

# Miss Birmingham Miss Cahaba Valley Miss Hidden River

Dear Candidate:

Welcome to the the Miss Birmingham & Miss Cahaba Valley & Miss Hidden River Competition! We are excited to have you as a candidate and are looking forward to crowning three who will represent the Birmingham & Cahaba Valley areas at the Miss Alabama Competition held in June.

As an official franchise of Miss Alabama and part of the Miss America Organization - the largest source of educational scholarship funds to young women - the Miss Birmingham & Miss Cahaba Valley & Miss Hidden River Organization is proud to offer over \$3,500 in educational scholarships to the winners and runners up.

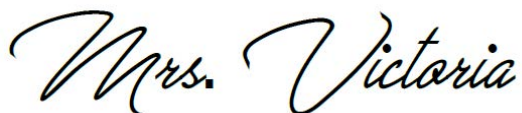
The first 20 completed packets (both email & mail items) received by the deadline will be accepted. To ensure your place in our competition, a **\$50** no-show deposit is **required** for entry. Please make **checks** payable to Miss Birmingham. *Your check will be returned to you the day of the competition right before production rehearsals begin.*

Entry documents, along with instructions, deadlines, and information about the competition events are listed on the following pages. **Please read the entire packet to ensure all items are provided to the Director by the deadlines.**

If you have any questions about any portion of the competition, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to seeing you and getting to know you as we move toward crowning two winners, one of whom could go on to become Miss Alabama and Miss America!

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

Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mrs. Victoria". The script is elegant and cursive, with a large, flowing "V" and a small "Mrs." preceding it.

Victoria Seale Sims  
Executive Director, Miss Birmingham & Miss Cahaba Valley & Miss Hidden River  
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## Candidate Information & Instructions

★PLEASE READ THIS ENTIRE PACKET★

2023 Miss Birmingham & Miss Cahaba Valley Competition  
November 6, 2022 \* Thompson High School \* 6:30 PM \* Tickets: \$20 General Admission

The following steps and items are REQUIRED to compete in this local preliminary competition:

1. EVERY CANDIDATE MUST REGISTER WITH MISS AMERICA [HERE](#)
2. Register with Miss America for Miss Birmingham/Miss Cahaba Valley [HERE](#)
3. Completed items emailed or mailed, as noted below

E-mail Deadline: October 29, 2022 Extended

US Mail Deadline: October 29, 2022

Resume  
Social Impact Essay  
MAO Contract  
Candidate Statement of Eligibility (scanned copy)  
Talent Music  
Candidate Photo  
Rising Star Photo  
Copy of Birth Certificate  
DL, Transcript or Proof of Employment

Local Contract  
Scholarship Rules  
Candidate Statement of Eligibility  
(signed & notarized)  
No-Show Check  
Rising Star Contract & Entry Fee – if applicable

Mandatory Local Orientation via Online Meeting: October 30, 2022 – 3 PM CST  
(Link will be sent after the October 29<sup>th</sup> Deadline)

After October 26<sup>th</sup>, all Candidates will be emailed an updated competition day schedule.

**IMPORTANT** ➡ All contracts & the scholarship rules should be reviewed thoroughly by each Candidate and her parents/legal guardian to ensure a proper understanding of what is expected as the potential titleholder of Miss Birmingham, Miss Cahaba Valley, and Miss Alabama

### Entry Requirements:

1. You must be a U.S. citizen and must be one of the following: **a)** a resident of, **b)** a full-time student in, or **c)** work full-time in Alabama *for at least 6 months prior to your entry in the competition*. You are required to provide proof by producing one of the items listed in the residency requirements of the contract acknowledgement
2. You must be a female, never married, never have had children
3. You must be a high school graduate/equivalent by July 31<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year you will compete in the Miss Alabama Competition
4. You must be at least 19 as of December 31<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year you will compete in Miss Alabama & no older than 26 years on December 31<sup>st</sup> of the same calendar year, meaning that you cannot turn 27 years old at any time during the calendar year in which you will compete in Miss Alabama
5. You must comply with all guidelines set forth in the state & local contracts for Miss Alabama/America and Miss Birmingham/Miss Cahaba Valley
6. You must meet character criteria as set forth by the Miss America Organization

USE THE CHECKLIST ON THE NEXT PAGE TO SEND IN YOUR ENTRY DOCUMENTS – THIS CHECKLIST IS REQUIRED BY THE MISS BIRMINGHAM & MISS CAHABA VALLEY ORGANIZATION

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Candidate Checklist – Items to EMAIL & MAIL  
Ages 19 – 26

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

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Talent: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School/University: \_\_\_\_\_

☺ I Have a Rising Star: ☐ YES: RISING STAR NAME \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ NO  
(check one)

**E-MAIL ITEMS BELOW TO MISSBHAM@GMAIL.COM NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 26<sup>th</sup>**

**(DO NOT MAIL ANY OF THESE ITEMS)**

- ☐ **1 COMPLETED COPY OF THIS PAGE – CANDIDATE CHECKLIST**
- ☐ Headshot Photo in high resolution format (JPG or PNG) for Program Book AND Judges Book
- ☐ Resume & Social Impact Essay in WORD or PDF format
- ☐ Talent Music in MP3 or MP4 format ONLY
- ☐ Your Name, Address & CELL Phone Number
- ☐ Rising Star Name & Photo (high resolution) for program book *(if you have a Rising Star)*
- ☐ Miss Alabama Supplemental Information Sheet filled out in its entirety
- ☐ MAO State Contract filled out in its entirety. The new contract does not require a notary but must be signed & initialed in the appropriate places.
  - o **NOTE:** You must also bring a **hard copy** of this contract with you to the preliminary competition. If you win, it will become your state contract
  - o IF this is NOT your first entered pageant – include **PAGE 23** of the contract for the director to sign!
- ☐ Scanned copy of Official Pink or Blue Copy of Birth Certificate
- ☐ In addition to the above, email ONE of the following:
  - o Copy of Driver's license or Lease Agreement (ONLY if claiming eligibility to compete as an Alabama resident)
  - o Copy of current transcript (ONLY if claiming eligibility to compete as an undergraduate or graduate student in AL)
  - o Proof of Employment (ONLY if claiming eligibility to compete as a full-time employee in Alabama)

