

Miss Birmingham & Cahaba Valley

Scholarship Pageant

Dear Parents:

Let me take this opportunity to tell you that we at the Miss Birmingham/Miss Cahaba Valley Pageant are delighted to have your daughter as a Rising Star contestant, and we are planning a day for all our Rising Stars that should prove to be fun, exciting and enjoyable!

Again this year, we have opened the Rising Stars to both Outstanding Teen and Miss Contestants! This means that four (4) young girls will have the opportunity to participate in the state level pageant for Teen or Miss!

On pageant day, Rising Star contestants are asked to arrive at a set time according to the division of competition their contestant is in. This is detailed for you in the corresponding TEEN or MISS Rising Star packet(s). After a quick orientation, they will participate in a fun craft activity, learn and rehearse a dance number and onstage walk with their Miss Birmingham/Miss Cahaba Valley Contestant, will receive a goody bag, and have lunch or dinner provided by the pageant.

During the pageant, the Rising Stars will be featured in a dance number or the Opening Number and each Rising Star will be presented in an onstage walk with her Contestant, introduced by the reigning Miss Alabama. The Rising Star paired with the Contestant who is crowned Miss Birmingham or Miss Cahaba Valley – OR – Miss Birmingham's Outstanding Teen or Miss Cahaba Valley's Outstanding Teen will be crowned the corresponding winner's Rising Star and will accompany her to the Miss Alabama's Outstanding Teen Pageant or the Miss Alabama Pageant!

Below are Frequently Asked Questions with more information about the Rising Stars Program:

★ **WHAT IS A RISING STAR?**

Rising Stars is a mentoring program practiced by every official preliminary to the Miss Alabama pageant and is open to young ladies between the ages of 7 and 11 who are interested in learning more about the Miss Alabama & Miss Alabama's Outstanding Teen programs and the contestants who participate in it. Rising Stars is a wonderful opportunity for girls to participate in the excitement of this program!

★ **HOW IS MY ENTRANCE FEE USED?**

As a franchise of the Miss Alabama Pageant, Inc. and part of the Miss America Organization - the largest source of educational scholarship money to young women - the goal of the Miss Birmingham Pageant is to offer educational scholarship awards to the scholarship preliminary winner and runners up. Your entrance fee of **\$50** per contestant assists the Miss Birmingham Pageant in achieving that goal.

If you have any questions about any portion of the pageant, please do not hesitate to contact us via e-mail at missbham@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you at the pageant and getting to know you as we move toward crowning Rising Star winners who could go on to become a future Miss Birmingham, Miss Alabama and even Miss America!

Remember - compete only with yourself and do it better than the time before!

Warmest Regards,



Victoria Seale Sims
Executive Director

Miss Birmingham, & Cahaba Valley

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RISING STAR

Forms & Pageant Day Information
MISS and OUTSTANDING TEEN Rising Stars

PLEASE READ THIS ENTIRE PACKET

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2018 Miss Birmingham/Miss Cahaba Valley Pageant * November 5, 2017 * Oak Mountain High School
1:30 PM – Outstanding Teen
6:30 PM – Miss

Tickets: \$10 General Admission

Electronic Items via E-mail Deadline: October 24, 2017

Notarized Documents via US Mail Deadline: October 28, 2017

****USE THE CHECKLIST ON THE NEXT PAGE TO MAKE SURE ALL REQUIRED ITEMS ARE INCLUDED IN THE E-MAIL AND THE RETURNED ENTRY PACKET****

This document is also located on the Rising Star pages of the Miss Birmingham & the Miss Cahaba Valley websites:

www.missbham.com www.misscahabavalley.com

After October 24th, all contestants/parents will be e-mailed an updated pageant day schedule.

