



We are so happy that you are interested in joining the Miss Hamilton family! Miss Hamilton and Miss Hamilton's Teen will be held on Saturday, August 5, 2023 at 6pm at the Hamilton Campus of Bevill State Community College in the Business Center.

Please note that we are continuing to receive updates from the Miss America Organization. We will update paperwork and information as needed.

Contacts:

- Director: Amanda Clement Tice
- Co-Director: Gena Holloway
- Email: director@misshamilton.org
- Website: misshamilton.org

Competition Location:

- Bevill State Community College
- *Hamilton Campus Business Center*
- 1333 Military Street South
- Hamilton, AL 35570

Dates:

- July 22, 2023 - Miss Hamilton & Miss Hamilton's Teen paperwork deadline
- August 5, 2023 – Competition Day!

When delegates are considering their eligibility to compete for a local or state competition, the determining factor will be the delegate's **BIRTH YEAR**.

- Miss: 1996 (28Y) - 2006* (18Y)
- Teen: 2006* (18Y) - 2010(13Y)
- *Delegates born in 2006 may choose either to compete in the Miss division or the Teen division. (Their choice)

Competition Categories:

- Health & Fitness 20% – Both Miss and Teen contestants compete in a fitness phase of competition and must wear red Rebel Athletic Wear for local competition. It is not a fitness routine but an upbeat modeling walk. Please purchase items from the following website <https://www.rebelathletic.com/mao.html> When checking out, enter the Miss Alabama code:

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- Evening Gown (red carpet) 20%
- Private Interview 30% - Both Miss and Teen contestants have a 10 minutes interview. Contestants will begin their interview with a 30 second opening, "pitch", or summary of their

community service initiative. After 30 seconds, questions will begin. In the final 30 seconds of interview, contestants may provide a closing statement.

- *Please note that the Social Impact pitch is rebranded as a 'Service Initiative', to reflect the Service point of the crown and is no longer to be an 'on stage' element, effective immediately. Going forward, the Service Initiative will be incorporated into the private interview phase and may be addressed during the opening and closing statements or during the conversation with judges.*
- Talent/HERStory 20%— This may be a performance talent or branded spoken word presentation.
- On Stage Conversation 10%

Wardrobe

- Rehearsal – something comfortable; bring a robe, jacket, or sweater in case you get cold.
- Private Interview – A professional and appropriate dress, suit, jumpsuit, or outfit.
- Opening number – Bright cocktail dress (red, hot pink, turquoise, bright blue, orange, bright yellow, lime, purple, etc). We are using Spice Girls music this year, so feel free to wear something fun.
- Evening Gown – formal evening wear
- Talent – selection appropriate to the talent/presentation you will be performing
- Health & Fitness – MAO requires contestants to wear red Rebel Athletic Wear for local competition. If you have any questions, please contact us. Please purchase items from the following website <https://www.rebelathletic.com/mao.html> When checking out, enter the Miss Alabama code: [MAO-AL-MD9F-9ILU-DJYQ](#) [Alabama](#)

Paperwork

The paperwork you will submit has changed this year. Please review the samples available for download. You will submit an Interview Fact Sheet instead of a resume and you will also submit a Service Initiative essay.

Space is limited, so please submit your paperwork as soon as possible to secure your place. Please visit the following link to access and download the necessary paperwork required by MAO.

- <https://www.missalabama.com/how-to-enter-miss-alabama/>

The local Miss Hamilton and Miss Hamilton's Teen contracts are available for download on our website:

- <https://misshamilton.org/enter-next-competition>

Paperwork	Instructions
Interview Fact Sheet	Interview fact sheet and Service Initiative Essay should be pdf format. Jpg or png preferred for photo. Download and complete the supplemental information form. Email all four items to director@misshamilton.org by July 22, 2023
Service Initiative Essay	
Photo	
Supplemental Information Form	
Talent Music	Mp3 or Mp4 format - Email to director@misshamilton.org by July 22, 2023

	Flash drive – Please bring back up copy with you on the day of competition
IF claiming eligibility as Alabama resident: Copy of Driver's License OR copy of electric utility bill displaying current address	Email copy to director@misshamilton.org by July 22, 2023
Birth Certificate	This should be a scanned copy in pdf format. Email to director@misshamilton.org by July 22, 2023
State Contract	Please download state contract from https://www.missalabama.com/how-to-enter-miss-alabama/ Bring with you and present to one of the directors at check-in. Due at competition check-in on August 5, 2023
Local Contract	Please download, complete, and print the local contract and bring with you on the day of competition. Present to one of the directors at check-in. Due at competition check-in on August 5, 2023

Rising Star

We are not hosting a Rising Star component on stage at Miss Hamilton and Miss Hamilton's Teen. For their reign and state competition, new titleholders will provide their own Rising Star(s) or may contact the state office to have one appointed from the waiting list.

