

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!

Rising Stars will participate in the Onstage Presentation for an entry fee of \$35. All information regarding what to wear and when to arrive is listed in the following pages.

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?**

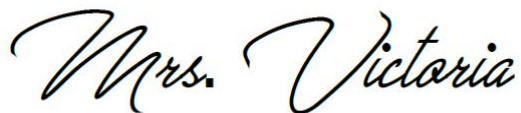
As an official franchisee of the Miss Alabama Competition and part of the Miss America Organization - the largest source of educational scholarship money to young women - the goal of the Miss Birmingham & Miss Cahaba Valley Organization is to offer educational scholarship awards to the scholarship preliminary winners and runners up. Your entrance fee of **\$35** per Rising Star assists 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 & Miss Cahaba Valley

Miss Birmingham

& Miss Birmingham's Outstanding Teen

Miss Cahaba Valley

& Miss Cahaba Valley's Outstanding Teen

RISING STAR INFORMATION PACKET

★PLEASE READ THIS ENTIRE PACKET★

2023 Miss Birmingham & Miss Cahaba Valley And Outstanding Teen Competitions

November 6, 2022 * Venue TBA

1:30 PM Outstanding Teen* 6:30 PM Miss

Tickets: \$15 General Admission

E-mail Deadline: October 26, 2022

Rising Star Headshot Photo
Photo Contest Photos (if applicable)
Rising Star Introduction Sheet

US Mail Deadline: October 29, 2022

Local Miss BHM/CV Rising Star Contract
Entry Fee of \$35 per Category
Photo Contest Fees (if applicable)

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

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.

Wardrobe:

Dress should be Sunday-Best, Tea-length of any color, or white dress – with appropriate shoes.

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 does **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). *See the SCHEDULE page for more information regarding this drawing.*

Miss Birmingham & Miss Cahaba Valley Rising Star CHECK LIST

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 ITEMS TO MISSBHAM@GMAIL.COM by **OCTOBER 26th**:

- Headshot Photo in high resolution JPEG or PNG format for Program Book
- OPTIONAL** Photo Contest Photo(s) in high resolution JPEG or PNG format - include the size of ad (1/2 page or full page) and statement that accompanies photo in the program book
- Rising Star Introduction Sheet

NOTE: ANY PHOTOS RECEIVED BY MAIL WILL NOT BE RETURNED!

MAIL THE FOLLOWING ITEMS VIA US MAIL (**NOT PRIORITY OR EXPRESS**) TO BE RECEIVED AT THE ADDRESS BELOW BY **OCTOBER 29th**:

- 1 Completed Copy of this page – Rising Star Checklist**
- FEES:** By Check/MO - Made out to Miss Birmingham
 - o **\$35 Entry Fee**
 - o **Optional Photo Contest Fees**
- Rising Star Contract** (signed & notarized)
- Publicity Release Form** (signed & notarized)

Miss Birmingham & Miss Cahaba Valley Rising Stars– RISING STAR NAME
513 Saint Lauren Way
Birmingham, AL 35242

DO NOT REQUIRE SIGNATURE!!

DO NOT SEND VIA EXPRESS OR PRIORITY MAIL

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 OPTIONAL PHOTO CONTEST

★*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 & Miss Cahaba Valley Scholarship fund

Competition photos will be placed in the **Miss Birmingham & Miss Cahaba Valley Program Book** with your specified caption underneath, and you will receive a **complimentary** Program Book the night of the **Miss Birmingham & Miss Cahaba Valley 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 – Photo Competition
513 Saint Lauren Way
Birmingham, AL 3524

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 \$35 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 (1st Sunday in November)
- 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

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- 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, the venue organization, 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
INTRODUCTION 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 Candidates & 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: _____