Eligibility Requirements for ALL Rising Stars (MISS & TEEN):

1. You must be between the ages of 7 and 11
2. You must be a United States citizen
3. You must either live or attend school legally within the state of Alabama
4. You must be 7 years of age on or before the date of the STATE pageant you would be participating in, and no older than 11 years of age as of December 31, 2016 to participate

Miss Birmingham / Miss Cahaba Valley Rising Star Information Checklist

Rising Star Name: _____

Age: _____ Grade: _____ DOB: _____

☆ **Miss Birmingham / Miss Cahaba Valley**

Contestant's Name (if you have one selected): _____

☆ **Miss Birmingham's/Miss Cahaba Valley's Outstanding Teen**

Contestant's Name (if you have one selected): _____

E-mail Address: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

School Attending: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

☆ **E-MAIL THE FOLLOWING TO MISSBHAM@GMAIL.COM by OCTOBER 24th:**

- Headshot Photo** in JPEG format (300dpi minimum resolution) for **Program Book** by **October 24th** to: missbham@gmail.com
- OPTIONAL Photo Contest Photo** in JPEG format (300 dpi minimum resolution) **include** the **size** of ad (1/2 page or full page) and **statement** that accompanies photo in the program book. Check should be sent by mail as noted below. **NOTE: PHOTOS MAILED IN WILL NOT BE RETURNED!**

☆ **MAIL THE FOLLOWING TO THE ADDRESS BELOW by OCTOBER 28TH:**

- 1 Completed Copy of this page – Contestant Checklist**
- \$50 Entry Fee Check** made out to Miss Birmingham
- Optional Photo Contest Fees** made out to Miss Birmingham
- Miss Birmingham/Miss Cahaba Valley Rising Star Contract** (*signed & notarized*)
- Contestant Information Sheet**
- Publicity Release Form** (*signed & notarized*)

Mail completed Entry Packet with name on outside front of envelope to:

Miss Birmingham Rising Star Pageant – CONTESTANT NAME
513 Saint Lauren Way
Birmingham, AL 35242

DO NOT REQUIRE SIGNATURE!!

DO NOT SEND VIA EXPRESS OR PRIORITY MAIL - WE HAVE HAD ISSUES WITH THE POST OFFICE DELIVERING THESE CORRECTLY!!

Miss Birmingham/Miss Cahaba Valley Rising Star Pageant Day Schedule – MISS – 6:30 PM

- ☆ **Registration & Orientation is between 1:30 and 2:00 PM** – All MISS Rising Star Contestants should plan to arrive at the pageant **no later than 1:15 PM** (there will be signs directing you to the entrance)
 - ❖ During this time, any Rising Stars who are not already paired with a contestant will draw a number from a bowl; those Rising Stars will then draw contestant names during Orientation in numerical order
 - ❖ If by chance the winner(s) do not have a Rising Star, one will be chosen by the winner or winners by random drawing from names of those Rising Stars who wish to participate in the event this occurs.
 - ❖ **Please note:**
 - ❖ Participation in this end-of-evening drawing is not required and we completely understand if a Rising Star's contestant is special to her and she does not want to also represent another contestant by being included
 - ❖ *Please be prepared to let us know if you would like to participate in this second drawing when you arrive*
- ☆ **Rehearsals will begin promptly at 2:00 PM – Craft Time begins promptly at 3:15 PM**
 - ❖ At 2:00 PM, Rising Stars will rehearse the opening production number and their onstage walk – parents will be shown to the dressing rooms to unload pageant attire
 - ❖ At 2:45 PM, they will have snack time, receive a goody-bag, and create several take-home crafts along with making holiday cards for veterans & sick kids at Children's Hospital
 - ❖ Dinner will be served to them at 4:45 PM
 - ❖ At 5:15 PM, they will rehearse the onstage walk and the opening number with their contestants
- ☆ **At 5:30 PM all Rising Stars will go to the dressing room area to get ready for the pageant with the assistance of their moms**
- ☆ **Moms are asked to arrive at 5:15 PM.** You will be directed to the dressing room and asked to get all opening number clothes, hair & makeup items ready for your Rising Star's arrival in the dressing room at 5:30 PM.
 - ❖ *Please note that hair & makeup must be completely ready by 6:15 PM. At that time, Rising Stars should be in their Opening Number outfit (jeans, a solid brightly colored top & sneakers or ballet flats). All moms will proceed to the auditorium and all Rising Stars will be escorted back stage*
 - ❖ Pageant Moms will be there to assist your Rising Star if you are unable to arrive at 5:15 PM – please let us know during registration
 - ❖ Dinner is provided by the pageant and may be eaten *after* Opening Number
 - ❖ Pageant Moms will help all Rising Stars change into their dresses for Onstage Walk after dinner and will escort them into the auditorium to watch the pageant – and then to the backstage area at the appropriate time for their onstage presentation
- ☆ **Pageant Moms** will be available at all times to answer any questions and assist the Rising Stars. *We are committed to taking very good care of all our Rising Stars!*
- ☆ **All Opening Number and Pageant Attire** should be with each Rising Star upon arrival at the pageant & clearly labeled with her name – we will have someone in the dressing room with these items at all times
- ☆ **Any Forgotten Items** should be brought at 5:15 PM
- ☆ **Snacks and Dinner** will be provided – *Please let us know if your child has specific food allergies upon your arrival*
- ☆ **Please LABEL** anything that you wish to keep – *any items left at the pageant without a label cannot be returned*

