

Miss Birmingham Miss Cahaba Valley

Dear Candidate:

Welcome to the Miss Birmingham and Miss Cahaba Valley Competition! We are excited to have you as a candidate and look forward to crowning two winners on competition day 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 and Miss Cahaba Valley Organization is proud to offer \$3,000 in combined educational scholarships to the winners and runners up.

The first 25 completed packets (email and mail items) received at the competition address by the deadline of Midnight on October 30, 2021, 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 during Candidate Orientation.

Entry documents, along with instructions and information about the new competition events are listed on the following pages. *Your Talent Music, Resume & Social Impact Essay, Scanned Copy of Birth Certificate, the 27 Page MAO Contract, and a 300-dpi resolution image for the program book are due **via e-mail** no later than **October 28th**, with notarized documents and applicable fees to be received at the competition address via US Mail no later than **October 30th**.*

If you will be bringing your own **Rising Star** to the competition, please complete and return the Rising Stars entry form located on the **Rising Stars** page of the Miss Birmingham website, along with the \$50 entry fee. If you would like for us to match you with a Rising Star, please let us know by checking the appropriate box on the Candidate Checklist.

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,



Victoria Seale Sims
Executive Director, Miss Birmingham/Miss Cahaba Valley
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Candidate Information, Forms & Instructions

We will be accepting the first 25 COMPLETED entry packets that are received before the deadline of Midnight October 25, 2020

ATTENTION: Competition Events for this Preliminary Will Follow Miss America 2.0 Guidelines:

SCORING VALUES:

- Private Interview 25%
- On-Stage Interview 15%
- Talent 40%
- Evening Wear/Social Impact 20%

COMPETITION CHANGES:

- PRIVATE INTERVIEW AND TALENT REMAIN THE SAME
- ON-STAGE INTERVIEW – After opening number, Candidates will answer a question submitted by one of the judges based on something they would have liked to have asked in interview
- EVENING WEAR/SOCIAL IMPACT – Each Candidate will now give a 10 second statement on a topic of social impact that is relevant to her
- THERE WILL BE NO SWIMSUIT COMPETITION.

E-mail Deadline: October 28, 2021

(Resume, Social Impact Essay, 27 page MAO Contract, Talent Music, Candidate Photo & Rising Star Photo, Copy of Birth Certificate, CMN Verification)

US Mail Deadline: October 30, 2021

(Local Contract, Scholarship Rules, No-Show Check, Rising Star Contract & Entry Fee if applicable)

IMPORTANT ➡ *There will be NO exceptions to these deadlines per Miss Alabama rules – it takes 4-6 days for mail to be received at the competition address – please plan accordingly*

USE THE CHECKLIST ON THE NEXT PAGE TO MAKE SURE ALL REQUIRED ITEMS ARE INCLUDED IN BOTH THE E-MAIL AND THE RETURNED DOCUMENT PACKET. RETURN A COMPLETED COPY OF THE CHECKLIST WITH YOUR MAILED ITEMS

After October 28th, all Candidates will be e-mailed 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 31st of the calendar year you will compete in the Miss Alabama Competition
4. You must be at least 18 as of July 31st of the calendar year you will compete in Miss Alabama & no older than 25 years on December 31st of the same calendar year, meaning that you cannot turn 26 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

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Candidate Checklist for Items to EMAIL & MAIL

Ages 18 (HS Graduate/GED) - 25

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** THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO MISSBHAM@GMAIL.COM NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 28th
(DO NOT MAIL ANY OF THESE ITEMS)

- ☐ 1 Completed Copy of this page – Candidate Checklist
- ☐ Headshot Photo in JPEG format (300dpi *minimum* resolution) for Program Book AND Judges Book
- ☐ Resume & Social Impact Essay in WORD or PDF format
- ☐ Talent Music in MP3 or MP4 format ONLY
- ☐ Supplemental Information (Fact) Sheet - 3 Pages
- ☐ Rising Star Name & Photo (300 dpi minimum resolution) for program book (if you have a Rising Star)
- ☐ **27 Page 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.
 - 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
 - IF this is NOT your first entered pageant – include **PAGE 18** of the contract for the director to sign!
- ☐ Scanned copy of Official Pink or Blue Copy of Birth Certificate
- ☐ Proof of Children's Miracle Network Service Requirement (qualification report from www.missamerica4kids.org)
- ☐ In addition to the above, email ONE of the following:
 - Copy of Driver's license or Lease Agreement (ONLY if claiming eligibility to compete as an Alabama resident)
 - Copy of current transcript (ONLY if claiming eligibility to compete as an undergraduate or graduate student in AL)
 - Proof of Employment (ONLY if claiming eligibility to compete as a full-time employee in Alabama)

☆ **MAIL** THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 30th:

- ☐ 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 during orientation the day of the competition*)
- ☐ Self-addressed envelope for return of birth certificate (*stamp will be provided by Miss Birmingham*)
- ☐ **COMPLETED** Rising Star Forms and \$60 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 2021/2022 MAO State and Local Candidate Contract should be filled out in its entirety and 1) emailed to 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 if you have further questions:

There is a fillable version located in this packet if this is your first time to compete in the 2021 season. **You must also fill out the Supplemental Fact Sheet and return with the contract.**

- If this is your first entered Local, then you will use the instructions below to complete the fillable version in this packet that you will then email to missbham@gmail.com. You will then bring a hard copy with you to the competition, where the director will sign **Page 17**
- If this is **NOT** your first entered Local, you must include a new **Page 18** with the emailed copy as well as the hard copy you bring with you to the competition for the director to sign

Please ensure that both the Candidate and her Parent/Guardian (where applicable) INITIAL each page as indicated.

- **Section 1:**
 - Fill out Candidate Name
- **Section 2: Eligibility**
 - 2.1 & 2.2 – complete age information
 - 2.3 – a candidate must either 1) reside in, 2) be enrolled in and physically attending classes on a full-time basis at a college or university in, or 3) be employed full time in the state which she intends to represent in the National Finals.
 - Each candidate should fill out section 2.3.1 (Resident) **OR** 2.3.2 (Student) **OR** 2.3.3 (Employment) based on the eligibility she is claiming to compete in this Local Competition
 - 2.4 – attests that each candidate is a citizen of the United States
 - 2.5 – a candidate must either be a graduate of High School or must have her GED to be eligible to compete
- **Section 3: Personal and Professional Background Information**
- **Section 4: Participation in State or Local Competition**
- **Section 5: Commitments for Service as a State or LOCAL Titleholder**
- **Section 6: Legal Obligations and Agreements**
- **Page 15 – CANDIDATE Signature Page**
- **Page 16: PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN Signature Page**
- **PAGE 17:** **IF** this is your FIRST ENTERED Local Competition, this is the page to bring in the contract along with the rest of the contract!
- **PAGE 18:** If this is NOT your first entered Local Competition, YOU MUST INCLUDE THIS PAGE AND PAGE 17 with the rest of the contract!

IMPORTANT: CMNH Requirements:

- You MUST register for BOTH Titles (Miss Birmingham AND Miss Cahaba Valley) on the CMNH website to qualify
- Only \$100 is required to qualify for BOTH titles (because we crown both in the same competition)
- If you have reached the donation cap of \$500, you still MUST register for BOTH titles to qualify - the Qualification Report will automatically qualify you because the cap was reached.
- A copy of your Qualification Report is required as proof of your qualification

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Competition Items to Bring & Opening Number Attire

Opening Number Attire

- Colorful Cocktail Dress – NOT all black & NOT all white
 - If it is short, please wear appropriate undergarments – the judges are seated below the stage
 - If strapless, wig tape/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 2020 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 **REQUIRED**
- Talent attire & all props
- **2 copies of your talent on CD** in case there was a problem with the music received in your email (this has happened before so please make sure you bring 2 extra copies)
- 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 – Candidates must 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, but if you would like to bring your own, please ensure that it is labeled

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Rising Star Information

Rising Stars

Each Candidate in Miss Birmingham/Miss Cahaba Valley 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).

The onstage presentation of the Rising Stars will follow the Evening Gown/Social Impact Statement 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 no later than **October 28th**

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 \$60 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 30th**.

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 will be crowned the respective winner's Rising Star and go on to accompany her winner to Miss Alabama in June.

On Competition Day, Rising Stars will participate in the Opening Number, do take-home crafts, create holiday cards for Alabama Veterans, and have fun with their Candidate!

Each Rising Star will receive a goody bag and be introduced by Miss Alabama in their onstage walk at Miss Birmingham / Miss Cahaba Valley.

All Rising Star forms 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

www.misscahabavalley.com/Rising_Stars

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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 - THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTION TO THIS RULE. ANY CANDIDATE WITH AN UNAUTHORIZED VISITOR WILL BE IMMEDIATELY DISMISSED FROM THE COMPETITION**
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. Please keep talk backstage and during the competition to a minimum and remember to speak very softly backstage and in the dressing room.
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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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 - 25%

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.

What to Wear: Candidates should wear business attire of her choice (dress, skirt & top, or pants outfit) suitable for a professional job interview. *If you choose to wear hose, please ensure they are the color of your skin.*

On-Stage Interview – 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.

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

What to Wear: The On-Stage Interview is completed immediately following the Opening number in Opening Number attire.

Talent - 40%

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.

What to Wear: Costume of the Candidate's choice that is appropriate and in good taste for the chosen talent.

Evening Wear/Social Impact Statement (Red Carpet) - 20%

Allows judges to have a look into how the candidate exhibits her own personal style, attitude, personality, grace presence and confidence while making her own statement about her mission for the job.

What to Wear: Red Carpet Glamour attire of the Candidate's choice, with complementary shoes and accessories

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Tentative Competition Day Schedule

The times below are TENTATIVE – the schedule is subject to change once all deadlines have passed.

10:00		Candidates Arrive & Unload
10:30	11:00	Orientation - Candidates Randomly Select Competition Order Review of Contract & Scholarship Rules
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
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 25th, 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 meet & spend time with your Rising Star, make holiday cards for the kids at Children's & Veterans at the VA, get ready for your next event, eat, and get to know the other Candidates!

Miss Number	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 - \$15 General Admission		

2021 MAO STATE AND LOCAL CANDIDATE CONTRACT

THE MISS _____ ORGANIZATION
(STATE)

Application and Contract for Participation in a State or Local Competition

CANDIDATE NAME: _____

Section 1: Introduction

1.1. The Miss _____ Organization (hereinafter referred to as "State Organization") is a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of _____. State Organization has operated a program offering scholarship assistance and career opportunities for the young women within the State. In doing so, State Organization has made substantial investments in, and has developed a valuable identity for, the unique symbols and elements of the Program that have achieved national and even international recognition and approval. These elements include, but are not limited to: (1) providing educational assistance in the form of scholarships to young adult women who have not yet begun to assume the responsibilities of family life and are interested in career and educational advancement; (2) recognizing and honoring the traits of honesty, good character, talent, poise, intellect, leadership, and good judgment in the young women of America who enter the competition (the "Candidates"); and (3) enabling the Candidates to serve as role models for other young women with similar goals and personal characteristics.