**MAIL ONLY THE ITEMS BELOW SHOULD BE MAILED & RECEIVED BY OCTOBER 29<sup>th</sup>:**

- ☐ Miss Birmingham/Miss Cahaba Valley Local Contract & Scholarship Rules *(initialed, signed & notarized)*
- ☐ **\$50 No-Show Deposit Check** – **REQUIRED** – made out to Miss Birmingham *(this will be returned to you the day of the competition)*
- ☐ **COMPLETED Rising Star Forms and \$35 Rising Star Entrance Fee** *(if you are choosing your own Rising Star)*

Mail ONLY the notarized documents & applicable fees that will complete your entry packet with the Candidate name clearly printed on outside envelope to:

Miss Birmingham/Cahaba Valley Competition – CANDIDATE NAME  
513 Saint Lauren Way  
Birmingham, AL 35242

**DO NOT SEND EXPRESS OR PRIORITY!   DO NOT REQUIRE A SIGNATURE!**

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**MAO State Contract Instructions**

The **2022-2023 MAO State and Local Candidate Contract** should be filled out in its entirety and:

1. Emailed to [missbham@gmail.com](mailto:missbham@gmail.com) as noted on the Checklist AND
2. Brought with you to the competition for Miss Birmingham & Miss Cahaba Valley.

Please contact the Director at [missbham@gmail.com](mailto:missbham@gmail.com) if you have further questions:

Download the fillable MAO State Contract using the button at the top of the *Become a Candidate!* page of the [missbham.com](http://missbham.com) or [misscahabavalley.com](http://misscahabavalley.com) websites – this version includes instructions for filling out the contract in its entirety

★YOU MUST ALSO FILL OUT THE ELIGIBILITY STATEMENT CONTAINED IN THIS PACKET – AND INCLUDE IT IN YOUR EMAILED INFORMATION TO THE DIRECTOR ★

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**Competition Items to Bring & Opening Number Attire**

★*New!* Orientation

Orientation will be conducted via online meeting on Sunday, October 30, 2022 at 3 PM CST. This meeting is mandatory for all candidates so mark your calendars!

Opening Number Attire

- Black pants & RED, WHITE, BLUE or GOLD top – NOT Black
  - **NO Midriffs showing**
  - If strapless, 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 Candidate Contract – the director will send in the hard copy of this contract to Miss Alabama if you are selected as Miss Birmingham or Miss Cahaba Valley – including a page 23 if this is not your first entered competition – **REQUIRED**
- Talent attire & all props
- **Copy of your talent on CD or on your phone** in case there was a problem with the music received in your email (this has happened before so please make sure you bring the backup copy)
- 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 Candidates 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 VERY LIMITED – BRING ONLY NECESSARY ITEMS**

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**Competition Events & Information**

Each Candidate is judged by the selection panel immediately after each event. The score will range between 1 and 10. The high and low scores for each Candidate are discarded in each area of competition.

The two (2) Candidates with the highest overall scores at the end of the competition will be named Miss Birmingham and Miss Cahaba Valley, respectively.

The Phases of Competition are listed below in order:

**Personal Interview with Judges – 35%**

The panel of judges meets with each Candidate for a 10-minute private interview. Questions may range from current events to personal goals and interests. Questions may also come from the Candidate resume and social impact initiative essay.

**Wardrobe:** Candidates should wear business attire of her choice (dress, skirt & top, or pants outfit) suitable for a professional job interview. *If the Candidate wears hose, please ensure they are the correct skin color or a coordinating color to the outfit, if opaque.*

**On-Stage Interview/Social Impact Statement – 15%**

Advancing the same criteria as the personal interview by bringing it on stage in an interactive, energetic way to showcase each candidate's intelligence, personality, charisma, and aptitude for the titleholder job. And making her own statement about her mission for the job.

**Note:** *Onstage interview is a continuation of the private interview. The judge who started private interview for each candidate writes their onstage interview question – no other person – at the immediate conclusion of each candidate's interview.*

**Wardrobe:** The On-Stage Interview is completed immediately following the Opening number in Opening Number attire.

**Talent – 35%**

Each Candidate will perform a talent presentation **not to exceed 90 seconds**.

Talents may include but are not limited to – vocals in every medium, dance in all forms, gymnastics, baton, instrumentals, and drama. The talent competition distinguishes each Candidate's skills and personality, interpretive ability, technical skill level, stage presence, and totality of all elements (e.g. costume, voice, choreography). *There will be no repeated talents in the competition. If two Candidates wish to perform the same song, the first Candidate returning all completed paperwork will reserve that song.*

**Wardrobe:** Costume of the Candidate's choice that is appropriate and in good taste for the chosen talent.

**Red Carpet (Evening Wear) – 15%**

Allows judges to have a look into how the candidate exhibits her own personal style, attitude, personality, grace presence and confidence.

