS MSC SCHOLARSHIP REQUESTS SHAY BADER-WALLACE, 10862 NICHOLS BLVD #30-9, OLIVE BRANCH, MS 38654

TEEN AND PRINCESS AWARD REQUEST FORM  
DO NOT SUBMIT THIS BEFORE OR AT THE PAGEANT!

You must submit this within six weeks of the date of the pageant! This form must be sent via U.S. Mail.  
Forms not submitted will result in loss of cash award.

Name:

Award(s) Won:

(PLEASE LIST ALL AWARDS ON ONE SHEET.)

Title Completed For:

For payment to:

Parent's Name

Mailing Address

City State Zip

Amount won \$

Parent contact number

THIS FORM IS NOT ACCEPTED VIA EMAIL. YOU MUST SEND IT VIA U.S. MAIL.

PAYMENTS WILL BEGIN BEING SENT OUT DURING MID JANUARY OR UP TO SIX WEEKS AFTER  
YOUR FORM HAS BEEN RECEIVED. AFTER TEN (10) WEEKS, UNUSED MONEY WILL DEFAULT  
BACK TO THE MISS MSC ACCOUNT.

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OLIVE BRANCH, MS 38654

## 2017 LOCAL CONTESTANT CONTRACT

THE MISS \_\_\_\_\_ ORGANIZATION

Application and Contract for Participation in the

2017 MISS \_\_\_\_\_ COMPETITION

Contestant: \_\_\_\_\_

### Section 1: Introduction

- 1.1. The Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization is a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of \_\_\_\_\_. The Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization has operated a program offering scholarship assistance and career opportunities for the young women within the State of \_\_\_\_\_. In doing so, The Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization has made substantial investments in, and has developed a valuable identity for, the unique symbols and elements of the Program that have achieved national and even international recognition and approval. These elements include but are not limited to (1) providing educational assistance in the form of scholarships to young adult women who have not yet begun to assume the responsibilities of family life and are interested in career and educational advancement; (2) recognizing and honoring the traits of honesty, good character, talent, poise, intellect, leadership and good judgment in the young women of America who enter the competition (the "Contestants"); and (3) enabling the Contestants to serve as role models for other young women with similar goals and personal characteristics.
- 1.2. The Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization intends to conduct a competition for the title "Miss \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_," to be held in \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_. The competition is a critically important, and the single most visible and widely recognized, element of the Program. The competition is conducted in a fashion that is designed to combine a respect for the traditional and historic foundations of the Program with recognition of the perceived modern tastes and values of the American people.
- 1.3. The winner of the competition shall be designated "Miss \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_," and shall be entitled to that title until her successor is named at the competition in \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_. During this period (the "Year of Service"), the duties of Miss \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_ may include travel and participation in personal appearances throughout the State. These activities are designed, scheduled, arranged and supervised by The Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization in order to reflect the values and standards of the Program and to enhance its visibility and maintain its broad public acceptance. The Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization has also developed detailed procedures that govern the activities and conduct of Miss \_\_\_\_\_ during her Year of Service. These procedures and standards are intended to protect and enhance the substantial public acceptance of the Program among the American people, and to assure that the Program will continue to be able to operate for the benefit of the thousands of young women who will be seeking to participate in the Program in future years.
- 1.4. In seeking to participate in the competition, each Contestant must understand and accept the requirements of the Program, including the rules for the contestants and the guidelines and limitations that will be applicable to her activities during her Year of Service if she is selected

as Miss \_\_\_\_\_. In addition, each Contestant must understand and accept that the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization's approval of the Contestant's participation in the competition and, if selected, service as Miss \_\_\_\_\_ will be specifically based upon the representations and agreements in this Application and Contract, its attachments and the continued compliance with all of the regulations of the Program. In such regard, I acknowledge that my ability to compete in the competition shall be subject to review at each level of competition that I enter and that the determination of my eligibility to compete in the competition shall not in and of itself be the basis of my eligibility to compete in the Local, State and/or National Finals.

- 1.5.** Therefore, by signing this Application and Contract and submitting it to the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization for approval, the Contestant represents and agrees that (1) all facts and representations contained in this Application and Contract and its attachments are true and accurate; (2) the Contestant agrees to abide by all rules and regulations of the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization described in this Application and Contract and its attachments, in the period before and during the Year of Service; and (3) the Contestant meets each requirement for eligibility set forth in Section 2 of this Contract; and (4) the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization shall have the sole discretion to determine whether, in its judgment, the Contestant may continue to participate in the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Program, in the event that the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization determines that any statement or representation by the Contestant is not true and accurate or that any action by the contestant is inconsistent with the rules and regulations of the Program.

## **Section 2: Eligibility of Contestant to Participate in the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Program**

- 2.1.** I have never before competed in any National Finals of the Miss America Organization.
- 2.2. Age.** I am currently \_\_\_\_ years of age. I was born on (date) \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_. I understand that, in order to be eligible to compete, I must be:
- (1) at least a high school senior before the date of my first Local Competition;
  - (2) at least seventeen (17) years of age at the time of my first appearance in the preliminary round of the Local Competition or, if locals are not held in the state where I compete, the State Competition; and
  - (3) no older than twenty-four (24) years of age on December 31, 2017

I will be \_\_\_\_ years of age on December 31, 2017 and confirm that I will not be older than the twenty-four (24) year age requirement. A copy of my birth certificate and a copy of my driver's license or a government issued identification card are included with Attachment A, the Supplemental Fact Sheet.

- 2.3. Residence.** I understand that, in order to compete in the Local or State competition in anticipation of this year's National Finals, I must reside in; or be enrolled in and physically attending classes on a full-time basis at an accredited college or university in; or be employed in on a full-time basis, the state which I intend to represent in the National Finals.