1.2. State Organization intends to conduct a Miss (State) Competition to select a candidate to represent the State in the National Miss America Competition (the "State Competition"). The competition is a critically important, and the single most visible and widely recognized, element of the Program. The competition is conducted in a fashion that is designed to combine a respect for the traditional and historic foundations of the Program with recognition of the perceived modern tastes and values of the American people.

1.3. State Organization, in its sole discretion, may select persons and/or entities within the State ("Local Organizations") to conduct local competitions consistent with the rules and standards established by MAO for the State Competition ("Local Competitions") for the selection of candidates to compete in the State Competition.

1.4. The winner of the Competition(s) shall be designated "Miss (Local/State)" (hereinafter referred to as "Titleholder") and shall be entitled to that title until her successor is named at the competition held in the following year. During this period (the "Year of Service"), the duties of Titleholder may include travel and participation in personal appearances throughout the State. These activities are designed, scheduled, arranged, and supervised by the State or Local Organization in order to reflect the values and standards of the Program and to enhance its visibility and maintain its broad public acceptance. State Organization has also developed detailed procedures that govern the activities and conduct of the Titleholder during her Year of Service. These procedures and standards are intended to protect and enhance the substantial public acceptance of the Program among the American people, and to assure that the Program will continue to be able to operate for the benefit of the thousands of young women who will be seeking to participate in the Program in future years.

1.5. In seeking to participate in the competition, each Candidate must understand and accept the requirements of the Program, including the rules for the Candidates and the guidelines and limitations that will be applicable to her activities during her Year of Service if she is selected as the Titleholder. In addition, each Candidate must understand and accept that the State or Local Organization's approval of the Candidate's participation in the competition and, if selected,

service as the Titleholder will be specifically based upon the representations and agreements in this Application and Contract, its attachments and the continued compliance with all of the regulations of the Program. In such regard, I acknowledge that my ability to compete in the competition shall be subject to review at each level of competition that I enter and that the determination of my eligibility to compete in the competition shall not in and of itself be the basis of my eligibility to compete in the Local, State, and/or National Finals.

1.6. Therefore, by signing this Application and Contract and submitting it to the State or Local Organization for approval, the Candidate represents and agrees that: (1) all facts and representations contained in this Application and Contract and its attachments are true and accurate; (2) the Candidate agrees to abide by all rules and regulations described in this Application and Contract and its attachments, in the period before and during the Year of Service; (3) the Candidate meets each requirement for eligibility set forth in Section 2 of this Application and Contract; and (4) State Organization shall have the sole discretion to determine whether, in its judgment, the Candidate may continue to participate in the Program or to serve as the Titleholder, in the event that State Organization determines that any statement or representation by the Candidate is not true and accurate or that any action by the Candidate is inconsistent with the rules and regulations of the Program.

Section 2: Eligibility of Candidate to Participate

2.1. I have never before competed in any National Finals of The Miss America Organization.

2.2. Age. I am currently _____ years of age. I was born on _____, _____. I understand that, in order to be eligible to compete, I:

(1) Must be at least eighteen (18) years of age as of July 31st in the calendar year of the State Competition in which I compete;

(2) Must be at least a high school graduate or equivalent by July 31st in the calendar year of the State Competition in which I compete; and

(3) Must not be older than twenty-five (25) years of age as of the last day in the calendar year of the State Competition in which I compete (December 31st)

I will be _____ years of age on December 31, 2019 and confirm that I will not be older than the twenty-five (25) year age requirement. A copy of my birth certificate and a copy of my driver's license or a government issued identification card are included with Attachment A, the Supplemental Fact Sheet.

For the avoidance of doubt, I cannot turn twenty-six (26) years of age at any time during the calendar year (through December 31st) in which I will compete at state or national. For the avoidance of doubt, 13 to 17 year old high-school graduates, as well as 18 year old non-graduates as of July 31st, must compete at MAOTeen level.

2.3. Residence. I understand that, in order to compete in the State or Local Competition in anticipation of this year's National Finals, I must either: (1) reside in; (2) be enrolled in and physically attending classes on a full-time basis at an accredited college or university in; or (3) be employed on a full-time basis in the State which I intend to represent in the National Finals.

2.3.1. Residency Status. If I am claiming eligibility to compete in the State or Local Organization based upon my residence in the respective _____ (state) or _____ (city), I must be a resident of that _____ (state) or _____ (city) for at least six (6) months prior to competing in the State or Local Competition or, only if Locals are not held in the state where I'm competing, at

least six (6) months prior to the State Competition AND I MUST CONTINUE TO BE A RESIDENT. Residence is defined as the primary address where I physically live and have established verification of residency through my driver's license, automobile registration, property mortgage or lease in my name, tax filings, etc. **I currently reside at:**

Street Address: _____

Apt./Suite: _____

City: _____

State/Zip: _____

I have resided at this address since _____. I have included with Attachment A, Supplemental Fact Sheet, a copy of my driver's license or a government-issued identification card, and proof of this residency in the form of _____ (driver's license, automobile registration, current property mortgage or lease in my name, or other official document establishing residency). If my residency at this location was established within the six (6) months preceding the State or Local Competition in which I am competing, **my last previous residence was:**

Street Address: _____

Apt./Suite: _____

City: _____

State/Zip: _____

I lived at that address from _____, _____ (date) to _____, _____ (date). If requested, I agree to provide the State or Local Organization with any additional information or documents within five (5) business days of the request to determine my residency in the State or Local, if my residence is relevant to my eligibility. I fully understand that additional proof of residency may be requested and include, but not limited to, a property mortgage or lease in my name, utility bills, automobile registration, tax filings, voter registration card, etc.

2.3.2. Student Status. If I am claiming eligibility to compete based upon my status as a student in the State or Local Organization in which I am competing, I must: (a) have successfully completed at least one semester as a full-time (at least 12 credit hours) student, and presently be enrolled and physically attending classes on a full-time basis at an accredited college or university in the state or local in which I am competing; or (b) have graduated from an accredited college or university in the state or local in which I am competing between the date of this Application and Contract and the first day of the State Competition in which I am competing in anticipation of this year's National Finals. For purposes of this Section 2.3.2., I understand that my physical attendance of classes in the state or local in which I am competing is a requirement for eligibility to compete based upon my status as a student. I also understand that no more than two (2) full-time semesters may have elapsed between the completion of my last full-time semester and the beginning of the next full-time semester that I am attending at a college or university in the state or local in which I am competing. Please check and fill in all that apply:

() **2.3.2.1.** I have completed _____ semesters of study at _____ College/University in the City of _____, State of _____. I have received credits for courses totaling _____ hours. I have attached to the Supplemental Fact Sheet an official College/University transcript that shows these credits.

() **2.3.2.2.** I am currently enrolled at _____ College/University in the City of _____, State of _____, where I am presently attending classes in

_____ accredited courses. I represent and warrant that I am considered a “full-time student” by the college or university that I attend and that I am physically attending classes in the state or local in which I intend to compete. I have attached to the Supplemental Fact Sheet an official copy of a registration form from the school that shows this enrollment.

() **2.3.2.3.** I received a _____ degree from _____ College/University in the City of _____, State of _____ in _____ (month/year). I have attached a copy of this degree or an official College/University transcript, indicating the degree awarded, to the Supplemental Fact Sheet.

() **2.3.2.4.** I have completed _____ semesters of study at _____ Graduate School in the City of _____, State of _____. I have received credits for courses totaling _____ hours. I have attached an official College/University transcript to the Supplemental Fact Sheet that shows these credits.

() **2.3.2.5.** I am currently enrolled at _____ Graduate School, in the City of _____, State of _____, where I am presently attending classes in _____ accredited courses. I represent and warrant that I am considered a “full-time student” by the Graduate School I attend and that I am physically attending classes in the state or local in which I intend to compete. I have attached to the Supplemental Fact Sheet an official copy of a Registration Form from the school that shows this enrollment.

() **2.3.2.6.** I received a _____ graduate degree from _____ Graduate School in the City of _____, State of _____ in _____ (month/year). I have attached a copy of this degree or an official College/University transcript, indicating the degree awarded, to the Supplemental Fact Sheet.

2.3.3. Employment Status. If I am claiming eligibility to compete in the State or Local Organization based on my employment, even though I am not a resident of the state or geographic boundary in which I am competing, I am and have been a *bona fide* full-time employee working in the state or geographic boundary [employed by one or more employers and physically working either: (a) in the state or geographic boundary for at least forty (40) hours per week; or (b) working in the state or geographic boundary full-time as defined by my employer, but in no event less than thirty-two (32) hours per week]. Such employment and hours must be verified by my employer(s) for a continuous period of at least twenty-six (26) consecutive weeks immediately preceding the date of my first State or Local Competition. In addition, to remain eligible, I must maintain such employment through the completion of the Local Competition, State Competition, and, subsequently, the National Finals.

Name of Current Employer: _____

Address of Employer: _____

Phone Number of Employer: _____

Nature of Position: _____

Dates of Employment: _____ to _____

If requested, I agree to provide the State or Local Organization with any additional information or documents that may be required within five (5) business days of the request to determine my employment in the state or local which I competed, if my employment is relevant to my eligibility. I understand that additional information to establish employment may include paystubs, W-2 forms, income tax filing, etc.

2.4. Citizenship. I am a citizen of the United States of America.

2.5. Education. In order to be eligible to compete, I must be a high school senior no later than the date of my first competition, or have successfully completed the G.E.D. testing program for high school equivalency, or have successfully completed the academic requirements for entry into an accredited college/university degree program requiring physical attendance by July 31st immediately preceding the National Finals. Please check and fill in all that apply:

☐ **2.5.1.** I received a High School diploma in _____ (month/year) from _____ High School in the City of _____, State of _____.

☐ **2.5.2.** I received a G.E.D. certificate for High School equivalency in _____ (month/year).

☐ **2.5.3.** I have been accepted into an accredited college/university degree program requiring physical attendance. I have attached an official Acceptance Letter from the college/university.

2.6. Personal Characteristics. I understand that in order to be eligible to compete in the State or Local Competition, I hereby certify to the Personal Characteristics set forth in this section:

2.6.1. Gender. I am a female.

2.6.2. Marital Status. I am not now and I have never been married, nor have I had a marriage annulled.

2.6.3. Parental Status. I am not now pregnant, nor do I intend to become pregnant during my Year of Service. I am not a parent, or the adoptive parent of any child, nor will I become a parent or the adoptive parent of any child during my Year of Service. I understand that if I become pregnant or become the adoptive parent of a child during my Year of Service, I am no longer eligible to participate or compete in any State or Local Competition, the Miss America Competition, or hold any title as the Titleholder.

2.6.4. Good Character. I am of good moral character, and I have not been involved at any time in any act of moral turpitude or behavior that is, or could be, perceived by the State or Local Organization as contrary to the GOALS AND OBJECTIVES of the Miss America Program or its elements as described in Paragraph 1.1 of this contract and as determined by MAO in its sole and absolute discretion.

