

The Miss Hamilton Competition



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 3, 2024 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 20, 2024 - Miss Hamilton & Miss Hamilton's Teen paperwork deadline
- August 3, 2024 – Competition Day!

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:

MAOALGB

Alabama

- If you are unable to secure Rebel athletic wear for any reason, please contact us. We will work with you to ensure this does not prevent you from competing.
- Evening Gown (red carpet) 20%
- Private Interview 30% - Both Miss and Teen contestants have a 10 minute 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. The interview will end promptly after 10 minutes.

- Talent/HERStory 20%– This may be a performance talent or branded spoken word presentation. Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns about performing your talent.
- 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 – A black cocktail dress
- 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: **MAOALGB Alabama** If you are unable to secure Rebel athletic wear for competition, please contact us. We will work with you to ensure this does not prevent you from competing.

Paperwork

Please review the samples available for download. You will submit an Interview Fact Sheet and a Service Initiative essay.

Space is limited, so please submit your paperwork as soon as possible to secure your place.

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 20, 2024
Service Initiative Essay	
Photo	
Supplemental Information Form	
Talent Music	Mp3 or Mp4 format - Email to director@misshamilton.org by July 20, 2024

Please be mindful of legibility when scanning documents, especially your fact sheet and community service essay. These items are copied for the judges books and need to be clear and easy to read.

	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 20, 2024
Birth Certificate	This should be a scanned copy in pdf format. Email to director@misshamilton.org by July 20, 2024
State Contract	Bring with you and present to one of the directors at check-in. Due at competition check-in on August 3, 2024
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 3, 2024

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.

CONTESTANT FOLDER CHECKLIST for 2024-2025

NAME OF CONTESTANT: _____

- 6 copies of Fact Sheet
- 6 copies of Community Service Initiative
- 6 copies of a 5 x 7 black and white or 8 x 10 photograph copied on 8.5 x 11 paper
- All 3 must also be emailed to director for judges
- Talent mp3 or mp4 – if applicable
- Talent intro

THE ITEMS LISTED BELOW WILL BE CHECKED BY THE FIELD DIRECTOR UPON ARRIVAL

- State Contract
 - Eligibility Documentation (only **one** is needed):
 - Copy of Driver's License or Lease if competing as a **resident** of Alabama
 - Copy of recent transcript if competing under **student** status
 - Proof of Employment if competing as a **full-time worker** in Alabama
- Signature of Pageant Director on Bottom of this Form
- Age Verified (TEEN - minimum age 14 by pageant date and no older than 17 by pageant date)
(MISS - minimum age 18 by pageant date and no older than 27 by pageant date)
- Certified Birth Certificate of Delegate
- \$50.00 No-Show Agreement Check (If Director required)
- Local Contract (signed)

Signature of Director _____

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REGISTER WITH MISS AMERICA

Both Miss and Teen delegates must register with Miss America.

Go to <http://www.club.missamerica.org/join-page> and choose "ALABAMA"

AGE

To enter the Teen Competition

Must be born between 2006-2010 and at least 14 by the state Teen competition and no more than 17 by the state Teen competition

To enter the Miss Competition

Must be born between 1996-2006 and at least 18 by the state Miss competition and no more than 27 by the state Miss competition

NEW FEE STRUCTURE

This year the Membership fee for each delegate is \$39.99 for the year. Each delegate must register once a year to participate.

Each delegate must raise \$30 for their "Go Red" American Heart Association Spot Fund account for each competition they enter. This spot fund will accumulate for every preliminary entered.

When the delegate wins a local preliminary title and is preparing for state competition, she will need to raise \$390 in her Spot fund account. The amounts raised for local competitions, count toward the \$390. <https://www.spotfund.com/>

LOCAL MISS/TEEN SCORING VALUES

Private Interview 30%

Talent/HER Story™ 20%

Health & Fitness 20%

Evening Gown 20%

On Stage Conversation 10%

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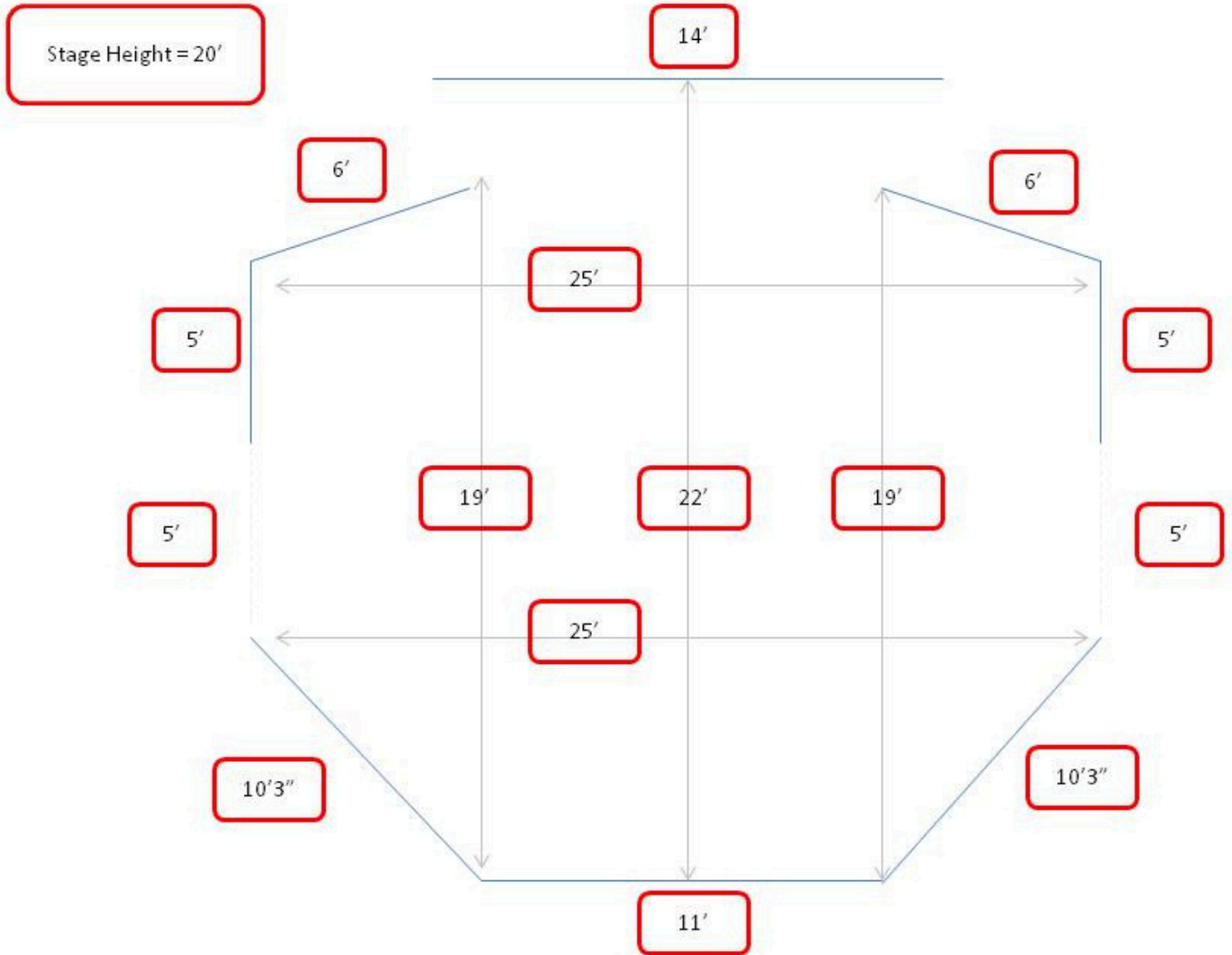
Please review the following information about our stage. I have attached a diagram with measurements so that you will be prepared for competition. Yes, it is essentially an octagon shape. New flooring was installed last year. It is slightly textured. If you twirl, perform gymnastics or acrobatics elements, or anything that needs a significant space, please review closely. Twirlers should specifically note that the pipe grid is located 25 ft above the stage.

