Miss Birmingham's & Cahaba Valley's
Outstanding Teen Pageant

Dear Contestant and Parents:

Let me take this opportunity to tell you that we at the Miss Birmingham/Miss Cahaba Valley Pageant are delighted to have you as a contestant in the Miss Birmingham's / Miss Cahaba Valley's Outstanding Teen pageant – an official preliminary to Miss Alabama's Outstanding Teen pageant – and we are planning a day that should prove to be fun, exciting and enjoyable for all!

Each Outstanding Teen contestant must be a resident of Alabama and be between the ages of 13 and 17. *Those who are 17 years old must be a **junior** in high school.*

The winners of the Miss Birmingham's Outstanding Teen & the Miss Cahaba Valley's Outstanding Teen titles will be charged with the responsibility of being a role model for other young girls by displaying their poise and confidence at every moment and will represent Miss Birmingham & Miss Cahaba Valley in the Miss Alabama's Outstanding Teen pageant held in Sylacauga.

The competition phases the Outstanding Teen category include private interview, talent, evening gown, physical fitness, and onstage question. The talent portion is limited to 90 seconds maximum. The percentages for each category have changed in recent years, so please read the enclosed documents carefully.

As a franchise of the Miss Alabama Pageant, Inc. and part of the Miss America Organization - the largest source of educational scholarship money to young women - the ultimate goal of the Miss Birmingham/Miss Cahaba Valley Pageant as a whole is to offer educational scholarship awards to the Outstanding Teen preliminary winner the scholarship preliminary winner and runners up. We crown **two (2) winners** during the pageant and your entrance fee of **$125** per contestant assists the Miss Birmingham Pageant in achieving our scholarship goals.

In addition, we are opening up the Rising Stars in the Outstanding Teen category again this year. Their participation and entry fee of $50 also assist us in making more funds available for scholarships.

Enclosed are the application documents for entry along with instructions for e-mailing and mailing required documents. Also enclosed is information about the *optional* Photo Competition and the Outstanding Teen Rising Stars program.

If you have any questions about any portion of the pageant, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to seeing you at the pageant and getting to know you as we move toward crowning Miss Birmingham's/Miss Cahaba Valley's Outstanding Teen winner who could one day become a future Miss Birmingham, Miss Cahaba Valley, Miss Alabama and even Miss America!

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

Warmest Regards,

Victoria

Victoria Seale Sims
Executive Director

Miss Birmingham's & Cahaba Valley's Outstanding Teen Pageant

OUTSTANDING TEEN PAGEANT

ALL CONTESTANT INFORMATION, INSTRUCTIONS & ENTRY FORMS

IMPORTANT - PLEASE READ THIS ENTIRE PACKET

2018 Miss Birmingham/Miss Cahaba Valley Outstanding Teen Pageant * November 5, 2017 *
*** Oak Mountain High School * 1:30 PM**
Tickets: $10 General Admission

Electronic Items via E-mail Deadline: October 24, 2017

(Resume, Platform Statement, Contestant Photos, Talent Music, Rising Star Photo, Photogenic Photos & Captions – Please DO NOT Mail These Items)

Notarized Documents via US Mail Deadline: October 28, 2017

(Entry Fee, State Contract Acknowledgment, Local Contract, Birth Certificate, Publicity Consent Form, CMN Registration Proof, Photogenic Fees, Rising Star Paperwork & Fees)

****USE THE CHECKLIST ON THE NEXT PAGE TO MAKE SURE ALL REQUIRED ITEMS ARE INCLUDED IN THE E-MAIL AND THE RETURNED ENTRY PACKET****

This document is also located on the **2018 Entry pages** of the Miss Birmingham & the Miss Cahaba Valley websites:
www.missbham.com **www.misscahabavalley.com**

After October 24th, all contestants/parents will be e-mailed an updated pageant day schedule.

IMPORTANT → ALL CONTRACTS SHOULD BE REVIEWED THOROUGHLY BY EACH CONTESTANT AND HER PARENT(S) OR LEGAL GUARDIAN(S) TO ENSURE A PROPER UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT IS EXPECTED AS THE POTENTIAL TITLEHOLDER OF MISS BIRMINGHAM'S / MISS CAHABA VALLEY'S OUTSTANDING TEEN

Entry/Eligibility Requirements:

1. You must be between the ages of 13 and 17
2. You must be 13 years of age on or before the date of the first day of the state pageant and cannot turn 18 years of age on or before July 31st of the year you would compete in the state finals
3. If you are 17 years old, you **must** be a **Junior** in high school
4. You must not be eligible to compete in Miss Alabama/Miss America the year you would compete in the Miss America's Outstanding Teen Pageant
5. You must be a United States citizen
6. You must either live or attend school legally within the state of Alabama
7. If you will be a senior in high school during the current school year, you may compete in the Miss Birmingham's Outstanding Teen Pageant only if you meet all other eligibility requirements

Miss Birmingham's Outstanding Teen Pageant
Contestant Checklist

Contestant Name: _____

Age: _____ **Grade**: _____ **DOB**: _____

Contestant E-mail Address: _____

Parent E-mail Address: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ **Cell phone:** _____

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

☆E-MAIL THE FOLLOWING TO MISSBHAM@GMAIL.COM by OCTOBER 26th (DO NOT MAIL THESE ITEMS):

