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A GUIDEBOOK FOR FUTURE LOCAL TITLEHOLDERS



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MEET YOUR *Directors*

We are Jim & Sherry Hanson, and we have been working with the Miss Texas / Miss America system for 46 years. We are excited to continue our tradition with the Miss & Teen Fort Worth and Miss & Teen Coppell titleholders this year, and can guarantee that you will have the time of your life!

Our Organization is focused on providing you with the services needed to compete on a local, state or national level with confidence, skills and excitement. We will do everything we can to meet your expectations. With a variety of offerings to choose from, we're sure you'll be happy working with us.



MEET YOUR *Mentor*



"I unintentionally started this journey as a 16-year-old East Texas teenager with NO IDEA who I was, what I was worth, and just how much my story could make an impact. Now I can speak to resilience, tenacity, mental fortitude, and a confidence and vulnerability that only comes with complete acceptance of who I am becoming..."

"I have gained so much from my time competing, but it truly is what you make of it. Your biggest competition is yourself. I finally learned to get out of my comfort zone, get out of my own way, and pursue a life I've dreamed of. It starts here."

ALEX, APRIL 26, 2021



Hi! I'm Alex Andrews Melton and I'm honored to announce that I'll be joining the Miss Fort Worth/Coppell Organization this year as a volunteer and Assistant Director!

I've been involved with the Miss Texas and Miss America Organization since 2012, and served as Miss Fort Worth 2020 AND 2021 (thanks COVID) for my final year(s) as a competitor.

The best part of competing for me was interacting with the incredible volunteers who truly believed we could change the world. Now, I am beyond grateful to come back and help create a small part of that same experience for others.

MEET YOUR *Miss Texas*



My name is Regan Hutsell, and I am beyond honored and excited to serve as your 89th Miss Texas!

REGAN HUTSELL, MISS TEXAS 2026

I am a former Radio City Rockette and Ballerina with Birmingham Royal Ballet, and I have always been passionate about using my experiences to help others. Throughout my career as a dancer, I battled my own internal narrative -- a journey that inspired my Community Service Initiative, which centers around equipping individuals with the tools to build a happier and healthier relationship with themselves.

I look forward to using this year of service to reach as many people as possible, create meaningful connections, and represent this incredible state with pride...

Here's to an incredible year ahead! Thank you Texas!