**Wardrobe:** Red Carpet Glamour attire of the Candidate's choice, with complementary shoes and accessories

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**Competition Day Rules**

1. **RESPECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS:** Treat everyone involved with the competition 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. **NO VIDEOS OR PHOTOS DURING THE COMPETITION: NO ONE** can take pictures or videos in dressing rooms, backstage, or during the competition per Miss Alabama competition rules.
4. **NO FRIENDS OR FAMILY ALLOWED BACKSTAGE, IN DRESSING ROOMS, OR IN THE HALLS OUTSIDE OF THE DRESSING ROOMS**
5. **NO OUTSIDE HAIR OR MAKEUP ARTISTS ALLOWED:** You should come to the competition prepared to do your own hair and makeup.
6. **NO FOOD OR DRINK ALLOWED IN THE AUDITORIUM OR DRESSING ROOMS:** We want to avoid spilling anything and respect the facility guidelines. All food & drinks will be provided for you by the competition in a designated area.
7. **PAY ATTENTION DURING REHEARSALS:** We have a tight schedule and much to cover in a short period of time.
8. **TALENT MAY BE REHEARSED TWICE ONLY:** Each Candidate will receive a scheduled time allotment to rehearse her talent selection through twice. If any Candidate chooses to forfeit one or both rehearsals, the next Candidate will be called and the missed rehearsal may be completed at the end of all rehearsals only with the express consent of the Director, and only if time permits.
9. **BE PREPARED:** Know your resume & social impact essay – copies of these items are provided to each judge for use during interview. Be familiar with current events & social issues. Memorize your social impact statement.
10. **CELL PHONES:** Cell phones are strictly prohibited in the dressing rooms. Phones may be used outside the dressing room during breaks. At all times, cell phones must be on silent/vibrate during competition day.



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*Tentative* Competition Day Schedule

The times below are TENTATIVE – the schedule is subject to change once all deadlines have passed. **ORIENTATION** will be held via online meeting the Sunday prior to the Competition – **October 30, 2022** at 3 PM CST. During this mandatory meeting, competition order will be selected & the director will answer any questions you have!

	10:00	11:00	Candidates Arrive & Unload
	11:00	12:00	Production Rehearsals (opening number, swimsuit, onstage question & evening gown)
	12:00	1:30	Miss Lunch - Compliments of Miss Birmingham/Miss Cahaba Valley / Miss Hidden River
	12:00	12:30	Candidate Talent Rehearsal Group 2
	1:30	3:15	Miss Interviews Group 1
	1:00		Rising Stars Arrive!
	3:30	5:15	Miss Interviews Group 2
	4:15	5:00	Candidate Talent Rehearsal Group 1
	5:30	6:00	Miss Production/Rising Star Rehearsal/Opening Number Rehearsal
	5:30		Miss Dinner - Compliments of Miss Birmingham/Miss Cahaba Valley
	6:25		All Candidates Backstage & Ready
	6:30		Miss Competition Begins!

Below is a *tentative* schedule for talent rehearsal and interviews – please note – *this schedule is subject to change depending on the number of Candidates*. **After** October 26<sup>th</sup>, all Candidates will be e-mailed an updated competition day schedule.

While you are waiting for your talent rehearsal time or your interview – you will have time to get ready for your next event, eat, and get to know the other Candidates!

Candidate	Talent Time	Interview Time
1	4:30	1:30
2	4:33	1:40
3	4:36	1:50
4	4:39	2:00
5	4:42	2:10
6	4:45	2:20
7	4:48	2:30
8	4:51	2:40
9	4:54	2:50
10	4:57	3:00
Judges' Break – Interviews Only		
11	12:00	3:30
12	12:03	3:40
13	12:06	3:50
14	12:09	4:00
15	12:12	4:10
16	12:15	4:20
17	12:18	4:30
18	12:21	4:40
19	12:24	4:50
20	12:27	5:00
Doors Open 6:00 PM Competition Begins at 6:30 PM Tickets - \$20 General Admission		



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Rising Star Information

**Rising Stars**

Each Candidate in Miss Birmingham/Miss Cahaba Valley/Miss Hidden River may have a Rising Star the day of the competition. The Candidate may choose her own Rising Star, or one may be assigned to her on Competition Day (subject to participation).

On Competition Day, Rising Stars will be presented onstage and introduced by Miss Alabama, directly following the Red Carpet (Evening Gown) Competition

Rising Stars are girls between the ages of 7 and 11 who are interested in getting to know about the Miss Alabama program and the Candidates who compete in it. We encourage you to choose your own Rising Star – the Miss Alabama office has a list at the ready of young girls who would like to take part. You may contact the office for that list at 205.871.6276.

An electronic photo (300 dpi minimum resolution) of EVERY Rising Star for the Program Book must be sent via e-mail to [missbham@gmail.com](mailto:missbham@gmail.com) no later than October 29<sup>th</sup>

If a Candidate wishes to choose her own Rising Star, the Rising Star forms (located on the Miss Birmingham & the Miss Cahaba Valley websites) and the fee of \$35 should be included with the rest of the application packet notarized documents. These must be received at the Miss Birmingham Competition address no later than October 29<sup>th</sup>.

Candidates who do not turn in Rising Star information with their entry packet may have one assigned to them on competition day (*subject to participation*).

The Rising Stars paired with the winners of Miss Birmingham & Miss Cahaba Valley & Miss Hidden River will be crowned the respective winner's Rising Star and go on to accompany her winner to Miss Alabama in June.

All Rising Star information along with a detailed Rising Star schedule may be found on the Rising Stars page of the Miss Birmingham & the Miss Cahaba Valley websites:

[www.missbham.com/Rising\\_Stars](http://www.missbham.com/Rising_Stars)

[www.misscahabavalley.com/Rising\\_Stars](http://www.misscahabavalley.com/Rising_Stars)

Name of Local Competition: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Addresses: Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Hometown: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION A: ELIGIBILITY**

☐ I have registered to compete at:  
[https://shop.missamerica.org/products/miss-america-competition-membership-yearly-subscription?pr\\_prod\\_strat=copurchase&pr\\_rec\\_pid=6580060487860&pr\\_ref\\_pid=6689967505588&pr\\_seq=uniform](https://shop.missamerica.org/products/miss-america-competition-membership-yearly-subscription?pr_prod_strat=copurchase&pr_rec_pid=6580060487860&pr_ref_pid=6689967505588&pr_seq=uniform)

Age as of the date of preliminary: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ (Enclose a copy of birth certificate.)