**2.3.1** If I am claiming eligibility to compete in the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization based upon my residence in \_\_\_\_\_ (state), I must have been a resident of \_\_\_\_\_ (state) for at least six (6) months prior to competing in my first Local competition or, only if Locals are not held in the state where I competed, at least six (6) months prior to the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ State competition. Residence is defined as the primary address where I physically live and have established verification of residency through my driver's license, automobile registration, current property mortgage or lease in my name, tax filings, etc. I currently reside at \_\_\_\_\_ in the city of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_. I have resided at this address since \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_. I have included with Attachment A, the Supplemental Fact Sheet, a copy of my driver's license or a government issued identification card and proof of this residency in the form of \_\_\_\_\_ (driver's license, automobile registration, current property mortgage or lease in my name, or other official document establishing residency). If my residency at this location was established within the six (6) months preceding the Local or State competition in which I am competing, my last previous residence was at \_\_\_\_\_ in the city of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_. I lived at that address from \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ (date) to \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_. If requested, I agree to provide the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization with any additional information or documents that may be required within five (5) business days of the request to determine my residency in the state of \_\_\_\_\_, if my residence is relevant to my eligibility. I fully understand that additional proof of residency may be requested and include, but not limited to a property mortgage or lease in my name, utility bills, automobile registration, tax filings, voter registration card, etc.

**2.3.2.** If I am claiming eligibility to compete based upon my status as a student in the state in which I am competing, I must have (a) successfully completed at least one semester as a full-time (at least 12 credit hours) student, and presently be enrolled and physically attending classes on a full-time basis at an accredited college or university in the state in which I am competing, or (b) have graduated from an accredited college or university in the state in which I am competing between the date I was declared the winner of a local competition duly authorized by MAO that I entered in anticipation of this year's National Finals, and the date of this Application and Contract. For purposes of this Section 2.3.2., I understand that my physical attendance of classes in the state in which I am competing is a requirement for eligibility to compete based upon my status as a student. I also understand that no more than two (2) full-time semesters may have elapsed between the completion of my last full-time semester and the beginning of the next full-time semester that I am attending at a college or university in the state in which I am competing. (Please check and fill in all that apply)

**2.3.2.1.** I have completed \_\_\_\_\_ semesters of study at \_\_\_\_\_ College/University in the city of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_. I have received credits for courses totaling \_\_\_\_\_ hours. I have attached to the Supplemental Fact Sheet an official College/University transcript that shows these credits.

**2.3.2.2.** I am currently enrolled at \_\_\_\_\_ College/University in the city of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_, where I am presently attending classes in \_\_\_\_\_ accredited courses. I represent and warrant that I am considered a "full time student" by the college or university that I attend and that I am physically attending classes in the state in which I intend to compete. I have attached to the Supplemental Fact Sheet an official copy of a registration form from the school that shows this enrollment.

**2.3.2.3.** I received a \_\_\_\_\_ degree from \_\_\_\_\_ College/University in the city of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ (month/year). I have attached a copy of this degree or an official College/University transcript indicating the degree awarded to the Supplemental Fact Sheet.

**2.3.2.4.** I have completed \_\_\_\_\_ semesters of study at \_\_\_\_\_ Graduate School in the city of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_. I have received credits for courses totaling \_\_\_\_\_ hours. I have attached an official College/University transcript to the Supplemental Fact Sheet that shows these credits.

( ) **2.3.2.5.** I am currently enrolled at \_\_\_\_\_ Graduate School, in the city of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_, where I am presently attending classes in \_\_\_\_\_ accredited courses. I represent and warrant that I am considered a “full time student” by the Graduate School I attend and that I am physically attending classes in the state in which I intend to compete. I have attached to the Supplemental Fact Sheet an official copy of a Registration Form from the school that shows this enrollment.

( ) **2.3.2.6.** I received a \_\_\_\_\_ graduate degree from \_\_\_\_\_ Graduate School in the city of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ (month/year). I have attached a copy of this degree or an official College/University transcript indicating the degree awarded to the Supplemental Fact Sheet.

**2.3.3.** If I am claiming eligibility to compete in the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization based on my employment even though I am not a resident of the state or geographic boundary in which I am competing, I am and have been a *bona fide* full-time employee working in the state or geographic boundary (employed by one or more employers and physically working either a) in the state or geographic boundary for at least forty (40) hours per week or b) working in the state or geographic boundary full-time as defined by my employer, but in no event less than thirty-two hours per week). Such employment and hours must be verified by my employer(s) for a continuous period of at least twenty-six (26) consecutive weeks immediately preceding the date of my first local competition and in addition to remain eligible I must maintain such employment through the completion of the local, state and subsequently the national finals.

Name of Current Employer: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address of Employer: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number of Employer: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Nature of Position: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dates of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

If requested, I agree to provide the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization with any additional information or documents that may be required within five (5) business days of the request to determine my employment in the state or geographic boundary which I competed, if my employment is relevant to my eligibility. I understand that additional information to establish employment may include paystubs, W-2 forms, income tax filing, etc.

**2.4. Citizenship.** I am a citizen of the United States of America.

**2.5. Education.** In order to be eligible to compete, I must be a high school senior no later than the date of my first competition, or have successfully completed the G.E.D. testing program for high school equivalency, or have successfully completed the academic requirements for entry into an accredited college/university degree program requiring physical attendance by the July 30th immediately preceding the National Finals. (Please check and fill in all that apply)

( ) **2.5.1.** I received a High School diploma in \_\_\_\_\_ (month/year) from \_\_\_\_\_ High School in the city of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_.

( ) **2.5.2.** I received a G.E.D. certificate for High School equivalency in \_\_\_\_\_ (month/year).

( ) **2.5.3.** I have been accepted into an accredited college/university degree program requiring physical attendance. I have attached an official Acceptance Letter from the college/university.

**2.6. Personal Characteristics.** I understand that in order to be eligible to compete in the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Competition, I hereby certify to the Personal Characteristics set forth in this section:

**2.6.1. Gender.** I am a female.

**2.6.2. Marital Status.** I am not now and I have never been married, nor have I had a marriage annulled.

**2.6.3. Parental Status.** I am not now pregnant, nor do I intend to become pregnant during my Year of Service. I am not a parent, or the adoptive parent of any child, nor will I become a parent or the adoptive parent of any child during my Year of Service. I understand that if I become pregnant or become the adoptive parent of a child during my Year of Service, I am no longer eligible to compete in the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Competition, Miss America Competition or hold the title of Miss \_\_\_\_\_.

**2.6.4. Good Character.** I am of good moral character and I have not been involved at any time in any act of moral turpitude or behavior that is, or could be, perceived by the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization as contrary to the Miss America Program or its elements as described in Paragraph 1.1 of this contract.

**2.6.5. Criminal Record.** I have not been charged with multiple minor or petty offenses in the last twenty-four months. I have never been convicted of any criminal offense and there are no criminal charges presently pending against me. I understand that I may make an appeal to MAO if criminal offenses/charges in my state are considered minor or petty offenses in another state. This appeal must be presented to MAO through legal counsel of my choice.

