

Miss Birmingham | Cahaba Valley | Hidden River | Covered Bridge Miss Birmingham's | Cahaba Valley's | Hidden River's | Covered Bridge's Teen CONTESTANT INFORMATION SHEET

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First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____ Cell Phone: _____

School/University: _____

SECTION A: ELIGIBILITY

I have registered to compete on the Miss America Website <https://www.missamerica.org/register/>

Age: _____

As of the date of this preliminary

Date of Birth: _____

Enclose a copy of your official birth certificate

SECTION B: TALENT PRESENTATION

Type of Talent (i.e., Vocal, Dance, Piano, etc.): _____

Name of Talent Selection: _____

Type of microphone preferred:

Cordless

Lavalier

Microphone with Stand

None

Talent Introduction:

Provide a short 2-3 sentence introduction for your talent presentation below:

SECTION C: HEALTH AND FITNESS PRESENTATION: CONTESTANTS MUST WEAR RED REBEL ATHLETIC WEAR

<https://www.rebelathletic.com/mao.html>

*Use the Miss Alabama code when selecting items and checking out: **M11111***

Fitness Introduction:

Provide a short 2-3 sentences describing *how you are heart healthy* to be read during your fitness presentation below:

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SECTION D: ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF UNDERSTANDING AND STATEMENT OF ELIGIBILITY

By signing this Local Contestant Contract Acknowledgment of Understanding and Statement of Eligibility, I agree to abide by the complete Miss Alabama Local Contestant Contract. I understand all terms and conditions of this application and the complete Miss Alabama contract together with its attachments, as I request acceptance of my application to participate in Miss Alabama preliminaries.

Contestant Signature: _____

SECTION E: NOTARY SECTION

Sworn and subscribed to before me this _____ day of _____, 2023.

Notary Public of _____ Signature: _____

SECTION F: DIRECTOR'S SECTION

I have verified eligibility requirements for this contestant and this contestant may participate in this local competition pursuant to the terms of the complete Miss Alabama Local Candidate Contract and all attachments and the Local Preliminary Contract for my local competition.

Director's Signature: _____ Date _____

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Competition Items to Bring & Opening Number Attire

★*Important!* Local Orientation

Local Orientation will be conducted via online meeting on Sunday, October 29, 2023 at 3 PM CST. **This meeting is *mandatory* for all Contestants so mark your calendars!**

If for an unavoidable reason you are unable to attend, you must notify the Director of the reason at least 24 hours in advance, and your parent may attend in your place. The expectation is that you understand what was discussed and send the Director an email to that effect.

Opening Number Attire

- Black Pants & a Black OR White Top – Sparkles are fine!
 - If the top is strapless, wig tape OR double-sided tape *must* be used to secure the bodice to ensure no wardrobe malfunctions happen
 - Coordinating shoes of your choice that you can dance in.
 - **NO Boots & NO Wedges**

Items You MUST Have with You on Competition Day

- Hard Copy of the Completed 2023 MAO State & Local Contestant Contract – the director will send in the hard copy of this contract to Miss Alabama if you are selected as one of our titleholders – **REQUIRED**
- Talent attire, props and a **backup copy of your talent music on your phone** (no exceptions)
- Competition wardrobe including all jewelry, shoes, and undergarments
- List of current obligations and Class Schedule – include information and dates for all extracurricular activities (including sorority, sports, church, etc.) and any family obligations – the winner will be asked for this the night of the competition
- All clothes, makeup, and other competition necessities
- **Robe** to wear backstage - **REQUIRED**

Other Important Things to Remember

- Please wear *comfortable* clothes when you arrive & remember that parents and friends MUST leave after helping unload
- No Contestants may leave the competition venue during competition day
- No outside hair or makeup artists are allowed – be prepared to do your own hair and makeup
- Dressing Room moms will be available to assist you & keep everyone on track for the next event – please be sure to thank them during the day
- All meals, water & snacks will be provided by the Miss Birmingham Organization
 - If you have specific food allergies, you may bring your own food/snack items; you MUST inform the Dressing Room Moms upon your arrival
- Please label anything that you wish to keep – *any items left without a label cannot be returned. If you realize an item has been left after the competition, please e-mail the director promptly*
- Please bring an electrical power strip, a lighted mirror and/or a full-length mirror
 - The competition will provide a limited number of power strips so please make sure to label any that you bring with you to the venue
- Garment racks are provided by the competition for hanging costumes and gowns
- **Dressing Room space is LIMITED – BRING ONLY NECESSARY ITEMS**