2.6.5. Criminal Record. I have not been charged with multiple minor or petty offenses in the last twenty-four (24) months. I have never been convicted of any criminal offense and there are no criminal charges presently pending against me. I understand that I may make an appeal to MAO if criminal offenses/charges in my state are considered minor or petty offenses in another state. This appeal must be presented to MAO through legal counsel of my choice. Any decision by MAO will be final and binding.

2.6.6. Prior Conduct. I have never, knowingly or unknowingly, performed any act or engaged in any activity or employment that is or that the State or Local Organization could characterize as dishonest, immoral, lewd, or indecent.

2.6.6.1. Disparagement. I understand if I have engaged or will engage in conduct, in the sole or exclusive judgment of Local, State, or National Organizations, which adversely reflects and considered harmful to Local, State, or National's reputation, including the uttering or publishing of any disparaging comments regarding Local, State, National, affiliates, sponsors, volunteers, or participants in the *Miss America* Program; and/or fail to present communications to members of the public in a professional manner to maintain and enhance the Miss America Program's broad public acceptance, and in order to prevent damage to its business or reputation, I may be dismissed from competing and/or from holding a title in the program.

2.6.7. Health. I am in good health and can, to the best of my knowledge, participate fully in any and all Program activities. Any current medical condition or disability will not impede my ability to participate and compete in all activities of the State or Local Competition, complete my Year of Service, or fulfill my obligations under this Application and Contract, or require unreasonable or exceptional assistance as determined solely by the State or Local Organization. Any accommodations approved by the State or Local Organization will be my sole responsibility, including, but not limited to financial responsibility, nor should such accommodation create a benefit or advantage not afforded to all candidates. Upon the request of the State or Local Organization, I will provide or cause my health care provider(s) to provide the State or Local Organization with all or a portion of my health care records as necessary to verify the accuracy of this representation.

2.6.8. Substance Abuse. I do not use or consume any illegal or controlled substances other than those obtained pursuant to a valid prescription and taken according to the directions of a licensed health care professional. I do not abuse the use of alcohol, prescriptive drugs, or other dangerous substances.

2.6.9. Family Members. Any immediate family member who has served in any capacity, including as a volunteer, candidate prep coach, or competition judge, on the state or local board of the licensed state organization or the national organization must have formally resigned at least six (6) months prior to the time that I am eligible to compete in my first local competition or, if locals are not held in the state where I competed, at least six (6) months prior to the state competition in which I intend to compete this year. This restriction includes the volunteering, serving as a candidate prep coach, or as a competition judge of a candidate's immediate family member in the "Outstanding Teen" or "Princess" or "Princess-like" programs in the licensed state. Immediate Family is defined as parents, grandparents, aunts, great aunts, uncles, great uncles, and siblings, whether by whole or half blood, or by marriage, including step-children, adoption, or natural relation. However, I am eligible to enter in a state organization and a licensed state's local organization if an immediate family member serves in any capacity in a different licensed state organization, other than a judge.

2.7. Contractual and Other Obligations.

2.7.1. National Service Platform Requirement. The Miss America Organization ("MAO") has entered into an agreement with Children's Miracle Network Hospitals ("CMN Hospitals"). The agreement, among other things, establishes CMN Hospitals as The Miss America Organization's National Platform. As a candidate in the Miss America Program, I understand I am required to raise money to support CMN Hospitals and the Miss America Scholarship Fund:

2.7.1.1. As a Local Candidate, I understand that I am required to raise a minimum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) by a date determined by my Local Organization, no later than the beginning of Local Competition activities.

2.7.1.2. As a State Candidate, I understand that I am required to raise a minimum of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) by a date determined by my State Organization, no later than the beginning of State Competition activities.

2.7.1.3. As a National Candidate, I understand that I am required to raise a minimum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), no later than thirty (30) days prior to the National Finals.

In furtherance of the foregoing, I will create a personal profile on the fundraising website, www.MissAmericaforkids.org, which will assist me in performing other acts and deeds in accordance with the instructions and requirements of MAO, as the same may change from time to time.

2.7.2. Prior Contractual Commitments. Within the three (3) months before my participation in the first Local or State competition in which I am competing this year, and since that participation, I have not authorized any person, firm, corporation, etc. to use my name, photograph, picture, or present or future title that I hold or may hold, in connection with an endorsement to advertise any commercial product. I am not a party to any contract with any person, firm, corporation, etc. in respect to any present title that I hold or may hold, nor have I made any commitments for the future regarding any such titles. I do not have any legal obligations that would prevent or limit my participation and appearances in the State or Local Competition, any other Local Competition, State Competition, the National Finals or, if selected as Miss America, in the Year of Service, or my compliance with the rules, regulations, and conditions of the Program.

2.7.3. Other Competitions. If I win, I will continue to hold the title given to me as the Titleholder until my successor is selected or appointed. I agree that, during my service in that role and until after the scheduled completion of the full term of the position for which I was selected, I will not associate in any way with, promote, perform, judge, or become a candidate or participant in any other regional, national, or international competition or preliminary competition of a similar nature* to the National Finals. I also represent that I am not a candidate, participant, or titleholder in any other regional, national, or international competition or State or Local preliminary competition of a similar nature* to the National Finals.

* Similar Nature is defined as programs with similar structure to Miss America where the candidate advances through winning local and/or state competition to advance to a national and/or international competition and through competing they are awarded a national and/or international title and/or crown. This does not include fair/festival or school titles that do not select a national winner.

2.7.4. Use of the Titles, Words, and Symbols. After the conclusion of my Year of Service, if I am advised by the Local or State Organization that, in its sole and exclusive judgment, my use of any of the titles, words, or symbols associated with the State or Local Organization, the Miss America Organization and the Program has caused or is reasonably likely to cause harm, I agree to discontinue any such use immediately. I understand and agree that the judgment of the State or Local Organization shall be final and binding.

2.7.5. If selected as the Titleholder, I shall not use, nor allow another party to use, my status while appearing in an official capacity as the Titleholder, for the public announcement of a marriage proposal or marriage engagement, unless the State or Local Organization has specifically granted me written permission to make a public announcement of a marriage proposal or engagement.

2.7.6. If selected as the Titleholder, my actions and conduct will be representative of the integrity and esteem of The Miss America Organization. I acknowledge that I am an official Titleholder of the State or Local Organization, and I will not engage in any actions or behavior that could be perceived by the State or Local Organization as contrary to the Miss America Program or its elements.

2.7.7. Attorney Review of Application and Contract. I have been given a sufficient opportunity to review this Application and Contract and its attachments, including the Supplemental Fact Sheet (Attachment A); Emergency Information (Attachment B), Medical Responsibility Form (Attachment C); Scholarship Rules and Regulations (Attachment D) Social Media Policy (Attachment E), and Coaching Disclosure Form (Attachment F). I have also had the opportunity to consult with an attorney of my own choosing to give me legal advice with regard to this Application and Contract. I understand that this Application and Contract is a legal document and that if I sign and submit it to the State or Local Organization and it is accepted, I have agreed to be bound by this Application and Contract and its attachments.

2.7.8. Changes in Circumstances. I understand and agree that if, at any time after I file this Application and Contract with the State or Local Organization, including during my Year of Service, any of the facts stated in this Application and Contract or its attachments including, but not limited to, those related to my ability to fully participate in all activities, should change at any time, I am obligated to report any such change in writing immediately to the State or Local Organization. I also understand that if I fail to do so, the State or Local Organization may, in its sole discretion, determine to limit or prevent my participation or to terminate my Year of Service as the Titleholder.

2.7.9. Expectation to Compete in State and National Finals. I understand that if I am selected as "Miss (Local/State)," it is expected that I will compete at the State Finals, and, if successful, at the National Finals. If I elect not to participate at the next highest level, and if given the opportunity to withdraw, I understand that I will forfeit my title(s) and all rights associated therewith.

Section 3: Personal and Professional Background Information

3.1. Employment History.

3.1.1. Present Employment. I am presently employed (____) full-time (____) part-time (check as applicable) by _____, located in the City of _____, State of _____. I hold the position of _____ and my responsibilities include _____.

3.1.2. Prior Employment: During the past three (3) years I have worked in the following positions:

Employer	Location	Dates	Position
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

3.2. Medical Information (complete Attachment B - Emergency Information Form)

3.2.1. Current Medical Condition. I do not presently suffer from any illness, disease, or disability that will prohibit, restrict, or impair my ability to fulfill my obligations under this Application and Contract or to fulfill my Year of Service. At the present time (check as applicable):

(____) **3.2.1.1.** I am receiving treatment or medication for condition described in Attachment B.

(____) **3.2.1.2.** I am not receiving treatment or medication for this condition described in Attachment B.

AND

(____) **3.2.1.3.** I do expect to be taking medication or to be receiving treatment for this condition during the State or Local Competition or, if selected as the Titleholder, during my Year of Service.

(____) **3.2.1.4.** I do not expect to be taking medication or to be receiving treatment for this condition during the State or Local Competition or, if selected as the Titleholder, during my Year of Service.

Section 4: Participation in the State or Local Competition

4.1. Participation in Competition. I agree to participate in the series of events and appearances leading up to the final selection of the State or Local Program. These events are scheduled on dates to be determined by the State or Local Organization. I will be bound by the rules and regulations governing the State or Local Organization and the procedures for the awarding and supervision of all scholarships described in Attachment D. My participation in the Competition may include public appearances scheduled for me by the State or Local Organization including, but not limited to, internet, television, and radio broadcasts, personal appearances, interviews, still photo sessions, and video and audio taping or filming of all or any part of the events associated with the Competition.

4.2. Conduct of the Competition. I understand and agree that the State or Local Organization shall determine the manner and method of conducting the Competition in its sole discretion. I further understand and agree that the State or Local Organization shall also determine the time, method, and manner of judging the competition and the awarding and supervision of all scholarships in its sole discretion. The decision of the persons designated by the State or Local Organization to judge the various events in any and all matters pertaining to the selection of the winners shall be final in all respects.

4.3. Televising and Sponsorship of Competition. I understand that the State or Local Organization makes no representations to me that the Competition will be televised or broadcast on either a live or tape-delay basis, or that the Competition will be sponsored by one or more sponsors, or that I will be personally or individually involved in any specific appearance in any broadcast.

4.4. Permanent License of Publication Rights. I hereby authorize the State or Local Organization and anyone duly licensed or authorized by same to: (1) televise, photograph, broadcast, and/or make radio, internet, television, video and audio tapes, or motion picture recordings of me individually or in a group; (2) use or re-use such photographs, recordings, video tapes, audio tapes, and/or motion picture films in all media throughout the world in perpetuity; and (3) use my name, likeness, and/or physical depiction for any purpose in perpetuity, in an unedited or edited manner or fashion as the State or Local Organization, in its sole discretion, shall determine. This authorization shall also include the use of all such photographs, recordings, videotapes, audiotapes, and/or motion picture films made during my Year of Service.

