

Miss Birmingham Miss Cahaba Valley

Dear Parents:

Let me take this opportunity to tell you that we at the Miss Birmingham/Miss Cahaba Valley Competition are delighted to have your daughter as a Rising Star!

DUE TO COVID CONCERNS, WE WILL ONLY HAVE AN ONSTAGE PRESENTATION FOR THE RISING STARS. BECAUSE OF THIS, WE HAVE REDUCED THE ENTRY FEE TO \$25 PER RISING STAR, PER COMPETITION.

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING, AND WE HOPE TO RESUME NORMAL RISING STAR ACTIVITIES NEXT COMPETITION SEASON!

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 competition 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 & Miss America - the largest source of educational scholarship money to young women - the goal of the Miss Birmingham/Miss Cahaba Valley Competitions is to offer educational scholarship awards to the scholarship preliminary winner and runners up. Your entrance fee of **\$60** per contestant assists the Miss Birmingham/Miss Cahaba Valley Organization 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 competition and getting to know you as we move toward crowning Rising Star winners who could go on to become a future Miss Birmingham or Miss Cahaba Valley, Miss Alabama and even Miss America!

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

Warmest Regards,

A cursive signature of Victoria Seale Sims.

Victoria Seale Sims
Executive Director

MISS BIRMINGHAM/MISS CAHABA VALLEY RISING STAR Information for MISS and OUTSTANDING TEEN Rising Stars

PLEASE READ THIS ENTIRE PACKET

2022 Miss Birmingham/Miss Cahaba Valley Pageant * November 7, 2021 * Shelby Arts Council
1:30 PM – Outstanding Teen
6:30 PM – Miss

Tickets: \$15 General Admission

Electronic Items via E-mail Deadline: October 28, 2021
Notarized Documents via US Mail Deadline: October 30, 2021

****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 28th, all Rising Stars' 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, 2021 to participate

Miss Birmingham / Miss Cahaba Valley Rising Star CHECKLIST

Rising Star Name: _____

Age: _____ Grade: _____ DOB: _____

Miss Birmingham / Miss Cahaba Valley

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

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

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

Parent's E-mail Address: _____

Rising Star Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

School Attending: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

☆E-MAIL THE FOLLOWING TO MISSBHAM@GMAIL.COM by OCTOBER 28th:

- Headshot Photo** in JPEG format (300dpi minimum resolution) for **Program Book** by **October 28th** 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 or you may PaPal the fees to missbham@HOTMAIL.com (**note this is a different email than the one to send photos!**).
NOTE: ANY PHOTOS RECEIVED BY MAIL WILL NOT BE RETURNED!

☆MAIL THE FOLLOWING TO THE ADDRESS BELOW by OCTOBER 30TH:

- 1 Completed Copy of this page – Rising Star Checklist**
- FEES:** By Check/MO - Made out to Miss Birmingham **OR pay via PayPal to** missbham@HOTMAIL.com
 - o **\$25 Entry Fee**
 - o **Optional Photo Contest Fees**
- Rising Star Contract** (signed & notarized)
- Rising Star INTRODUCTION Sheet**
- Publicity Release Form** (signed & notarized)

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

Miss Birmingham Rising Star Pageant – RISING STAR 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 SCHEDULE

**ALL RISING STARS MUST ARRIVE DRESSED & READY FOR THEIR
ONSTAGE PRESENTATION WITH THEIR CANDIDATE!
(Sunday Best dress or white dress – NO PAGEANT GOWNS)**

OUTSTANDING TEEN (START TIME 1:30 PM)

- ☆ **Registration is at 12:00 PM**
- ☆ **Onstage Rehearsal will begin promptly at 12:30 PM**
- ☆ **Backstage Moms** will be available at all times to answer any questions

MISS (START TIME 6:30 PM)

- ☆ **Registration is at 5:00 PM**
- ☆ **Onstage Rehearsal will begin promptly at 5:30 PM**
- ☆ **Backstage Moms** will be available at all times to answer any questions

IMPORTANT NOTES FOR MOMS:

- ☆ DURING **REGISTRATION**, ANY RISING STARS WHO ARE NOT ALREADY PAIRED WITH A CANDIDATE WILL DRAW A NUMBER FROM A BOWL; THOSE RISING STARS WILL THEN DRAW CANDIDATE 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-COMPETITION DRAWING IS **NOT REQUIRED** AND WE COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND IF A RISING STAR'S CANDIDATE IS SPECIAL TO HER, AND SHE DOES NOT WANT TO ALSO REPRESENT ANOTHER CANDIDATE BY BEING INCLUDED
 - ❖ PLEASE BE PREPARED TO LET US KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS SECOND DRAWING WHEN YOU ARRIVE
- ☆ AFTER ONSTAGE REHEARSAL, ALL RISING STARS WILL SIT TOGETHER WITH A CHAPERONE UNTIL TIME TO GO BACKSTAGE FOR THEIR ONSTAGE PRESENTATION
 - ❖ ONCE THE ONSTAGE PRESENTATION OF RISING STARS IS COMPLETED, EACH RISING STAR WILL COME BACK TO THE AUDIENCE AND SIT WITH HER PARENTS
 - ❖ MOMS – BE PREPARED TO MEET YOUR RISING STAR AT THE AUDITORIUM ENTRANCE TO TAKE HER BACK TO YOUR SEATS
- ☆ AT THE END OF EACH COMPETITION – THE WINNING CANDIDATES' RISING STARS WILL COME ONSTAGE **FROM THE AUDIENCE** TO RECEIVE HER CROWN!