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Contract & Hold Harmless Agreement - Signature Page

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 Legal Signature: _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date _____

I agree not to hold the local organization, designated venue and parent organization, the Miss Alabama's Teen or Miss America organizations, or anyone affiliated with the local competition/competition responsible for any personal injury, loss of items, or damage while attending the competition/competition.

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian Date _____

Notarize document here. The notary must include the raised seal or official stamp.

My commission expires:

Sworn to me this _____ day of _____, 20____

Signature of Notary

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All Fields Required – Please Type or Write Clearly

CONTESTANT NAME: _____

BIRTHDATE: _____ AGE: _____

PARENTS' NAME (s): _____

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 on Competition Day**

PARENTS' HOME ADDRESS: _____

NAME OF SCHOOL: _____

GRADE: _____



COMMUNITY SERVICE INITIATIVE (CSI) ESSAY

Miss America's Community Service Initiative (CSI) is an integral part of the interview phase of competition, supporting one of the branded elements of Miss America as outlined by the "Four Points" of the crown. The "Four Points" are Style, Scholarship, Service and Success. CSI is specific to the SERVICE point of the crown.

The CSI initiative allows you, as a participating Delegate, to showcase and deploy your interests and creativity, to outline a plan or effort to engage within your local community or state existing programs. You may also design your own program for your community or state.

This ONE PAGE submission in a font style of your choice, font sizes from 11-14 only, should include the following:

- Your name and local title must be in the upper lefthand corner.
- A description of your Community Service Initiative passion or interest
- Why you chose this particular initiative
- How you've partnered or will partner with local/state communities to create momentum
- Any social media or marketing strategies that will best support your CSI
- Any activities you have planned or participated in with respect to this CSI

Use of Graphics

You may use "header only" graphics approximately ½ inch from the top of the 8.5 x11 page. Graphics may include existing organizations' logos, taglines or other creative efforts. You may use bullet points within your essay.

Signature and Date REQUIRED

Please sign and date your submission at the bottom righthand corner. No submissions will be accepted without your signature. Electronic signatures are acceptable.

Name: Jane Smith
Title: Miss Local Title

Celebrating Cultural Diversity and Inclusiveness

It is imperative that this nation face and embrace its cultural diversity. While many people have talked about this issue, I believe that most of them have only paid lip service to the true necessity of what needs to be addressed related to this issue. There is a false truth in merely accepting and tolerating cultural diversity. I intend to prove that in order to accept and understand people of other cultures; one must be willing to step out of a personal cultural comfort zone and identify the origin of their prejudice. I will specifically focus on three areas: Children, Communities, and Businesses.

The title of Miss America, combined with the national media already looking at the surface of this issue, will allow me to create the national awareness that must exist. Currently, the term “Cultural Diversity” is well known in the halls of institutions of higher learning and, perhaps, even in the public school classroom because of the need for some to be politically correct. But, in order for us to make a true change in attitudes and behaviors of Americans, we must move beyond talk and into action and policy changes.

My plan is to motivate the media and to partner with the National Conference for Community and Justice. This organization has chapters in every major city in the nation and, in many cases, those chapters have community leaders involved who can, with encouragement and challenging, bring this issue out of hiding and into the public light in each of those communities.

Obviously, the media and the NCCJ already exist. However, what is lacking is a lightning rod to draw attention to this issue. This is where the Miss America Organization steps into the lead. What better role is there for Miss America than to be an agent of change in organizing our nation to accept our differences and to create an environment that values each person on individual characteristics rather than on stereotypes or assumptions?

For years, Miss America was seen as a young woman who cut ribbons and appeared in parades. It is time for “Miss America” to step out of the convertible and *lead the parade*. Our country’s ethnic make-up is changing rapidly and our citizen’s fear of terrorism can explode already existing, but deeply hidden prejudices. I want to be the leader that this nation needs.