4.5. State Organization Ownership of Rights. I understand and agree that all photographs, tapes, and films made of me for trade, advertising, and any other purpose or purposes as a participant in the Competition, and any use of my name, likeness, and/or physical depiction when identified with the Program, shall be the sole and exclusive property of State Organization. I understand and agree that I shall have no claim or right to those photographs, tapes, and films, not only during the period between and during the Competition and, if I am selected as the Titleholder, during my Year of Service, but in perpetuity thereafter. I understand and agree that this provision refers to and includes all photographs, tapes, and films from any activities relating to the competition, including, but not limited to, interviews, rehearsals, and publicity events, either individually or as a member of a group.

4.6. Selection as Runner-Up. If I am selected at the competition as a runner-up to the Titleholder, I agree to remain available to assume all of the rights, obligations, and commitments of the Year of Service, as described in Section 5 of this Application and Contract, in the event that the State or Local Organization appoints me to do so by reason of the inability or ineligibility, during the Year of Service, of any Candidate who was selected as the Titleholder or as another runner-up.

4.7. Change in Circumstances. I understand that if, at any time between the date of this Application and Contract and the completion of the Competition, any facts concerning my eligibility to participate in the Competition should change, including, without limitation, my ability to participate fully in all candidate activities, citizenship, marital or parental status, good character and reputation, or behavior that is, or could be, perceived as contrary to the Program or its elements as described in Paragraph 1.1 of this contract or, if relevant to my eligibility, my residence, employment, or educational status, State Organization shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to determine that I am not eligible to participate in the Competition.

Section 5: Commitments for Service as a State or Local Titleholder

5.1. Full-time Service as a Titleholder. If I am selected as the Titleholder at the Competition, I will serve as the Titleholder during the Year of Service and until my successor is selected or appointed. The duties and obligations of my service as the Titleholder have been described to me and I understand and accept them. I agree that I will dedicate my entire time, efforts, and energy during my Year of Service to the fulfillment of these duties and obligations, and that I will engage in no other business or other activities that will in any way interfere with the duties and obligations of my Year of Service.

5.2. National Service Platform. I understand and have been advised that The Miss America Organization has entered into an agreement with Children's Miracle Network Hospitals ("CMN Hospitals"). The agreement, among other things, establishes CMN Hospitals as MAO's National Platform. I agree to work with CMN Hospitals and The Miss America Organization to support this National Platform and further the goals of the Program by creating goodwill and recognition for the National Platform throughout the United States. I understand that I may also promote my own personal Platform, if I choose to do so. In that event, I agree to work with the State or Local Organization to select and pursue an appropriate platform that will enable me and the State or Local Organization to maximize the impact of my Year of Service.

5.3. Availability for Appearances and Events. I agree to make myself available for such personal appearances, interviews, testimonials, endorsements, filming, tapings, photographic and recording sessions, and other and various commitments and events related to my Year of Service that the State or Local Organization has made and will make for me in its sole discretion.

5.4. Independent Contractor Status. I understand and agree that I am not and will not become an employee of the State or Local Organization during my Year of Service. I am and will remain an independent contractor with respect to the State or Local Organization. The authority granted by this Application and Contract to the State or Local Organization to act on my behalf is intended for the mutual convenience of the State or Local Organization and me and in order to provide an effective means of organizing my activities during my Year of Service.

5.5. Appointment of the State or Local Organization as Exclusive Agent and Representative. Commencing with my selection as the Titleholder and throughout my Year of Service and until my successor is selected or appointed, I irrevocably constitute and appoint the State or Local Organization, from which my title is given, as my sole and exclusive agent, representative, and attorney-in-fact with the authority to:

5.5.1. act for me and in my interests throughout the world for the making of all press releases or other public statements to the media;

5.5.2. sign, make, execute, and deliver all contracts in my name in connection with my business or other affairs as the Titleholder during my Year of Service, whether they be contracts for my performance at theatrical, artistic, or commercial engagements or other personal appearances, and undertake commitments in my name for the satisfaction of my obligations pursuant to those contracts;

5.5.3. sign, make, execute, and deliver all contracts in my name in connection with any appearances or other obligations which are related to my service as the Titleholder which are to be fulfilled after the completion of my Year of Service, provided that I have consented in writing to the terms of such contracts;

5.5.4. be aware of and approve all appearances which are not sanctioned by the State or Local Organization during my Year of Service;

5.5.5. determine the appropriate compensation, if any, that I shall receive for appearances or other activities related to my Year of Service.

5.5.6. collect and receive for and on my behalf all proceeds, monies, or other compensation that is due or to become due to me by reason of any performance, service, appearance, engagement, or contract;

5.5.7. choose and designate my Tour Manager(s);

5.5.8. select the appropriate modes of public or private transportation for me and my Tour Manager(s), including the determination of the appropriate levels of travel service and overnight accommodations for my Tour Manager(s) and me; and

5.5.9. determine the best method of preparing me for the next level of Competition. The use of a coach may transpire as long as the Executive Director agrees and collaborates on such arrangement in order to prepare me for the next level of Competition. If my Local and/or State Executive Director does approve the hiring or utilization of a coach, then a signed Coaching Disclosure Form (Attachment F) must be presented to the State and Local Organization no less than seven (7) days following the Local Competition. If a coach is replaced or added to my preparation team, then a revised Coaching Disclosure Form (Attachment F) must be forwarded to the State Organization no less than four (4) weeks before the State Competition.

I understand that coaching relationships that are not properly disclosed will not be tolerated in The Miss America Organization. Non-Disclosure Agreements (NDA's) or any other legally binding contract designed to conceal a coaching/candidate relationship is expressly prohibited. Any and all other contracts are superseded by the MAO State Organization Agreement and Candidate Contracts.

I fully understand coaches cannot be allowed to interfere with the responsibilities of being a titleholder, as well as jeopardize current agreements, sponsorships, or contracts in place with the local and/or state organization.

5.6. Sponsorship Fees and Payments to the State or Local Organization. I understand and agree that, in addition to the payments that the State or Local Organization, as my exclusive agent and representative, negotiates and approves on my behalf for my compensation for my appearances and services, the State or Local Organization may also contract for and receive sponsorship fees and other payments related to my appearances that will be paid directly to the State or Local Organization. I understand and agree that I shall not be entitled to receive any portion of these fees or payments nor have the discretion to refuse any sponsor arrangements negotiated by the State or Local Organization.

5.7. Numbers of Appearances. I understand and agree that the State or Local Organization has made and makes no representations to me as to the number or nature of the appearances that I may be asked to make or the amount of compensation that I will receive during my Year of Service.

5.8. Prior Contracts. I understand that, prior to the competition, the State or Local Organization will enter into contracts and commitments for the appearances and services of the Candidate who will be selected at the Competition. I agree that such contracts will be binding

on me to the same extent as if the State or Local Organization had entered into them on my behalf after the commencement of my Year of Service.

5.9. Membership in Unions. If and when requested by the State or Local Organization, I agree to become a member or core-member, at my election, of such unions or guilds as may be necessary in order to appear as a variety artist or for fashion purposes in any film, taped or recorded radio, or television products, commercials, motion pictures, photographic sessions, or personal appearances.

5.10. Prohibition of Endorsement of Competing Products and Services. I acknowledge that the State or Local Organization has contracted in the past, and will contract in the future, for the financial support of commercial companies and organizations, whose advertising commitments and other sponsorships are an important element of the financial stability of the Program. I agree that I will not in any way endorse or permit my name or likeness to be used in connection with the endorsement or advertisement of any products or services competitive to the products or services of an advertiser, sponsor, or licensee of the State or Local Organization, either during my Year of Service, unless the State or Local Organization approves such an endorsement or advertisement in writing. I understand that the State or Local Organization is under no obligation to approve or consent to any such endorsement or advertisement after the end of my Year of Service.

5.11. Appearances after Year of Service. After the conclusion of my Year of Service, I will not wear the crown or sash given to me as the Titleholder, nor appear as the Titleholder for the purposes of advertising or endorsing any product, person, cause, or service, unless I have received in advance the written approval of the State or Local Organization. I understand that the State or Local Organization shall not be obligated to approve any such appearance or use of the Titleholder crown and/or sash.

5.12. Use of Titles, Words, and Symbols after Year of Service. After the conclusion of my Year of Service, if I am advised by the State or Local Organization that, in its sole and exclusive judgment, my use of any of the titles, words, or symbols associated with the State or Local Organization and the Program has caused or is reasonably likely to cause harm to the State or Local Organization, I agree to discontinue any such use immediately. I understand and agree that the judgment of the State or Local Organization on this question shall be final and binding.

5.13. Permanence of Restrictions. I understand and agree that the provisions of Sections 5.11 and 5.12 of this Application and Contract shall specifically survive the termination of this Application and Contract and shall be enforceable by the State or Local Organization and binding on me in perpetuity.

5.14. Change in Circumstances. I understand that if, at any time between the Competition at which I am selected as the Titleholder and the completion of my Year of Service, any facts concerning my eligibility to participate in the Program should change, including, without limitation, my ability to participate fully in all activities, citizenship, marital or parental status, good character and reputation, or behavior that is or, or could be, perceived as contrary to the Program or its elements as described in Paragraph 1.1 of this contract, or if I should become, in the sole judgment of the State or Local Organization, physically unable to perform the duties and obligations relating to my Year of Service, the State or Local Organization shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to determine that I am not eligible to continue to serve as the Titleholder. In that event, the State or Local Organization may, at its option, forfeit my title and all prizes, awards, and perquisites of the position of the Titleholder, or both or either, subject to the provisions of Section 6.7 of this Application and Contract.

Section 6: Legal Obligations and Agreements

6.1. Unauthorized Use of Titles. I acknowledge and agree that the title that I presently hold; the title "Miss LOCAL," the title "Miss STATE," the title "Miss America;" and the name and

designation "Miss America Pageant," "Miss America Competition" and "The Miss America Organization" are the trademarks and property of The Miss America Organization. I agree never to use, or to authorize anyone else to use, the words "Miss (Local)," "Miss (State)," "Miss America," "Miss America Pageant," "Miss America Competition," or "Miss America Organization," or any similar or related phrase, in association with me or my name or likeness in any way without prior written approval from The Miss America Organization.

6.2. Authorization of Publication. I authorize the use of my name, likeness, photographs, pictures, physical depiction, endorsement rights, and my title(s) by the State or Local Organization and by such persons, firms, or corporations as may be approved and selected by the State or Local Organization. I will abide by the provisions of any agreement between the State or Local Organization and such persons, firms, or corporations regarding my services for advertising and promotional uses.

6.3. Registration and Use of Domain Name. I authorize the State or Local Organization or its licensee to register a domain name ("Internet Domain Name") in such version of my name as the State or Local Organization or its licensee may deem appropriate, in the form myname.com or any comparable variation thereof. During my tenure as the Titleholder and, if I am selected as Miss America, during my Year of Service, The Miss America Organization or its licensee shall have full authority to use my Internet Domain Name for all purposes. Thereafter, I understand that The Miss America Organization or its licensee shall transfer to me all rights to register and use my Internet Domain Name. During the period that The Miss America Organization or its licensee is authorized to register and use my Internet Domain Name, I shall not register or use, nor permit anyone else to register or use, my name or title in any form in an Internet Domain Name.