Miss Hamilton & Miss Hamilton's Teen

CONTESTANT INFORMATION SHEET

YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Your School _____

SECTION A: ELIGIBILITY

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I have registered to compete on the Miss America Website

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

Age as of the date of this 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

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Cordless

☐

Microphone with stand

Lavaliere

Will you be using props? ☐ No ☐ Yes

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

SECTION C: HEALTH AND FITNESS PRESENTATION: CONTESTANTS MUST WEAR RED REBEL ATHLETIC WEAR

[HTTPS://WWW.REBELATHLETIC.COM/MAO.HTML](https://www.rebelathletic.com/mao.html)

WHEN SELECTING YOUR ITEMS AND CHECKING OUT, ENTER THE MISS ALABAMA CODE: MAO-AL-MD9F-9ILU-DJYQ

Please write a short 2-3 sentences describing how you are heart healthy to be read during your fitness presentation:

SECTION D: ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF UNDERSTANDING AND STATEMENT OF ELIGIBILITY

By signing this Local Contestant Contract Acknowledgment of Understanding and Statement of Eligibility, I agree to abide by the complete Miss Alabama Local Contestant Contract. I understand all terms and conditions of this application and complete Miss Alabama contract together with it's attachments, as I request acceptance of my application to participate in Miss Alabama preliminaries.

Contestant Signature: _____

SECTION E: NOTARY SECTION

Sworn and subscribed to before me this _____ day of _____, 2023.

Notary Public of _____ Signature _____

SECTION F: 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 Local Candidate Contract and all attachments and the Local Preliminary Contract for my local competition.

Director's Signature: _____ Date _____



Interview Fact Sheet Instructions

Must be a single page

San serif fonts in sizes 11-14.

Margins to be standard 1"

Single line spaced typed responses

May be submitted as a hard copy

May be filled out as online digital form

May be a PDF

May not include any attachments

May not include any graphics or photos

Please see sample below.

Interview Fact Sheet

Name:

Hometown/Local Title:

Age:

Instagram:

Facebook:

TikTok:

Twitter:

Current Employment or Schooling:

Scholastic/Career Ambition:

Community Service Initiative (CSI):

Performance Talent or HERStory™ Description:

Accomplishments:

Interesting Facts:

Describe your personal health initiatives and alignment with #MissAmericaFit:

What social issue, other than your CSI, will have the greatest impact on your generation and why?

Name three items on your 'bucket list' in the next five years.



COMMUNITY SERVICE INITIATIVE (CSI)

Miss America's Community Service Initiative (CSI) is an integral part of the interview phase of competition, supporting one of the branded elements of Miss America as outlined by the "Four Points" of the crown. The "Four Points" are Style, Scholarship, Service and Success. CSI is specific to the **SERVICE** point of the crown.

The CSI initiative allows you, as a participating Delegate, to showcase and deploy your interests and creativity, to outline a plan or effort to engage within your local community or state existing programs. You may also design your own program for your community or state.

This ONE page submission in san-serif font style of your choice, font sizes from 11-14 only, should include the following:

- A description of your Community Service Initiative passion or interest
- Why you chose this particular initiative
- How you've partnered or will partner with local/state communities to create momentum
- Any social media or marketing strategies that will best support your CSI
- Any activities you have planned or participated in with respect to this CSI

Use of Graphics

At the local level, you may use "header only" graphics approximately ½ inch from the top of the 8.5 x11 page. Graphics may include existing organizations' logos, taglines or other creative efforts. You may use bullet points within your long form essay. Your local/state organization may decide to have you submit your CSI single page electronically, via a form rather than a pdf, through a portal, or other options.

Signature and Date

Please sign and date your submission at the bottom right hand corner, and include your local title. No submissions to be verified without signature.

NOTE: Marketing & Promotional Suggestion

For personal use/promotion - NOT for an interview submission - you may create a fully graphic page for insertion into a state program book, distribution online as a promotional flyer, printed item to distribute during community events or presentations, or as a 'one sheet' to advertise your participation within the Miss America or Miss America's Teen programs online, or while raising funds. There are no guidelines as to promotional creative, other than you must have State/local permission to use Miss America or Miss America's Teen logos.