- ☐ **Headshot Photo** in JPEG format (300dpi minimum resolution) for **Program Book AND Judges Book** by October 26th to: **missbham@gmail.com**
- ☐ **OPTIONAL Photo Contest Photo** in JPEG format (300 dpi minimum resolution) include the **size** of ad (1/2 page or full page) and **statement** that accompanies photo in the program book. Check should be sent by mail as noted below.
- ☐ **Resume**
- ☐ **Platform Statement**
- ☐ **Talent Music in MP3 or MP4 format**
- ☐ **CONTESTANT Name, Address & CELL PHONE Number**
- ☐ **Rising Star Name, Parent Name & Photo (if you have a Rising Star)**

☆MAIL THE FOLLOWING VIA US MAIL (NOT PRIORITY OR EXPRESS) TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PAGEANT ADDRESS BY OCTOBER 30TH:

- ☐ **1 *Completed* Copy of this page – Contestant Checklist**
- ☐ **$125 Entry Fee Check or Money Order** made out to Miss Birmingham
- ☐ **Miss Birmingham's & Miss Cahaba Valley's Outstanding Teen Contract** (*signed & notarized*)
- ☐ **Contestant Information Sheet**
- ☐ **Publicity Consent Form** *(signed & notarized)*
- ☐ **State Contract Acknowledgement** (*signed & notarized*)
- ☐ **Copy of Official Birth Certificate – Do NOT Send Original**
- ☐ **Proof of Children's Miracle Network Service Registration** (**registration page** from **www.maot4kids.org**)
- ☐ **Self-addressed Envelope** for return of birth certificate (*stamp will be provided by Miss Birmingham*)
- ☐ **Check OR Money Order for the OPTIONAL Photo Competition** – made out to Miss Birmingham

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

Miss Birmingham/Cahaba Valley TEEN Pageant – CONTESTANT NAME
513 Saint Lauren Way
Birmingham, AL 35242

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

Miss Birmingham's Outstanding Teen Pageant
Contract Acknowledgement Form Instructions

1. **State Contract Acknowledgement –** This form replaces the State and Local Contract. However, the newly crowned Miss Birmingham's & Miss Cahaba Valley's Outstanding Teen will be required to complete the State Contract, which may be found on the MAOT website at www.outstandingteen.homestead.com, in order to compete in Miss Alabama's Outstanding Teen. All sections of the Contract Acknowledgement must be completed:
    a. **Section A – Eligibility –** Enter your age and Date of Birth in the appropriate fields. To compete in this or any official Miss Alabama's Outstanding Teen Scholarship Preliminary pageant, you must:
        1. Live in the state of Alabama
        2. Be between the ages of 13 and 17
            a. If you are 17, you must be a *Junior* in High School
            b. You must turn 13 on or before the date of the preliminary pageant in which you are competing
            c. You must *not* turn 18 on or before July 31st of the year you would compete in the state finals
        3. Not be eligible to compete in the Miss America pageant in the same year you would compete in the Outstanding Teen pageant

        NOTE: You may be asked to provide additional proof if you are selected as Miss Birmingham's or Miss Cahaba Valley's Outstanding Teen.
    b. **Section B – Talent Presentation –** Complete all information about the talent selection being performed. Please note that your introduction must be 10 seconds or less, and must be written legibly
    c. **Section C – Notary Section**
    d. **Section D – Director's Section** (completed by local Director upon receipt)

2. **$125 Entry Fee -** There is a $125 entry fee. We crown 2 winners in one pageant so each contestant has twice the opportunity to win. A check or money order made payable to *Miss Birmingham* should be included with your completed application. This fee goes directly to the Miss Birmingham/Miss Cahaba Valley Scholarship Fund.
3. **Official Copy of Birth Certificate** – A **pink** or **blue** official copy of your birth certificate is required to verify your age. Please note that this should be an official COPY – NOT the original birth certificate. You may obtain a copy of your birth certificate from any Alabama Department of Health office.

***NOTE**: We will make every effort to return Birth Certificates to the contestants immediately after the pageant (except for the winners). Any that are not picked up by a contestant on pageant day will be mailed back the week following the pageant in the self-addressed envelope provided in the entry packet by each contestant.*

Miss Birmingham's Outstanding Teen
Opening Number Information

Opening Number Attire

- A cocktail dress of your choice – **any color *except* black or white. IMPORTANT:**
  1. **The dress should be age-appropriate and must not be extremely short – remember, the judges will be seated below the stage**
  2. **If strapless, the bust MUST fit correctly and you MUST use tape to secure the top to ensure there are no wardrobe 'malfunctions'**
- Appropriate heels you can dance in (2 – 4 inches) sandals, peep toes, or pumps – no boots & no wedges

Items You MUST Have With You on Pageant Day

- Talent attire & all props
- 2 copies of your talent CD – just in case there was a problem with the file received in your emailed packet (this has happened before, so you should bring the extra copies with you just in case)
- Pageant wardrobe
- Notebook & pen
- List of current obligations and school schedule – include information and dates for all extracurricular activities (including school, dance, cheer, sports, church, etc.) and any family obligations – the winner will be asked for this list the night of the pageant
- All clothes, makeup and other pageant necessities
- Robe to wear backstage - REQUIRED

Other Important Things To Remember

- Please wear comfortable clothes when you arrive & remember that parents and friends MUST leave after helping unload
- No contestants may leave the pageant venue during pageant day – you will be in very good hands & will have lots of fun!
- No outside hair or makeup artists allowed
- Dressing room moms will be there to assist you as needed and keep everyone on track – please be sure to thank them during the day
- All meals, snacks & water will be provided by the Miss Birmingham organization – NO FOOD WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE DRESSING ROOM
- If you have specific food allergies you may bring your own food/snack items; however, you MUST inform the pageant Director upon your arrival
- Please label anything that you wish to keep – *any items left without a label cannot be returned. If you find an item has been left after the pageant, please notify the director via e-mail immediately upon discovery.*
- Please bring an electrical power strip, a lighted mirror and a full length mirror
- Please bring a hanging rack for your gowns – only a limited number are provided

Miss Birmingham's Outstanding Teen Pageant
Competition Information & Scoring

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

The two (2) contestants will the highest overall score will be named the winners of Miss Birmingham's Outstanding Teen and Miss Cahaba Valley's Outstanding Teen.