Miss Birmingham/Miss Cahaba Valley Rising Star Pageant Day Schedule – OUTSTANDING TEEN – 1:30 PM

- ☆ **Registration & Orientation is between 9:30 and 10:00 AM** – All TEEN Rising Star Contestants should plan to arrive at the pageant **no later than 9:30 AM** (there will be signs directing you to the entrance)
 - ❖ During this time, any Rising Stars who are not already paired with a contestant will draw a number from a bowl; those Rising Stars will then draw contestant names during Orientation in numerical order
 - ❖ If by chance the winner(s) do not have a Rising Star, one will be chosen by the winner or winners by random drawing from names of those Rising Stars who wish to participate in the event this occurs.
 - ❖ **Please note:**
 - ❖ Participation in this end-of-evening drawing is not required and we completely understand if a Rising Star's contestant is special to her and she does not want to also represent another contestant by being included
 - ❖ *Please be prepared to let us know if you would like to participate in this second drawing when you arrive*
- ☆ **Rehearsals will begin promptly at 10:00 AM – Craft Time begins promptly at 11:00 AM**
 - ❖ At 10:00 AM, Rising Stars will learn & rehearse a dance number and their onstage walk – parents will be shown to the dressing rooms to unload pageant attire
 - ❖ At 11:00 AM they'll have fun doing a take-home craft, receive a goody-bag & have lunch/snack time until 12:00 NOON when they will again rehearse the opening number and proceed to the stage to rehearse their dance number and onstage walk with their contestant(s)
- ☆ **At 12:30 PM all Rising Stars will go to the dressing room area to get ready for the pageant with the assistance of their moms**
- ☆ **Moms are asked to arrive at 12:00 NOON.** You will be directed to the dressing room and asked to get all opening number clothes, hair & makeup items ready for your Rising Star's arrival in the dressing room at 12:30 PM.
 - ❖ *Please note that hair & makeup must be completely ready by 1:15 PM. At that time, Rising Stars should be in their Dance Number outfit (blue jeans, a solid brightly colored top & sneakers or ballet flats). All moms will proceed to the auditorium and all Rising Stars will be escorted back stage*
 - ❖ Pageant Moms will be there to assist your Rising Star if you are unable to arrive at NOON – please let us know during registration
 - ❖ Pageant Moms will help all Rising Stars change into their dresses for Onstage Walk after the opening number and will escort them into the auditorium to watch the pageant – and then to the backstage area at the appropriate time for their onstage presentation
- ☆ **Pageant Moms** will be available at all times to answer any questions and assist the Rising Stars. *We are committed to taking very good care of all our Rising Stars!*
- ☆ **All Dance Number and Pageant Attire** should be with each Rising Star upon arrival at the pageant & clearly labeled with her name – we will have someone in the dressing room with these items at all times
- ☆ **Any Forgotten Items** should be brought at NOON
- ☆ **Snacks and Lunch** will be provided – *Please let us know if your child has specific food allergies upon your arrival*
- ☆ **Please LABEL** anything that you wish to keep – *any items left at the pageant without a label cannot be returned*