For twirlers and gymnasts, we have created an alternate performance area over the past three years. I tape off a space directly in front of the stage and located in front of the judges. The area is carpeted and about the same size as the stage (about 22 ft x22ft). However, it is not oddly shaped so you have the corners to work with. There is much more overhead clearance for twirlers and the lighting seems to be preferred when catching tosses. It also eliminates the risk associated with twirling or tumbling so close to the edge of a high stage.

While this option is not desirable for tappers and cloggers who need a hard surface or necessary for monologues, it is absolutely your decision where to perform, except for pianists who must perform on stage due to feasibility of moving a piano. You will have the opportunity to assess the options and practice your talent. Both options provide excellent views to the judges and have worked well for a variety of talents in the past.

We want everyone to be as comfortable and confident as possible, while keeping in mind that we all must work with what is available. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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BEVILL AUDITORIUM – HAMILTON CAMPUS

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PAPERWORK REQUIREMENTS ARE ACCURATE AS OF TODAY - IF REQUIREMENTS CHANGE AND YOU HAVE ALREADY SUBMITTED PAPERWORK, WE WILL CONTACT YOU.

DEADLINE: JULY 20, 2024

Please send the following Items by email to director@misshamilton.org

- Headshot photo for judges books and program
- Interview Fact Sheet (PDF or Word format)
- Community Service Essay (PDF or Word format)
- Talent Music, if needed(MP3 or MP4 format only)
- State Contract, completed and signed – please include all pages
- Eligibility Documents (scan or photo)copy of driver's license or lease if competing as a resident of Alabama; or copy of recent transcript if competing under student status; or proof of employment if competing as a full-time worker in Alabama
- Contestant Information Sheet
- Certified copy of birth certificate (Teen only)
- Local Contract - notarized (Miss & Teen)

Contact:

Miss Hamilton Director

Amanda Clement Tice

director@misshamilton.org

205.471.5558

(call between 8am and 6pm or text and I will respond as soon as I am available)

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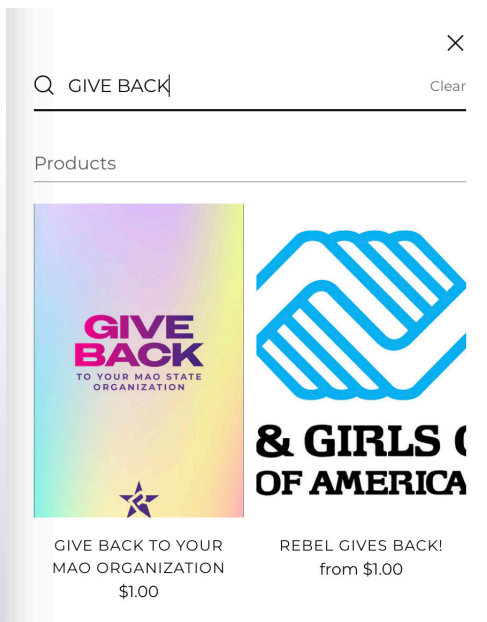
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Interview Fact Sheet Instructions

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.

Miss Hamilton & Miss Hamilton's Teen

YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Your School _____

SECTION A: ELIGIBILITY

I have registered to compete on the Miss America Website
<https://www.club.missamerica.org/join-page>

Miss Contestants must create a Spotfund fundraising account and raise \$30 per local competition using the instructions in this link: <https://spot.fund/missamerica2025>

Teen Contestants must create a Spotfund fundraising account and raise \$30 per local competition using the instructions in this link: <https://spot.fund/missamericasteen2025>

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

Cordless Microphone with stand Lavalier

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: MAOALGB

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 _____, 2024.

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 _____



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.



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(Delegate-Print Name)

DELEGATE CONTRACT

**Application and Agreement for Delegate and Titleholder Participation
in a Miss or Teen Local and/or State Competition in the Miss America Organization**

1. Parties

1.1. The Miss _____ (“Organization”), a corporation organized under the laws of the State of _____ is a licensee of Miss America IP LLC, the owner and/or holder of all trademarks and copyrights associated with The Miss America Organization (“MAIP” or “National Organization”). MAIP provides State and Local organizations licenses to conduct State or Local competitions under the direction and supervision of the National Organization. The State and Local organizations both operate competitions within the State pursuant to the mission, vision, and policies of MAIP, which may change from time to time with no notice to the Delegate or Titleholder.

1.2. Delegate Applicant or Titleholder, whichever is applicable, but hereinafter referred to as “Applicant” declares all Eligibility Requirements set forth herein are met by her for entry into The Miss _____ Competition. Applicant acknowledges she may be required to attend all events, meetings, rehearsals, and appearances leading up to the final selections of Local, State, or National Competition(s) for which she is an eligible participant.

1.2.1. **Independent Contractor Status.** The Applicant acknowledges and asserts that should she become a Titleholder, she will not become an employee of the Organization, including the local, state and national organization) during her titleholder term; instead, she will be engaged as an independent contractor. Nothing in this Agreement shall in any way be construed to create an employment relationship, partnership, joint venture, or other joint undertakings between the Applicant and the Organization (including a local, state or national organization of Miss America), nor make either party liable, in whole or in part, for any obligation incurred by the other party in the performance of its obligations under this Agreement.