The Phases of Competition are listed below in order *(percentages are new as of 2014):*

Private Interview – 25%
Your private interview will last 6 minutes. Judges during private interview can ask you a question on a span of subjects such as current events and your fact sheet (resume). Know what is happening around you and within you. Be prepared. Judges will be asking questions related to your resume, community, school, social issues and current events as they pertain to your age in our society.

What to Wear: Contestants should wear attire suitable for a job interview – skirt, pants or dress with coordinating shoes – **NO SUITS**.

Physical Fitness – 15%
The physical fitness portion is designed to show a contestant's youthful vitality. A short and simple fitness routine video will be e-mailed to contestants **after** the notarized/mailed document deadline has passed. This routine will be reviewed with the contestants the day of the pageant, but each contestant is expected to practice it at home before the pageant date once the video is received. This routine will be performed by all contestants during the fitness competition.

What to Wear: Contestants will wear black cheerleading shorts or running shorts (such as NIKE dry shorts) or black skort, with a **solid** brightly colored t-shirt (other than black or white) – **NOT** a sports bra top – **NO** spaghetti straps – and tennis/running shoes. The shirt color is the contestant's choice – no slogans, logos, or other print may be on the t-shirt – it must be plain and solid color & must cover the stomach.

Talent – 35%
Each contestant 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 contestant's skills and personality, interpretive ability, technical skill level, stage presence, and totality of all elements (e.g. costume, voice, choreography).

What to Wear: A costuming choice that is appropriate and in good taste for the chosen talent and age of the contestant. **Talent must be completed within 90 Seconds**.

Evening Wear & Onstage Question – 25%
The Evening Wear/On-Stage Question competition is designed to assess the contestant's beauty, poise, grace, and commanding stage presence, as well as for the contestant to make an on-stage statement of her interests, opinions, and aspirations in answer to a question selected for her.
You will be asked ONE onstage question. **The question will be on a current event or social issue**.
Each contestant will draw her question from a bowl and will have 30 seconds to answer the question.

What to Wear: Dresses should be floor length formal, well fitting, and appropriate for the age of the contestant, with appropriate shoes.

Miss Birmingham's Outstanding Teen Pageant
Pageant Day Rules

1. **RESPECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS!** Treat everyone involved with the pageant 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 & SMILE!**

3. **NO FRIENDS OR FAMILY ALLOWED BACKSTAGE, IN DRESSING ROOMS, OR IN THE HALLS OUTSIDE OF THE DRESSING ROOMS**

4. **NO OUTSIDE HAIR STYLISTS OR MAKEUP ARTISTS ALLOWED.** Contestants should come to the pageant prepared to do their own hair and makeup.

5. **NO FOOD OR DRINK ALLOWED IN DRESSING ROOM.** All food & drinks will be provided by the pageant in a designated area.

6. **NO HAIRSPRAY OR OTHER SPRAYS IN DRESSING ROOM.** Per Oak Mountain High School rules to protect the televisions and piano from damage. Any contestant caught spraying ***anything*** in the dressing room will be immediately dismissed from the pageant. Hair stations will be set up outside the dressing room.

7. **PAY ATTENTION DURING REHEARSALS!** We have a very tight schedule and want to ensure each contestant learns what is required during the time allotted**.**

8. **TALENT MAY BE REHEARSED TWICE ONLY**. Each contestant will receive a scheduled time allotment to rehearse her talent selection through twice. If any contestant chooses to forfeit one or both rehearsals, the next contestant will be called and the forfeited 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 & platform – copies of these items are provided to each judge for use during interview. Be familiar with current events & social issues.

10. **CELL PHONES:** Cell phones are **strictly prohibited in the dressing rooms**. Contestants will need to check cell phones with the dressing room moms at the door of the dressing room, and may use them outside the dressing room during breaks only.

Miss Birmingham's Outstanding Teen Pageant
Important E-Mail & Mailing Information

ALL NOTARIZED DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE MAILED TO THE MISS BIRMINGHAM PAGEANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
NOTARIZED DOCUMENTS ARE ONLY ACCEPTED VIA U.S. MAIL

DO NOT SEND VIA EXPRESS OR PRIORITY MAIL - WE HAVE ISSUES WITH THE POST OFFICE DELIVERING THESE CORRECTLY!
DO NOT REQUIRE A SIGNATURE!!!!

Mailing Address:

Miss Birmingham's/Miss Cahaba Valley's Outstanding Teen Pageant – *Contestant Name*
513 Saint Lauren Way
Birmingham, AL 35242

☆ **RESUME, PLATFORM ESSAY & PHOTOS ARE TO BE SENT BY E-MAIL ONLY ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 24th**

NOTARIZED FORMS & ENTRY FEE(S) MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE PAGEANT ADDRESS VIA US MAIL BY OCTOBER 28th

BE PREPARED!

ALL CONTRACTS SHOULD BE REVIEWED THOROUGHLY BY EACH CONTESTANT AND HER PARENT(S) OR LEGAL GUARDIAN(S) TO ENSURE A PROPER UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT IS EXPECTED AS THE POTENTIAL TITLEHOLDER OF MISS BIRMINGHAM'S AND MISS CAHABA VALLEY'S OUTSTANDING TEEN

KNOW YOUR RESUME & PLATFORM ESSAY!
BE FAMILIAR WITH CURRENT EVENTS & SOCIAL ISSUES!