Miss Birmingham/Miss Cahaba Valley Rising Star Pageant Attire & Competition Information

Opening Number / Dance Number Attire:

- Well-fitting, full length jeans that are blue (no black, white or other color)
- An age-appropriate, **solid brightly colored top (red, pink, yellow, blue, green, purple, etc. – not black or white and not multi-colored)** – NO STRAPLESS & NO SPAGHETTI STRAPS, PLEASE
- Sneaker/tennis shoes (like Keds® or Sketchers®) OR ballet flats – remember, the girls must be able to easily dance in the shoes - NO HEELS OR WEDGES

On Stage Walk Information:

On Stage Walk/Rising Star Presentation **immediately follows the Evening Gown competition phase for the MISS contestants or the Evening Gown & Onstage Question competition phase for the TEEN contestants.** The reigning Miss Alabama (Miss Alabama's OT for TEEN) will introduce each Rising Star with her assigned or chosen Contestant – where each Rising Star will curtsy and exit the stage.

What to Wear:

Dress should be Sunday-Best or Tea length with appropriate shoes.

Note: Miss Alabama requires a white dress for Rising Stars, but that is *not* required for Miss Birmingham – any dress of any color (including white) that is not a pageant gown will be perfectly appropriate

PLEASE – NO PAGEANT GOWNS

Makeup:

Makeup should be age-appropriate & natural and should complement the contestant's complexion & natural beauty – Rising Star contestants should NOT appear 'heavily' made up

How the Rising Star Winner Is Chosen:

The Rising Star who is partnered with the Contestant selected by the panel of judges as the winners of the Outstanding Teen or Miss will be crowned the corresponding Rising Star! Each of the four Rising Star winners will receive a crown and will accompany her winner to either the Miss Alabama's Outstanding Teen Pageant in March, or the Miss Alabama Pageant in June.

IMPORTANT NOTE: If the winner(s) chosen do not have a Rising Star, a name will be randomly chosen by the winner(s) from names of participating Rising Stars (moms must notify us during REGISTRATION if a Rising Star will be participating in this random drawing if it is necessary).

Photo Competition (Optional):

Each year, we offer the opportunity for contestants to submit photos that will be judged individually for the most photogenic contestant overall. Contestants may submit as many different photo entries as they like, to show versatility. Each photo will be judged individually and a winner selected prior to the Rising Star pageant.

The fees for this phase of competition are **\$100 for 8x10** and **\$50 for 5x7**.

All fees go toward the Miss Birmingham Scholarship fund and will be earmarked for scholarships awarded to the Miss Birmingham winners.

Competition photos will be placed in the **Miss Birmingham/Miss Cahaba Valley Pageant Program Book** with your specified caption underneath, and you will receive a **complimentary** Program Book the night of the **Miss Birmingham pageant on November 5th** (\$10 value).

Photos & Fees should be e-mailed to the Director at missbham@gmail.com or mailed on CD by the deadline of

October 24th to the address below. NOTE: PHOTOS THAT ARE MAILED WILL NOT BE RETURNED!