**SECTION B: TALENT PRESENTATION**

Type of Talent (Vocal, Dance, Piano, Etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Talent Selection: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of microphone preferred (if available): ☐ Cordless ☐ Microphone with stand ☐ Lavalier

Will you be using props? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please write a short 2-3 sentence introduction for your talent presentation:**

By signing this Local Candidate Contract Acknowledgment of Understanding and Statement of Eligibility, I agree to abide by the complete Miss Alabama Local Candidate Contract for 2022-23. I understand all terms and conditions of this application and complete Miss Alabama Local Candidate Contract together with its attachments, as I request the Miss Alabama Organization, Inc., to accept my application to participate in the Miss Alabama Preliminaries for 2022-23.

Candidate Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION C: NOTARY SECTION**

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

Notary Public of \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION D: DIRECTOR'S SECTION**

I have verified eligibility requirements for this candidate and this candidate 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: \_\_\_\_\_

## **CANDIDATE CHECKLIST**

**ALL ITEMS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY THE DEADLINE TO BE  
CONSIDERED A CANDIDATE FOR EACH COMPETITION.**

**CHECK EACH COMPETITION FOR DEADLINE.**

**EMAIL the following items to the local preliminary director before the deadline.**

- ☐ Scanned copy of birth certificate (PDF format)
- ☐ Your **RESUME** and **SOCIAL IMPACT INITIATIVE** (PDF format) along with your **HEADSHOT** to the director to forward to judges.
- ☐ Supplemental Information Form (this form)

**In addition to the above, email ONE of the following to the local preliminary director:**

- ☐ Copy of Candidate Driver's License displaying current address (**ONLY** if claiming eligibility to compete as an Alabama resident.), or
- ☐ Copy of Electric Utility Bill displaying current address (**ONLY** if claiming eligibility to compete as an Alabama resident.) or,

**NEEDED FOR TALENT (Email to the local preliminary director before the deadline):**

- ☐ MP3 or MP4 of your talent music.

**BRING THE FOLLOWING WITH YOU TO EACH COMPETITION YOU COMPETE:**

- ☐ **State Contract filled out in its entirety for the FIRST PRELIMINARY you enter.** If you compete in more than one preliminary, you will bring the 27-page original contract with the supplemental competition pages added to it for each preliminary you enter. Example: If you entered your fifth preliminary, you would bring the 27-page contract from your first preliminary and the two pages from the other four preliminaries you entered. This becomes your record for Miss Alabama of the number of preliminaries you have entered for the competition year. The new contract does **NOT** require a notary. You will also need to bring this contract with you to the preliminary. **If you win, this becomes your state contract.**

**Make sure your contract has all the required documents attached (Driver's License, front and back of insurance card, etc. . . . )**

# Miss Birmingham Miss Cahaba Valley Miss Hidden River

## Contract & Statement of Understanding Between Miss Birmingham & Miss Cahaba Valley & Miss Hidden River and the Miss Birmingham/Cahaba Valley/Hidden River Organization

### Relationship:

The Miss Birmingham & Miss Cahaba Valley Scholarship & Miss Hidden River Organization is a non-profit organization whose express purposes include:

1. The provision of scholarship funds
2. The representation of Miss Birmingham & Miss Cahaba Valley & Miss Hidden River in the Miss Alabama Competition
3. The promotion of the Miss Birmingham & Miss Cahaba Valley & Miss Hidden River, Miss Alabama & Miss America organizations
4. The promotion of Miss Birmingham & Miss Cahaba Valley & Miss Hidden River's social impact initiatives

As a result, there are several important principles which are basic to Miss Birmingham's & Miss Cahaba Valley's & Miss Hidden River's year of service. Miss Birmingham & Miss Cahaba Valley & Miss Hidden River must recognize that for her year of service she will be a public figure who represents the Miss Birmingham & Miss Cahaba Valley & Miss Hidden River Scholarship Organization and its sponsors, the Miss Alabama and Miss America organizations and the Birmingham and Cahaba Valley communities at all times. *Therefore, the winner of Miss Birmingham & the winner of Miss Cahaba Valley & the winner of Miss Hidden River understands, agrees to, and will abide by the following:*

### I. General:

- a. Understands that her year of service is the twelve month period beginning the date she was crowned and ending the date she crowns her successor
  - i. Should she be selected as Miss Alabama, her year of service as Miss Birmingham or Miss Cahaba Valley or Miss Hidden River will end on the date she is crowned Miss Alabama
- b. Understands that the Executive Director and Board are a supportive body, and will collaborate with and assist Miss Birmingham and Miss Cahaba Valley and Miss Hidden River throughout her year of service to be her best at all times
- c. Will actively listen to advice from the Miss Birmingham/Miss Cahaba Valley/Miss Hidden River Executive Director and Board, and have interactive discussions regarding furtherance of her social impact initiative, appearances, interview skills and talent presentation
- d. Understands that the Miss Birmingham & Miss Cahaba Valley & Miss Hidden River Organization will strive to help the titleholder represent the community to the best of her ability
- e. Understands that the winner is solely responsible for a) claiming any scholarship money awarded, and b) abiding by the Scholarship Rules governing scholarship awards
- f. Understands that failure to meet a scholarship deadline will result in the scholarship not being awarded
- g. Will maintain immaculate personal grooming and proper attitude wherever she may be – on campus, at an extracurricular activity, in public, at a scheduled interview practice, or at a scheduled appearance
- h. Will refrain from the use of profanity or other inappropriate language and all inappropriate conduct/behavior during her year of service – both public and private, including social media (as defined in §IV below)
  - i. Inappropriate conduct/behavior is defined as: *any conduct or behavior that includes, infers or implies sexual content of any sort, profanity, abbreviations that indicate profanity, gossip, or politically-biased, racially-biased, sexually-biased or gender-biased behavior, language, material or content*
- i. Will remain alcohol, drug, and tobacco free throughout her year of service
- j. Will maintain a healthy lifestyle, good physical fitness, and healthy eating habits throughout her year of service
- k. Will not drastically change her physical appearance (hair color or length, weight gain or loss, etc.) without first discussing with the Director and Board, unless ordered by a physician for health reasons
- l. Agrees to use sponsored gift certificates for photographs, wardrobe, and other items; will discuss with and obtain approval from the Executive Director if a sponsor is not preferred
- m. Will provide the Miss Birmingham & Miss Cahaba Valley & Miss Hidden River Director with professionally photographed, high-resolution digital (minimum of 300-dpi resolution) competition headshots both with and without the crown, within 45 days of being crowned Miss Birmingham or Miss Cahaba Valley or Miss Hidden River. No publicity, press releases, autograph pads, etc. can be generated without these photo(s)