**2.6.6. Prior Conduct.** I have never, knowingly or unknowingly, performed any act or engaged in any activity or employment that is or the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization could characterize as dishonest, immoral, lewd or indecent.

**2.6.7. Health.** I am in good health and can, to the best of my knowledge, participate fully in any and all Program activities. Any current medical condition or disability will not impede my ability to participate and compete in all activities of the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ competition, complete my Year of Service or fulfill my obligations under this Agreement or require unreasonable or exceptional assistance as determined solely by the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization. Any accommodations approved by the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization will be my sole responsibility, including but not limited to financial, nor should such accommodation create a benefit or advantage not afforded to all contestants. Upon the request of the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization, I will provide or cause my health care provider(s) to provide the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization with all or a portion of my health care records as necessary to verify the accuracy of this representation.

**2.6.8. Substance Abuse.** I do not use or consume any illegal or controlled substances other than those obtained pursuant to a valid prescription and taken according to the directions of a licensed health care professional. I do not abuse the use of alcohol, prescriptive drugs or other dangerous substances.



**2.6.9. Family Members.** Any immediate family member who served in any capacity on the state or local board of the licensed state or the national organization, or as a volunteer or contestant prep coach must have formally resigned at least six (6) months prior to the time that I am eligible to compete in my first local competition, or if locals are not held in the state where I competed, the state competition that I'm entered in this year and at the present time. This also includes immediate family participation in the "Outstanding Teen" or "Princess" or "Princess-like" programs in the licensed state. Immediate Family is defined as parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and siblings whether by whole or half blood, by marriage including step-children, adoption or natural relation. However, I am eligible to enter in a state organization and a licensed state's local organization if an immediate family member serves in any capacity in a different licensed state organization.

## **2.7. Contractual and Other Obligations.**

**2.7.1. National Service Platform Requirement.** The Miss America Organization has entered into an agreement with the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. The agreement, among other things, establishes Children's Miracle Network Hospitals as the Miss America Organization's National Platform. As a contestant in the Miss America program, I understand that I am required to raise money to support Children's Miracle Network Hospitals and the Miss America Scholarship Fund:

**2.7.1.1.** As a Local contestant, I understand that I am required to raise a minimum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) by a date determined by my local organization, no later than the beginning of local competition activities.

**2.7.1.2.** As the Local titleholder, Miss \_\_\_\_\_, I understand that I am required to raise a minimum of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) by a date determined by my state organization, no later than the beginning of state competition activities.

**2.7.1.3.** As the State titleholder, Miss \_\_\_\_\_, I understand that I am required to raise a minimum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00), no later than thirty (30) days prior to the National Finals

In furtherance of the foregoing, I will create a personal profile on the fundraising website, [www.MissAmericaforkids.org](http://www.MissAmericaforkids.org), which will assist me in performing other acts and deeds in accordance with the instructions and requirements of MAO, as the same may change from time to time.

**2.7.2. Prior Contractual Commitments.** Within the three (3) months before my participation in the first local or state competition in which I am competing this year, and since that participation, I have not authorized any person, firm or corporation to use my name, photograph, picture, or present or future title that I hold or may hold, in connection with an endorsement to advertise any commercial product. I have not contracted to any personal training services in preparation for the State Competition Finals. I am not a party to any contract with any person, firm or corporation in respect to any present title that I hold or may hold, nor have I made any commitments for the future regarding any such titles. I do not have any legal obligations that would prevent or limit my participation and appearances in the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Competition, any other Local Competition, State Competition, the National Finals or, if selected as Miss America, in the Year of Service, or my compliance with the rules, regulations and conditions of the Program.

**2.7.3. Other Competitions.** If I win, I will continue to hold the title of Miss \_\_\_\_\_ until my successor is selected or appointed. I agree that, during my service in that role and until after the scheduled completion of the full term of the position of Miss \_\_\_\_\_ for which I was selected, I will not associate in any way with, promote, perform, judge, or become a contestant or participant in any other regional, national, or international competition

or preliminary competition of a similar nature to the National Finals, including, but not limited to, the National Sweetheart Pageant/Competition in Hoopston, Illinois. I also represent that I am not a contestant, participant or titleholder in any other regional, national, or international competition or local or state preliminary competition of a similar nature to the National Finals.

**2.7.4. Use of the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization Titles, Words and Symbols.** After the conclusion of my Year of Service, if I am advised by the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization that, in its sole and exclusive judgment, my use of any of the titles, words or symbols associated with the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization, the Miss America Organization and the Program has caused or is reasonably likely to cause harm, I agree to discontinue any such use immediately. I understand and agree that the judgment of the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization shall be final and binding.

**2.7.5.** If selected as Miss \_\_\_\_\_, I shall not use, nor allow another party to use my status while appearing in an official capacity as Miss \_\_\_\_\_, for the public announcement of a marriage proposal or marriage engagement, unless the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization has specifically granted me written permission to make a public announcement of a marriage proposal or engagement.

**2.7.6.** If selected as Miss \_\_\_\_\_, my actions and conduct will be representative of the integrity and esteem of the Miss America Organization. I acknowledge that I am an official representative of the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization and I will not engage in any actions or behavior that could be perceived by the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization as contrary to the Miss America Program or its elements.

**2.7.7. Attorney Review of Application and Contract.** I have been given a sufficient opportunity to review this Application and Contract and its attachments, including the Supplemental Fact Sheet (Attachment A); Medical Information Form (Attachment B); the Scholarship Rules and Regulations (Attachment C). I have also had the opportunity to consult with an attorney of my own choosing to give me legal advice with regard to this Application and Contract. I understand that this Application and Contract is a legal document and that if I sign and submit it to the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization and it is accepted, I have agreed to be bound by this Application and Contract and its attachments.

**2.7.8. Changes in Circumstances.** I understand and agree that if, at any time after I file this Application and Contract with the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization, including during my Year of Service, any of the facts stated in this Application and Contract or its attachments including but not limited to those related to my ability to fully participate in all activities should change at any time, I am obligated to report any such change in writing immediately to the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization. I also understand that if I fail to do so, the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization may, in its sole discretion, determine to limit or prevent my participation or to terminate my Year of Service as Miss \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_\_.