Miss Birmingham/Miss Cahaba Valley Pageant – Photo Competition
513 Saint Lauren Way
Birmingham, AL 35242

Miss Birmingham/Miss Cahaba Valley Rising Star
Pageant Day Rules

**MOMS ARE ASKED TO ASSIST RISING STAR CONTESTANTS IN
THE DRESSING ROOMS BETWEEN 12:00 PM & 1:15 PM FOR
OUTSTANDING TEEN
AND BETWEEN 5:15 PM AND 6:15 PM FOR MISS**

**BEFORE & AFTER THAT TIME
NO ONE IS ALLOWED IN THE DRESSING ROOMS
OR THE BACKSTAGE AREA
OTHER THAN CONTESTANTS AND PAGEANT OFFICIALS**

MISS BIRMINGHAM STRIVES TO TAKE GOOD CARE
OF EACH RISING STAR CONTESTANT
AND PROVIDES **PAGEANT MOMS** TO ANSWER QUESTIONS
AND ASSIST WITH OTHER CONTESTANT NEEDS
DURING THE DAY & DURING THE PAGEANT

Pageant Day Rules:

- 1. RESPECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS!** Treat everyone involved with the pageant the way you want to be treated. Our volunteers have put in a lot of work to get everything ready for today. Make sure you thank them!
- 2. HAVE FUN, MAKE FRIENDS AND SMILE!**
- 3. GET TO KNOW YOUR CONTESTANT** – she is excited to spend time with you during the day and would like to hear all about you, your family, your hobbies, and your interests!
- 4. NO FRIENDS OR FAMILY ALLOWED BACK STAGE**
- 5. NO OUTSIDE HAIR STYLISTS OR MAKEUP ARTISTS ALLOWED**
- 6. NO FOOD OR DRINK ALLOWED IN DRESSING ROOMS OR AUDITORIUM** – We want to avoid spilling anything on pageant attire or contestants' belongings. There will be a place just for you to hang out and eat; all meals & snack food & water will be provided by the pageant
- 7. PAY ATTENTION DURING CRAFT TIME & REHEARSALS** – This time is for you and we want you to have a GREAT experience!
- 8. CELL PHONES** are strictly prohibited in the dressing room and may only be used during pageant day breaks.

Miss Birmingham/Miss Cahaba Valley Rising Star Hold Harmless/ Pageant Agreement

As a Rising Star in the (check one below) we attest and agree to the following terms:

- Miss Birmingham/Miss Cahaba Valley Pageant
- Miss Birmingham's/Miss Cahaba Valley's Outstanding Teen Pageant

1. We attest that the Rising Star participant is a citizen of the United States State of Alabama and resides at the following address:

2. We agree to send a \$50 Non-Refundable Entrance Fee to Miss Birmingham/Miss Cahaba Valley as part of the eligibility requirements to be a Rising Star in the Pageant.

The following items of this contract have been read and understood by (name of contestant) _____ and her parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) _____.

If named Miss Birmingham's/Miss Cahaba Valley's Rising Star (Teen or Miss Division), my parents/legal guardians and I agree to the following terms:

I, (your name) _____, and my parents (parents' names) _____

- Understand that the Rising Star competition is not an official preliminary of the Miss Alabama or Miss America Organizations
- Rising Star will conduct herself in a well mannered way, will dress appropriately and modestly, will not wear visible tattoos, will not wear face piercing other than earrings, and will not wear t-shirts that are suggestive
- We also hereby release the use of all photos, videos, and press releases to the Miss Birmingham/Miss Cahaba Valley Pageant for Promotional use. We agree that anything from and of the Miss Birmingham Pageant is property of the Miss Birmingham Pageant for their use without my being notified
- Will maintain the crown awarded and keep it in excellent condition. If the crown is lost or damaged, it will be replaced at our own cost
- Will provide Miss Birmingham/Miss Cahaba Valley with one color and one black and white head shot with crown within 30 days of accepting the title
- We agree to have the Rising Star participate in and/or appear at the following:
 - Annual Miss Birmingham/Miss Cahaba Valley Fundraiser
 - Annual Miss Birmingham/Miss Cahaba Valley CMN Fundraiser
 - Helena Christmas Parade (1st Saturday in December)
 - Outstanding Teen Best Wishes Reception (prior to the state pageant)
 - Miss Birmingham Best Wishes Reception (prior to the state pageant)
 - Miss Alabama's Outstanding Teen Pageant
 - Miss Alabama Pageant
 - Miss Birmingham Pageant
- Will bring any appearance conflicts that may arise from the contestant's involvement in other organizations to the immediate attention of the director. We will check immediately with school sponsors of extra-curricular activities to ensure there will be no conflict with the Christmas parade dates
- We will be gracious to the public at all times
- Will write thank you notes for any gifts received during her reign
- Will provide a digital headshot photo without crown to Miss Alabama or to Miss Alabama's Outstanding Teen for the state program book