2. Eligibility Requirements for Applicant to Participate in Competition(s) and Applicant’s Contractual Obligations

2.1. **Acknowledgement.** The Applicant acknowledges by signing this Agreement her eligibility may be subject to review at each level of the Competition. The determination of eligibility to participate in a Competition shall not in and of itself be the basis of eligibility to compete in subsequent Competitions at any level. Applicant authorizes the Organization or National Organization, at their sole discretion, to release and publicly comment upon any truthful information concerning Applicant’s eligibility to compete or participate in the Competition(s), or to complete during her titleholder term.



- 2.2. **National Competition.** The Applicant asserts that she has never competed in a Miss America National Competition.
- 2.3. **Universal Eligibility Requirements for every level of Competition, i.e. Local, State and National Competition(s).**
 - 2.3.1. **The Applicant must maintain her eligibility.** The Applicant must maintain her eligibility throughout the completion of the State competition.
 - 2.3.2. **The Applicant must be a Citizen of the United States of America.** Applicant must provide proof of Citizenship with this Application in one of the following forms:
 - 2.3.2.1. Applicant’s Certified Birth Certificate
 - 2.3.2.2. Applicant’s United States Passport
 - 2.3.2.3. Applicant’s Naturalized Citizenship Certification
 - 2.3.3. **Eligibility by Age.** The eligible age ranges for any “Miss” or “Miss Teen” Applicant for Competitions at every level is based upon their birth years. To become a participant in the 2025 “Miss” Cycle, Applicants must have been born during the years of 1996 through 2006, inclusive. To become a participant in the 2025 “Miss Teen” Cycle, Applicants must have been born during the years 2006 through 2010, inclusive. Applicants are not permitted to participate in both the Miss and Miss Teen competitions in the same Cycle year. The birth year requirements shall increase by 1 year for every new Cycle year thereafter. The Applicant is currently _____ years of age and was born on _____.
 - 2.3.4. **Proof of Age Requirement.** Applicant must provide proof of age with this Application in one of the following forms:
 - 2.3.4.1. Applicant’s Certified Birth Certificate
 - 2.3.4.2. Applicant’s Valid Driver’s License
 - 2.3.4.3. Applicant’s Valid Driver’s Learner Permit
 - 2.3.4.4. Applicant’s Valid State Identification
 - 2.3.4.5. Applicant’s Passport
 - 2.3.5. **Personal Characteristics.**
 - 2.3.5.1. **Sex.** The Applicant must be a Female. “Female” means a born female or an individual who has fully completed Sex Reassignment Surgery via Vaginoplasty (from male to female) with supporting medical documentation.
 - 2.3.5.2. **Marital Status.** The Applicant is not now, nor will get married during the Cycle or her titleholder term. The Applicant understands that should she marry during the Cycle or her titleholder term, she is no longer eligible to participate or compete in any Local, State or National Competition.



- 2.3.5.3. **Parental Status.** At the execution of this Agreement, the Applicant asserts she is not now pregnant. The Applicant also attests she is not a custodial parent or the adoptive parent of any child, nor will she become a parent, or the adoptive parent of any child, during her titleholder term. The Applicant understands that if she becomes pregnant or becomes the adoptive parent of a child during her titleholder term, she is no longer eligible to participate or compete in any Local, State, or National Competition or continue as a Titleholder.
- 2.3.5.4. **Criminal Record.** The Applicant has never been convicted of a criminal offense, other than a minor traffic offense, and no criminal charges are pending against her. The Applicant understands that should she be charged with a criminal offense of any kind after the execution of this Agreement, she may lose the ability to compete/continue as a participant, delegate, or titleholder. The Applicant acknowledges that should she be charged with a criminal offense she is responsible for reporting this to the Organization within five (5) business days. The Applicant has the right to appeal any decision declaring her ineligible hereunder to the National Organization through the legal counsel of her choice. Any decision by the National Organization will be final and binding.
- 2.3.5.5. **Health.** Applicant asserts and states that, to the best of her knowledge, she can participate fully in and execute all program activities and can individually compete for the duties of a Titleholder. Upon submission of appropriate certified documentation with this Application, the Organization will work with the Applicant to provide reasonable accommodations that do not create an unfair competitive advantage not afforded to all Applicants. If applicable to the Applicant, please provide information detailing the health condition and any requested accommodations on **Exhibit "1"**.
- 2.3.5.6. **Substance Abuse.** The Applicant does not use, consume or distribute any illegal or controlled substances other than those obtained under a valid prescription and taken according to the directions of a licensed healthcare professional.
- 2.4. **Geographic Eligibility Requirements for Applicants in Local and State Competitions.** Upon proof that Applicant meets each of the Universal Eligibility Requirements set forth in 2.3 above, the Applicant understands and attests that to compete in a Local and/or State Competition she must provide proof with this Application of one of the following:



- 2.4.1. **Bona Fide Residency in the State of Competition.** If Applicant is claiming Geographic Eligibility to compete in the State or Local Organization's Competition in the State of _____ and/or the City or County of _____, she must be a legal resident of that State and/or City/County for at least sixty days (60) prior to competing in the Competition. If Applicant seeks to establish Geographic Eligibility based on Bona Fide Residency, she must provide a copy of her current driver's license issued in the State in which she will compete AND one of the following indicia of residency with this Application/Agreement; provided, however, in proving bona fide residency for a Teen, the indicia may be that of the Teen Applicant's parent:
- 2.4.1.1. Current voter registration card in Applicant's name.
 - 2.4.1.2. Current lease in Applicant's name for housing in the State and/or Local area.
 - 2.4.1.3. Current utility bill in Applicant's name for address within the State and/or Local area.
 - 2.4.1.4. Current vehicle registration in Applicant's name issued from the applicable State.
 - 2.4.1.5. Federal student loan correspondence or notices on which Applicant is named primary or secondary in the applicable State.
 - 2.4.1.6. If Applicant is not a licensed driver, she will need to present two forms of proof of bona fide residency from the list immediately noted above; provided, however, in proving bona fide residency for a Teen, the indicia may be that of the Teen Applicant's parent.
 - 2.4.1.7. Notwithstanding the above, and in the absence of the above documentation, the Applicant may still be determined to be eligible based upon geographic eligibility, if in the sole discretion of the organization, it finds other documents acceptable to establish residency.
- 2.4.2. **Employment Status.** If Applicant is claiming Geographic Eligibility based on Employment Status for Local or State Competitions, she must be a full-time employee (full-time defined as an average of no less than 30 hours per week) working in the State or geographic area of the Local Competition for at least thirty days (30) immediately preceding the Local Competition. If there are no Local Competitions in the State, or if Applicant is an At-Large Delegate, she must be a full-time employee in the State for a period of thirty days (30) immediately preceding the date of State Competition. Such employment must be verified with this Application/Agreement by Applicant's employer declaring such status in writing or the Applicant must provide copies of pay stubs, W-2 forms, income tax filing, or other relevant documentation to prove full time employment status.