COPIES OF CONTESTANT RESUMES/PLATFORM ESSAYS WILL BE GIVEN TO EACH JUDGE FOR QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED IN YOUR INTERVIEW

Miss Birmingham / Miss Cahaba Valley
TENTATIVE Schedule

Miss Birmingham's & Miss Cahaba Valley's Outstanding Teen runs to a very tight schedule, but the contestants always have fun and there is never a dull moment! We welcome parents during Contestant Orientation, but they must leave once orientation has concluded.

@ 7:45	Arrive & Unload Pageant Attire – doors will not be opened prior to this time
@ 8:00	Contestant Orientation (contestant numbers are randomly drawn during this time)
@ 8:30	Production Rehearsals
@ 9:15	Talent Rehearsal
@ 10:15	Interviews
@ 11:30	Lunch
@ 12:45	Opening Number/Rising Stars Run-through
@ 1:30	Miss Birmingham's / Miss Cahaba Valley's Outstanding Teen Begins!
@ 6:30	Both Outstanding Teen Winners Perform at the Miss Birmingham/Miss Cahaba Valley Pageant

A **TENTATIVE** talent and interview schedule is below. **Please note – *this schedule is subject to change depending on the number of contestants.***

After October 24th, all contestants/parents will be e-mailed an updated pageant day schedule.

While contestants are waiting for their turn to rehearse talent or interview time, they will have an opportunity to get ready for the next event, eat lunch, practice the fitness routine, and get to know the other contestants.

Teen Contestant Number	Talent Rehearsal Time	Interview Time
1	9:15	10:15
2	9:18	10:21
3	9:21	10:27
4	9:24	10:33
5	9:27	10:39
6	9:30	10:45
7	9:33	10:51
8	9:36	10:57
9	9:39	11:03
10	9:42	11:09
10 Minute Break for Judges		
11	9:45	11:30
12	9:48	11:36
13	9:51	11:42
14	9:54	11:48
15	9:57	11:54
16	10:00	12:00
17	10:03	12:06
18	10:06	12:18
20	10:09	12:24
Pageant Begins at 1:30 PM		

Miss Birmingham / Miss Cahaba Valley
Teen Rising Stars

RISING STARS

Each contestant in Miss Birmingham's / Miss Cahaba Valley's Outstanding Teen is encouraged to have a Rising Star the day of the pageant.

The onstage presentation of the Rising Stars will follow the **Evening Gown & Onstage Question** 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 contestants who compete in it at the Outstanding Teen & Miss levels. We encourage you to choose your own Rising Star – but if you don't know a young lady between those ages, 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 the Rising Star for the Program Book must be sent via e-mail to missbham@gmail.com no later than October 24th

If a contestant chooses her own Rising Star, the Rising Star forms (located on the Miss Birmingham & the Miss Cahaba Valley websites) and the **entry fee of $50** should be ***included*** with the rest of the application packet notarized documents. These must be received by the Miss Birmingham Pageant no later than **October 28th.**

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

On Pageant Day, Rising Stars will learn a dance routine, do several take-home crafts, make holiday cards for our veterans and kids at Children's Hospital, and have fun with their Contestant!

Each Rising Star will also receive a goody bag and be introduced by our mistress of ceremonies during their onstage walk at Miss Birmingham's / Miss Cahaba Valley's Outstanding Teen Pageant.

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

MISS ALABAMA'S OUTSTANDING TEEN CONTESTANT CONTRACT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING AND STATEMENT OF ELIGIBILITY FOR 2017-2018

Name of Local Pageant: _____

Name of Contestant: _____

E-Mail Addresses (Contestant and Parent): _____

Parent Telephone: _____ Parent Cell Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Hometown: _____

SECTION A: ELIGIBILITY

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

SECTION B: TALENT PRESENTATION

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

Name of Talent Selection: _____

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

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

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

By signing this Local Contestant Contract Acknowledgement of Understanding and Statement of Eligibility, I agree to abide by the complete Miss Alabama's Outstanding Teen Local Contestant Contract for 2017-2018. I understand all terms and conditions of this application and the complete Miss Alabama's Outstanding Teen Local Contestant Contract together with its attachments, and I request the Miss Alabama Pageant, Inc., to accept my application to participate in the Miss Alabama's Outstanding Teen Preliminaries for 2017-2018.

Contestant Signature: _____ Parent Signature: _____

SECTION C: NOTARY SECTION

Sworn and subscribed to before me this _____ day of _____, 20___.

Notary Public of _____. Signature: _____

SECTION D: DIRECTOR'S SECTION

I have verified eligibility requirements for this contestant and this contestant may participate in this local competition pursuant to the terms of the complete Miss Alabama's Outstanding Teen Local Contestant Contract and all attachments, and the Local Preliminary Contract for my local pageant.

Director Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Contract & Hold Harmless Agreement

As a Contestant in Miss Birmingham's / Miss Cahaba Valley's Outstanding Teen, I agree to the following terms:

1. I attest that I am a citizen of the United States State of Alabama, am not married, have never been married, am not pregnant, have never been pregnant, am not now and have never been involved in any act of moral turpitude in which criminal charges are pending.

   I verify that I reside at the following address:

   _____

   _____

2. I verify with my birth certificate that I meet the age requirements of the Miss America's Outstanding Teen organization. I have turned 13 years of age before the date of the local pageant, and I will not turn 18 years of age before July 31, 2018. I attest that I have not entered my senior year of high school. I am _____ years of age, my birthday is _____, and I am in the _____grade at _____ (name of school).