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 citizen’s 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

Misshealth&fitness America *silhouettes*



REQUIREMENTS OF MISS LOCAL

The Miss Hamilton Organization

Miss Hamilton

Contestant: _____

The **Miss Hamilton Organization** is a non-profit entity organized under the laws of the State of Alabama. The **Miss Hamilton Organization** has operated a *Program* offering scholarship assistance and career opportunities for young women within the State of Alabama. In doing so, the **Miss Hamilton Organization** has made substantial investments in, and had developed a valuable identity for the unique symbols and elements of the *Program* that have achieved national and even international recognition and approval. These elements include but are not limited to:

- Providing educational assistance in the form of scholarships to young adult women who have not yet begun to assume the responsibility of family life and are interested in career and educational advancement;
- Recognizing and honoring the traits of honesty, good character, talent, poise, intellect, social impact, leadership, and good judgment in the young women of American who enter the competition (the “Contestants”); and
- Enabling the Contestants to serve as role models for other young women with similar goals and personal characteristics.

The **Miss Hamilton Organization** intends to conduct a competition for the title “**Miss Hamilton 2024**” to be held in Hamilton, Alabama on August 5, 2023. The competition is critically important, and the single most visible and widely recognized element of the *Program*. The competition is conducted in a fashion that is designed to combine a respect for the traditional and historic foundations of the *Program* with recognition of the perceived modern tastes and values of the American people.

The winner of the competition shall be designated “**Miss Hamilton 2024**” and shall be entitled to that title until her successor is named at the competition in 2024. During this period (the “Year of Service”), **Miss Hamilton 2024** shall be required to engage in travel and participate in personal appearances throughout the State. These activities are designed, scheduled, arranged, and supervised by the **Miss Hamilton Organization** in order to reflect the values and standards of the *Program*, and to enhance its visibility and maintain its broad public acceptance. The **Miss Hamilton Organization** has also developed detailed procedures and requirements that will govern activities and conduct of **Miss Hamilton** during her Year of Service. All of these procedures, standards, and requirements are intended to protect and enhance the substantial public acceptance of the *Program* among American people; and to assure that the *Program* will continue to be able to operate for the benefit of the thousands of young women who will be seeking to participate in the *Program* in future years.

As a Contestant in Miss Hamilton 2024, I agree to the following terms:

1. I agree to send a \$50 No Show Fee to the Miss Hamilton Organization in order to secure my spot as a Miss Hamilton 2024 Contestant. I understand that if I am present the day of the competition, then my \$50 No Show Fee will be refunded upon my arrival on the day of the Miss Hamilton Competition. I understand and agree that my \$50 No Show Fee will be used towards the scholarship fund for Miss Hamilton if I choose not to be present the day of competition. If a Contestant wins a preliminary prior to the Miss Hamilton competition, the \$50 fee will be refunded.
2. I understand that I am required to participate with a positive spirit of competition and will not speak negatively in public about any other Miss Hamilton or Hamilton's Teen Competition Contestant, her family or friends, or any member of the Miss Hamilton Organization or volunteers. I agree to the manner and method of conducting the Miss Hamilton Competition and will not publicly criticize the enactment of the competition, method and manner of judging, nor the decisions or opinions of the Miss Hamilton Organization. Concerns of significance will be addressed with the local competition director.
3. I understand that I cannot leave the competition site on the day of the competition.
4. I will not hold the Miss Hamilton Organization, its board, directors, or the location of competition facility liable for any accident occurring while traveling to and from the competition or while at the competition. Neither will I hold the same liable for any personal items lost or damaged while at the competition.

If named Miss Hamilton 2024, I agree to the following terms:

1. **APPEARANCES/PUBLIC PRESENCE AS TITLEHOLDER** I understand that the director(s) of Miss Hamilton must approve any and all appearances made in the name of Miss Hamilton
2. **WARDROBE** I agree to the following stipulations regarding my Miss Alabama wardrobe:
 - I understand that the best wardrobe for Miss Alabama competition is one that allows for my personal style and self-confidence, while incorporating the experience and advice of the board, which seeks to showcase me at my best, within the context of the competition.
 - I agree to involve the Miss Hamilton Board in the selection of each piece of my Miss Alabama wardrobe. This means that either a Miss Hamilton Board member will accompany me on my shopping trip and take responsibility for securing board advice, or I will seek opinions, advice, and approval via text & photos with the Miss Hamilton Competition Director(s) and other consulting board members before making a purchase.
 - I understand that my Miss Alabama wardrobe must be **previewed** by the Miss Hamilton Board at least 90 days prior to Miss Alabama competition.
 - I understand that my **final** (including alterations and all accessories) Miss Alabama wardrobe must be approved by the Miss Hamilton Board no later than two weeks prior to the Miss Alabama workshop.
 - I know that this is done to help me be the most prepared that I can be for the Miss Alabama competition.
 - Also, I understand that each element must be worn for the appropriate events during the Miss Alabama competition.