2.4.3. Education Status for Competitions, Local Competition: Applicant must be enrolled as a full-time student (full-time student status as determined by the school) at an accredited college or university located within the State by the day of the Local Competition. **State Competition:** Applicant must be enrolled as a full-time student (full-time student status as determined by the school) at an accredited college or university located within the State by the first day of the State Competition. Applicant must provide proof of current full-time student status with this Application, in the form of a copy of an official certified transcript or certification by the school registrar of enrollment. If Applicant is enrolled in an “online” educational program, then Geographic Eligibility shall default to the State where Applicant meets either the requirements for Bona Fide Residence or Employment.

2.4.3.1. An Applicant who won a Local competition and graduates before the State competition, but has met all other requirements under 2.4.3, will remain eligible to advance to the State/National competition(s).

2.5. **Conflict of Interest Impacting Eligibility.** To preserve the integrity of the selection process of all Competitions, the Applicant agrees that the following may have an undue influence on the judging and/or operation of competitions and therefore will, under certain circumstances, render the Applicant ineligible to compete during the time the conflict of interest exists. **The eligibility determination under these provisions will be made in the sole discretion of the State Organization whose judgment is absolute and binding.**

2.5.1. An Applicant is not eligible to compete in a Local, State, or National Competition if an Immediate Family Member is on the judging panel for the immediate competition the Applicant is participating within. Immediate Family Member is defined as parents, grandparents, aunts, great aunts, uncles, great uncles, nieces, nephews, and siblings, whether by whole or half blood, or by marriage, including stepchildren or adoption.

2.5.2. An Applicant is not eligible to compete in a Local or State Competition while an Immediate Family Member is serving as Executive Director, Board Member, or any Officer position for the immediate competition the Applicant is participating within, unless said Immediate Family Member has taken a leave of absence from service on the Board. Such eligibility determination shall be made prior to the date Applicant first signs this Application/Agreement. Such eligibility determination shall be within the sole discretion of the Organization whose determination shall be final and binding.

2.5.3. Should an Immediate Family Member have served in a position referred to above, the Immediate Family Member must take a leave of absence within a time frame determined by the Organization and provide notice in writing of the same prior to the time the Applicant is eligible to compete in her first Local or State Competition. If Local Competitions are not held in the State where she competes, or said Applicant is an At-Large Delegate, such Immediate Family Member’s leave of absence and notice thereof must be given within a time frame established by the Organization prior to the State Competition in which she intends to compete.



2.5.4. An Applicant may not be eligible to compete in any State or Local Competition if an Immediate Family Member serves as an employee of MAIP or its affiliated organizations, or serves in any position that, in the sole discretion of MAIP, has influence over the Competition and its judging.

2.5.4.1. Should an Immediate Family Member(s) have served in a position referred to in 2.5.4. above, the Immediate Family Member must take a leave of absence and notify, in writing, the CEO of MAIP, immediately after the State or Local Competition (no less than seven days) in which the family member became its titleholder.

3. General Applicant/Titleholder Participation/Process Provisions

3.1. **Intent to Advance.** Local Organizations conduct Local Competitions, the winners of which advance to the Miss or Teen (State) Competition ("State Competition"). The State Competition winner shall represent the State at the Miss America or Miss America's Teen Competition (the "National Competition"). The Applicant acknowledges that should she win a Local Competition, she intends to participate in the State Competition, and if selected, compete at the National Competition. Should the State have no Local Competitions, or if the Applicant is an At-Large Delegate, the Applicant acknowledges should she win the State Competition, she intends to participate in the National Competition. Should Applicant be selected at one level and elect not to participate at the next highest level, Applicant acknowledges and asserts she will forfeit any Title(s) and all rights and privileges associated therewith. Should she forfeit the Title(s), another Applicant-Participant may assume the Title(s) and the rights associated therewith.

3.2. **Conduct of the Competition(s).** Applicant and/or Titleholder agrees that the format of the competition(s) is at the sole discretion of the Organization and National Organization. The Applicant and/or Titleholder acknowledges and agrees that the Local, State, and National Organizations determine the manner and method of conducting, judging, and awarding of scholarships for the Competitions as directed by MAIP in its sole discretion, which may change or be altered by MAIP in its sole discretion at any time and without any notice to Applicant and/or Titleholder. Virtual competitions may not be held in lieu of in-person competitions, nor as a way to "screen" at large delegates, unless all qualified delegates were to be accepted as at large.

3.2.1. **Broadcast and Sponsorship of Competition.** The Applicant/Titleholder acknowledges and asserts that the Local/State/National Organization(s) make no representations that any Competition will be televised, live streamed, or broadcast either live or on a tape-delay basis. Organization makes no representations that one or more sponsors will sponsor the Competition(s) or that Applicant/Titleholder will personally or individually be involved in any specific appearance in any broadcast.



- 3.2.2. **Selection as State Runner-Up.** If the Applicant is selected at the State or Local Competition as a runner-up to the State or Local Titleholder and if the State or Local Titleholder is unable to fulfill her role as State or Local Titleholder, in the numerical order of placement a runner-up may agree to assume all of the rights, obligations, and commitments of the State or Local Titleholder's term at the Organization's discretion and without additional awards unless available.
- 3.3. **State Titleholder Duties and Term.** All Titles are awarded through a State and/or Local MAIP licensee. The State Titleholder's "Term" shall begin when the Applicant-Delegate is awarded her State Title and shall continue until her successor is chosen. Titleholder shall hold said State Title(s), under this Agreement, as well as the rules, regulations, and policies of the State Organization and MAIP until a successor is chosen, term expires, or breach of contract. Titleholder term may be shortened should she elect to relinquish the Title, or should she become ineligible to hold the Title, or should she be relieved or excused from her duties by the State or National Organization, or any other changes affecting the titleholder term as determined by MAIP in its sole discretion.
- 3.4. **Local Titleholder Duties and Term.** All Titles are awarded through a State and/or Local MAIP licensee. The Local Titleholder's "Term" shall begin when the Applicant-Delegate is awarded her Local Title and shall continue until the conclusion of the State competition. Titleholder shall hold said Local Title(s), under this Agreement, as well as the rules, regulations, and policies of the Local Organization and MAIP until her term expires, or breach of contract. Titleholder term may be shortened should she elect to relinquish the Title, or should she become ineligible to hold the Title, or should she be relieved or excused from her duties by the Local or National Organization, or any other changes affecting the titleholder term as determined by MAIP in its sole discretion.
- 3.4.1. By signing this Agreement, the Applicant/Titleholder acknowledges the State or Local Organization, under license from MAIP, has developed detailed policies, procedures, and standards that govern the activities and conduct of the Titleholder during her term. Applicant agrees, if selected as the Titleholder at the Local or State Competition(s), Applicant will serve as the Titleholder during her term making herself available for such personal appearances, interviews, testimonials, endorsements, filming, tapings, photographic and recording sessions, social media posts, and other various commitments and events according to the terms of this Agreement. The Applicant/Titleholder agrees and acknowledges that her actions during her 'term' may not conflict with the mission, expressive messaging, brand identity and value of the National Organization. Applicant/Titleholder agrees that such actions will be reviewable by the Local, State and National Organization(s) in its/their sole discretion and its/their judgment on interference and/or conflict will be absolute and final.
- 3.4.2. **Membership in Unions.** When requested by the Organization or MAIP, Applicant/Titleholder may agree to become a member or core-member of such unions or guilds as may be necessary for her to carry out an appearance. The State or Local



Organization shall be responsible for any cost associated with the membership fee.