3. I agree to send a $125 Non-Refundable Entrance Fee to Miss Birmingham as part of the eligibility requirements to be a contestant in Miss Birmingham's / Miss Cahaba Valley's Outstanding Teen. This fee entitles me to compete for **both** titles.

The following items of this contract have been read and understood by (name of contestant) _____ and her parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) _____.

If named Miss Birmingham's Outstanding Teen or Miss Cahaba Valley's Outstanding Teen, I *understand* and *agree* to the following terms:

1. The official name of the pageant is *Miss Birmingham's / Miss Cahaba Valley's Outstanding Teen*. This is a preliminary pageant of *Miss America/Miss Alabama's Outstanding Teen* pageant. We understand that the names *Miss Teen Birmingham/Cahaba Valley, Miss Birmingham's/Miss Cahaba Valley's Outstanding Teen, Miss Alabama's Outstanding Teen, and Miss America's Outstanding Teen* are not to be used for profit in any way. No commercial endorsement using these names is allowed.
2. The crown and sash presented to the winner of the pageant are to be maintained in excellent condition. If the crown or sash is lost, stolen or damaged, the item will be replaced at the cost of the winner.
3. Will provide the Miss Birmingham Executive Director and Board with **one color** and **one black and white** copy in electronic format (300 dpi) of a professionally photographed headshot wearing her crown **within 30 days of being chosen Miss Birmingham's / Miss Cahaba Valley's Outstanding Teen**. No publicity/press releases/autograph pads, etc. can be generated without this photo.
4. Each winner is expected to make appearances in the Birmingham area during her year of service. Required appearances include:
   - Pageant Workshop/Boot Camp and Wardrobe Check - held by the Miss Birmingham/Miss Cahaba Valley Director & Board (last Saturday in January or 1st Saturday in February)
   - Annual Miss Birmingham/Miss Cahaba Valley Fundraiser

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- Helena Christmas Parade (1st Saturday in December)
- Miss Alabama's Outstanding Teen Orientation in Sylacauga (first weekend in January)
- Miss Alabama's Outstanding Teen Competition in Sylacauga (first weekend in March)
- Best Wishes Reception for Miss Birmingham's/Miss Cahaba Valley's Outstanding Teen prior to Miss Alabama's Outstanding Teen (3rd Sunday in February)
- Best Wishes Reception for Miss Birmingham/Miss Cahaba Valley prior to Miss Alabama (May)
- Miss Birmingham's / Miss Cahaba Valley's Outstanding Teen - to crown the new winners

5. The contestant's involvement in other organizations should be brought to the immediate attention of the director, by presenting the director with a full list of activities and dates for functions related to those activities.
6. The winner should check immediately with school sponsors of extra-curricular activities to ensure there will be no conflict with the Christmas parade dates.
7. Outside coaching ***is prohibited per Miss Alabama & Miss America guidelines***.
8. The winner of the pageant may not compete for and/or hold another title while holding the title Miss Birmingham's or Miss Cahaba Valley's Outstanding Teen. (Please contact the director with any questions regarding this rule.)
9. If the winner should not uphold and maintain the dignity of the pageant, provides false or misleading documents, engages in prohibited acts, suffers a disability, which in the sole and exclusive judgment of the director(s) may impair her ability to complete the year of service, she will forfeit any and all rights to the title and the successor will receive these benefits. This includes competing in the state pageant, scholarship money, prizes, gifts, and any other benefits to which the winner is entitled.
10. Body piercing and/or tattoos are STRICTLY prohibited. (Body piercing includes: lips, tongue, navel, eye brows, more than 2 ear pierced holes in each ear, and other inappropriate areas of piercing).
11. The wardrobe needed to compete on the state level is the responsibility of the parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s). This includes all related clothing, photographs, and other necessities required. All wardrobe items must be approved by the Miss Birmingham Executive Director *prior* to purchase.
12. The necessary items related to the state competition wardrobe will be assembled on or before **January 31st** for final approval by the Miss Birmingham Executive Director. This approval is the final decision and no changes to the wardrobe may be made following that date.
13. Clothing selected for the state competition must be in good taste, age appropriate, and not revealing, distasteful, or inappropriate.
14. The winner of the pageant is *Miss Birmingham's Outstanding Teen or Miss Cahaba Valley's Outstanding Teen* at all times. She is to be appropriately dressed when on appearances with hair, nails, make-up and should be properly groomed. The director(s) may require certain clothing for appearances and blue jeans are never appropriate for an appearance (unless specified).
15. Wearing the crown and sash in public without the permission of the director is prohibited.
16. The winner of the pageant will maintain knowledge of current events and stay abreast of state and national current events and social issues in preparation for the state pageant.
17. The winner will maintain a good physical appearance and agrees not to lose or gain an excessive amount of weight unless directed by a physician. The winner will maintain good eating habits and a healthy lifestyle.
18. Talent practice and preparation is necessary to properly prepare for the state pageant. Talent presentations may be expected at some appearances. The winner will properly rehearse and prepare for any presentation of her talent during her year of service as Miss Birmingham's Outstanding Teen.
19. Talent selection for Miss Alabama's Outstanding Teen must be approved by the Miss Birmingham Director. To do this, the winner must consult with the director regarding talent choice, then perform her selection for and obtain the Director's approval *prior* to Contestant Orientation in January