6.4. Permanent Ownership of Rights. All photographs, video tapes, audio tapes, motion picture films, or other recordings or reproductions made of me, whether "still" or "live," and my name, likeness, photographs, pictures, physical depiction, title, and endorsement rights (a) as a Candidate or as a participant in the events leading up to the State or Local Competition; or (b) while representing the State or Local Organization or participating in any State or Local Organization-sponsored events whether before, during, or after the Competition or, if I am selected as the Titleholder, during or after my Year of Service, including, but not limited to, events such as press interviews, judges interviews, rehearsals, and publicity events, either individually or as a member of a group, as applicable (the "Rights"), are and shall be, become and remain the property of the State or Local Organization in perpetuity. The Rights may be used and re-used by the State or Local Organization, or anyone designated and licensed by the State or Local Organization, for publicity, advertising, or any other use in any medium, all as deemed appropriate by the State or Local Organization in its sole discretion. I will ensure that all rights that any officially sanctioned photographer(s) may have in any official publicity photographs of me are released by that photographer(s) in favor and that any such photographer(s) shall provide a written release of such rights on a form acceptable to the State or Local Organization. I understand and agree that the provisions of this section shall specifically survive the termination of this Application and Contract.

6.5. Scholarship Grants and Forfeitures. I understand and agree that the grant of scholarships by the State or Local Organization is subject to the terms and conditions of the Scholarship Rules and Regulations attached to this Application and Contract as Attachment "D". By signing this Application and Contract, I agree to be bound by those rules and regulations. I understand that all scholarships that I may be awarded will be non-forfeitable in the event that I breach this Application and Contract or fail to perform any duties that I may have as a Candidate. I also understand and agree, however, that such scholarships may be forfeited if I have made any misrepresentations as to my eligibility to compete or if I have not complied with the rules and regulations for scholarships outlined in Attachment D.

I understand and agree that MAO has additional scholarship rules and regulations for scholarships awarded by MAO. If I advance to the National Finals of the Miss America Competition, or if I am a recipient of a scholarship awarded by MAO, I agree to be bound by MAO's Scholarship Rules and Regulations.

6.6. Documents and Information; Cooperation with Inquiries. I agree to provide the State or Local Organization, at its request, with any documents or information necessary to determine any question with regard to my initial or continuing eligibility to compete or to complete my Year of Service. I also agree to cooperate fully with any inquiry undertaken by the State or Local Organization in connection with my initial or continuing eligibility, and to provide sworn statements and any relevant documents if requested to do so by the State or Local Organization.

6.7. Termination of Eligibility. I understand and agree that if:

6.7.1. any of the representations or statements made by me in this Application and Contract or any of its attachments is determined by the State or Local Organization to be false;

6.7.2. there is a change of circumstances that would affect my eligibility to participate fully in the competition or, if I am selected as the Titleholder, to complete my Year of Service, including, without limitation, changes in my ability to participate in all activities, citizenship, marital or parental status, good character and reputation, or behavior that is or that the State or Local Organization perceives as contrary to the Miss America Program or its elements as described in Paragraph 1.1 of this contract, or if relevant to my eligibility to participate in the competition, my residence, employment, or educational status;

6.7.3. I fail to conduct myself in a manner which, in the sole and exclusive judgment of the State or Local Organization, is consistent with the standards and dignity of the Program;

6.7.4. I do not abide by the Rules for the Local and State Competition Finals as set forth in the competition guidelines and limitations that will be applicable to my activities if I am selected as the Titleholder; or

6.7.5. I suffer any medical condition or disability, which, in the sole and exclusive judgment of the State or Local Organization, impairs my ability to perform the duties, expected of me as a Candidate; then

The State or Local Organization shall have the right, in its sole and exclusive judgment, to determine that I am not eligible to participate or continue to participate in the Competition or to complete my Year of Service. In that event, all titles, awards, and perquisites of my position as a Candidate, as appropriate, shall be terminated and forfeited, subject to the provisions of Section 6.5 of this Application and Contract.

6.8. Public Release of Information. I understand that some elements of the Program, and in particular, the Competition and the public appearances of the Titleholder during the Year of Service, are frequently the subject of intense media and public interest and scrutiny. I further understand that it is very important for Titleholders to maintain a high level of public trust in and acceptance of the integrity of, and manner of conducting, the Competition and the qualifications and conduct of Candidates. Accordingly, I authorize the State or Local Organization, in the exercise of its sole and exclusive discretion, to release and to comment publicly upon any truthful information concerning my eligibility or continued eligibility to participate or to complete my Year of Service.

6.9. Uniqueness of Contract and Services; Injunctions. I understand and agree that the services and duties described in this Application and Contract are unique and extraordinary and that there is no adequate remedy at law for any breach of this Application and Contract by me. Therefore, in the event of any such breach, or in the event of such a breach that is attempted or threatened, I agree that the State or Local Organization shall be entitled to equitable relief by

way of injunction or otherwise to prevent or repair such breach or attempted or threatened breach.

6.10. Applicability of New Jersey Law. This Application and Contract and its attachments shall be construed and interpreted under the laws of the State of New Jersey.

6.11. Entire Agreement; Enforceability. When signed and approved by the State or Local Organization, this Application and Contract, together with its attachments, shall solely and exclusively determine my rights, privileges, and responsibilities to the State or Local Organization. No oral or other written statement that is in any way inconsistent with the provisions of this Application and Contract shall be binding upon me or upon the State or Local Organization. If any provision of this Application and Contract should be declared void or unenforceable, such provision shall be deemed omitted from this Application and Contract. In that event, the remainder of this Application and Contract shall remain in full force and effect.

[SIGNATURE PAGE]

Affidavit of Candidate

On the basis of all of these statements and agreements, I request this Application and Contract be accepted for me to participate as a Candidate in the State or Local Competition. If this Application and Contract is accepted, I agree to comply with all of the terms and conditions of this Application and Contract, together with its attachments. I understand that I have entered into a contract with both the Local program(s) named below on page 18 or subsequent page(s), and if named the Local program's titleholder, the Miss _____ Organization, whose legal entity name is:

(State)

(Print the State Organization's Legal Name)

DATE

CANDIDATE SIGNATURE

I do hereby swear that the statements made in this Application and Contract and its attachments are true.

Agreed this _____ day of _____, 20____.
(month)

PLEASE PRINT CANDIDATE NAME

CANDIDATE SIGNATURE

Signature Page to 2019 MAO State and Local Candidate Contract

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

(To be completed by the Parent(s) or Guardian(s) of a Candidate who is not yet eighteen (18) years of age on the date of this Application and Contract)

Parent or Guardian

I, the undersigned parent or guardian of _____, who is the Candidate named in this Application and Contract, of qualified age and according to law, upon my oath depose and say:

1. I have read and I understand the provisions of this Application and Contract and its attachments. To the best of my knowledge, information and belief, all of the factual statements made in this Application and Contract by the Candidate are true.
2. I have been given the opportunity to consult with an attorney of my choosing to seek legal advice regarding this Application and Contract.
3. I consent to the execution of this Application and Contract by the Candidate.
4. On behalf of the Candidate, I agree to the terms and conditions of this Application and Contract and its attachments.
5. I have not previously authorized any person, firm, or corporation to use the name, photograph, picture, likeness, or any present or future title of the Candidate in connection with any endorsement or advertisement of any commercial product for or on behalf of the Candidate, nor has any other person ever been authorized to do so, other than a co-signer of this affidavit.
6. I shall not authorize any person, firm, or corporation to use the name, photograph, picture, likeness, or any present or future title of the Candidate in connection with any endorsement or advertisement of any commercial product for or on behalf of the Candidate other than in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Application and Contract and its attachments.

I do hereby swear that the statements made in this Application and Contract and its attachments are true.

Agreed this _____ day of _____, 20____.
(month)

PLEASE PRINT PARENT/GUARDIAN

PLEASE PRINT PARENT/GUARDIAN

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

Parent/Guardian Affidavit to 2019 MAO State and Local Candidate Contract

Approval of Application and Contract for Participation

Approval of "First Entered" Local Competition:

The Miss (Local) _____ Organization has thoroughly reviewed this contract, including eligibility and hereby APPROVES this Application and Contract and accepts appointment as the agent of the Candidate on the terms provided in this Application and Contract. The Candidate may compete in the Local Competition pursuant to the terms of this Application and Contract and its attachments.

Competing for the Local Title: "Miss _____ 20____"

Date of Local Competition: _____

Approval Date: _____

Signed: _____
LOCAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SIGNATURE

Miss _____ Organization Print Name: _____
LOCAL ORGANIZATION NAME LOCAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Approval for STATE Competition:

The Miss (State) _____ Organization has thoroughly reviewed eligibility independent of any other local competition's determination and hereby APPROVES this Application and Contract and accepts appointment as the agent of the Candidate on the terms provided in this Application and Contract. The Candidate may compete in the State Competition pursuant to the terms of this Application and Contract and its attachments.

Competing as Local Title: "Miss _____ 20____"

Competing for the State Title: "Miss _____ 20____"

Date of State Competition: _____

Approval Date: _____

Signed: _____
STATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SIGNATURE

Miss _____ Organization Print Name: _____
STATE ORGANIZATION NAME STATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Approval of Application and Contract for Participation - Continued

Approval for 'Subsequent Entered' Local Competition(s):

NOTE: Each subsequent Local Chapter or entity accepting a candidate's application must sign off with the name of the title they award, or if they are incorporated under the laws of their specific state, must enter their full corporate name. (E.g. Miss Winnepesaukee Scholarship Program, Inc.)

(make copies of this page if entering more than Two Local Competitions – each Local Competition entered must include this page authorized for the Application and Contract):

The Miss (Local) _____ Organization has thoroughly reviewed eligibility independent of any other local competition's determination and hereby APPROVES this Application and Contract and accepts appointment as the agent of the Candidate on the terms provided in this Application and Contract. The Candidate may compete in the Local Competition pursuant to the terms of this Application and Contract and its attachments.

Competing for the Local Title: "Miss _____ 20____"

Date of Local Competition: _____

Approval Date: _____

Signed: _____
LOCAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SIGNATURE

Miss _____ Organization Print Name: _____
LOCAL ORGANIZATION NAME LOCAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Approval for 'Subsequent Entered Local Competition(s):

NOTE: Each subsequent Local Chapter or entity accepting a candidate's application must sign off with the name of the title they award, or if they are incorporated under the laws of their specific state, must enter their full corporate name. (E.g. Miss Winnepesaukee Scholarship Program, Inc.)

The Miss (Local) _____ Organization has thoroughly reviewed eligibility independent of any other local competition's determination and hereby APPROVES this Application and Contract and accepts appointment as the agent of the Candidate on the terms provided in this Application and Contract. The Candidate may compete in the Local Competition pursuant to the terms of this Application and Contract and its attachments.

