

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,

A stylized, cursive signature of the name "Victoria" in black ink.

Victoria Seale Sims
Executive Director, Miss Birmingham/Miss Cahaba Valley
www.missbham.com • www.misscahabavalley.com

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MISS Candidate Information, Forms & Instructions

You must register to become a candidate using the link below. There is a one-time \$35 registration fee for the competition year.

STEP 1: You must register for the 2022 competition year using the link below

STEP 2: You must then register for the individual local competitions by clicking on [2022 Miss America Local Competition Registration - \\$75](#) at the bottom of the page (next to the merchandise selections).

2022 Miss America and Miss America's Outstanding Teen Candidate Registration

STEP 1:

[Each Candidate - \(Miss & Teen\) must register by clicking here](#)

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
- ☐ Scanned copy of Official Pink or Blue Copy of Birth Certificate
- ☐ 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 right below the link to this packet on the Entry Forms page of our websites if this is your first time to compete in the 2022 season. **You must also fill out the Supplemental Fact Sheet and return with the contract.**

Download the fillable contract with instructions using the button on the Entry Forms & Info page of the missbham.com or misscahabavalley.com websites

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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 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		

2021-2022 MISS ALABAMA LOCAL CANDIDATE SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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

Name of Candidate: _____

Email Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

College/School: _____

College Major: _____

Hometown: _____

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

- ☐ This is my **FIRST** competition for the 2021-2022 competition season. I understand I am required to bring my full contract the day of the competition.
- ☐ I have competed in more than one competition for the 2021-2022 competition season. 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 as of July 31, 2021
- (2) A high school graduate or equivalent by July 31, 2021
- (3) No older than twenty-five (25) years of age as of December 31, 2021

I will be _____ years of age on December 31, 2021 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 a 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 per week) in the State of Alabama or geographic boundary and have been for at least 60 days/two months (See Section 2.3 of the complete contract) (Employer contact information must be enclosed – including telephone numbers, address, and employment dates.)

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SECTION B: MISS AMERICA SPOTFUND REGISTRATION

NOTE: To compete this year, you must registered on the Miss America website in the 2021-2022 Competition Season.

I have created my profile on www.missamerica.org for this local competition in the 2021-2022 competition season.

I understand that if I compete in more than one local competition, I must update my Miss America 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: SOCIAL IMPACT INITIATIVE

Name of Social Impact Initiative: _____

Number of hours worked on Social Impact Initiative: _____ Amount of funds 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 THE DEADLINE TO BE
CONSIDERED A CANDIDATE FOR EACH COMPETITION.**

CHECK EACH COMPETITION FOR DEADLINE.

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

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

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

- ☐ 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 Alabama.)
- ☐ Proof of Employment (**ONLY** if claiming eligibility to compete as a full-time employee in Alabama or local boundaries.)

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

- ☐ MP3 or MP4 of your talent music.

BRING THE FOLLOWING WITH YOU TO EACH COMPETITION YOU COMPETE:

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

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

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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)

Candidate Initials: _____

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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

Candidate Initials: _____

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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: _____

Miss Alabama

Candidate's Resume Instructions

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

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

On your resume, please include the following question:

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Scholastic Honors
- Leadership Roles
- Accomplishments
- Interesting Facts

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Instructions for Typing the Candidate's Social Impact Statement

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

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

1. Open Word in your computer.
2. Start a “new” document.
3. Set margins for 1" on all four sides. The font style may not be any smaller than “10” and no larger than “12” point type using the Times New Roman font style.
4. With the justification set for left, type “**Name:” in bold. Following the colon (:), hit the space bar twice. Then, type your name.**
5. Then, move to the next line and type “**Title:” in bold. Following the colon (:), hit the space bar twice. Then, type your state title.**
6. Double space down. Set your justification to “center”. Then type in **bold and underline** the title of your social impact statement.
7. Double space down. Write what you feel is critical for the judges to know about your social impact statement and why it is necessary for you to have the job of Miss America to promote this issue. What you write will be what the judges know about your statement, your role in successfully dealing with this issue, and the role the Miss America Organization may play in your plan.
8. This essay **may** include some of the following items (this is not to be meant as an exhaustive list):
 - A clear definition of your social impact statement and the specific issues you wish to address
 - A plan on how you have or will create awareness of the issue
 - The way in which you have or will change attitudes regarding the issue
 - The way in which you have or will change behaviors related to this issue
 - The way in which your advocacy issue will move the Miss America Organization mission forward
 - Your media plans
 - Your marketing strategy
 - How you propose to fund your ideas/plans
 - Any significant accomplishments you have made in regard to your issue
9. At the bottom of the page, set the justification to the right. Type a line of 26 spaces. Below that line, type Signature/Date and after printing **sign and date the document**. If you forget to sign and date, we will need to return the document to you as it cannot be accepted without your signature. Thank you.

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

Name: Jane Smith

Title: Miss Local Title

Celebrating Cultural Diversity and Inclusiveness

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

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

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

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

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

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

Signature/Date

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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: _____

Miss Birmingham Miss Cahaba Valley

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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