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20. The style and/or color of the contestant's hair will not drastically change without discussion with the pageant director.
21. The winner will remain alcohol, drug, and tobacco free during her year of service.
22. Any use of profanity is prohibited. The use of profanity includes the use of profanity on Facebook and Twitter or other social networking accounts. Any profanity should be immediately removed from these accounts prior to the pageant.
23. If the winner of the pageant has a Facebook account, she and her parents understand that the account will be monitored for content by the director(s). This includes accepting the director as a "friend". Use of inappropriate photos in conjunction with the pageant title is prohibited. Remember, this is a public forum and your reputation can be determined by this content.
24. Any concerns should be brought to the immediate attention of the pageant director.
25. The contestant will meet with the Executive Director either in person or by phone or video no less than monthly during her year of service.
26. The Miss Birmingham Executive Director must approve any appearance request before the winner agrees to appear. *This includes any appearance after the state pageant in March.*
27. The parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) should accompany the winner to any official appearance. A member of the Miss Birmingham Board may also attend official appearances. This is for the safety of the contestant.
28. Critiquing of the contestant is meant to enhance the performance of the contestant and never meant to be negative, hurtful, or demeaning.
29. The winner will attend interview practice weekly as scheduled by the director.
30. The winner will be a gracious attendee at events and will not have the appearance of being bored, distracted, or tired.
31. The winner will always be on time for appearances.
32. The winner, her name and photograph(s) will be present on the Miss Birmingham web site on the Internet. This website is accessible through the Miss Alabama website. Duplication of information from the website is prohibited without express written permission of the director.
33. The photograph of the winner will be duplicated onto autograph pads that will be used during appearances and special events.
34. Should the winner relinquish her title willingly to compete in another system or for another title, all obligations between the winner and the Miss Birmingham/Miss Cahaba Valley Scholarship Organization will be dissolved, and the winner will have no involvement with the Miss Birmingham/Miss Cahaba Valley organization from the date the title is relinquished.
35. The birth certificate enclosed with the application is proof of eligibility.
36. We agree to hold harmless the Miss Birmingham Executive Director and Board and other pageant officials for any personal injury, theft, damage, and loss of property during the designated time of appearances, meetings, workshops, rehearsals, and competitions.
37. We understand that any regression from the rules set forth in this contract and the state contract I have already signed can result in the title and the right to compete in Miss Alabama's Outstanding Teen being forfeited.
38. We agree that it is by choice that _____ (contestant) competes in the pageant.

SIGNATURE PAGE DIRECTLY FOLLOWS

Miss Birmingham's & Cahaba Valley's Outstanding Teen Pageant

Contract & Hold Harmless Agreement

SIGNATURE PAGE

The contestant and her parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) understand the terms and conditions of this contract and hold harmless agreement and are signing this document without duress and are entering this contract and agreement freely and without reservation.

Contestant Legal Signature: _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date _____

I agree not to hold the Miss Birmingham Pageant Staff/Committee, Oak Mountain High School, The Shelby County Board of Education, The Miss Alabama Pageant, or Miss America Pageant, pageant director/staff, or anyone affiliated with the pageant responsible for any personal injury, loss of items, or damage while attending the pageant.

_____ Date _____
Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

Notarize document here. The notary must include the raised seal.

My commission expires:

Sworn to me this _____day of _____, 201_

_____
Signature of Notary

Miss Birmingham's & Cahaba Valley's Outstanding Teen Pageant

Contestant Information Sheet

All Fields Required – Please Type or Write Clearly

NAME: _____

BIRTHDATE: _____ AGE: _____

PARENTS' NAME: _____

PARENTS' E-MAIL ADDRESS*: _____

*Please list an e-mail address that is checked frequently

PARENTS' HOME PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE*: _____

*Please list a cell phone number where you may be reached pageant day

PARENTS' HOME ADDRESS: _____

_____

NAME OF SCHOOL: _____

GRADE: _____ CURRENT GPA: _____
(if applicable)

Miss Birmingham & Cahaba Valley Scholarship Pageant

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.

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 24, 2017
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

Miss Birmingham/Miss Cahaba Valley Pageant
Publicity Consent Form
Under Age 18

I, _____, the Parent or Guardian of
(Print Parent or Guardian Name)

_____, a contestant in the Miss Birmingham/Miss
(Print Contestant Name)

Cahaba Valley Pageant, do hereby authorize the Miss Birmingham Scholarship Pageant and anyone duly licensed or authorized by it, to televise, photograph, broadcast, make audio or video recordings, internet website entries or motion picture recordings of my child individually or as part of a group and to use or re-use such photographs, recordings, video recordings, audio recordings, Internet websites and motion pictures in any and all media throughout the area and world. I agree that my child's name, likeness, physical depiction for any purpose in perpetuity, in an edited or unedited manner or fashion may be used as the Pageant in its sole discretion shall determine. All photographs, audio and video recordings containing any physical depiction, image or likeness of my child including, but not limited to, interviews, rehearsals, publicity events whether individually or as part of a group made for the use of advertising, trade and any purpose deemed necessary by the pageant shall become the property of the Miss Birmingham Scholarship Pageant.

Age Group (check one):

- ☐ 17 Year Old - Miss Birmingham/Miss Cahaba Valley Scholarship Preliminary
- ☐ Miss Birmingham/Miss Cahaba Valley Outstanding Teen (13-17)
- ☐ Miss Birmingham/Miss Cahaba Valley Rising Star (7-11)

_____ Date: _____
(Parent or Guardian Signature)

Miss "Local's or State's" Outstanding Teen Organization - Instructions for Preparing the Judges Resume

Remember this is your opportunity to demonstrate to the judges why they should consider you for the position of Miss Local's or State's Outstanding Teen. You may list as many or as few items under each category as you desire. This one page, combined with your Platform Statement, and your Pageant Contestant Contract will comprise your entire application for the responsibility of becoming Miss Local's or State's Outstanding Teen. The judges will receive your resume exactly as it is submitted. ***Do not put your age on the Resume!***

1. 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 Roman font style.