Candidate Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Contract & Statement of Understanding Between Miss Birmingham & Miss Cahaba Valley & Miss Hidden River and the Miss Birmingham/Cahaba Valley/Hidden River Organization

- n. Will meet with the Executive Director *no less than every other week* (either by phone, video conference, or in person) during her entire year of service as Miss Birmingham or Miss Cahaba Valley
- o. Understands that she represents the Miss Birmingham/ Miss Cahaba Valley and the Miss Alabama Organizations at all times, and will conduct herself appropriately
- p. Understands that she must always be gracious and respectful to the Executive Director and Board, the public, friends, family, chaperones, and sponsors. *There will be no exception to this rule*
- q. Thank-you notes will be written within 24 hours of an appearance and within 24 hours of receiving any donations from sponsors or gifts from supporters
- r. Thank-you notes will be written and sent for gifts received during Miss Alabama week, including those sent by the Miss Birmingham & Cahaba Valley Director and Board
- s. Understands that if any information submitted to either Miss Birmingham/Miss Cahaba Valley or Miss Alabama is determined to be untrue – the title, the right to compete in Miss Alabama, and all prizes will be forfeited, and any scholarship funds and prizes must be returned to the Miss Birmingham Scholarship Organization in full by the former titleholder
- t. Understands that any regression from the rules set forth in this contract and the state contract she has already signed can result in the title and the right to compete in Miss Alabama being forfeited
- u. Understands that while holding the title of Miss Birmingham or Miss Cahaba Valley, she is ineligible to compete in any other competition system (i.e., USA, National Sweetheart, etc.) according to section 2.7.3 of the Candidate Contract and section 4(f) of the State Organization Agreement

### II. Communication:

- a. Understands that all communications and decisions will be made solely between Miss Birmingham or Miss Cahaba Valley and the Executive Director
- b. Will monitor texts and e-mails and will respond **promptly** to all communication from the Executive Director and Board members
- c. Will communicate regularly with the Executive Director for her entire year of service
- d. Will let the Executive Director know immediately if she feels uncomfortable with any appearance, wardrobe selection, talent selection, etc., and will bring any other concern to the immediate attention of the Executive Director so that a satisfactory resolution may be reached for all parties involved

### III. Preparation:

- a. Understands that the Miss Birmingham & Miss Cahaba Valley Board will provide ample preparation opportunities for the Miss Alabama Competition. The titleholder must be willing and available to utilize these opportunities to develop her skills for success
- b. Will consult the Director regarding any questions concerning state paperwork deadlines, appearances, wardrobe selections, competition events and performance requirements
- c. Will promote her social impact initiative throughout her year of service to make a difference in the Birmingham and Cahaba Valley communities
- d. Will attend weekly interview practice leading up to the Miss Alabama Competition, as scheduled by the Executive Director
- e. Will not have any type of coaching or outside help, advice, or influence in preparing for the Miss Alabama Competition, with the exception of talent coaching, **unless disclosed and approved in writing by the Executive Director**
- f. Understands that her talent selection for Miss Alabama must be approved by the Miss Birmingham Executive Director:
  - i. Miss Birmingham/Miss Cahaba Valley must discuss and perform her selection for, and obtain the Director's approval, prior to Miss Alabama Candidate Orientation in March

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# Miss Birmingham Miss Cahaba Valley Miss Hidden River

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### IV. Social Media:

- a. Will at a minimum, create and maintain a titleholder account for FaceBook and Instagram, and will post regularly to these accounts for fundraisers, social impact initiative endeavors, appearances, and Miss Alabama information
- b. Will be added as an editor of the official FaceBook page for either the Miss Birmingham or Miss Cahaba Valley Scholarship Organization and will post regularly to her respective page as well as her titleholder and personal pages to ensure consistent publicity during her year of service
- c. Understands that Social Media accounts such as TikTok, Snapchat, Instagram, Linked In, Twitter and Facebook are public forums, that the reputation of the winner and the competition is affected by the content posted, and all accounts (personal and titleholder) will be monitored for content by the Executive Director
- d. Will promptly accept the Director and each Board Member as a friend or follower
- e. Understands that use of inappropriate material on either personal or titleholder social media accounts is *strictly prohibited*:
  - i. Inappropriate material is defined as: *any post, tweet, text, meme, or photo – shared or authored – that includes, infers, implies or contains sexual content of any sort, profanity, abbreviations that indicate profanity, or politically-biased, racially-biased, sexually-biased or gender-biased material and/or content*
  - ii. Any posts containing such material should be immediately removed from personal accounts prior to the Miss Birmingham & Miss Cahaba Valley competition
  - iii. All social media accounts should remain free of questionable posts or inappropriate material during the entire year of service as Miss Birmingham or Miss Cahaba Valley