3.5. **Change of Licensees.** The Titleholder understands and agrees that should a Local or State Organization no longer hold a license, her title and role responsibilities may be transferred to a new licensee. Until such time as a new Licensee may be selected, she will take direction from MAIP as is warranted.

4. Intellectual Property Ownership, Rights, and Use

4.1. The Applicant/Titleholder understands the MAIP has made substantial investments and developed a valuable identity for the unique titles, expressive messaging, marks, symbols, and elements of the overall National Organization and its Competitions at every level and has achieved national and international recognition for the same. Collectively, this intellectual property is known as the "Brand."

4.1.1. **Assigns:** The Applicant/Titleholder assigns to the Organization listed in Sections 1.1 and/or 1.2. above and to MAIP, its affiliates, and its licensed organizations worldwide, royalty-free, perpetual, and irrevocable license to use her likeness and name in conjunction with the Brand at the Local, State, and National levels whether in audio, broadcast, print, digital, or any other medium, known or yet to be known, to be used by MAIP, its affiliated organizations, its successors, and its licensees.

4.1.2. **Permanent License of Publication Rights and Ownership Rights.** Applicant/Titleholder authorizes Organization, through its licenses issued by MAIP, and anyone duly licensed or authorized by same, before and during Competitions and during a Titleholder's Year of Service to:

(1) televise, photograph, broadcast, and/or make radio, internet, television, video and audiotapes, social media posts, digital, or motion picture recordings of Applicant/Titleholder individually or in a group; (2) use or re-use such photographs, recordings, video and audiotapes, social media posts, digital media and/or motion picture films in all media throughout the world in perpetuity; and (3) use Applicant/Titleholder's name, likeness, and/or physical depiction for any purpose in perpetuity, in an unedited or edited manner or fashion pursuant to MAIP policies and regulations which, in its sole discretion, may change from time to time with no notice to the Applicant/Titleholder. Delegate/Titleholder also acknowledges that she will have no claim or right to any of the above in perpetuity.

4.2. **Titleholder Use of Marks and Copyrights.** The winner of the Local or State Competition(s) shall be designated "Miss Local", "Miss Local's Teen" or "Miss State", "Miss State's Teen" (hereinafter referred to as "Titleholder").



- 4.2.1. The Applicant/Titleholder does not own, have right to, or control, in any way, the titles, marks, symbols, crowns, sashes, social media accounts, or other property of the Local, State, or National Organizations or their respective Competitions. At any time during the Titleholder's "Titleholder Term" as defined herein, in the sole and exclusive judgment of the Local, State or National Organization, should Titleholder not meet her obligations or conduct herself in a manner that does not uphold the image of the Brand, she may be advised to "cease and desist" the use of any titles, words, marks, symbols, crowns, social media accounts, or other properties associated with the Brand of the Local, State, or National Organization(s) and their respective Competitions. Should Titleholder be so notified, she understands and agrees she must immediately comply with such request and agrees the Organization's or National Organization's decision shall be final and binding. Applicant/Titleholder acknowledges and agrees she will never use or authorize anyone else to use the words "Miss (Local)," "Miss (Local's) Teen", "Miss (Local) Competition," "Miss (Local's) Teen Competition", "Miss (Local) Organization," "Miss (State)," "Miss (State) Competition," "Miss (State) Organization," "Miss America," "Miss America Pageant," "Miss America Competition," or "Miss America Organization," "Miss America's Teen", "Miss America's Teen Competition" or any similar or related phrase, in association with her, or to her financial gain, her name or likeness in any way without prior written approval from MAIP. These provisions expressly survive the termination of this Agreement and shall be enforced by the Local, State, and National Organizations.
- 4.2.2. Applicant and/or Titleholder activities while in "Official Capacity" may impact the Brand. "Official Capacity" is defined as wearing a Crown, Sash, or other similar brand identity of or to an MAIP title currently or previously held or brand/title-related social media channels. To avoid an unsanctioned or the appearance of an unsanctioned endorsement, Applicants and Titleholders are not permitted to participate in an "Official Capacity" in any commercial sponsorship event, rally, or campaign event for a political campaign or political candidate. Should you as an Applicant and/or Titleholder have any questions as to whether it is acceptable for you to participate in an activity in an Official Capacity of the Brand, please contact the Organization for guidance.

Further, any activities of the Applicant and/or Titleholder that, in the sole opinion of the Organization and/or MAIP, may be damaging to the image, expressive messaging, mission, vision, goals, objectives, policies, brand identity and values of MAIP, its State Organizations, Local Organizations, National Partners, Sponsors, and the MAIP Brand as a whole are not permitted. This includes activity on any social media platform. Such determination shall be made by MAIP in its sole and absolute discretion. Applicant and/or Titleholder understands and agrees the judgment of MAIP shall be determinative, final, and binding.