2. With the justification set for left, type "**Name:**" in **bold.** Following the colon (:), press the tab key two or three times. Then, type your name as you wish the judges to know it. (If your name is Mary Deborah Smith and you want to be known as "Deborah Smith", please type "Deborah Smith").

3. Then, move to the next line and type "**Title:**" in **bold**. Following the colon (:), press the tab key two or three times. Then, type the "Local" title for which you are competing or the "Local" title that you hold for state pageants.

4. Then, move to the next line and type "**Hometown:**" in **bold**. Following the colon (:), press the tab key two or three times. Then type your hometown including the city and the state.

5. Double space down. Type "**Education:**" in **bold**. Following the colon (:), press the tab key two or three times. Then type your most recent school first. List in order with the most recent, all schools attended (high school, middle school, elementary school, Pre-K, etc.).

6. Double space down. Type "**Platform Issue:**" in **bold**. Following the colon (:), press the tab key two or three times. Type the title of your platform, making sure it lines up with the other information above it. Do not type anything other than the platform title.

7. Double space down. Type "**Scholastic/Career Ambition:**" in **bold**. Following the colon (:), press the tab key one or so times. Then type the type of degree/education you would ultimately like to achieve, making sure it lines up with the other information above it. Beneath that, list your career ambition.

8. Double space down. Type "**Talent:**" in **bold**. Following the colon (:), press the tab key two or three times. Type the type of talent you will perform and specific selection, making sure it lines up with the information above it. (e.g., Pop Vocal - "Rolling in the Deep", Tap Dance - "Moves Like Jagger", etc.)

9. Double space down. Type "**Scholastic Honors:**" in **bold**. Following the colon (:), press the space bar twice. Type your scholastic honors. Each item should be separated by a semi-colon (;).

10. Double space down. Type "**Leadership Roles:**" in **bold**. Following the colon (:), press the space bar twice. Each item should be separated by a semi-colon (;).

11. Double space down. Type "**Accomplishments:**" in **bold**. Following the colon (:), press the space bar twice. Each item should be separated by a semi-colon (;). ***Do not include any previous local titles held in the Miss America's Outstanding Teen Program or placement!***

Miss "Local's or State's" Outstanding Teen Organization - Instructions for Preparing the Judges Resume

12. Double space down. Type "**Interesting Facts:**" in **bold**. Following the colon (:), press the space bar twice. Each item should be separated by a semi-colon (;). ***Do not include any previous local titles held in the Miss America's Outstanding Teen Program or placement!***

13. Double space down. Type "**Marketing Plan:**" in **bold.** Following the colon (:), press the space bar twice. In sentence form, explain how you would market the Miss Local's or Miss State's Outstanding Teen "brand". Please include any relevant experience you have which may uniquely qualify you to serve in this position. Please be aware that a portion of the Miss Local's or Miss State's Outstanding Teen responsibilities includes marketing the Miss Local's or Miss State's Outstanding Teen program to potential sponsors, educational institutions, and organizations.

14. Double space down. Type "**Legacy:**" in **bold**. Following the colon (:), press the space bar twice. This should be typed in sentence form. Please write what your legacy, as Miss Local's or State's Outstanding Teen will be. This statement should answer the question, "A year after giving up your title as Miss Local's or State's Outstanding Teen, what will people remember about your year of service?"

15. Double space down. Type "**Why I should be Miss Local's or State's Outstanding Teen 20__:**" in **bold**. Following the colon (:), press the space bar twice. This should be typed in sentence form. Explain to the judging panel why you should be selected Miss Local's or State's Outstanding Teen and, more importantly, why you should be selected Miss Local's or State's Outstanding Teen this year.

Important Information Regarding the Contestant's Judges Resume

Please remember that the entire form MUST FIT ON ONE PAGE using the Times Roman font style.

You must leave a 1" margin on all four side of the page. Use your best judgment on what is most important for the judges to know about you. Use your space wisely. Please review the example of what the resume format look like. Any variations from this format will be returned to you and will not be accepted. Your materials will not be retyped. The judges will receive your original work.

CHECK SPELLING AND GRAMMAR!!

This resume, your platform statement, and possibly a local pageant program book will be the only documents the judges will receive about you**.** By submitting these forms to your local teen organization, you certify 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 losing your title.

Some spacing issues may arise. Simply follow the example provided. Depending upon the set up of your document, you may need to press the "tab key" fewer or more times than indicated above).

Do not attempt to change margins, font, size options, or deviate from the requested criteria as set forth in this document.

Use plain white paper for the document. Do not use paper with logos, crowns, names, decorations, or other embellishments. It will not be accepted if it is printed on anything other than plain white 8 ½" X 11" paper.