This nation needs this issue addressed now and through the already existing NCCJ and its local and state organizations combined with the power of Miss America, we can make a concrete difference now, which will change the direction and the future of our nation.

Signature/Date



Interview Fact Sheet Instructions

- **Must be one single page**
- **Font size 11-14**
- **Margins to be standard 1"**
- **Single line spaced typed responses**
- **May not include any graphics or photos**

See sample on next page.

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OPTIONAL PHOTO CONTEST

★*OPTIONAL* Photo Competition:

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 competition.

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

All fees go toward the Miss Birmingham & Miss Cahaba Valley Scholarship fund

Competition photos will be placed in the **Miss Birmingham | Miss Cahaba Valley | Miss Hidden River Program Book** with your specified caption underneath, and you will receive a **complimentary** Program Book the night of the competition (\$10 value).

High Resolution Photos should be **emailed** to the Director at missbham@gmail.com by the deadline of October 26th to the address below.

ALL FEES may be paid by check – made out to Miss Birmingham & mailed to the address below

Miss Birmingham/Miss Cahaba Valley/Miss Hidden River – Photo Competition
513 Saint Lauren Way
Birmingham, AL 3524

Miss Birmingham Miss Cahaba Valley Miss Hidden River

Dear Friend:

The 2024 Miss Birmingham | Miss Cahaba Valley | Miss Hidden River Competition will be held Sunday, November 5, 2023. As an official Scholarship Preliminary to the Miss Alabama and Miss America Competitions, we are seeking contributions from the businesses, merchants, and corporations of our Metro Area community to make this year's competition a success for the young girls and women who compete for both scholarships and prizes.

Scholarships are a vital part of the Miss Alabama Competition experience and the proceeds from your advertisement will be used to provide the winners of Miss Birmingham, Miss Cahaba Valley & Miss Hidden River with funds to further their education as each goes on to represent our city in the Miss Alabama Competition.

The Miss Birmingham | Miss Cahaba Valley | Miss Hidden River Competition welcomes in-kind gifts as well as monetary donations. Below are our Program Book advertising rates and in-kind gift information.

Type of Ad or In-kind Gift	Price
Full Page	\$100
½ Page	\$50
In-Kind *	Gift Certificate

*All in-kind Contributors will be listed in the Program Book & a link to their website will be added to the competition's websites for one year

All Ads are to be received via e-mail *print ready no later October 26th*. The fee may be given to the Candidate or mailed to the address below:

Make checks payable to:

Miss Birmingham

Mailing Address:

Miss Birmingham | Miss Cahaba Valley | Miss Hidden River Competition – Ad Sales
513 Saint Lauren Way
Birmingham, AL 35242

E-mail to:

missbham@gmail.com

Deadline for receipt of all Ads and Fees is October 26th

All photos must be in JPEG, PNG or PDF Format and must be e-mailed to missbham@gmail.com

Thank You again for your support and generosity that makes the *Miss Birmingham & Miss Cahaba Valley* a success!

Regards,



Victoria Seale Sims
Executive Director
Miss Birmingham | Miss Cahaba Valley | Miss Hidden River
www.missbham.com missbham@gmail.com

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PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE MISS BIRMINGHAM & MISS CAHABA VALLEY & MISS HIDDEN RIVER SCHOLARSHIP FUND

NAME / BUSINESS: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

CONTESTANT: _____ DATE: _____

AMOUNT: \$ _____ CHOOSE: AD or DONATION

CHOOSE SIZE OF AD:

FULL PAGE – \$100

HALF PAGE – \$50

IN-KIND (GIFT CERTIFICATE)

Make checks payable to *Miss Birmingham*

NOTE: DEADLINE FOR AD SALES IS OCTOBER 26th

For further information text or email:

Victoria Seale Sims: 205.410.6410 missbham@gmail.com

RECEIPT OF PAYMENT

(To be given to purchaser)

Ad or Donation by _____

Submitted by _____

(Candidate Name)

Amount _____

Date _____

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