- 4.2.3. **Non-Disparagement.** Applicant/Titleholder states that she has not engaged in nor will she engage in conduct which adversely reflects on the Local, State, or National Organizations or is considered harmful to any such organizations, their reputation(s), or business activities, the determination of which is in the sole, absolute, and exclusive judgment of the Organization and/or MAIP. These actions include, but are not limited to the uttering or publishing of any disparaging comments, acts of harassment or bullying, statements to the media, social media postings, or actions taken to direct or support such activity(ies) by others regarding or targeting Local, State, or National Organizations, affiliates, sponsors, partners, scholarship providers, volunteers, and/or staff. The Organization and/or MAIP reserves unto itself the sole discretion, absolute and exclusive judgment to determine if any Applicant/Titleholder has violated this provision and is therefore subject to Liquidated Damages as outlined in Section 4.2.4. below.
- 4.2.4. **Liquidated Damages.** It is mutually agreed that in the event this Agreement is breached by the Applicant and/or Titleholder, that the Local, State, and National Organizations will suffer substantial damages which may not be possible to quantify with certainty. The Applicant and/or Titleholder acknowledges and agrees to the loss of Title and/or other awards of any type as liquidated damages together with any and all attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses incurred by the Local, State, and or MAIP. This does not include scholarship awards which are excluded from this definition of Liquidated Damages.
5. Participation Fees, Fund-Raising, Contractual Obligations and Impact on Eligibility; Release Process to Enter Other Competitions Under MAIP or Otherwise, and Termination of Eligibility and/or Awards
- 5.1. **Participation Fees.** The Applicant acknowledges and asserts she is required to register to become an Official Member of The Miss America/Miss America's Teen organizations, and to pay participation fees in order to be eligible to compete at various levels of Competition.
- 5.1.1. Applicant acknowledges that MAIP will establish the requisite fee structure from time to time and the payment due dates for membership and participation eligibility at the Local and State Levels for both Teen and Miss in its sole discretion. Applicant agrees that any and all fees paid for membership and/or participation are not refundable for any reason.
- 5.2. **Applicant/Titleholder Scholarship Fundraising.** The Applicant/Titleholder acknowledges she may be encouraged or required to raise funds that support Miss America's Scholarships at the Local, State and National levels. All funds raised must go through an official fundraising website designated by MAIP. She must adhere to all procedures and policies of the fundraising site, the Local, State, and National Organizations, which may change from time to time with notice to the Applicant/Titleholder.



- 5.3. **Prior Contractual Commitments.** The Applicant/Titleholder asserts she does not have any legal obligations that would prevent or limit the Applicant/Titleholder's participation in the Local or State Competition, limit her ability to make appearances for the Local Organization, State Organization, or National Organization during her term. The Applicant/Titleholder also asserts that she does not have any legal obligations that would impede her compliance with all rules, regulations, and conditions of the MAIP. The Applicant/Titleholder acknowledges, understands, and agrees that she will not in any way endorse nor permit her name or likeness to be used in connection with the endorsement or advertisement of any products or services competitive to the products or services of an advertiser, sponsor, or licensee of the Local or State Organization(s), either as an Applicant/Titleholder or during her term unless the Local or State Organization approves such an endorsement or advertisement in writing.
- 5.3.1. The Applicant/Titleholder will inform the Organization if she has authorized any person, firm, corporation, or other entity to use her name, photograph, picture, or present or future title(s) that she holds or may hold, in connection with an endorsement to advertise any commercial product. Should an Applicant/Titleholder currently have a contract to endorse or promote a product, in which she was engaged prior to the signing of her first Applicant contract, the Applicant is to submit this agreement for review to her Organization and MAIP for conflict review. The right to deny eligibility of any Applicant/Titleholder to participate in any competition based on any conflict of interest due to prior contractual obligations is within the sole discretion of the Local, State, and/or National Organization whose judgment is absolute and binding.
- 5.4. **Other Competitions.** The Applicant represents that she is not, at the time of executing this Application/Agreement, a candidate, contestant, participant, or Titleholder in any other local, state, regional, national, or international Competition or State or Local preliminary Competition of a similar nature to the MAIP Program nor under any contractual obligations to such other competitions. Similar nature is defined as programs in which a participant advances to regional, national, or international Competition(s) by winning local and/or state competition(s) and is awarded a title or crown. Applicants/Titleholders are allowed to perform or emcee at local/state fairs, festivals, or school events that may award titles but do not advance to another level of Competition.
- 5.5. **Renewal Of Term following State Competition.** If Applicant wins her Local Competition(s), she will continue to hold the Title throughout the year until the day after the State competition when her local term expires. However, after competing in the State Competition, the Applicant may opt to remain as the local titleholder, by providing written notice to her Local Executive Director within seven (7) days of completion of the State Competition. If the Applicant does not opt to remain as the local titleholder, then she shall cease and desist use of her local title, crown, sash, and other affiliations as the prior local titleholder at the expiration of said 7-day period.



5.6. **Termination of Eligibility and/or Awards.** Applicant/Titleholder understands and agrees that if any of the representations or statements made in this Application/Agreement or any of its attachments/exhibits is determined by the Local, State, and National Organization(s) to be false at any time after executing this Application/Agreement, including during her term if chosen as a Titleholder, or if any of the facts herein should change and Applicant/Titleholder fails to report any such change(s) in writing immediately to her Local, State or National Organization(s), in its/their sole discretion, it/they can limit or prevent Applicant/Titleholder from further participation in the Program, including terminating Applicant/Titleholder's term. In such event, all titles, awards, and grants or perquisites of Applicant/Titleholder shall be terminated and forfeited, subject to the provisions of this Application/Agreement, its Attachments, Exhibits, and/or Addendums.

5.6.1. **Scholarship Grants and Forfeitures.** Applicant/Titleholder understands and agrees the grant of scholarships by the Local or State Organization is subject to the terms and conditions of Local/State Scholarship Rules and Regulations and/or the Terms and Conditions of the MAIP Scholarship Rules and Regulations. Applicant/Titleholder agrees MAIP is not responsible nor liable for any scholarship awards granted by the Local and/or State Organizations.

5.6.2. **Scholarship Rules and Regulations.** Any Applicant/Titleholder awarded a scholarship granted by MAIP, through MAIP via any such organization contracting with MAIP to administer scholarship dollars shall be subject to the "Rules and Regulations" as well as the "Terms and Conditions" (hereafter Rules and Regulations) of the scholarship agreements of MAIP, and their respective designees.

5.6.3. **Competing Programs.** Applicants/Titleholders who participate in a Competing Program other than the Miss America / Miss America Teen organization, will be ineligible to compete with the Miss America / Miss America Teen Scholarship Program at either the local competition or state competition unless she has resigned in writing from the competing program to participate in Miss America/Miss America's Teen. This ineligibility rule may be modified by MAIP in its sole discretion.

6. General Provisions

6.1. **Attorney Review of Agreement.** The Applicant/Titleholder acknowledges she has been given a sufficient opportunity to review this Application/Agreement and its attachments. The Applicant/Titleholder acknowledges that she has also had the opportunity to consult with legal counsel of her choosing and had the opportunity for her legal representative to answer any legal questions. Applicant/Titleholder acknowledges and understands this Application/Agreement and its attachments are a legally binding document, and once executed, submitted, and accepted, the Applicant/Titleholder has agreed to be bound by its terms.

6.2. **Governing Law.** This Agreement will be governed by and construed under the laws of the State of Florida, without respect to its principles of conflicts of laws.