3. I understand that I must attend Miss Alabama Contestant orientation and Miss Alabama Contestant workshop. The Miss Alabama Board will set both of these dates for the spring.
4. I agree to show evidence of working consistently on my social impact initiative.
5. I understand that my scholarship will be awarded at the end of my reign as Miss Hamilton 2024.
6. I understand that if I am selected as Miss Hamilton 2024, that my conduct must reflect moral standards suitable to being a role model as Miss Hamilton.
7. I testify that, if I am a student, I am a student in good standing with a passing GPA at a college or university and will endeavor to maintain good standing for the duration of my year of service.
8. I will obtain the prior approval of the Miss Hamilton Organization Executive Director before applying to compete or competing in any competition whatsoever during my Period of Service as Miss Hamilton 2024.
9. I will exercise caution in my use of social media such as Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, SnapChat, TikTok, YouTube, and Vine, etc. My participation in such sites will be conducted with dignity and in accordance with the terms set forth by Miss Hamilton Competition for behavior and public image. No information, statements, language, or images should be published that discredit the appearance or reputation of Miss Hamilton 2024 and the Miss Hamilton Organization. I will accept "friend requests" and other social links from Miss Hamilton Organization staff for the duration of my Period of Service and allow the access necessary to efficiently monitor social media profile pages, websites, and/or Internet domains.
10. I will refrain from public displays of affection with any individual with whom I am in any sort of romantic relationship whatsoever while appearing as Miss Hamilton 2024.
11. I will not speak negatively in public about any other Contestant in any preliminary competition to the Miss Alabama Competition, any Contestant in the Miss Alabama Competition, or the friends, family, or director(s) of those Contestants; Nor will I speak negatively in public about any member of the Miss Hamilton Organization.
12. I agree to have my social impact scrapbook completed at least one week prior to the deadline. I understand that the Miss Hamilton Organization staff may assist me with the project.
13. I agree to have my state application package of essays, essay questions, and assorted paperwork completed at least one week prior to the deadline. I understand that the Miss Hamilton Organization staff will assist me in preparing these documents.
14. **COMPETITION PREPARATION** I agree to prepare for all areas of Miss Alabama competition, including the following:
 - Understanding that a year of service as a titleholder, preparation for state competition, and the week of Miss Alabama competition is physically demanding, with my personal health and well-being in mind, I will strive for a fit and healthy physique.
 - Evening Wear & General Stage Presence – At minimum, I will meet with the designated board member(s) at least three times.
 - Talent – I will consult with designated board members in selecting what I perform for the Miss Alabama talent competition. Selecting what I perform will be a combination of a) what showcases my personal talent at its best and b) what works best for this competition. I must preview my talent for the board by mid-March 2023.
 - Interview & On-Stage Question – I will make time to meet with the designated board member(s) up to once a month from the time I accept the title until the month prior to competition.
 - Wardrobe – I will follow the stipulations as detailed in this "Requirements of Miss Local" document.