Competing for the Local Title: "Miss _____ 20____"

Date of Local Competition: _____

Approval Date: _____

Signed: _____
LOCAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SIGNATURE

Miss _____ Organization Print Name: _____
LOCAL ORGANIZATION NAME LOCAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Attachment A
Supplemental Fact Sheet
Page 1

Social Impact Statement: _____

Full Name (as you wish it listed in Program Book): _____

Full Name Phonetic Pronunciation: _____

Date of Birth: _____ **Age:** _____

Home Phone Number:(_____)_____

Cell Phone Number: (_____)_____

Email Address: _____

College Information (if applicable):

Name of College/University: _____

Year Graduated: _____

College Major: _____

Declared Minor: _____

Scholastic Honors: (1)_____

(2)_____

(3)_____

Scholastic Ambition: _____

Career Ambition: _____

Graduate School Information (if applicable):

Name of College/University: _____

Degree Sought: _____

Dates of Attendance: _____

Current Status: _____

Other Accomplishments: _____

What type of talent will you present? _____

(Indicate if you will dance (ballet, tap, etc.), sing (classical, popular, etc.), play a musical instrument (which one?), perform a comedy reading, dramatic skit, etc. - the exact title of your talent presentation is not needed.)

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Supplemental Fact Sheet
Page 2

Special training in music, drama, dance, art: _____

Father's Name: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Brothers and Sisters:

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Other interesting facts about yourself: _____

The Miss America Organization encourages the young women who participate in the Program to become involved in the community by supporting Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. In addition to CMN Hospitals, if you choose to support a personal issue, what personal issue would you want to address during your Year of Service?

Attachments included check here:

- ☐ Copy of Birth Certificate (Section 2.2)
- ☐ Copy of Driver's License or Government Issued Identification Card (Section 2.2 & 2.3.1)
- ☐ Proof of Residence (Section 2.3.1)
- ☐ Official College Transcript (Section 2.3.2.1)
- ☐ Official Transcript of College Registration for Current Classes (Section 2.3.2.2)
- ☐ Copy of College Degree (Section 2.3.2.3)
- ☐ Official Graduate School Transcript (Section 2.3.2.4)
- ☐ Official Transcript of Graduate School Registration for Current Classes (Section 2.3.2.5)
- ☐ Copy of Graduate School Degree (Section 2.3.2.6)
- ☐ Employer W-2 Form (Section 2.3.3)
- ☐ Income Tax Filing (Section 2.3.3)

Attachment B
Emergency Information Form
Page 1

Please provide the following information in addition to the information referenced in Section 3.2.

Candidate's Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Home Address: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Office: _____ Cell: _____

MEDICAL INSURANCE

Medical Insurance Company Name: _____

Employer or Company Name (If Group Plan): _____

Policy Number: _____

Name of Subscriber: _____

Subscriber's Address Through the Date of the Respective Competition(s): _____

Relation of Subscriber to You:

Self _____ **Parent/Guardian** _____ **Other** _____

DENTAL INSURANCE

Dental Insurance Company Name: _____

Employer or Company Name (if Group Plan): _____

Policy Number: _____

Name of Subscriber: _____

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Emergency Information Form
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Subscriber's Address Through the Date of the Respective Competition(s): _____

Relation of Subscriber to You:

Self _____ **Parent/Guardian** _____ **Other** _____

Family Physician: _____

Physician's Phone: Home: _____ Office: _____

Your Blood Type: _____

Medication Allergies: _____

Non-Medication Allergies: _____

Prescribed Medications You Are Currently Taking: _____

Over-the-Counter Medications You Are Currently Taking: _____

Vitamins and/or Supplements You Are Currently Taking: _____

Medical/Physical Information: _____

For Meal Planning Purposes, Please List All Food Allergies (e.g., Nuts, Gluten Free, Seafood, etc.) and/or Food Preferences (e.g., Vegetarian, No Seafood, etc.): _____

List Any Physical Challenges That Could Cause You Discomfort: _____

PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR INSURANCE CARDS, INCLUDING MEDICAL, PRESCRIPTION, AND DENTAL (FRONT AND BACK).

Attachment C
Medical Responsibility and Authorization Form

Medical and/or Dental Insurance

I certify the policy(s) named above is now in force and will be maintained through the date of the State or Local Competition in which I am competing. I understand that candidates are responsible for all medical/dental expenses incurred during the time in which they participate in any State or Local Competition, including any activities regarding same, and that neither Local/State Organization nor its medical insurance plan will be responsible for any such expenses. I certify that the above information is true and accurate.

CANDIDATE SIGNATURE AND DATE*

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE AND DATE*

**If the candidate is below the age of 18, the parent or guardian must sign the above Medical Responsibility and Authorization Information Form. In all other cases, either the candidate or her parent/guardian may sign. The completed form must be returned with the candidate contract.*

No Medical and/or Dental Insurance

I certify that I do not have medical and/or dental insurance coverage, and I understand that candidates are fully responsible for any and all medical/dental expenses incurred during the time in which they participate and that neither the Local/State Organization nor its medical insurance plan will be responsible for any such expenses. I certify that the above information is true and accurate.

CANDIDATE SIGNATURE AND DATE*

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE AND DATE*

**If the candidate is below the age of 18, the parent or guardian must sign the above Medical Responsibility and Authorization Information Form. In all other cases, either the candidate or her parent/guardian may sign. The completed form must be returned with the candidate contract.*

Pre-Authorization for Medical Treatment Regarding Candidates below the Age of 18:

I hereby authorize a physician, nurse, or other appropriate health care provider to perform medical treatment deemed necessary for:

(CANDIDATE NAME)

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE AND DATE

Attachment D
2018 State and Local Scholarship Rules and Regulations

State Organization will award scholarships under the following circumstances: (Please note, in some circumstances, a State Organization's affiliated 501(c)3 foundation may not allow scholarship funds to be utilized for student loans or computer equipment.)

1) SCHOLARSHIP USAGE:

Scholarship funds may be applied to tuition, textbooks, and other appropriate mandatory educational expenses. All unusual or questionable items of expense must be referred to the State Organization's Scholarship Committee with as much information as possible, and far enough in advance, for consideration of approval. Amounts received as scholarship payments are taxable income to the extent that they exceed "Qualified Tuition and Related Expenses." Qualified Tuition and Related Expenses are defined as tuition and fees required for a student's enrollment or attendance at an educational organization, including: tuition, fees, books, supplies, and equipment required of all students in the particular course of instruction.

Payments for on-campus room and board will be made directly to the educational institution (or for off campus housing if permitted by your state-affiliated 501(c)3 foundation). All such requests must be accompanied by appropriate documentation from the educational institution (or fully-executed lease agreement) evidencing the charges for same. In order to qualify, candidates must maintain at least twelve (12) credit hours as a full-time student, nine (9) credit hours as a part-time student, or nine (9) credit hours as a graduate student. Payments do not cover key fees or deposits. Utilities (electric, gas, cable, phone, etc.) are also not covered.

Payment of all approved expenditures must be made directly to the college, university, or other accredited institution of higher learning as recognized by the US Department of Education upon receipt of a detailed current tuition statement reflecting a balance due the school, unless extenuating circumstances exist (with the exception of computer or musical equipment expenses outlined in Paragraph 2 below). Payment to any non-domestic institution of higher learning must have a U.S. federal tax identification number. Personal reimbursements to scholarship recipients will not be honored. Please note, the amount requested may not exceed the amount due. When requesting an award, it is the student's responsibility to ensure proper planning and time allotment to process the scholarship request in order to meet all deadlines. The State Organization suggests allowing a minimum of thirty (30) days to process a scholarship request.

Please note, it is each candidate's obligation to determine whether the scholarship, in whole or part, is includable in gross taxable income, regardless of whether a Form 1099 has been issued by either the State Organization or the State Organization's affiliated 501(c)3 foundation. Candidates are encouraged to consult a tax advisor regarding the taxability of the scholarship payments.

2) REQUESTING USAGE:

Requests for scholarships are initially submitted to the State Organization and are forwarded to the State Scholarship Committee for its review and approval. Requests are processed upon written receipt of statements from colleges and schools or from the candidate for other educational expenses. All statements and invoices must be accompanied by a cover letter from the candidate.

Requests for computer or musical equipment will only be considered if the college or school states in writing that it is a mandatory requirement in order for the candidate to complete the coursework. The candidate may be reimbursed for this expense, provided the candidate submits either a letter from the school stating the mandatory requirements or a list of course requirements. However, there is a Two Thousand (\$2,000.00) Dollar cap on computer equipment, and this type of expense will only be reimbursed once. Computer software may also

be considered as a reimbursable expense. If a candidate still has local funds available to her, then a letter from the Local Executive Director stating that they do not reimburse or pay for computers is required. The original bill of sale must be submitted, as well as the original credit card receipt or a copy of the canceled check. All credit card accounts and banking accounts must be in the name of the candidate in order to be considered.

3) PRIORITY OF LEVEL IN USAGE:

Candidates must utilize and exhaust all scholarship funds awarded at the local level before requesting funds awarded at the state level. Verification must be submitted in writing from the Local Executive Director that all local scholarship funds have been exhausted. Excluding requests for computer equipment as discussed in Paragraph 2, exceptions to this rule may be granted for payment of college or university room and board expenses that do not fall within the guidelines for disbursement at the local level. The request for an exception must be submitted in writing to the State Scholarship Committee for consideration. Scholarship funds must be paid directly to the educational institution.

4) STUDENT LOANS:

Scholarships may be utilized to cover outstanding student loan obligations, provided the candidate has satisfactorily completed the coursework for which the loan was obtained. In all cases, requests must include a current bill from a bona fide third-party lending institution as recognized by the US Department of Education, which must include: (1) a repayment address, (2) student account number and amount due, (3) a copy of the promissory note reflecting that the candidate is the primary responsible payer of the obligation, and (4) an official transcript reflecting completion of the coursework. Payment must be made directly to the lending institution and credited to the student's account.

5) USAGE FOR FUTURE EXPENSES AND FORFEITURES

The Award Date is the date upon which the scholarship was initially awarded (the "Award Date"). Scholarships may be utilized for current or future educational expenses; however, candidates must utilize their scholarship funds within one (1) year of the Award Date (two (2) years for Miss State) (the "Expiration Date"). If a candidate fails to submit a written request to the State Organization to utilize her scholarship funds prior to the Expiration Date, then her scholarship funds will be forfeited. Prior to forfeiture, reasonable attempts will be made by the State Organization to notify the candidate of impending forfeiture.

5A) Please note, any scholarship balance remaining after the Expiration Date will automatically be forfeited.

5B) An exception to the time limits described above may be considered if the candidate, prior to the Expiration Date, submits a written appeal to the State Organization citing compelling reasons why the time period should be extended. An extension will generally be permitted when the candidate has local awards remaining within the prescribed time limits above or if the candidate wins the state title. However, the candidate must still submit a written request for extension. The State Organization will review the request and determine whether an extension is warranted within thirty (30) days of receipt. Consistent with the rules and regulations, the decision of the State Organization shall be final and binding.