- 6.3. **Governing Venue.** This Agreement will be governed by and will be construed, interpreted, and enforced under the laws of the State of Florida, without reference to principles of conflicts of law. All disputes arising out of or relating to this Agreement, or the breach or default of this Agreement, will be determined solely by arbitration as defined in section 6.4.
- 6.4. **Arbitration.** Any unresolved disagreement from any ruling following the MAIP grievance procedure, the losing party may elect arbitration and shall be enforceable under the Uniform Arbitration Act, as Amended by Florida Law. If the parties cannot agree on an arbitrator, then either party may seek appointment of an arbitrator by a Judge of competent jurisdiction. The arbitrator's judgment on the award shall be entered into by any Court of competent jurisdiction, and the decision of the arbitrator shall be a condition precedent to legal rights. The losing party shall pay both parties' attorneys' fees, the Arbitration Fees and expenses, as well as Expert Witness fees and expenses, and costs.
- 6.5. **Severability.** The provisions of this Agreement will be considered severable, and the invalidity or unenforceability of any one or more of the provisions hereof will not affect the validity and enforceability of the other provisions hereof.
- 6.6. **Entire Agreement; Enforceability.** This Agreement and its Exhibits, Attachments, and Addendums and the terms referenced herein contain the entire Agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, and supersede all prior and contemporaneous agreements and understandings, inducements, or conditions, express or implied, oral or written, with respect to that subject matter. The express terms hereof control and supersede any course of performance inconsistent with any of the terms hereof.
- 6.7. **Amendments.** MAIP shall be the only party allowed to amend or revise this Agreement.
- 6.8. **No Waiver.** No failure or delay by a Local, State, and National Organization, in exercising any right, power, or privilege under this Agreement will operate as a waiver of any right, power, or privilege of that party hereunder. No waiver by a Local, State, or National Organization, of any breach by the other party on any one occasion will constitute a waiver of any subsequent or other breaches by the other party. No single or partial exercise by a Local, State, or National Organization of any right, power, or privilege will preclude the further or full exercise thereof.



AFFIDAVIT OF APPLICANT

On the basis of all of these statements and agreements, I request this Application and Contract be accepted for me to participate as an Applicant and/or Delegate in the State or Local Competition. If this Application and Contract is accepted, I agree to comply with all of the terms and conditions of this Application and Contract, together with its attachments. If applicable, I understand that I have entered into a contract with the Organization named below on the subsequent page.

If I am a minor signing this Agreement, I agree to affirm this Agreement upon turning age 18.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Applicant/Titleholder states that the statements made in this Application and Agreement, its Exhibits, Attachments and Addendums are accurate and true on this ____ day of MAY, 2023.

PRINT APPLICANT NAME

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

STATE/LOCAL ORGANIZATION LEGAL NAME

AUTHORIZED STATE, LOCAL DIRECTOR, OR OFFICER SIGNATURE

PRINT AUTHORIZED SIGNATORY NAME



ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE BY APPLICANT IS PERMITTED

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

Only to be completed by the Parent(s) or Guardian (s) of an Applicant who is not yet eighteen (18) years of age on the date of this Agreement.

Parent or Guardian

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

1. I have read, and I understand the provisions of this Agreement, its Attachments, and Addendums. To the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, all of the factual statements made in this Agreement by the Applicant are true.
2. I have been given the opportunity to consult with an attorney of my choosing to seek legal advice regarding this Agreement.
3. I consent to the execution of this Agreement by the Applicant.
4. On behalf of the Applicant, I agree to the terms and conditions of this Application and Agreement, its Exhibits, Attachments and Addendums.

I do hereby swear that the statements made in this Application and Agreement, its Exhibits, Attachments, and Addendums are true.

Agreed this ___ day of _____ (month), _____ (year).

PRINT PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN NAME

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN SIGNATURE



Exhibit A OFFICIAL MAIP SOCIAL MEDIA AGREEMENT

Titleholder’s Printed Name:

This AGREEMENT is made on this ____ day of _____, 20____ by and between _____ (herein referred to as “titleholder”) and Miss America and/or Miss America’s Teen organizations, MISS AMERICA IP, LLC (“MAIP”).

NOW THEREFORE, it is agreed and understood as follows:

1. MAIP owns and operates the rights to all official Miss America/Miss America's Teen social media for State/Local accounts on such platforms as Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, Twitter, and any use of future National/State/Local IP deployed on other platforms such as BeReal, Pinterest, LinkedIn.

During the course of the titleholder term, at the National/State/Local leadership direction and approval, the titleholder shall have access to the official social media accounts, make posts - some at the direction of the National/state/local director - and may insert her personal name and @ into the approved section of such platforms as outlined in the official Miss America Social Media Guide.

a) Approval for format and type of posts will come at the direction of the National/State/Local leadership, following the Official MA Social Media Guide. All content including photos, videos, captions, and tags must meet Social Media Guidelines.

b) No changes may be made to any of the official titleholder social media with respect to followers, logo profile photos, reels cover photos, passwords, and permanent posts from previous titleholders without approval of National/State/Local director.

c) ONLY the name of the title such as ‘Miss XYZ’ or ‘Miss XYZ’s Teen’ or ‘Miss XYZ Organization’ may be the official name of the account. All description of current titleholder must reside in the area provided as BIO or Description.

2. Any post endorsing a business or individual must only be for official sponsors, unless approved in advance by National/State/Local leadership.

3. The titleholder is expected to share a minimum 3-5 times per week. Suggested best practices are to include daily stories where applicable on the official social media accounts for the duration of the term, and to abide by requests from MAIP to engage in partnership programs.

4. All posts that are made referencing content, sash, crowns or other related brand material will first be made on the official accounts, before being shared on any personal social media.

5. All collaborative posts will originate from the Official Accounts.

6. At no point will a titleholder engage in, promote, or host a charitable fundraiser on official social media accounts without prior approval from the MAIP unless the program is initiated by National/State/Local leadership.



7. Titleholder understands that upon becoming the Ambassador for National/State/Local programs, the general public does not differentiate between personal social media accounts and official social media accounts. The titleholder's name and title will always be connected, so it is understood that any posting, liking, engagement on personal accounts will be composed with the title in mind and with the best judgment, positive impact, and utmost integrity.

8. The Miss America/Miss America's Teen organization / MAIP are not political organizations. Because the Miss America brand represents all American citizenry, it does not allow political endorsements or comments on political topics on social media by the titleholder.

9. Deadlines must be met when titleholder is requested to make specific sponsor-related, or posts required by MAIP. Titleholder understands that timelines around social media posts dictate the value to the sponsor and/or to the corresponding client.

10. Titleholder understands that any music used in social media posts must be licensed from a royalty-free catalog. It is the titleholder's responsibility to obtain permission to use the music before it is used on social media. Any conflict or dispute arising from using copyright works is the personal responsibility of the titleholder.

If in any instance, there is a failure to comply with the terms of this contract, MAIP will provide a written warning. Following written warning, if the before mentioned action continues, MAIP and/or State/Local Leadership reserves the right to take the appropriate measures to bring the social media back to approved standards and guidelines.