**Section 3: Personal and Professional Background Information**

**3.1. Employment History.**

**3.1.1. Present Employment.** I am presently employed () full-time () part-time (check as applicable) by \_\_\_\_\_, located in the city of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_. I hold the position of \_\_\_\_\_ and my responsibilities include \_\_\_\_\_.

**3.1.2. Prior Employment:** During the past three (3) years I have worked in the following positions:

Employer	Location	Dates	Position
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

**3.2. Medical Information (complete Attachment B - Emergency Information Form).**

**3.2.1. Current Medical Condition.** I do not presently suffer from any illness, disease or disability that will prohibit, restrict, or impair my ability to fulfill my obligations under this Agreement or to fulfill my Year of Service. At the present time (check as applicable):

() **3.2.1.1.** I am receiving treatment or medication for the condition described in Attachment B

() **3.2.1.2.** I am not receiving treatment or medication for this condition described in Attachment B.

**AND**

() **3.2.1.3.** I do expect to be taking medication or to be receiving treatment for this condition during the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ competition or, if selected as Miss America, during my Year of Service.

() **3.2.1.4.** I do not expect to be taking medication or to be receiving treatment for this condition during the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ competition or, if selected as Miss \_\_\_\_\_, during my Year of Service.

**Section 4: Participation in the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Competition**

**4.1. Participation in Competition.** I agree to participate in the series of events and appearances leading up to the final selection of the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Program. These events are scheduled on dates to be determined by the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization. I will be bound by the rules and regulations governing the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization and the procedures for the awarding and supervision of all scholarships described in Attachment D. My participation in the competition may include public appearances scheduled for me by the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization including, but not limited to, television and radio broadcasts, personal appearances, interviews, still photo sessions, and video and audio taping or filming of all or any part of the events associated with the competition.

**4.2. Conduct of the Competition.** I understand and agree that the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization shall determine the manner and method of conducting the competition in its sole discretion. I further understand and agree that the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization shall also determine the time, method and manner of judging the competition and the awarding and supervision of all scholarships in its sole discretion. The decision of the persons designated

by the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization to judge the various events in any and all matters pertaining to the selection of the winners shall be final in all respects.

- 4.3. Televising and Sponsorship of Competition.** I understand that the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization makes no representations to me that the competition will be televised or broadcast on either a live or tape-delay basis, or that the competition will be sponsored by one or more sponsors, or that I will be personally or individually involved in any specific appearance in any broadcast.
- 4.4. Permanent License of Publication Rights.** I hereby authorize the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization and anyone duly licensed or authorized by the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization to (1) televise, photograph, broadcast and/or make radio, television, video and audio tapes or motion picture recordings of me individually or in a group; (2) use or re-use such photographs, recordings, video tapes, audio tapes and/or motion picture films in all media throughout the world in perpetuity; and (3) use my name, likeness and/or physical depiction for any purpose in perpetuity, in an unedited or edited manner or fashion as the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization, in its sole discretion, shall determine. This authorization shall also include the use of all such photographs, recordings, videotapes, audiotapes and/or motion picture films made during my Year of Service.
- 4.5. The Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization Ownership of Rights.** I understand and agree that all photographs, tapes and films made of me for trade, advertising and any other purpose or purposes as a participant in the competition, and any use of my name, likeness and/or physical depiction when identified with the Program, shall be the sole and exclusive property of the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization. I understand and agree that I shall have no claim or right to those photographs, tapes and films, not only during the period between and during the competition and, if I am selected as Miss \_\_\_\_\_, during my Year of Service but in perpetuity thereafter. I understand and agree that this provision refers to and includes all photographs, tapes and films from any activities relating to the competition, including but not limited to interviews, rehearsals and publicity events, either individually or as a member of a group.
- 4.6. Selection as Runner-Up.** If I am selected at the competition as a runner-up for the title of Miss \_\_\_\_\_, I agree to remain available to assume all of the rights, obligations and commitments of the Year of Service, as described in Section 5 of this Application and Contract, in the event that the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization appoints me to do so by reason of the inability or ineligibility, during the Year of Service, of any Contestant who was selected as Miss \_\_\_\_\_ or as another runner-up.
- 4.7. Change in Circumstances.** I understand that if, at any time between the date of this Application and Contract and the completion of the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ competition, any facts concerning my eligibility to participate in the competition should change, including without limitation my ability to participate fully in all contestant activities, citizenship, marital or parental status, good character and reputation or behavior that is, or could be, perceived as contrary to the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Program or its elements as described in Paragraph 1.1 of this contract or, if relevant to my eligibility, my residence, employment or educational status, the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to determine that I am not eligible to participate in competition.

**Section 5: Commitments for Service as “Miss \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_\_”**

- 5.1. Full-time Service as Miss \_\_\_\_\_.** If I am selected as “Miss \_\_\_\_\_” at the competition, I will serve as “Miss \_\_\_\_\_”

\_\_\_\_\_” during the Year of Service and until my successor is selected or appointed. The duties and obligations of my service as “Miss \_\_\_\_\_” have been described to me and I understand and accept them. I agree that I will dedicate my entire time, efforts and energy during my Year of Service to the fulfillment of these duties and obligations, and that I will engage in no other business or other activities that will in any way interfere with the duties and obligations of my Year of Service.

- 5.2. National Service Platform.** I understand and have been advised that the Miss America Organization has entered into an agreement with Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals. The agreement, among other things, establishes Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals as the Miss America Organization’s National Platform. I agree to work with Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals and the Miss America Organization to support this National Platform and further the goals of the program by creating goodwill and recognition for the National Platform throughout the United States. I understand that I may also promote my own personal Platform, if I choose to do so. In that event, I agree to work with the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization to select and pursue an appropriate platform that will enable me and the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization to maximize the impact of my year of service.
- 5.3. Availability for Appearances and Events.** I agree to make myself available for such personal appearances, interviews, testimonials, endorsements, filming, tapings, photographic and recording sessions and other and various commitments and events related to my Year of Service that the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization has made and will make for me in its sole discretion.
- 5.4. Independent Contractor Status.** I understand and agree that I am not and will not become an employee of the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization during my Year of Service. I am and will remain an independent contractor with respect to the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization. The authority granted by this Application and Contract to the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization to act on my behalf is intended for the mutual convenience of the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization and me and in order to provide an effective means of organizing my activities during my Year of Service.
- 5.5. Appointment of the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization as Exclusive Agent and Representative.** Commencing with my selection as Miss \_\_\_\_\_ and throughout my Year of Service and until my successor is selected or appointed, I irrevocably constitute and appoint the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization as my sole and exclusive agent, representative and attorney-in-fact with the authority to:
- 5.5.1.** act for me and in my interests throughout the world for the making of all press releases or other public statements to the media;
- 5.5.2.** sign, make, execute and deliver all contracts in my name in connection with my business or other affairs as Miss \_\_\_\_\_ during my Year of Service, whether they be contracts for my performance at theatrical, artistic or commercial engagements or other personal appearances, and undertake commitments in my name for the satisfaction of my obligations pursuant to those contracts;
- 5.5.3.** sign, make, execute and deliver all contracts in my name in connection with any appearances or other obligations which are related to my service as Miss \_\_\_\_\_ which are to be fulfilled after the completion of my Year of Service, provided that I have consented in writing to the terms of such contracts;
- 5.5.4.** determine the appropriate compensation that I shall receive for appearances or other activities related to my Year of Service.



