

**Preparation Information for Miss BHV and Miss BHVOT Competitions**

Welcome girls! I am so excited you are here and look forward to getting to know each and every one of you! You have officially become part of history competing for Miss Blackhawk Valley and Miss Blackhawk Valley’s Outstanding Teen!

**Schedule and Important Dates**

Paperwork due September 17th by midnight

Spot Fund Due (not required) September 23rd, if choosing to fundraise

Interviews (Teen & Miss) September 24th at Rockridge High School

Miss BHV and Miss BHVOT Competition September 24th at Rockridge High School

**Opening Number MISS and TEEN:**

Introductions will be done in a COLOR outfit of the candidate’s choice (dress, jumpsuit, suit, etc.) As the background is black, please avoid a black outfit. Shoes and jewelry can be whatever color the candidate wishes. Teens will only do introductions in this outfit. Miss will answer their onstage question and complete their Social Impact Initiative Pitch in this outfit, so be mindful of what you are choosing as the question and pitch are judged.

**Dress Rehearsal and Competition Day:**

Interviews will be the morning of Saturday, September 24th at Rockridge High School. Candidate order and time for interview will be determined at a later date once all candidates are signed up.

Rehearsal for competition will be completed the day of. Please be prepared for a busy day. Lunch will be provided to the candidates. A complete schedule will be given to you once all candidates are signed up.

Pageant will be held at Rockridge High School at roughly 5pm.

Rockridge High School address:

14110 134th Ave W, Taylor Ridge, IL 61284

**Membership Fee and Registration Fee:**

Please use the link shared here to pay a mandatory annual $35 membership fee (teen and miss). After carefully selecting whether you are a Miss or Teen candidate and pay the membership fee, a packet of information will be sent to you by Miss Illinois. In that paperwork, you will find additional information on registering for available local competitions. Miss candidates are then required to pay a $75 registration fee per local they wish to compete at. Teens are not required to pay the $75 per local, but do still need to sign up for Miss Blackhawk Valley by the paperwork sent from Miss Illinois.

<https://members.missamerica.org/register>

**Paperwork:**

The following should be submitted by **SEPTEMBER 17TH at midnight** to missblackhawkvalley@gmail.com unless specified on the form.

All are found on our webpage, missblackhawkvalley.com under “Become a Candidate.”

* Register with MAO & pay the $35 membership fee (Teen/Miss) and $75 registration fee per local (Miss)
* Miss/ Teen Candidate Application Form <https://form.jotform.com/212407020528141>
* Miss/ Teen production script
* Miss/ Teen candidate photo
* Miss/ Teen contract with necessary attachments
	+ Miss <https://form.jotform.com/82744206914155>
	+ Teen <https://form.jotform.com/200708862353152>
* Teen sponsor form
* Miss/ Teen Resume
* Miss/ Teen Social Impact Initiative Statement Essay
* Miss/ Teen Music for talent selection, if desired, should be emailed to missblackhawkvalley@gmail.com **by SEPTEMBER 24TH at midnight** via MP3 digital format
* **PLEASE EMAIL ALL DOCUMENTS TOGETHER IN ONE EMAIL**. It is imperative you check what needs to be completed so all documents arrive together, minimizing the risk of losing an email with a required piece of paperwork. In general, this makes it much easier to navigate through all paperwork for each candidate.

**Spotfund Fundraising Requirements:**

**MISS:** You MUST register for an account (link to sign up will be provided soon)

**TEEN:** You MUST register for an account (link to sign up will be provided soon)

No minimum is required, but participation is highly encouraged, and everyone must create an account\*\*

All money raised is used “in house” for Miss America scholarships. Please use the correct link when creating an account as Miss and Teen have separate links to register.

**Candidate Photo:**

Submit a vertical, color headshot as a .jpg file to missblackhawkvalley@gmail.com

The photo will be used in various capacities including the judge’s books and on social media. The Photo should be submitted **as soon as possible, no later than SEPTEMBER 17TH.**

Photo guidelines: vertical and a 5X7 size

**Miss/Teen Contract Submission Form Documents**

The contract must be submitted using the link to a dropbox. All required attachments will be stated in the contact and will be submitted along with the contract to the dropbox.

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Please contact us if you have any questions!!

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