Titleholder's Printed Name:

Titleholder's Signature:

Printed Name of Guardian if Titleholder is under 18:

Guardian's Signature if Titleholder is under 18:

REQUIREMENTS OF TEEN LOCAL
The Miss Hamilton Organization
MISS HAMILTON'S TEEN

Contestant: _____

The **Miss Hamilton Organization** is a non-profit organization 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 has developed a valuable identity for the unique symbols and elements of the *Program* that have achieved national and even international recognition and approval. These elements include but are not limited to:

- 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, leadership, and good judgment in the young women of America 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’s Teen 2025**” to be held in Hamilton, Alabama on August 3, 2025. 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’s Teen 2025**” and shall be entitled to that title until her successor is named at the competition in 2025. During this period (the “Year of Service”), **Miss Hamilton’s Teen 2025** 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’s Teen 2025** 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's Teen 2025, I agree to the following terms:

1. I attest that I am citizen of the United States and that I am a resident of the State of Alabama according to residence, school attendance, or employment.

I verify that I reside at the following address:

Or that I am a full time student at the following educational institution in Alabama:

Or that I am an employee for the following employer in Alabama:

(Only one of the three choices above must be verified. All qualifications must be in effect for at least 3 months prior to Miss Hamilton's Teen 2025.)

2. I verify with my birth certificate that I meet the age requirements of the Miss America organization.
I am _____ years of age, and my birthday is _____.
3. 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 Miss Hamilton 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.
4. I understand that I cannot leave the competition site on the day of the competition.
5. 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's Teen 2025, I agree to the following terms:

1. I understand that the director(s) of Miss Hamilton's Teen must approve any and all appearances made in the name of Miss Hamilton's Teen. No political events will be approved.
2. **WARDROBE** I agree to the following stipulations regarding my Miss Alabama's Teen competition wardrobe:
 - I understand that the best wardrobe for the Miss Alabama's Teen 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's Teen 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’s Teen wardrobe must be **previewed** by the Miss Hamilton Board by the last day of November, unless the director stipulates otherwise.
 - I understand that my **final** (including alterations and all accessories) Miss Alabama’s Teen wardrobe must be approved by the Miss Hamilton Board one month prior to Miss Alabama’s Teen.
 - I know that this is done to help me be the most prepared that I can be for the Miss Alabama’s Teen competition.
 - Also, I understand that each element must be worn for the appropriate events during the Miss Alabama’s Teen competition.
3. I understand that I must attend Miss Alabama’s Teen Contestant orientation and workshop. The Miss Alabama Organization will set this date, typically the first Saturday in January.
 4. I agree to show evidence of working consistently on my social impact initiative before and after state competition.
 5. I understand that if I am selected as Miss Hamilton’s Teen 2025, that my conduct must reflect moral standards suitable to being a role model as Miss Hamilton’s Teen.
 6. I testify that, if I am a student, I am a student in good standing with a passing GPA at the educational institution I attend.
 7. I will obtain the prior approval of the Miss Hamilton Organization Director(s) before applying to compete or competing in any competition whatsoever during my Period of Service as Miss Hamilton’s Teen 2025.
 8. I will exercise caution in my use of websites such as Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, SnapChat, TikTok, 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’s Teen 2025 and the Miss Hamilton Organization. I will accept “friend requests” and other social links from Miss Hamilton Organization board members 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.
 9. 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’s Teen 2025.
 10. I will not speak negatively in public about any other Contestant in any preliminary competition to the Miss Alabama’s Teen Competition, any Contestant in the Miss Alabama’s Teen 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.
 11. **COMPETITION PREPARATION** I agree to prepare for all areas of Miss Alabama’s Teen competition, including the following:
 - 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.
 - Evening Gown & 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 the last day of December.

- 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 contractual stipulations as detailed in this “Requirements of Teen Local” document.
 - Social Impact Initiative – I will pursue a community service project 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 platform subject).
 - Publicity – I will seek approval from Miss Hamilton Organization 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 Organization 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 Organization Director(s) approves another person.
12. 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’s Teen Competition.
 13. I will not alter my physical appearance in any significant manner without prior consultation with and approval from Miss Hamilton Organization Director(s). 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.
 14. I will show appreciation (personally thanking the 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.
 15. I will provide my own transportation to and from scheduled appearances, unless the Miss Hamilton Organization staff has made other arrangements.
 16. I will BE PROMPT. There is never an excuse for being late to any engagement. This will not be permitted at any time.
 17. 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.
 18. 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’s Teen, and that such use will be strictly for the benefit, promotion, and success of the Miss Hamilton’s Teen Competition.
 19. 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).
 20. I agree to be present at the following appearances:
 - **One or more trips to Hamilton to visit all sponsors (accomplish before December)**
 - **Teen night at the Miss Alabama Competition (June/July)**
 - **Miss Alabama Competition (June/July)**
 - **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)
- **Any additional Miss Hamilton Organization sponsored fundraiser competitions**
- **Any activities undertaken as an event fundraiser in the name of Miss Hamilton Organization**

Note: It is understood that scheduling can be difficult. Events in bold are prioritized. You are expected to make every effort to attend as many events as possible.

21. I agree to adhere to the contractual stipulations detailed in this “Requirements of Teen Local” document. Should the Miss Hamilton’s Teen Competition Director(s) perceive the titleholder to be “non-compliant,” the Miss Hamilton’s Teen 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 Teen Local” document, along with specific reference to how the titleholder has failed to uphold the terms. The titleholder has the right to have a parent/guardian present during this discussion. Continued failure to uphold the terms of the contract 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 forfeiting of any and all unawarded money and prizes. *Examples of non-compliant behavior:*

- *unauthorized appearances*
- *purchasing competition wardrobe without consulting with the board*
- *failure to prepare for the state competition*
- *engaging in unbecoming social media behavior*
- *public negativity*
- *lack of participation in Hamilton centered events*

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

1. They will confirm all appearances and requirements pertaining thereto.
2. They will provide to Miss Hamilton’s Teen details of each contracted appearance.
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’s Teen.
4. They will provide time for study, rest, and vacations for the benefit of the good health and mental well-being of Miss Hamilton’ Teen
5. They will screen all appearance requests and protect against undesirable appearances.
6. They will provide adequate coaching, rehearsal, etc. for the role of Miss Hamilton’s Teen and her participation in the Miss Alabama’s Teen Competition.

I _____, a Miss Hamilton’s Teen Contestant, have read the agreement, and understand all conditions, rules, and regulations set forth by the Miss Hamilton Organization, and if selected Miss Hamilton’s Teen 2025 will be able to follow and fulfill all the rules and regulations set forth in the Miss Hamilton “Requirements of Teen 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