**5.5.5.** collect and receive for and on my behalf all proceeds, monies or other compensation that is due or to become due to me by reason of any performance, service, appearance, engagement or contract;

**5.5.6.** choose and designate my Tour Manager(s); and

**5.5.7.** select the appropriate modes of public or private transportation for me and my Tour Manager(s), including the determination of the appropriate levels of travel service.

**5.5.8** determine the best method of preparing me for the next level of competition. I understand that the Miss America Organization does not endorse nor promote the use of individuals nor businesses who act as pageant coaches, etc., whether they are paid or offer services at no charge. However, the use of a coach may transpire as long as the Local Director agrees and collaborates on such arrangement in order to prepare me for the next level of competition. If my Local and/or State Executive Director does approve the hiring or utilization of a pageant coach, then a signed Coaching Disclosure Form must be presented to the Local and State Organization no less than seven (7) days before the Local Competition.

I understand that coaching relationships that are not properly disclosed will not be tolerated in the Miss America Organization. Non-Disclosure Agreements (NDA's) or any other legally binding contract designed to conceal a coaching/contestant relationship is expressly prohibited. Any and all other contracts are superseded by the MAO State Organization Agreement and Contestant Contracts.

**5.6. Sponsorship Fees and Payments to the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization.** I understand and agree that, in addition to the payments that the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization, as my exclusive agent and representative, negotiates and approves on my behalf for my compensation for my appearances and services, the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization may also contract for and receive sponsorship fees and other payments related to my appearances that will be paid directly to the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization. I understand and agree that I shall not be entitled to receive any portion of these fees or payments nor have the discretion to refuse any sponsor arrangements negotiated by the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization.

**5.7. Numbers of Appearances.** I understand and agree that the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization has made and makes no representations to me as to the number or nature of the appearances that I may be asked to make or the amount of compensation that I will receive during my Year of Service.

**5.8. Prior Contracts.** I understand that, prior to the competition, the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization will enter into contracts and commitments for the appearances and services of the Contestant who will be selected at the competition. I agree that such contracts will be binding on me to the same extent as if the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization had entered into them on my behalf after the commencement of my Year of Service.

**5.9. Membership in Unions.** If and when requested by the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization, I agree to become a member of such unions or guilds as may be necessary in order to appear as a variety artist or for fashion purposes in any film, taped or recorded radio or television products, commercials, motion pictures, photographic sessions or personal appearances.

**5.10. Prohibition of Endorsement of Competing Products and Services.** I acknowledge that the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization has contracted in the past, and will contract in the future, for the financial support of commercial companies and organizations, whose

advertising commitments and other sponsorships are an important element of the financial stability of the Program. I agree that I will not in any way endorse or permit my name or likeness to be used in connection with the endorsement or advertisement of any products or services competitive to the products or services of an advertiser, sponsor or licensee of the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization, during my Year of Service unless the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization approves such an endorsement or advertisement in writing. I understand that the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization is under no obligation to approve or consent to any such endorsement or advertisement after the end of my Year of Service.

- 5.11. Appearances after Year of Service.** After the conclusion of my Year of Service, I will not wear the crown or sash of Miss \_\_\_\_\_, nor appear as Miss \_\_\_\_\_ for the purposes of advertising or endorsing any product, person, cause or service, unless I have received in advance the written approval of the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization. I understand that the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization shall not be obligated to approve any such appearance or use of the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ crown and/or sash.
- 5.12. Use of the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Titles, Words and Symbols after Year of Service.** After the conclusion of my Year of Service, if I am advised by the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization that, in its sole and exclusive judgment, my use of any of the titles, words or symbols associated with the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization and the Program has caused or is reasonably likely to cause harm to the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization, I agree to discontinue any such use immediately. I understand and agree that the judgment of the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization on this question shall be final and binding.
- 5.13. Permanence of Restrictions.** I understand and agree that the provisions of Sections 5.11 and 5.12 of this Application and Contract shall specifically survive the termination of this Application and Contract and shall be enforceable by the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization and binding on me in perpetuity.
- 5.14. Change in Circumstances.** I understand that if, at any time between the competition at which I am selected as Miss \_\_\_\_\_ and the completion of my Year of Service, any facts concerning my eligibility to participate in the Program should change, including without limitation my ability to participate fully in all activities, citizenship, marital or parental status, good character and reputation, or behavior that is or, or could be, perceived as contrary to the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Program or its elements as described in Paragraph 1.1 of this contract, or if I should become, in the sole judgment of the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization, physically unable to perform the duties and obligations relating to my Year of Service, the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to determine that I am not eligible to continue to serve as Miss \_\_\_\_\_. In that event, the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization may, at its option, forfeit my title and all prizes, awards and perquisites of the position of Miss \_\_\_\_\_, or both or either, subject to the provisions of Section 6.7 of this Application and Contract.

## Section 6: Legal Obligations and Agreements

- 6.1. Unauthorized Use of Titles.** I acknowledge and agree that the title "Miss \_\_\_\_\_" that I presently hold; the title "Miss America;" and the name and designation "Miss America Pageant," "Miss America Competition" and "Miss America Organization" are the property of the Miss America Organization. I agree never to use, or to authorize anyone else to use, the words "Miss \_\_\_\_\_", "Miss America," "Miss America Competition," "Miss America Pageant" or "Miss America Organization," or any similar or related phrase, in association with me or my name or likeness in any way without prior written approval.