### V. Miss Alabama Required Paperwork, Photographs & Functions:

- a. Will meet all deadlines set forth by the Miss Alabama Competition for all state materials, including but not limited to paperwork, photos, community service notebook, transcript, talent CD, and contracts
- b. Will provide the Miss Birmingham & Miss Cahaba Valley & Miss Hidden River Executive Director a copy of the folder contents received at Candidate Orientation via email and/or Google Drive
- c. Will send electronic copies of all state required paperwork (questionnaire, resume, social impact initiative essay, etc.) to the Executive Director, *and understands that all items must be approved before submission to Miss Alabama*
- d. Will review all photos taken for use at the Miss Alabama Competition with the Executive Director
- e. Understands that all photos (candidate line-up and ads) for the state program book must be approved by the Miss Birmingham Executive Director before being submitted to the Miss Alabama Office
- f. Community Service notebook must be shown to the Director at least *one week prior to submission*. Miss Birmingham and Miss Cahaba Valley and Miss Hidden River understands she is ultimately responsible for the preparation of the Community Service notebook
- g. Will arrive at all Miss Alabama required functions (orientation, workshop, gala, etc.) at least 15 minutes prior to start time or at the time set forth by the Director and agreed to by Miss Birmingham or Miss Cahaba Valley or Miss Hidden River
- h. Will immediately text or call the Director and the Miss Alabama event coordinator (where applicable) if unforeseen circumstances will make her tardy to any function or prevent attendance. *There will be no exception to this rule*

### VI. Wardrobe:

- a. Will provide own wardrobe for appearances and all phases of competition in Miss Alabama
- b. Will provide the Executive Director and Board with a budget for her competition wardrobe to ensure that any recommendations from the Miss Birmingham & Miss Cahaba Valley & Miss Hidden River governing body are within that budget
- c. Understands the competition wardrobe is comprised of clothing for all competition phases, appearances and rehearsals during Miss Alabama week, including shoes, jewelry and undergarments
- d. Understands that appropriate **undergarments** must be worn at all appearances as Miss Birmingham or Miss Cahaba Valley or Miss Hidden River, and during rehearsals and **competition** events at Miss Alabama. *There will be no exception to this rule.*

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- e. Understands that all wardrobe choices for the Miss Alabama Competition must be approved by the Executive Director:
  - i. Agrees to promptly schedule wardrobe shopping trips with the Executive Director and/or Assistant Director
  - ii. Will not purchase any item for state competition without prior approval from the Executive Director
  - iii. Understands that any changes to the approved state competition and appearance wardrobe must be communicated to the Executive Director immediately and approval of new selections obtained
- f. Will properly groom each item and return it to the sales floor or sales representative while shopping. No clothing will be left in the dressing room
- g. Will promptly schedule alteration appointments with a pre-approved alterations individual or company as soon as possible after purchasing her competition wardrobe
- h. Will have needed wardrobe items selected and either purchased or on layaway no later than March 31<sup>st</sup> of the year she will compete in Miss Alabama

### VII. Appearances:

- a. **Will arrive neatly groomed and dressed appropriately at least 15 minutes prior to any engagement or at the appointed time prior to an appearance as set forth by the Director. *Tardiness is not acceptable***
- b. Will immediately text or call the Director if unforeseen circumstances will make her tardy to any appearance. Leaving late is not considered an unforeseen circumstance and will not be considered an acceptable reason for tardiness
- c. Will discuss and develop a plan for appearances to further her Social Impact Initiative with the Executive Director
- d. Will discuss all appearance opportunities with the Executive Director and understands that all appearances must be cleared and approved by the Executive Director before each is scheduled
- e. Understands that for her protection, a member of the Board or an approved alternate chaperone must accompany the title holder on any official appearances unless pre-approved by the Director
- f. Will keep a current calendar listing all appearances and review this list with the Executive Director every three (3) months during her year of service
- g. Will provide her own transportation to and from scheduled appearances unless the Director has made other arrangements
- h. Will properly prepare herself to successfully meet the requirements of all approved appearances
- i. Will properly rehearse and prepare for any presentation of her talent during her year of service – including any/all appearances and the Miss Alabama Competition
- j. Will never take advantage of the host's hospitality at an appearance
- k. Will never give the impression that she is sick, tired, or bored during any appearance, and will maintain interest, enthusiasm, and sparkle during the entire appearance event, even as she is walking to her vehicle
- l. Will not cancel any appearance for any reason other than illness or school requirements
  - i. The Executive Director must be informed immediately if a conflict in scheduling arises
  - ii. Miss Birmingham/Miss Cahaba Valley/Miss Hidden River will write a letter of regret and offer to reschedule immediately if any appearance must be rescheduled or canceled
- m. Will not refuse or decline any appearance request prior to discussing with the Executive Director
- n. Will make required appearances listed below as scheduled by the Executive Director or the Miss Alabama Board. *Under no circumstances may either winner cancel any of the following (with exception of illness or school obligations discussed with the director prior to the scheduled appearance):*
  - Helena Christmas Parade (1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in December)
  - Miss Birmingham's & Miss Cahaba Valley's & Miss Hidden River's Outstanding Teen Best Wishes Reception
  - Miss Alabama's Outstanding Teen Competition – Introduction of Miss Alabama Candidates (March)
  - Miss Birmingham & Miss Cahaba Valley & Miss Hidden River Competition Boot Camp and Local Wardrobe Check/Approval with Executive Director (usually the weekend prior to Miss Alabama workshop)
  - Miss Birmingham & Miss Cahaba Valley & Miss Hidden River Best Wishes/Sendoff Reception (May)

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# Miss Birmingham Miss Cahaba Valley Miss Hidden River

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- Miss Alabama Candidate Orientation (March – same weekend as MALOT)
- Miss Alabama Candidate Workshop (late April/early May)
- Miss Alabama Competition (June/July)
- Miss Alabama Top Ten (Semifinalist) Fashion Show if named a Semifinalist and/or Finalist
- Miss Birmingham & Miss Cahaba Valley & Miss Hidden River Competition – to crown successor (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in November)
- Other appearances as scheduled by and at the discretion of the Executive Director
- Other appearances as scheduled by and at the discretion of the Miss Alabama Board