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- Will provide the necessary wardrobe for the Miss Alabama OR the Miss Alabama's Outstanding Teen Pageant
- Will complete and send in the necessary paperwork for the Miss Alabama or Miss Alabama's Outstanding Teen Pageant in a timely manner
- Understand that the entrance fee to the Miss Alabama or Miss Alabama's Outstanding Teen Pageant *is the responsibility of my parent(s) or legal guardian(s)*

The contestant and her parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) understand the terms and conditions of this contract and hold harmless agreement and are signing this document without duress and are entering this contract and agreement freely and without reservation.

Contestant Signature: _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date _____

We agree not to hold the Miss Birmingham/Miss Cahaba Valley Pageant Staff/Committee, Oak Mountain High School, Shelby County Board of Education, the Miss Alabama Pageant, or Miss America Pageant, pageant director/staff, or anyone affiliated with the pageant responsible for any personal injury, loss of items, or damage while attending the pageant.

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian Date _____

Notarize document here. The notary must include the raised seal.

My commission expires:

Sworn to me this _____ day of _____, 20__

Signature of Notary

Miss Birmingham / Miss Cahaba Valley Rising Star
Rising Star Information Sheet

All Fields Required – Please Write Clearly

NAME: _____

NAME OF CONTESTANT (MISS OR TEEN): _____

BIRTHDATE: _____ AGE: _____

PARENTS' NAMES: _____

PARENTS' E-MAIL ADDRESS*: _____

*Please list an e-mail address that is checked frequently

PARENTS' HOME PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE*: _____

*Please list a cell phone number where you may be reached pageant day

PARENTS' HOME ADDRESS: _____

NAME OF SCHOOL: _____

GRADE: _____

INTRODUCTION FOR RISING STAR PRESENTATION/ON STAGE WALK:

Miss Birmingham/Miss Cahaba Valley Pageant
Publicity Consent Form
Under Age 18

I, _____, the Parent or Guardian of
(Print Parent or Guardian Name)

_____, a contestant in the Miss Birmingham/Miss
(Print Contestant Name)

Cahaba Valley Pageant, do hereby authorize the Miss Birmingham Scholarship Pageant and anyone duly licensed or authorized by it, to televise, photograph, broadcast, make audio or video recordings, internet website entries or motion picture recordings of my child individually or as part of a group and to use or re-use such photographs, recordings, video recordings, audio recordings, Internet websites and motion pictures in any and all media throughout the area and world. I agree that my child's name, likeness, physical depiction for any purpose in perpetuity, in an edited or unedited manner or fashion may be used as the Pageant in its sole discretion shall determine. All photographs, audio and video recordings containing any physical depiction, image or likeness of my child including, but not limited to, interviews, rehearsals, publicity events whether individually or as part of a group made for the use of advertising, trade and any purpose deemed necessary by the pageant shall become the property of the Miss Birmingham Scholarship Pageant.

Age Group (check one):

- 17 Year Old - Miss Birmingham/Miss Cahaba Valley Scholarship Preliminary
- Miss Birmingham/Miss Cahaba Valley Outstanding Teen (13-17)
- Miss Birmingham/Miss Cahaba Valley Rising Star (7-11)

(Parent or Guardian Signature)

Date: _____