- 6.2. Authorization of Publication.** I authorize the use of my name, likeness, photographs, pictures, physical depiction, endorsement rights, and my title(s) by the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization and by such persons, firms or corporations as may be approved and selected by the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization. I will abide by the provisions of any agreement between the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization and such persons, firms or corporations regarding my services for advertising and promotional uses.
- 6.3. Registration and Use of Domain Name.** I authorize the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization or its licensee to register a domain name (“Internet Domain Name”) in such version of my name as the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization or its licensee may deem appropriate, in the form myname.com or any comparable variation thereof. During my tenure as Miss \_\_\_\_\_ and, if I am selected as Miss America, during my Year of Service the Miss America Organization or its licensee shall have full authority to use my Internet Domain Name for all purposes. Thereafter, I understand that the Miss America Organization or its licensee shall transfer to me all rights to register and use my Internet Domain Name. During the period that the Miss America Organization or its licensee is authorized to register and use my Internet Domain Name, I shall not register or use, nor permit anyone else to register or use, my name or title in any form in an Internet Domain Name.
- 6.4. Permanent Ownership of Rights.** All photographs, video tapes, audio tapes, motion picture films, or other recordings or reproductions made of me, whether “still” or “live,” and my name, likeness, photographs, pictures, physical depiction, title and endorsement rights (a) as a Contestant or as a participant in the events leading up to the selection of Miss \_\_\_\_\_; or (b) while representing Miss \_\_\_\_\_ or participating in any Miss \_\_\_\_\_ sponsored events whether before, during or after the competition or, if I am selected as Miss \_\_\_\_\_, during or after my Year of Service, including but not limited to events such as press interviews, judges interviews, rehearsals and publicity events, either individually or as a member of a group, as applicable (the “Rights”), are and shall be, become and remain the property of the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization in perpetuity. The Rights may be used and re-used by the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization, or anyone designated and licensed by the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization, for publicity, advertising or any other use in any medium, all as deemed appropriate by the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization in its sole discretion. I will ensure that all rights that any officially sanctioned photographer (s) may have in any official publicity photographs of me are released by that photographer (s) in favor and that any such photographer (s) shall provide a written release of such rights on a form acceptable to the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization. I understand and agree that the provisions of this section shall specifically survive the termination of this Application and Contract.
- 6.5. Scholarship Grants and Forfeitures.** I understand and agree that the grant of scholarships by the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization is subject to the terms and conditions of the Scholarship Rules and Regulations attached to this Application and Contract as Attachment “C”. By signing this Application and Contract, I agree to be bound by those rules and regulations. I understand that all scholarships that I may be awarded will be non-forfeitable in the event that I breach this Contract or fail to perform any duties that I may have as a Contestant. I also understand and agree, however, that such scholarships may be forfeited if I have made any misrepresentations as to my eligibility to compete.
- 6.6. Documents and Information; Cooperation with Inquiries.** I agree to provide the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization, at its request, with any documents or information necessary to determine any question with regard to my initial or continuing eligibility to compete or to complete my Year of Service. I also agree to cooperate fully with any inquiry undertaken by the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization in connection with my initial or continuing eligibility,



and to provide sworn statements and any relevant documents if requested to do so by the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization.

**6.7. Termination of Eligibility.** I understand and agree that if:

**6.7.1.** any of the representations or statements made by me in this Application and Contract or any of its attachments is determined by the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization to be false;

**6.7.2.** there is a change of circumstances that would affect my eligibility to participate fully in the competition or to complete my Year of Service, including without limitation changes in my ability to participate in all activities, citizenship, marital or parental status, good character and reputation or, behavior that is, or the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization perceives as contrary to the Miss America Program or its elements as described in Paragraph 1.1 of this contract, or if relevant to my eligibility to participate in the competition, my residence, employment or educational status;

**6.7.3.** I fail to conduct myself in a manner which, in the sole and exclusive judgment of the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization, is consistent with the standards and dignity of the Program; or

**6.7.4.** I do not abide by the Rules for the State Competition Finals as set forth in Attachment \_\_\_\_\_ and the guidelines and limitations that will be applicable to my activities if I am selected as Miss \_\_\_\_\_.

**6.7.5.** I suffer any medical condition or disability, which, in the sole and exclusive judgment of the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization, impairs my ability to perform the duties, expected of me as a Contestant.

The Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization shall have the right, in its sole and exclusive judgment, to determine that I am not eligible to participate or continue to participate in the competition or to complete my Year of Service. In that event, all titles, awards, and perquisites of my position as a Contestant, as appropriate, shall be terminated and forfeited, subject to the provisions of Section 6.5 of this Application and Contract.

**6.8. Public Release of Information.** I understand that some elements of the Program, and in particular the competition and the public appearances of Miss \_\_\_\_\_ during the Year of Service, are frequently the subject of intense media and public interest and scrutiny. I further understand that it is very important for the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization to maintain a high level of public trust in and acceptance of the integrity of, and manner of conducting, the competition and the qualifications and conduct of Contestants. Accordingly, I authorize the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization, in the exercise of its sole and exclusive discretion, to release and to comment publicly upon any truthful information concerning my eligibility or continued eligibility to participate or to complete my Year of Service.

**6.9. Uniqueness of Contract and Services; Injunctions.** I understand and agree that the services and duties described in this Application and Contract are unique and extraordinary and that there is no adequate remedy at law for any breach of this Application and Contract by me. Therefore, in the event of any such breach, or in the event of such a breach that is attempted or threatened, I agree that the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization shall be entitled to equitable relief by way of injunction or otherwise to prevent or repair such breach or attempted or threatened breach.