### The undersigned Miss Birmingham & Miss Cahaba Valley & Miss Hidden River Candidate will:

- By submission of both the Local and State Agreements attests that the Candidate lives, works, or attends school in the state of Alabama
- Be at least 19 years of age by December 31st in the calendar year of the State competition in which she competes
- Be no greater than age 26 on December 31 of the year she would compete in Miss America
- Be a High School Graduate/Equivalent
- Provide a \$50 check to the Miss Birmingham Competition in a good faith effort to secure her spot as a candidate. **I am aware that the \$50 check will be returned to me the day of the competition.** *I understand that if I am unable to compete, I must notify the Director of my decision not to compete at least 72 hours before the day of the preliminary.*
- Be required to meet the minimum fundraising requirements as set forth by the Miss America Competition as a Candidate in the Miss Alabama Competition
- Claim all scholarship monies as indicated by the local Scholarships Rules and understands that any scholarship monies awarded that are not claimed according to the local Scholarship Rules will be forfeited by the candidate
- Allow the Miss Birmingham Competition to post photographs and name on the official related website(s)

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# Miss Birmingham Miss Cahaba Valley Miss Hidden River

## Contract & Statement of Understanding Between Miss Birmingham & Miss Cahaba Valley & Miss Hidden River and the Miss Birmingham/Cahaba Valley/Hidden River Organization

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a Miss Birmingham/Miss Cahaba Valley/ Miss Hidden River candidate, by initialing each page and signing below, attest that I have read this agreement and contract in its entirety, and understand all conditions, rules, and regulations set forth in the Miss Birmingham & Miss Cahaba Valley & Miss Hidden River Local Contract. I further understand that if found in violation of any part of this contract, the Director has the authority to revoke the title of Miss Birmingham or Miss Cahaba Valley or Miss Hidden River and a successor will be named to compete in the Miss Alabama Competition as Miss Birmingham or Miss Cahaba Valley or Miss Hidden River. In addition, all awards, scholarships, and prerequisites pertaining thereto will be returned and passed on to the successor, who will receive all of the benefits to which I would have been otherwise entitled.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Local Candidate

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent (if candidate is under the age of 18)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

# Miss Birmingham Miss Cahaba Valley Miss Hidden River

## SCHOLARSHIP RULES

**If awarded a scholarship in the Miss Birmingham & Miss Cahaba Valley & Miss Hidden River Competition, I agree to the following:**

1. I will provide the Director of the Miss Birmingham & Miss Cahaba Valley & Miss Hidden River Competition with an email accepting my scholarship, to **missbham@gmail.com**, **no later than 60 days following the local competition date** - **in order to receive any scholarship monies awarded to me.** This email should contain the following information:
  - a. Acceptance of scholarships in detail (title & amount - including preliminary & other awards)
  - b. Name of University or Lender (student loans) & Address where monies are to be mailed
  - c. Student ID or Loan Number
  - d. Login Credentials (user ID/password) & Website (for online payments)
2. **I understand that monies not claimed within the 60-day time frame outlined in Rule 1, will be forfeited by the recipient and returned to the Miss Birmingham & Miss Cahaba Valley & Miss Hidden River Scholarship Fund.**
3. I understand that all scholarship monies won will be paid directly to my college or university, or lender if a student loan is in play. The acceptance email required in Rule 1 should indicate the bursar's office address of the college or university or the lender address and should also indicate the student account number or loan number of the recipient. ***In no instance will the money be paid directly to the recipient.***
4. I understand that all scholarship awards to candidates other than the winner, will be available to be disbursed upon the timely receipt (see Rule 1) of the acceptance email from the recipient.
5. The winners' scholarship award(s) will be disbursed on the following schedule upon timely receipt of the acceptance emails: **Payment 1)** 50% upon receipt of the acceptance email  
**Payment 2)** 50% after the Miss Alabama Competition, upon receipt of the 2<sup>nd</sup> acceptance email
6. **In the event that the winner is named Miss Alabama, no successor will be named.**
7. If the winner resigns, in good standing, from the position of Miss Birmingham or Miss Cahaba Valley or Miss Hidden River prior to her appearance in the Miss Alabama competition, she will forfeit any further scholarship winnings to which she would have been otherwise entitled. Her successor will be entitled to the winner's scholarship amounts not yet disbursed.
8. If the winner resigns the position of Miss Birmingham or Miss Cahaba Valley or Miss Hidden River after representing her title in the Miss Alabama Competition, there will be no successor named and she will forfeit any remaining scholarship amounts to which she would have otherwise been entitled.
9. If the Director of the Miss Birmingham & Miss Cahaba Valley & Miss Hidden River competition, due to a contract violation, removes the winner from the position, that winner will forfeit all scholarship amounts awarded her by the Miss Birmingham & Miss Cahaba Valley & Miss Hidden River Organization during her tenure as Miss Birmingham or Miss Cahaba Valley. *Any funds previously awarded her must be repaid to the Miss Birmingham & Miss Cahaba Valley & Miss Hidden River Scholarship Fund.*

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent or Guardian  
(If contestant is under 21 years of age)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

# Miss Alabama

## **Candidate's Resume Instructions**

This is your opportunity to demonstrate to the judges why they should consider you for the job of Miss Alabama. Your resume should list the following items at the beginning of the document:

- Name
- Hometown
- Date of Birth
- Education
- Social Impact Initiative
- Scholastic and Career Ambition
- Talent

On your resume, please include the following question:

**If you were to win this local title, what are your plans for promoting this scholarship program during your year of service?**

Beyond those required items, the rest of your resume can be whatever you want it to be. It may be **in color**, though it must have a white background and **cannot include photos or logos**. You can show your creativity, but remember that it should be a professional and clear presentation that is easily readable by the judges.

**You must provide the local competition with 6 copies of your resume.**

The resume **cannot exceed 1 page**, and you must **leave a 1" margin on all four sides** of the page.

This resume, combined with the Social Impact Statement, will comprise your entire application for this job. The judges will receive exactly what is submitted. Any resume incorrectly submitted that does not fit the established criteria may be submitted to the judges without an opportunity to correct.