- Social Impact Initiative – I will pursue a Social Impact Initiative that is personally meaningful or directly related to my personal goals and allows for local involvement (i.e., events and fundraising that can be enacted within my area of service and/or residence including events that pertain thematically to my Social Impact Initiative).
 - Health & Fitness – With my personal health and well-being in mind, I will strive for a fit and healthy physique to meet the requirements of the Health and Fitness component of competition.
 - Publicity – I will seek approval from Miss Hamilton Director(s) before agreeing to or making an appearance in any official capacity (using my title and/or wearing my crown, sash, or pin). I will follow guidelines for my personal appearance when appearing in public in any official capacity. I will secure quality photographs of any official appearance. In a timely manner, I will provide photographs and publicity information to the Miss Hamilton Director(s) and designated board members in charge of social media management.
 - I agree to seek assistance and coaching from only the Miss Hamilton Organization staff unless the Miss Hamilton Director(s) approves another person.
15. I agree to provide my own wardrobe, accessories, make-up, shoes, beauty products, costumes, attire, and any other product or item necessary for appearances and for all phases of competition in the Miss Alabama Competition.
 16. I will not alter my physical appearance in any significant manner without prior consultation with and approval from Miss Hamilton Organization Executive Director. This includes, but is not limited to: color, cut, and style of hair; application of make-up; tanning or coloring of skin; cosmetic surgery or dentistry; and body modifications such as piercings and tattoos.
 17. I will show appreciation (personally thanking organizer/contact on site or thank you note) to contracting parties for all appearances and to all sponsors. When possible, I will visit sponsors and take on-site photos.
 18. I will provide my own transportation to and from scheduled appearances, unless the Miss Hamilton Organization staff has made other arrangements. *At the end of her year of service, the titleholder will receive a gas reimbursement of \$150 to mitigate fuel expenses from titleholder appearances.*
 19. I will BE PROMPT. There is never an excuse for being late to any engagement. This will not be permitted at any time.
 20. I will never take advantage of the hosts' hospitality. I understand that I must never give the impression that I am sick, tired, or bored. I must maintain interest and enthusiasm while displaying an engaging and scintillating personality during the entire appearance.
 21. I will obtain the express permission of the Miss Hamilton Organization Director(s) before authorizing the use of any photography, video, digital recording, audio recording, recording of any type, and/or depiction or likeness of myself whatsoever as Miss Hamilton, and that such use will be strictly for the benefit, promotion, and success of the Miss Hamilton Scholarship Competition.
 22. I will refrain, decline, and refuse from being involved in any advertisements, promotions, campaigns, fundraisers, appearances, and/or events whatsoever without the express consent and approval of the Miss Hamilton Organization Director(s).
 23. I agree to be present at the following appearances:
 - One or more trips to Hamilton to visit all sponsors (accomplish before December)
 - Miss Alabama's Teen in Alabaster, Alabama (first weekend in March)
 - Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting (usually in April)

- Chamber of Commerce Shrimp Boil (May or June)
- Buttahatchee River Fall Fest (last Saturday in October)
- Mayor's Tree Lighting (usually last day of November)
- Salvation Army Bell Ringing (December)
- Santa on the Square and Hamilton Christmas Parade (optional)
- Ribbon cuttings of businesses (if available & invited)
- Any additional Miss Hamilton sponsored fundraiser competitions
- Any activities undertaken as an event fundraiser in the name of Miss Hamilton

Note: To facilitate attending appearances and preparation for competition, Hamilton's Outstanding Teen receives a \$150 reimbursement for fuel expenses

24. I agree to adhere to requirements of this "Requirements of Miss Local" document. Should the Miss Hamilton Competition Director(s) perceive the titleholder to be "non-compliant," the Miss Hamilton Competition Director(s) will issue a verbal warning in the form of a witnessed discussion of the terms of the titleholder State/Local contract and "Requirements of Miss Local", along with specific reference to how the titleholder has failed to uphold the terms of each document. Continued failure to uphold the terms will result in the titleholder's status as "compliant" versus "non-compliant" being put before the Miss Hamilton Board of Directors for a vote. Should the majority vote that the titleholder is "non-compliant," this will result in the withholding of any and all local scholarship money designated for the current titleholder and notification of the Miss Alabama state office. Because scholarship money awarded at a state level is redeemed after use of local scholarship money, a non-compliant titleholder will be forfeiting any and all scholarship money awarded at a state level. *Example of non-compliant behavior involves actions such as unauthorized appearances, purchasing competition wardrobe without consulting with the board, failure to prepare for the state competition, engaging in unbecoming social media behavior, and public negativity.*

I understand that the Miss Hamilton Competition Organization will agree to the following terms:

1. They will confirm all appearances as needed and requirements pertaining thereto.
2. They will forward to Miss Hamilton an itinerary of each contracted appearance as needed.
3. They will serve as a positive, supportive source of information, advice, and feedback as needed and maintain regular communication for the duration of her tenure as Miss Hamilton.
4. They will provide time for study, rest, and vacations in regard to Miss Hamilton's good health and mental well-being.
5. They will screen all appearance requests and protect against undesirable appearances.
6. They will provide adequate coaching, rehearsal, consultation, guidance, and support for the role of Miss Hamilton and her participation in the Miss Alabama Competition.

I _____, a Miss Hamilton Contestant, have read the "Requirements of Miss Local", and understand all conditions, rules, and regulations set forth by the Miss Hamilton Organization, and if selected Miss Hamilton 2024 will be able to follow and fulfill all the rules and regulations set forth in the Miss Hamilton "Requirements of Miss Local" document.

Signature of Contestant

Date

Signature of Contestant's Legal Parent or Guardian
(Only necessary if Contestant is 18 years of age or younger)

Date