- 6.10. Applicability of New Jersey Law.** This Application and Contract and its attachments shall be construed and interpreted under the laws of the State of New Jersey.
- 6.11. Entire Agreement; Enforceability.** When signed and approved by the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization, this Application and Contract, together with its attachments, shall solely and exclusively determine my rights, privileges and responsibilities to the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization. No oral or other written statement that is in any way inconsistent with the provisions of this Application and Contract shall be binding upon me or upon the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization. If any provision of this Application and Contract should be declared void or unenforceable, such provision shall be deemed omitted from this Application and Contract. In that event, the remainder of this Application and Contract shall remain in full force and effect.
- 6.12. Arbitration of Disputes.** Any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this Application and Contract or any breach thereof shall be submitted to arbitration in New Jersey in accordance with the Rules of the American Arbitration Association. Judgment upon any award rendered by the arbitrator(s) may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof. I understand that I am giving up my right to bring claims in a court of law or have a jury resolve any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this Application or Contract. This Section shall not in any way affect the rights of the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization to (1) seek injunctive relief as provided in Section 6.9 of this Application and Contract, or (2) take any action permitted by this Application and Contract to enforce the eligibility standards of the Program in the event that time does not permit the completion of an arbitration process before action must be taken.

On the basis of all of these statements and agreements, I request the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization to accept my application to participate as a Contestant in the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Competition. If the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization accepts this application, I agree to comply with all of the terms and conditions of this Application and Contract, together with its attachments.

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE CONTESTANT SIGNATURE

State of \_\_\_\_\_  
County of \_\_\_\_\_ : ss

**Affidavit of Truthfulness**

\_\_\_\_\_, the Contestant making this Application, of full age and being duly sworn according to law, upon her oath deposes and says:

**I do hereby swear that the statements made in this Application and Contract and its attachments are true.**

Sworn and subscribed to before me  
this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
CONTESTANT SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public of \_\_\_\_\_

**Approval of Application for Participation**

**The Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization hereby APPROVES this Application and Contract and accepts appointment as the agent of the Contestant on the terms provided in this Application and Contract. The Contestant may compete in the competition pursuant to the terms of this Application and Contract and its attachments.**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ The Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization  
ORGANIZATION NAME

(To be completed by the Parent(s) or Guardian(s) of a Contestant who is not yet 18 years of age on the date of this Application and Contract)

State of \_\_\_\_\_

: ss

**Affidavit of Parent or Guardian**

County of \_\_\_\_\_

**I, the undersigned parent or guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, who is the Contestant named in this Application and Contract, of full age and being duly sworn according to law, upon my oath depose and say:**

1. I have read and I understand the provisions of this Application and Contract and its attachments. To the best of my knowledge, information and belief, all of the factual statements made in this Application and Contract by the Contestant are true.
2. I have been given the opportunity to consult with an attorney of my choosing to seek legal advice regarding this Application and Contract.
3. I consent to the execution of this Application and Contract by the Contestant.
4. On behalf of the Contestant, I agree to the terms and conditions of this Application and Contract and its attachments.
5. I have not previously authorized any person, firm, or corporation to use the name, photograph, picture or any present or future title of the Contestant in connection with any endorsement or advertisement of any commercial product for or on behalf of the Contestant, nor has any other person ever been authorized to do so, other than a co-signer of this affidavit.
6. I shall not authorize any person, firm, or corporation to use the name, photograph, picture or any present or future title of the Contestant in connection with any endorsement or advertisement of any commercial product for or on behalf of the Contestant other than in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Application and Contract and its attachments.

**I do hereby swear that the statements made in this affidavit are true.**

Sworn and subscribed to before me  
this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
PLEASE PRINT PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME

\_\_\_\_\_

Notary Public of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

## 2017 Local Contestant Coaching Disclosure

**Include interview prep, talent or choreography coaches, as well as anyone involved in a coaching business.**

Adherence to the rules and guidelines detailed in the Miss America 2017 Local Contestant Contract is critical to our program's success. The clause below is a significant part of that contract and demonstrates one aspect of the contestant's commitment to service.

### **Section 5: Commitment for Service as Miss \_\_\_\_\_ 2017**

**5.5.8.** determine the best method of preparing me for the next level of competition. I understand that the Miss America Organization does not endorse nor promote the use of individuals nor businesses who act as pageant coaches, etc., whether they are paid or offer services at no charge. However, the use of a coach may transpire as long as the Local Director agrees and collaborates on such arrangement in order to prepare me for the next level of competition. If my Local and/or State Executive Director does approve the hiring or utilizing a pageant coach, then a signed Coaching Disclosure Form must be presented to the Local and State Organization no less than seven (7) days before the Local Competition.

I understand that coaching relationships that are not properly disclosed will not be tolerated in the Miss America Organization. Non-Disclosure Agreements (NDA's) or any other legally binding contract designed to conceal a coaching/contestant relationship is expressly prohibited. Any and all other contracts are superseded by the MAO State Organization Agreement and Contestant Contracts.

This Coaching Disclosure Form is to be completed and signed and then approved by the State Executive Director. Failure to provide complete information on any current coaches or coaching businesses that a contestant has engaged to work as a prep person or team, up to and during the 2017 National Finals, carries serious consequences.

### **Contestant Statement**

**I am currently working with the following coach, coaches or coaching business:**

**Contestant Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**State Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Coach's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Location:**

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

**Coaching Business:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Location:**

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

**Contestant Affirmation:** I have read and understand the Commitment for Service as Miss \_\_\_\_\_ 2017. I am currently not working with a coach or a coaching business, other than as disclosed herein, and will not engage any coach, coaching business or prep team unless approved by my State Executive Director. I have not signed a coaching contract or non-disclosure agreement with any coach or coaching business, other than as disclosed herein. I understand the consequences if I am not forthright in my disclosure statement.

**Contestant's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

Contestant Signature

**State Executive Director:** \_\_\_\_\_

**State Executive Director's  
Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: If you are working with more than one coach or coaching business, a separate form must be completed for each.**

## 2017 Local Contestant Statement of Understanding Other Competitions

Adherence to the rules and guidelines detailed in the Miss America 2017 Local Contestant Contract is critical to our program's success. The following clause details the rules regarding other competition/pageant systems. This is to confirm that you do not currently hold a title or are associated in any way with another competition system. Once you have read the full clause, please sign the affirmation of understanding statement below.

### 2.7. Contractual and Other Obligations.

**2.7.3. Other Competitions.** If I win, I will continue to hold the title of Miss \_\_\_\_\_ until my successor is selected or appointed. I agree that, during my service in that role and until after the scheduled completion of the full term of the position of Miss \_\_\_\_\_ for which I was selected, I will not associate in any way with, promote, perform, judge or become a contestant or participant in any other regional, national or international competition or preliminary competition of a similar nature to the National Finals, including but not limited to the National Sweetheart Pageant/Competition in Hoopston, Illinois. I also represent that I am not a contestant, participant or titleholder in any other regional, national or international competition or local or state preliminary competition of a similar nature to the National Finals.