(Sample: Miss Local's or State's Outstanding Teen Contestant Resume)

Name: Deborah Smith

Title: Miss River Valley's Outstanding Teen

Hometown: River Valley, AnyState

Education: River Valley Senior High School
River Valley Junior High School
River Valley Elementary School

Platform Issue: Celebrating Inclusivity

Scholastic/Career Ambition: To obtain a Juris Doctorate
To become an Attorney specializing in entertainment law

Talent: Pop Vocal- "Rolling in the Deep"

Scholastic Honors: Honor Roll all report card periods; taking 3 Advanced Placement classes; National Honor Society; Perfect Attendance Award; French Award; Eleanor Roosevelt Cultural Diversity Award

Leadership Roles: Organized a teen volunteer group to entertain at a local nursing home; Secretary of Nostalgia Rotary Interact Club; Junior Varsity Cheerleading Captain 2012-2013; Lector and Song Leader at my church; elected state senator at State Girls' State Leadership Conference

Accomplishments: Rotary Student of the Year; Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Ambassador for my school; Fresh Face Agent Award at Odyssey Dance Competition; Placed at Nostalgia Talent Show 3 years; played Dorothy in my dance studio's production of "Hip Hop Oz"

Interesting Facts: I teach dance to 5-13 year olds; danced with the Disney characters in the ABC television special "Minnie's Magical Gathering"; modeled in the Frankie Girl Dance Costume Catalogue for the last three years; our family operates a dance studio in our home; I collect frogs of all types and shapes. Ribbit—I love it. I am the only girl with red hair of all my cousins, and I ran up the steps at our city's public library like Rocky Balboa did in the movie!

Marketing Plan: The best way to convince people to become involved in an organization is to provide them with evidence that the organization is successful in achieving its goals. The Miss AnyState's Outstanding Teen Program was created to give teens an avenue to develop their speaking skills and a forum to present their talents and viewpoints. As Miss River Valley's Outstanding Teen 2013, I would market the organization by making appearances and speaking at schools to demonstrate how the experience of being involved with the Miss America's Outstanding Teen Organization can help shape young women to become well-spoken, confident, and active in their communities.

Legacy: I want to be known as the River Valley's Outstanding Teen who changed the way that people perceive teenagers. Although teens do not always portray themselves in the proper light, I want the River Valley Area, the State of AnyState, my peers, and the Miss AnyState's Outstanding Teen Organization to reflect on my year of service as a River Valley's Outstanding Teen who proved that teenagers can make a huge difference in every community.

Why I should be Miss River Valley's Outstanding Teen 2015: I would be a good choice for River Valley's Outstanding Teen because I possess the speaking skills, talent, confidence and poise that it takes to be a local titleholder. Also, I would love to have the opportunity to utilize the title of Miss River Valley's Outstanding Teen to promote my platform of "*Celebrating Inclusivity*" throughout the River Valley and the state.

SAMPLE

Miss "Local's or State's" Outstanding Teen Organization - Instructions for Preparing Platform Statement

Please remember, this **ONE (1) page, single-spaced** document, combined with your Judges Resume and your Pageant Contestant Contract will comprise your entire application for the responsibility of becoming Miss Local's or State's Outstanding Teen. The judges will receive exactly what is submitted. Any items that do not meet the criteria or are submitted after the deadline will not be given to the judges. If your Platform Statement arrives on the day of the deadline, but does not meet the criteria, there will not be time to return it to you; **therefore, it will not be given to the judges**.

Contestants: Discuss your *personal* platform issue. In addition, explain how you will further the Miss "Local's or State's" Outstanding Teen Program and the Miss America's Outstanding Teen Program "brand" to the public.

(See sample Platform Statement.)

1. 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.

2. With the justification set for left, type "**Name:**" in **bold.** Following the colon (:), remove bold and hit the space bar twice. Then, type your name as you wish the judges to know it. (If your name is Mary Deborah Smith and you want to be known as "Deborah Smith", please type "Deborah Smith").

3. Double space down. Set your justification to "center". Then type in **Bold and underline** the title of your Platform.

4. Double space down. With justification set for left and unbold, write what you feel is critical for the judge's to know about your platform and why it is necessary for you to have the title of Miss "Local's or State's" Outstanding Teen to promote this issue. What you write will be what the judges know about your platform, your role in successfully dealing with this issue, and the role the Miss "Local's or State's" Outstanding Teen and the Miss America's Outstanding Teen Organizations may play in your plan.

5. Remember to include in the Platform Statement what **you** can do to get the message out and get more of your friends and other teens interested in the Miss "Local's or State's" Outstanding Teen Program and the Miss America's Outstanding Teen Program.

6. **Remember to single space the text that you are typing.**

7. This essay may include some of the following items (this is not to be meant as an exhaustive list):

   - A clear definition of your platform and the specific issues you wish to address
   - A plan on how you have or will create awareness of the platform
   - 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 platform issue will move the Miss "Local's or State's" Outstanding Teen Program and the Miss America's Outstanding Teen Program 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.

8. At the bottom of the page, you MUST set the justification to the right. Type a line of 26 spaces. Below that line, you must type Signature/Date. Once you have printed the document, you must sign and date this document.

(Sample: Miss Local's or State's Outstanding Teen Platform Statement)

Name: Deborah Smith

Celebrating Inclusivity

It is imperative that our 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 including all the family members at the table. 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, we must be willing to step out of our own personal cultural comfort zones and identify the origin of their prejudice. I will specifically focus on three areas: Children, Communities, and Businesses.

Currently, the term "Cultural Diversity" is well known in the halls of institutions of higher learner and, perhaps, even in the public school classroom because of the need for educators and learners 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 change in public policy.

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 I could step into the lead as Miss River Valley's Outstanding Teen, this summer as Miss AnyState's Outstanding Teen, and in August as Miss America's Outstanding Teen. What better role is there for a national titleholder 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?

Miss River Valley's Outstanding Teen, Miss AnyState's Outstanding Teen, and Miss America's Outstanding Teen should not be seen just as yet another pretty face. Yes, she should be attractive, and yes, she should attract the leaders of the future to pay attention to her. Our country's ethnic make-up is changing rapidly and our citizen's fear of terrorism can explode already existing, but deeply hidden prejudices. I want to be the leader that our country needs to continue tackling this issue.

_____

Signature/Date

SAMPLE