I, (Candidate Name) _____, have read and understood the 2018 State Organization Scholarship Rules and Regulations:

Print Name

Signature

Date

Signature Page to Attachment D, Scholarship Rules and Regulations

Attachment E
Candidates Social Media Policy

Please refer to the following clauses in the Application and Contract regarding the expectations of Candidates, especially with regards to the use of social media:

1.1. (2) recognizing and honoring the traits of honesty, good character, talent, poise, intellect, leadership and good judgment in the young women of America who enter the competition (the "Candidates"); and (3) enabling the Candidates to serve as role models for other young women with similar goals and personal characteristics.

2.6. **Personal Characteristics**. I understand that in order to be eligible to compete in the National Finals, I hereby certify to the Personal Characteristics set forth in this section:

2.6.4. Good Character. I am of good moral character and I have not been involved at any time in any act of moral turpitude.

2.6.6. Prior Conduct. I have never performed any act or engaged in any activity or employment that is or could reasonably be characterized as dishonest, immoral, or indecent.

2.6.6.1. Disparagement. I understand if I have engaged or will engage in conduct, in the sole or exclusive judgment of Local, State, or National, which adversely reflects and considered harmful to Local, State, or National's reputation, including the uttering or publishing of any disparaging comments regarding Local, State, National, affiliates, sponsors, volunteers, or participants in the *Miss America* Program; and/or fail to present communications to members of the public in a professional manner to maintain and enhance the Miss America Program's broad public acceptance, and in order to prevent damage to its business or reputation, I may be dismissed from competing and/or from holding a title in the program.

6.7. **Termination of Eligibility**. I understand and agree that if:

6.7.3. I fail to conduct myself in a manner, which, in the sole and exclusive judgment of State or Local Organization, is consistent with the standards and dignity of the Program. (I will be disqualified.)

I understand that inappropriate social media behavior will not be tolerated. I am attesting, by my signature and that of my parent/legal guardian if applicable, on this form, that, to the best of my knowledge, I have not posted, nor will post on any type of social media either photos, videos, inappropriate language, or any other actions that would be considered inappropriate behavior in polite society. I understand that if any such materials are brought to the attention of the Local/State Organization, and/or MAO, I am in danger of losing my title, immediately. I agree that it is at the sole discretion of the State or Local or National Organizations to determine the consequences of any such actions.

Candidate Name

Candidate Signature

Date

Parent/Legal Name if under 18 years old

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature if under 18 years old

Date

Attachment F Candidate Coaching Disclosure Form

The Candidate Coaching Disclosure Form includes interview prep, talent, or choreography coaches, as well as anyone involved in a coaching business.

Adherence to the rules and guidelines detailed in this Application and Contract is critical to our program's success. Section 5.5.5.9 is a significant part of the Application and Contract and demonstrates one aspect of the candidate's commitment to service:

5.5.5.9 determine the best method of preparing me for the next level of Competition. The use of a coach may transpire as long as the Executive Director agrees and collaborates on such arrangement in order to prepare me for the next level of Competition. If my Local and/or State Executive Director does approve the hiring or utilization of a pageant coach, then a signed Coaching Disclosure Form (Attachment F) must be presented to the State and Local Organization no less than seven (7) days following the Local Competition. If a coach is replaced or added to my preparation team, then a revised Coaching Disclosure Form (Attachment F) must be forwarded to the State Organization no less than four (4) weeks before the State Competition.

I understand that coaching relationships that are not properly disclosed will not be tolerated in The Miss America Organization. Non-Disclosure Agreements (NDA's) or any other legally binding contract designed to conceal a coaching/candidate relationship is expressly prohibited. Any and all other contracts are superseded by the MAO State Organization Agreement and Candidate Contracts.

I understand coaches cannot be allowed to interfere with the responsibilities of being a titleholder, as well as jeopardize current agreements, sponsorships, or contracts in place with the local or state organization.

This Coaching Disclosure Form is to be completed and signed by the Candidate and then approved by the State Executive Director.

Candidate Statement

I am currently working with the following coach, coaches, or coaching business:

Candidate Name: _____

Coach's Name: _____

Location: City _____ State _____

Coaching Business: _____

Location: City _____ State _____

Candidate Affirmation: I have read and understand the Commitments for Service. I am currently not working with a coach or a coaching business, other than as disclosed herein, and will not engage any coach, coaching business, or prep team unless approved by my State Executive Director. I have not signed a coaching contract or non-disclosure agreement with any coach or coaching business, other than as disclosed herein.

Candidate's Signature: _____

Candidate's Signature

Date: _____

State Executive Director: _____

State Executive Director Signature

State Executive Director Name (Print)

Note: If you are working with more than one coach or coaching business, a separate form must be completed for each.

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THIS FORM MUST BE TYPED FOR LEGIBILITY AND WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IF HANDWRITTEN.

Name of Candidate: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

College/School: _____

College Major: _____

Hometown: _____

I HAVE READ AND COMPLETED THE MISS AMERICA 2.0 STATE/LOCAL CONTRACT.

- ☐ This is my **FIRST** Competition for the 2019-2020 competition cycle. I understand I am required to bring my full contract the day of the pageant.
- ☐ I have competed in more than one competition for the 2019-2020 competition cycle. I will bring the full contract along with the attached pages for each competition I have entered after the first competition to each competition I compete.

SECTION A: ELIGIBILITY (see section 2.2 of the complete contract).

Age. I am currently ____ years of age. I was born on (date) _____, _____

I understand that, in order to be eligible to compete, I must be:

- (1) at least eighteen (18) years of age as of July 31, 2020
- (2) a high school graduate or equivalent by July 31, 2020
- (3) no older than twenty-five (25) years of age as of December 31, 2020

I will be ____ years of age on December 31, 2020 and confirm that I will not be older than the twenty-five (25) year age requirement. A photocopy of my birth certificate is included. For avoidance of doubt, I will NOT turn 26 years of age at any time during the calendar year in which I will compete at state.

Choose ONE of three from the boxes below (See Section 2.3 of the complete contract).

- ☐ I have been a resident of the State of Alabama for at least thirty (30) days (copy of driver's license or lease must be enclosed) **OR**
- ☐ I am claiming student status. I have been accepted and successfully registered to physically attend classes at an accredited college or university as full-time student (at least 12 credit hours) See contract for more student status options **OR**
- ☐ I am employed on a full-time basis (no less than 32 hours) in the State of Alabama or geographic boundary and have been for at least 60 days months (see Section 2.3. of the complete contract) (Employer contact information must be enclosed – including phone numbers, address, and employment dates.)

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SECTION B: CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK

Note: To compete this year, you must register on the CMN web site in the 2023 Pageant Cycle.

of hours you have worked for CMN: _____ Amount of money you raised for CMN: _____

I have created my CMN profile on www.missamerica4kids.org for this local competition in the 2022 competition cycle.

I understand that if I compete in more than one local competition, I must update my CMN profile each time I compete in a different local competition so that it reflects the current local competition in which I am competing.

Initial: _____

SECTION C: COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT (if different from CMN)

Name of Community Service Project: _____

of hours worked on Community Service Project: _____ Amount of money raised: _____

SECTION D: TALENT PRESENTATION

Type of Talent (vocal, dance, piano, etc.): _____

Name of Talent Selection: _____

Type of microphone preferred (if available): ☐ Cordless Handheld ☐ 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:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

CANDIDATE CHECKLIST

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

CHECK EACH COMPETITION FOR DEADLINE.

EMAIL the following items to 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
- ☐ CMN Verification Sheet (proof of the \$100 minimum CMN requirement for each local competition unless you have reached your cap of \$400.00)
- ☐ Supplemental Information Form (this form)

In addition to the above, email ONE of the following:

- ☐ Driver's license or Lease Agreement (**ONLY** if claiming eligibility to compete as an Alabama resident)
- ☐ Copy of current transcript (**ONLY** if claiming eligibility to compete as an undergraduate or graduate student in AL)
- ☐ Proof of Employment (**ONLY** if claiming eligibility to compete as a full-time employee in Alabama or local boundaries)

MAIL the following items to the director before the deadline:

- ☐ Six (6) copies of platform essay for judges' books
- ☐ Six (6) copies of resume for judges' books
- ☐ Six (6) black & white photocopies of 5x7 photo on 8.5x11 paper

**<<== SEND THESE ITEMS ONLY VIA EMAIL
TO MISSBHAM@GMAIL.COM**

DO NOT MAIL!

BRING the following with you to each competition you compete:

- ☐ 27 Page 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 27page original contract along with the supplemental competition pages added to it for each preliminary you enter. Example: If you entered 5th preliminary, you would bring the 27page contract from your first preliminary and the 2 pages from the 4 other preliminaries you enter. This becomes your record for Miss Alabama of the number of preliminaries you entered for the pageant 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 (DL, front and back of Insurance card, etc....)

Miss Birmingham Miss Cahaba Valley

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

Relationship:

The Miss Birmingham & Miss Cahaba Valley Scholarship 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 in the Miss Alabama Competition
3. The promotion of the Miss Birmingham & Miss Cahaba Valley, Miss Alabama & Miss America organizations
4. The promotion of Miss Birmingham & Miss Cahaba Valley's social impact initiatives and Children's Miracle Network Hospitals (CMNH)

As a result, there are several important principles which are basic to Miss Birmingham's & Miss Cahaba Valley's year of service. Miss Birmingham & Miss Cahaba Valley must recognize that for her year of service she will be a public figure who represents the Miss Birmingham & Miss Cahaba Valley 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 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 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 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 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 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 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. No publicity, press releases, autograph pads, etc. can be generated without these photo(s)

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- 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 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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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 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 Executive Director a copy of the flash drive contents received at Candidate Orientation via email and/or Google Drive
- c. 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
- d. 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*
- e. 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
- f. Will review all photos taken for use at the Miss Alabama Competition with the Executive Director
- g. 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
- h. Community Service notebook must be shown to the Director at least *one week prior to submission*. Miss Birmingham and Miss Cahaba Valley understands she is ultimately responsible for the preparation of the Community Service notebook

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 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 are expected to be worn at all appearances as Miss Birmingham or Miss Cahaba Valley, and during rehearsals and competition events at Miss Alabama
- e. Understands that all wardrobe choices for the Miss Alabama Competition must be approved by the Executive Director:

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- 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 31st 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 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
- d. 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
- e. 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
- f. Will provide her own transportation to and from scheduled appearances unless the Director has made other arrangements
- g. Will properly prepare herself to successfully meet the requirements of all approved appearances
- h. 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
- i. Will never take advantage of the host's hospitality at an appearance
- j. 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
- k. 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 will write a letter of regret and offer to reschedule immediately if any appearance must be rescheduled or canceled
- l. Will not refuse or decline any appearance request prior to discussing with the Executive Director
- m. 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 extreme illness or school obligations discussed with the director prior to the scheduled appearance):*
 - Helena Christmas Parade (1st Saturday in December)
 - Annual Visits to Veteran's Hospital in Tuscaloosa (mid-December & mid-February)
 - Annual Ladies Night Out appearance at Elizabeth Baptist Church (late March)
 - Annual Miss Birmingham & Miss Cahaba Valley CMN Fundraiser (as scheduled)
 - National Pancake Day at IHOP in the Birmingham/Cahaba Valley Area (March)
 - Free Cone Day at Dairy Queen in the Birmingham/Cahaba Valley Area (March)
 - Miracle Treat Day at Dairy Queen in the Birmingham/Cahaba Valley Area (July)
 - Make a Difference Day as scheduled by the Miss Alabama Office
 - Miss Birmingham's & Miss Cahaba Valley's Outstanding Teen Best Wishes Reception

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- Miss Alabama's Outstanding Teen Competition – Introduction of Miss Alabama Candidates (March)
- Miss Birmingham & Miss Cahaba Valley Competition Boot Camp and Local Wardrobe Check/ Approval with Executive Director (usually the weekend prior to Miss Alabama workshop)
- Miss Birmingham & Miss Cahaba Valley Best Wishes/Sendoff Reception (May)
- Miss Alabama Candidate Orientation (March – same weekend as MALOT)
- Miss Alabama Candidate Workshop (late April/early May)
- Miss Alabama Competition (June)
- Miss Alabama Top Ten Fashion Show (Mid-August, if in Top 10)
- Miss Birmingham & Miss Cahaba Valley Competition – to crown successor (1st Sunday in November)
- Other appearances as scheduled by and at the discretion of the Executive Director or the Miss Alabama Board

The undersigned Miss Birmingham & Miss Cahaba Valley 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 no greater than age 25 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. The candidate must provide an excuse from a doctor in order to receive the no-show deposit if cancellation occurs within 72 hours of the Miss Birmingham Competition*
- Be required to have \$100 (or \$500 cumulative) in her www.missamerica4kids.org account before the Miss Birmingham/Miss Cahaba Valley competition begins, and will provide proof of monies raised for the Miss America National Social impact initiative – Children's Miracle Network in the form of a copy of the **Qualification Report** from her personal account.
- Be required to register for the state competition and raise \$250 for CMNH in order to compete in the state competition. *I understand that this money must be in my online account at www.missamerica4kids.org on or before the deadline set forth by 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 Miss Birmingham & the Miss Cahaba Valley websites

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I, _____, a Miss Birmingham/Miss Cahaba Valley 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 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 and a successor will be named to compete in the Miss Alabama Competition as Miss Birmingham or Miss Cahaba Valley. 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__

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SCHOLARSHIP RULES

If awarded a scholarship in the Miss Birmingham / Miss Cahaba Valley Pageant, I agree to the following:

1. I will provide the Director of the Miss Birmingham / Miss Cahaba Valley Pageant with an email accepting my scholarship to **missbham@gmail.com**, **no later than 60 days following the local pageant 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 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 letter required in Rule 1 should indicate the bursar's office address of the college or university and should also indicate the student account number of the recipient. In no instance will the money be paid directly to the recipient.
4. I understand that all scholarship awards to participants, 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 Pageant, upon receipt of the 2nd 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 prior to her appearance in the Miss Alabama pageant, 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 after representing her title in the Miss Alabama Pageant, 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 pageant, 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 Pageant 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 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: _____



Administration Forms

Section III

2019 National Contestant's Resume Instructions

This is your opportunity to demonstrate to the national judges why they should consider you for the job of Miss America. You may list as many or as few items under each category as you desire. Your only restriction is that it must follow the established format and it must fit on two (2) pages. The resume, combined with the Social Impact Statement, will comprise your entire application for this job. The judges will receive exactly what is submitted. Any item incorrectly submitted that does not fit the established criteria may be submitted to the judges without an opportunity to correct.

It is important that these instructions are followed, even when using the preformatted page included:

1. Create a "New" document with your computer's Word program.
2. 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. Please refer to the attached sample to verify you are following the requested format.
3. With the justification set for left, type **"Name:"** in bold. Following the colon (:), hit the space bar twice. Then, type your name as you wish the judges to know it. (If your name is LaCricia Deborah Smith and you want to be known as "Deborah Smith", please type "Deborah Smith").
4. Then, move to the next line and type **"Title:"** in bold. Following the colon (:), hit the space bar twice. Then, type your state title.
5. Then, move to the next line and type **"Hometown:"** in bold. Following the colon (:), hit the space bar once. Then, type your hometown including the city and the state.
6. Move to the next line. Now set your justification to the right. Type **"Date of Birth:"** in bold. Hit the space bar two (2) times, and type the month, day, and year of your birth. (Ex. October 10, 1995)
7. Move Justification to the left. Double space down and type **"Education:"** in bold. Hit the tab bar three times and then type your most recent school first. If it is grad school, indicate it as such. List degree seeking (all on the same line as the name of the school), move to the line underneath that to list your undergraduate school and degree sought/achieved, and below that list your high school.
8. Double space down. Type **"Social Impact Statement:"** in bold. Hit the tab bar three times. Type the TITLE of your Social Impact Statement. MAKE SURE IT LINES UP WITH THE INFORMATION ABOVE IT. DO NOT TYPE ANYTHING OTHER THAN THE TITLE.
9. Double space down. Type **"Scholastic/Career Ambition:"** in bold. Hit the Tab bar once, MAKE SURE IT LINES UP WITH THE OTHERS ABOVE IT. Then type the type of degree/education you would ultimately like to achieve and beneath that, list your career ambition.
10. Double space down. Type **"Talent:"** in bold. Hit the tab bar three times. Type the type of talent and specific selection. MAKE SURE IT LINES UP WITH THE INFORMATION ABOVE IT. (i.e. Pop Vocal - "Crying", Tap Dance - "Staying Alive", etc.)

11. Double space down. Type **"Scholastic Honors:"** in bold. Hit the space bar twice. Each item should be separated by a semi-colon (;).
12. Double space down. Type **"Leadership Roles:"** in bold. Hit the space bar twice. Each item should be separated by a semi-colon (;).
13. Double space down. Type **"Accomplishments:"** in bold. Hit the space bar twice. Each item should be separated by a semi-colon (;).
14. Double space down. Type **"Interesting Facts:"** in bold. Hit the space bar twice. Each item should be separated by a semi-colon (;).
15. Double space down. Type **"Employment:"** in bold. Hit the space bar twice. Each item should be separated by a semi-colon (;).
16. Double space down. Type **"What can you do during your year to begin making a lasting impact on your community?"** in bold. Hit the space bar twice. Please answer the question in sentence form.
17. Double space down. Type **"Other than scholarships, why are you choosing to participate in the Miss America program?"** in bold. Hit the space bar twice. Please answer the question in sentence form.
18. Double Space down. Type **"Describe the best use of your scholarships.in bold."** Hit the space bar twice. Please answer the question in sentence form.
19. Double Space down. Type **"Why is talent an important part of the competition to you?"** Hit the space bar twice. Please answer the question in sentence form.
20. Double Space down. Type **"What would be the most important day to day activity you would do to advance your year as Miss America?"** Hit the space bar twice. Please answer the question in sentence form.
21. Double Space down. Type **"How would you best use social media to advance the job of Miss America?"** Hit the space bar twice. Please answer the question in sentence form.
22. Use your best judgment on what is most important for the judges to know about you. Please limit your question responses to four or five sentences.
23. The entire resume must fit on two (2) pages using the Times New Roman font style. You must leave a 1" margin on all four sides of the page.

This form is given to the judges with your Social Impact Statement. You will notice there is a REQUIRED SIGNATURE LINE at the bottom of the Social Impact Statement. When these two pages are put together, they will create your entire application. Your signature covers the materials listed ON BOTH PAGES. Your signature verifies that everything on your forms is true and accurate. If it is proven that any information on these forms is not true, correct and factual, you risk disqualification from competing in the National Competition and losing your state/local title.

Send to:
Mary Ellen Lucia
Miss America Organization
PO Box 1919
Atlantic City, NJ 08404

Name: Jane Doe
Title: Miss Local Title
Hometown: Anytown Alabama

Date of Birth: January 1, 1998

Education:

Social Impact Statement:

Scholastic/Career Ambitions:

Talent:

Scholastic Honors:

Leadership Roles:

Accomplishments:

Interesting Facts:

Employment:

What can you do during your year to begin making a lasting impact on your community?

Other than scholarships, why are you choosing to participate in the Miss America program?

Describe the best use of your scholarships.

Why is talent an important part of the competition to you?

What would be the most important day to day activity you would do to advance your year as Miss America?

How would you best use social media to advance the job of Miss America?

New this year (2019-2020):
The resume should be 2 pages, printed on
the FRONT of 2 sheets of paper
(NOT one page front and back).



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Instructions for Typing the 2019 National Candidate's Social Impact Statement

Due Date: Two (2) Weeks After the National Candidate Online Forms Are Made Available

Your Social Impact Initiative (formerly the Platform) will be your initiative on which you will work, alongside the Miss America Organization, during your Year of Service. This submission allows you to explain to the national 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 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 prior to mailing to:

Mary Ellen Lucia
Miss America Organization
PO Box 1919
Atlantic City, NJ 08404

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.

Signature/Date



How to Register on the CMNH Website as a Contestant

Each contestant must register online at **www.MissAmerica4Kids.org**. At the right-hand side of the page is a button that says “**New Contestant – CLICK HERE.**” Click on that button and you’re well on your way to supporting CMNH as a contestant in the Miss America system. You can personalize the standard letter and add a photo.

Once you are registered, you must solicit donations.

How to Receive Donations

The person donating money to you must go to www.missamerica4kids.org/ContestantSearch and enter your first name and last name and choose ALABAMA on the dropdown menu and then click on **SEARCH**. Once your name is displayed, they should click on your name and then click the button for **DONATE NOW**. They must then complete the information as indicated and submit the donation. The donation will be received immediately to your account.

Miss Alabama Pageant CMNH Contact:

Auburn Foreman

205-223-9148

auburn.foreman@gmail.com

IMPORTANT: CMNH Information

- **You MUST register for BOTH Miss Birmingham AND Miss Cahaba Valley**
- **Only \$100 is required to qualify for BOTH titles (because we crown both in a single competition) - the donation can be listed on EITHER title**
- **If you have reached the donation cap of \$500, you still MUST register for BOTH titles to qualify**
- **A copy of your Qualification Report is required as proof that you have qualified for both titles**

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 28th**. 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

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.

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
4. All photos must be in JPEG or PDF Format and must be e-mailed to 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
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

RECEIPT OF PAYMENT

(To be given to purchaser)

Ad or Donation by: _____

Submitted by: _____
(Contestant/Titleholder Name)

Amount: _____ Date: _____

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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 entry into the Photo Competition is October 28, 2021
for both photos and fees.

Photos should be minimum 300 dpi resolution & e-mailed to 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