This Other Competitions Form is to be completed, signed and approved by the State Executive Director. I understand that failure to observe and fully comply with the contestant contract, including but not limited to, Other Competitions, is a violation of this agreement.

### Contestant Statement

**Contestant Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**State Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contestant Affirmation:** I have read and understand the Other Competitions clause. I affirm that I do not hold a title with any other competition/pageant system and that I will not enter or associate in any way with, promote, perform judge or become a contestant or participant in any other program's local, state, regional, national or international competition or preliminary competition of a similar nature to the National Finals, including but not limited to the National Sweetheart Pageant/Competition in Hoopston, Illinois. I understand the consequences if I am not forthright in my disclosure statement.

**Contestant's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

Contestant Signature

**State Executive Director:** \_\_\_\_\_

**State Executive Director's  
Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

State Executive Director Signature

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Local Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Platform:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Full Name (as you wish it listed in Program Book):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Full Name Phonetic Pronunciation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Telephone Number:** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell Phone Number:** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**College Information (if appropriate):**

Name of College/University: \_\_\_\_\_

Year Graduated: \_\_\_\_\_

College Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Declared Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

Scholastic Honors: (3) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Scholastic Ambition: \_\_\_\_\_

Career Ambition: \_\_\_\_\_

**Graduate School Information (if appropriate):**

Name of College/University: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Sought: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Attendance: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Status: \_\_\_\_\_

**Other Accomplishments:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**What type of talent will you present?** \_\_\_\_\_

(You need not give the exact title of your talent presentation. Merely indicate if you will dance (ballet, tap, etc.), sing (classical, popular, etc.), play a musical instrument (which one?), perform a comedy reading, dramatic skit, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_ INITIALS  
\_\_\_\_\_ DATE

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**Special training in music, drama, dance, art:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Father's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mother's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Brothers and Sisters:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

**Other interesting facts about yourself:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization encourages the young women who participate in the Program to become involved in the community by supporting Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. In addition to CMNH, if you choose to support a personal issue, what personal issue would you want to address during your Year of Service?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Attachments (check here if included):**

- Copy of Birth Certificate (Section 2.2)
- Copy of Driver's License or Government Issued Identification Card (Section 2.2 & 2.3.1)
- Proof of Residence (Section 2.3.1)
- Official College Transcript (Section 2.3.2.1)
- Official Transcript of College Registration for Current Classes (Section 2.3.2.2)
- Copy of College Degree (Section 2.3.2.3)
- Official Graduate School Transcript (Section 2.3.2.4)
- Official Transcript of Graduate School Registration for Current Classes (Section 2.3.2.5)
- Copy of Graduate School Degree (Section 2.3.2.6)
- Employer W-2 Form (Section 2.3.3)
- Income Tax Filing (Section 2.3.3)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
INITIALS  
DATE



**Attachment B**  
**Medical Information Form**

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Please use this form to provide any information referenced in Section 3.2.

**Local Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Contestant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Who should be called in case of an emergency?**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: **Home:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell:** \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Insurance Company / HMO Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer or Company Name (If Group Plan): \_\_\_\_\_

Policy Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Subscriber: \_\_\_\_\_

Subscriber's address through December, 20\_\_\_\_:

Relationship of Subscriber to you: \_\_\_\_ **Self** \_\_\_\_ **Parent/Guardian** \_\_\_\_ **Other**

Family Physician: \_\_\_\_\_

Physician's Phone: **Home:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Office:** \_\_\_\_\_

Your Blood Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Medications to which you have an allergic reaction: \_\_\_\_\_

Any physical problems that could cause you discomfort (in reference to section 3.2.1 of the Contract)

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ INITIALS  
\_\_\_\_\_ DATE

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Any Food Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Dental Insurance Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer or Company Name (If Group Plan): \_\_\_\_\_

Policy Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Subscriber: \_\_\_\_\_

Subscriber's Address through December, 20\_\_\_\_: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship of Subscriber to you: \_\_\_ Self \_\_\_ Parent/Guardian \_\_\_ Other

**PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR INSURANCE CARDS, INCLUDING MEDICAL, PRESCRIPTION AND DENTAL.**

I certify the policy(s) named above is now in force and will be maintained through December, 20\_\_\_\_. I understand that contestants are responsible for all medical/dental expenses incurred during the time in which they participate in the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ competition activities and that neither the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization nor its medical insurance plan will be responsible for any such expenses. I certify that the above information is true and accurate.

\_\_\_\_\_  
CONTESTANT SIGNATURE AND DATE\*

\_\_\_\_\_  
PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE AND DATE\*

**Pre-Authorization for Medical Treatment Regarding Contestants below the Age of 18:**

I hereby authorize the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization physician, other appropriate health care provider and/or Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization's registered nurse to perform medical treatment deemed necessary for: \_\_\_\_\_

(CONTESTANT NAME)

\_\_\_\_\_  
PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE AND DATE

**\*If the contestant is below the age of 18, the parent or guardian must sign the above Medical Responsibility and Authorization Information Form. In all other cases, either the contestant or her parent/guardian may sign. The completed form must be returned with the contestant contract.**

**IN THE EVENT THAT YOU DO NOT HAVE MEDICAL AND/OR DENTAL INSURANCE**

I certify that I do not have medical and/or dental insurance coverage and I understand that contestants are fully responsible for any and all medical / dental expenses incurred during the time in which they participate in Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Competition activities and that neither the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization nor its medical insurance plan will be responsible for any such expenses. I certify that the above information is true and accurate.

\_\_\_\_\_  
CONTESTANT SIGNATURE AND DATE\*

**Medical / Dental Insurance Coverage Regarding Contestants below the Age of 18.**

I certify that I do not have medical and/or dental insurance coverage and I understand that contestants are fully responsible for any and all medical / dental expenses incurred during the time in which they participate in Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Competition activities and that neither the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Organization nor its medical insurance plan will be responsible for any such expenses. I certify that the above information is true and accurate for: \_\_\_\_\_

(CONTESTANT NAME)

\_\_\_\_\_  
PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE AND DATE

**\*If the contestant is below the age of 18, the parent or guardian must sign the above Medical Responsibility and Authorization Information Form. In all other cases, either the contestant or her parent/guardian may sign. The completed form must be returned with the contestant contract.**

**ATTACHMENT C**

**2017 LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP RULES AND REGULATIONS**