Miss Birmingham/Miss Cahaba Valley Rising Star ATTIRE AND INFO

On Stage Presentation:

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

What to Wear:

Dress should be Sunday-Best, Tea-length, or white dress from Miss AL - 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 – Rising Stars should NOT appear 'heavily' made up

How the Rising Star Winner Is Chosen:

The Rising Star who is partnered with the Candidate 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 Competition in March, or the Miss Alabama Competition 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).

OPTIONAL Photo Competition:

Each year, we offer the opportunity for Candidates to submit photos that will be judged individually for the most photogenic Candidate overall. Candidates 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 competition.

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 competition on November 7th** (\$10 value).

Photos (minimum of 300dpi) should be e-mailed to the Director at missbham@GMAIL.com by the deadline of **October 28th** to the address below. **NOTE: PHOTOS THAT ARE MAILED WILL NOT BE RETURNED!**

ALL FEES may be paid by check – made out to Miss Birmingham & mailed to the address below – or via **PayPal** to missbham@HOTMAIL.com **(note this email address is different than the email for photos!!)**

Miss Birmingham/Miss Cahaba Valley – Photo Competition

513 Saint Lauren Way
Birmingham, AL 35242

Miss Birmingham/Miss Cahaba Valley Rising Star
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**NO ONE IS ALLOWED IN THE DRESSING ROOMS
OR THE BACKSTAGE AREA OTHER THAN
RISING STARS, CANDIDATES AND COMPETITION OFFICIALS**

MISS BIRMINGHAM STRIVES TO TAKE GOOD CARE
OF EACH RISING STAR AND PROVIDES
BACKSTAGE MOMS TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS

Due to COVID concerns, we will not have a craft time with the Rising Stars, but will be sending home a goody bag that contains craft supplies and instructions along with other memorabilia for each Rising Star!

We thank you for your understanding and hope to resume normal Rising Star activities next year!

Miss Birmingham/Miss Cahaba Valley Rising Star Hold Harmless Agreement

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

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

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 \$60 Non-Refundable Entrance Fee to Miss Birmingham/Miss Cahaba Valley as part of the eligibility requirements to be a Rising Star.

The following items of this contract have been read and understood by (name of Rising Star) _____ 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 program 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 Organization for Promotional use. We agree that anything from and of the Miss Birmingham Organization is property of the Miss Birmingham Organization 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 a digital head shot with crown within 45 days of accepting the title
- We agree to have the Rising Star participate in and/or appear at the following:
 - Helena Christmas Parade (1st Saturday in December)
 - Outstanding Teen Best Wishes Reception (prior to the state pageant)
 - Miss Birmingham/Cahaba Valley Best Wishes Reception (prior to the state competition)
 - Miss Alabama's Outstanding Teen (March)
 - Miss Alabama (June)
 - Miss Birmingham & Miss Cahaba Valley to crown successor
- Will bring any appearance conflicts that may arise from the Rising Star'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 & respectful to the Director, Board, and public at all times
- Will write thank you notes for any gifts received during her year as Rising Star
- Will provide a digital headshot photo without crown to Miss Alabama or to Miss Alabama's Outstanding Teen for the state program book by deadline set forth by the Miss Alabama organization

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

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

The Rising Star 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.

Rising Star Signature: _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date _____

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

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 or Type

NAME: _____

NAME OF CANDIDATE (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
All Teen Contestants & Rising Stars

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

_____, a Rising Star or a Contestant in the
(Print Rising Star or Contestant Name)

Miss Birmingham's/Miss Cahaba Valley's Outstanding Teen Pageant or Miss Birmingham/Miss Cahaba Valley Competition, do hereby authorize the Miss Birmingham/Miss Cahaba Valley Scholarship Organization and anyone duly licensed or authorized by it, to televise, photograph, broadcast, make audio or video recordings, social media posts, authorized website entries or motion picture recordings of my child individually or as part of a group for use in official tweets, posts, or media offerings 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 Organization 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 organization shall become the property of the Miss Birmingham/Miss Cahaba Valley Scholarship Organization.

Age Group (check one):

- Miss Birmingham/Miss Cahaba Valley Outstanding Teen (13-18 non-graduate)
- Miss Birmingham/Miss Cahaba Valley Rising Star (7-11)

(Parent or Guardian Signature)

Date: _____