Some areas of information you may consider incorporating into your resume include:

- Scholastic Honors
- Leadership Roles
- Accomplishments
- Interesting Facts

# Miss Alabama

## Instructions for Typing the Candidate's Social Impact Statement

Your Social Impact Initiative will be your cause for which you will work, alongside the Miss America Organization, during your Year of Service. This submission allows you to explain to the judges your subject matter choice, how you choose to advocate for it during your year and the metrics for you see for success at the close of your Year of Service. In addition, it should explain how your advocacy will further the Miss Alabama and Miss America Organization mission.

It is important that these instructions are followed, even when using the preformatted page included. Any items incorrectly submitted that do not meet the criteria may be submitted to the judges without an opportunity to correct.

1. Open Word in 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 social impact statement.
7. Double space down. Write what you feel is critical for the judges to know about your social impact statement and why it is necessary for you to have the job of Miss America to promote this issue. What you write will be what the judges know about your statement, your role in successfully dealing with this issue, and the role the Miss America 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 your social impact statement and the specific issues you wish to address
  - A plan on how you have or will create awareness of the issue
  - 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 advocacy issue will move the Miss America Organization mission 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
9. At the bottom of the page, set the justification to the right. Type a line of 26 spaces. Below that line, type Signature/Date and after printing **sign and date the document**. If you forget to sign and date, we will need to return the document to you as it cannot be accepted without your signature. Thank you.

**It is important that you sign and date the document as shown in the attached sample.**

**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 citizens’ 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.

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Signature/Date

# Miss Birmingham Miss Cahaba Valley

Dear Friend:

The 2022 Miss Birmingham & Miss Cahaba Valley Competition will be held **Sunday, November 7, 2021**. As one of the largest open competitions in Alabama, and an official Scholarship Preliminary to Miss Alabama and Miss America, we are seeking contributions from the businesses, merchants and corporations of our community to make this year's event a success for the young women who compete for both scholarships and prizes.

Scholarships are a vital part of the Miss Alabama experience and the proceeds from your advertisement will be used to provide the winners of the Miss Birmingham and Miss Cahaba Valley titles with funds to further their education.

The Miss Birmingham/Miss Cahaba Valley Organization welcomes gift certificates as well as monetary donations for scholarships, and will place an ad in exchange for a gift certificate for each of our winners. Our award-winning Program Book sells out every single year, and we look forward to having your business advertise with us! Rates for ads are listed below:

Type of Ad or Gift	Price
Full Page	\$100
½ Page	\$50
¼ Page	\$25
Gift	Gift Certificate

All **Ads & Fees** are to be received via mail or e-mail **print ready no later than October 28<sup>th</sup>**. Please fill out the attached form and send it with your print ready ad and payment; OR give form and payment to Contestant who will mail to:

**Mailing Address:**

**Miss Birmingham/Miss Cahaba Valley Competition – Ad Sales**

513 Saint Lauren Way  
Birmingham, AL 35242

Email to: [missbham@gmail.com](mailto:missbham@gmail.com)

**Deadline for receipt of all Ads and Fees is October 25, 2020**

**Please make checks payable to Miss Birmingham**

**Ads are accepted in JPG or PDF format and must be e-mailed to [missbham@gmail.com](mailto:missbham@gmail.com).**

Thank you again for your support and generosity that makes the *Miss Birmingham/Miss Cahaba Valley* event a success!

Best Regards,



Victoria Seale Sims  
Executive Director



# Miss Birmingham Miss Cahaba Valley

**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE MISS BIRMINGHAM/MISS CAHABA VALLEY SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

NAME / BUSINESS: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTESTANT: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

## CHOOSE SIZE OF AD:

- ☐ FULL PAGE – \$100  
☐ QUARTER PAGE – \$25

- ☐ HALF PAGE – \$50  
☐ GIFT CERTIFICATE

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR AD FORM SUBMISSION:

1. Complete form.
2. Detach and retain *Receipt of Payment* for your records.
3. Print Ready Ads must be in JPEG or PDF formats and should be sent via e-mail to [missbham@gmail.com](mailto:missbham@gmail.com)
4. All photos must be in JPEG or PDF Format and must be e-mailed to [missbham@gmail.com](mailto:missbham@gmail.com)
5. Art graphics may be sent in JPEG, PDF or GIF formats and can be the size desired but limited by size of ad purchased and should be sent via e-mail to [missbham@gmail.com](mailto:missbham@gmail.com)
6. One form required for each ad sold.
7. Make checks payable to *Miss Birmingham*

## **NOTE: DEADLINE FOR AD SALES IS October 25, 2019**

For further information please e-mail the Miss Birmingham Director at [missbham@gmail.com](mailto:missbham@gmail.com)

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## RECEIPT OF PAYMENT

(To be given to purchaser)

Ad or Donation by: \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Contestant/Titleholder Name)

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Miss Birmingham Miss Cahaba Valley

# Miss Birmingham Miss Cahaba Valley

## Photo Competition Rules

Each year, we offer the opportunity for contestants to submit photos that will be judged individually for the most photogenic contestant overall in each Pageant Division.

Contestants may submit as many different photo entries as they like in order to show versatility.

Each photo will be judged individually and a winner in each division selected prior to the pageant and announced the night of the pageant.

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

Competition photos will be placed in the Program Book with your specified caption underneath, and you will receive a **complimentary** Program Book the night of the pageant (reserved at the ticket table).

### Businesses may sponsor you by:

- Purchasing a full page ad to split with contestant - half the page advertises their business and the other half is the contestant photo competition ad
- Purchasing an ad but instead of using their logo, they allow you to use your photo and the caption is their advertisement. Examples of this caption are: 'Best wishes to (contestant name) From: (name of sponsor's business name) '

*Please note that the Photo Competition is a separate category of competition and judged by an independent panel.*

### **Deadline for Photo Competition Entry:**

**Photos - October 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Fees - October 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Photos should be minimum 300 dpi resolution & emailed to [missbham@gmail.com](mailto:missbham@gmail.com)**

Checks should be made out to **Miss Birmingham** and mailed to:

**Miss Birmingham/Miss Cahaba Valley Pageant – Photo Competition**

513 Saint Lauren Way  
Birmingham, AL 35242