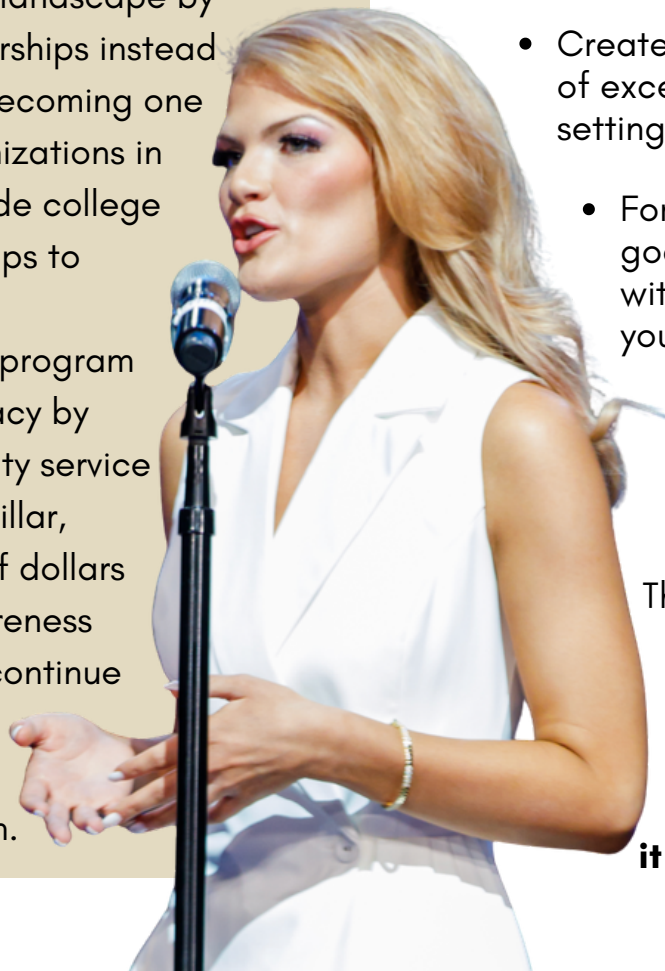
THINGS TO *Know*



Becoming **A DELEGATE**

For over 100 years, Miss America has been shaping the future, breaking barriers, and empowering women to shatter glass ceilings. What began in 1921 as a “bathing beauty review” was an act of rebellion during a time when women weren’t permitted to wear swimsuits in public, challenging societal norms and pushing boundaries. As time passed, Miss America evolved into a dynamic service organization with a steadfast commitment to community impact. In 1945, it transformed the landscape by awarding scholarships instead of cash prizes, becoming one of the first organizations in the U.S. to provide college tuition scholarships to women.

In the 1980s, the program solidified its legacy by making community service a foundational pillar, raising millions of dollars and driving awareness for causes that continue to make a difference across the nation.



As a local Delegate for the Miss America Opportunity, you’ll have the chance to:

- Earn scholarship funds for your educational goals.
- Develop important life skills in interpersonal communication, advocacy, and composure—under-pressure, to name a few.
- Engage in community service initiatives and develop a sense of civic responsibility.
- Foster lifelong friendships and build a team of supporters that will extend beyond the crown.
- Create and hone a mindset of excellence through goal-setting and self-motivation.
- Form new passions and goals that you will carry with you for the rest of your life.

This guide will attempt to give you the tools and resources you need to join this incredible legacy, because **it all starts with a local.**

Eligibility TO COMPETE

Beginning August 2025, potential Delegates must meet the following criteria to be eligible to compete:

Miss Texas



Age:

Delegates must be no older than 28 as of September 30, 2027 and no younger than 18 on September 1, 2027.

Residency:

Must fulfill ONE of the following:

- Must reside in the State of Texas for 120 days
- Or be enrolled in and physically attending classes on a full-time basis at an accredited college or university,
- Or be employed on a full-time basis, in-person in the State of Texas for 120 days

Citizenship:

Must be a citizen of the United States of America.

Miss Texas' Teen



Age:

Delegates must be no younger than 14 as of September 1, 2027 OR no older than 18 on September 30, 2027.

Residency:

Must fulfill ONE of the following:

- Must reside in the State of Texas for 120 days
- Or be successfully enrolled in and attending classes on a full-time basis at an accredited public or private school, or home schooled within the State of Texas

Citizenship:

Must be a citizen of the United States of America.

Documentation:

All forms of documentation required for eligibility verification remain unchanged. These updates are designed to provide clarity and consistency across all local, state, and national competitions. For further information, delegates should contact their local or state director.



PHASES OF

Competition



Private INTERVIEW

Each Delegate engages in a private (10) minute, press-conference-style interview, **comprising 30% of their total score**. Each Delegate will submit a one-page Fact Sheet and Community Service Initiative Essay that will make up most of the content of the interview. Judges will have the opportunity to ask questions based on these forms, as well as follow-up questions to learn about a Delegate's unique aspirations, educational and career goals, opinions on current events and social issues, as well as their interests, hobbies, and extracurricular activities.



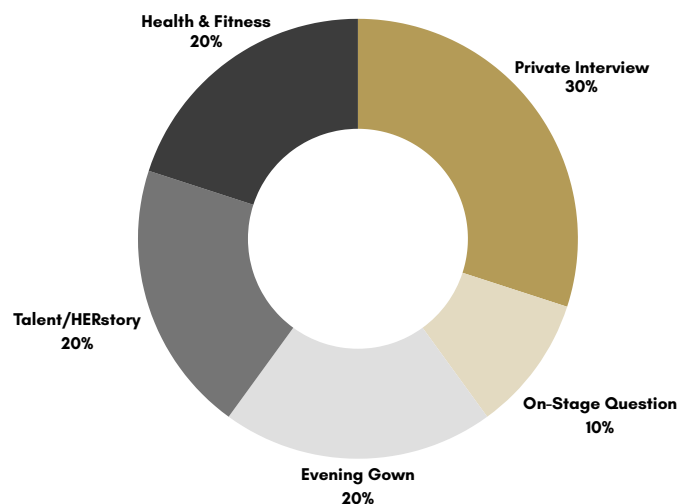
A few Miss America resources to get you started:

FACT SHEET TEMPLATE

CSI ESSAY TEMPLATE

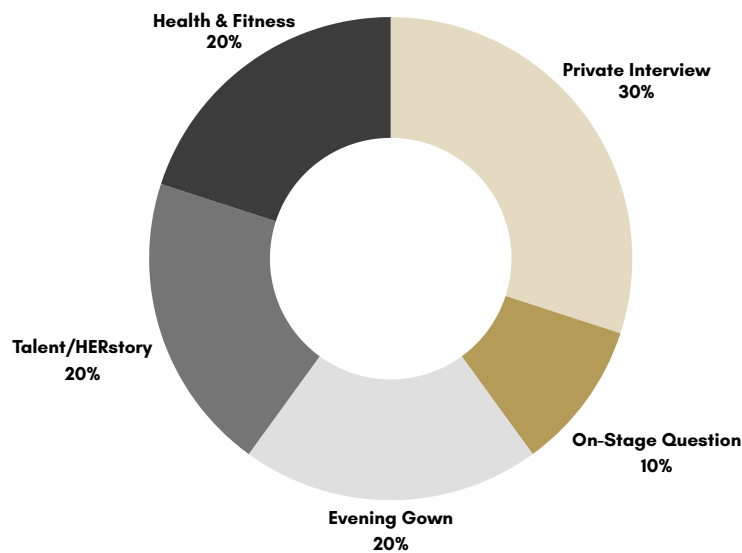
Wardrobe - Delegate's choice:

- An outfit that best represents your personality.
- Must be age appropriate.
- Professional looks are recommended.



On-Stage CONVERSATION

This portion of the competition allows the audience to truly get to know the Delegate by bringing some of the conversation from the Private Interview to the stage. After the Private Interview, a judge will write a follow-up question for the Delegate to be asked later on in front of an audience. **This phase will make up 10% of the total score.** For our local competition, the Delegates will be wearing their Opening Production Number outfit, so there will be no need to purchase extra wardrobe for this phase.



Wardrobe - Cocktail Dress:

- **Miss wear a black cocktail dress and cowboy boots.**
- **Teens wear a white cocktail dress and cowboy boots.**
- You will be dancing in this outfit, so make sure you are comfortable, able to move, and remain appropriate while on-stage.

Health & FITNESS

The Miss America and Miss America's Teen Organizations are partnered with the American Heart Association to promote the importance of women's heart health. This phase is an opportunity for each Delegate to showcase her commitment to health and fitness initiatives, and to support a few of the official partnerships of the Miss America Organization. **This phase comprises 20% of a Delegate's overall score** and all competitors are required to wear Rebel Athletic wear from the Miss America Collaboration Collection.



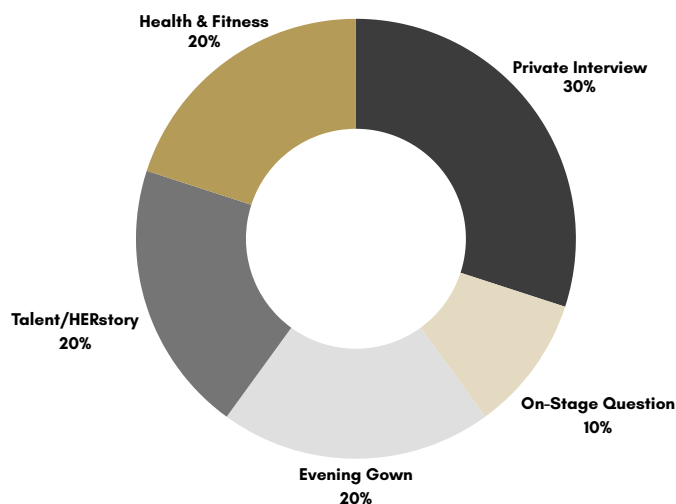
You can find the collection here:

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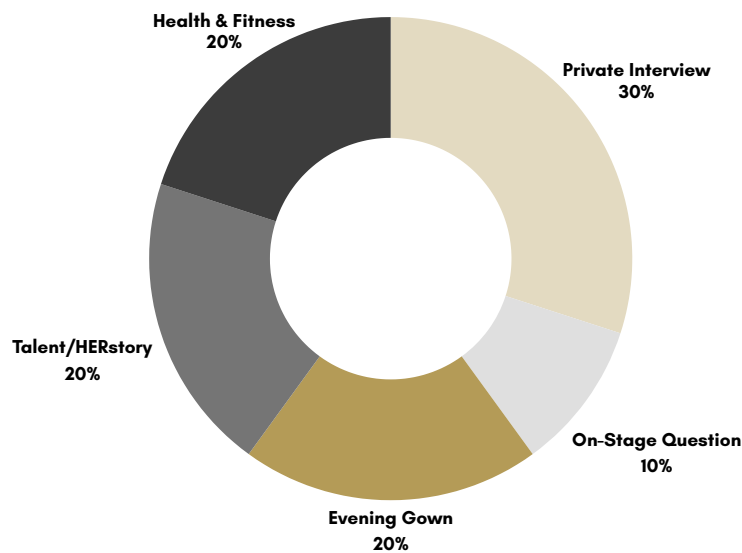
Wardrobe - Rebel Athletic:

- Order your red aerobic-wear outfit from the Miss America Red Collection with Rebel Athletic



Evening GOWN

The Evening Gown portion of competition is worth 20% of each Delegate's total score, and is an opportunity to showcase their unique style and command of the stage. Scoring is based on how the Delegate carries herself and the overall impression of her ability to represent the Miss America or Miss America's Teen Organization at high profile events. The scoring will NOT be based on the attire itself nor the estimated cost of the wardrobe.

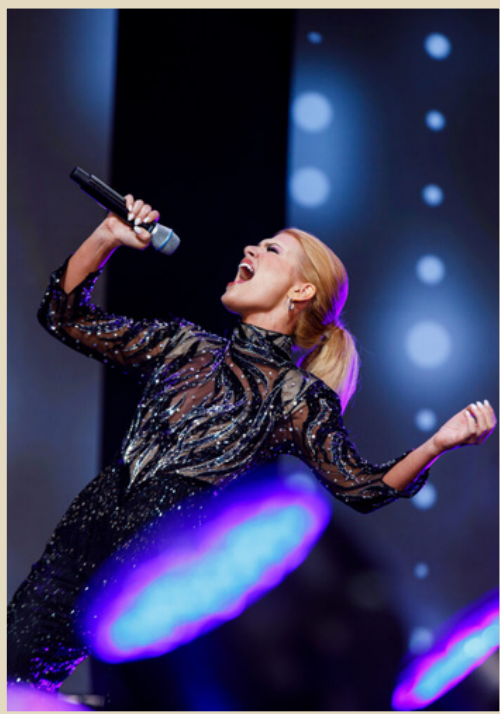


Wardrobe - Delegate's choice:

- Model your choice after what you might wear to a red carpet event.
- Make sure to select shoes and alterations that would allow you to walk freely across a stage.

Talent / HERstory

Each Delegate may perform a 90-second performance talent or HERstory stage presentation, **making up 20% of her final score**. This allows insight into the Delegate's preparatory, performance, and storytelling skills. Judges will evaluate how engaging and compelling a performance is, how effectively a Delegate connects with the audience, and how powerfully the Delegate delivers their story/demonstrates their talent.



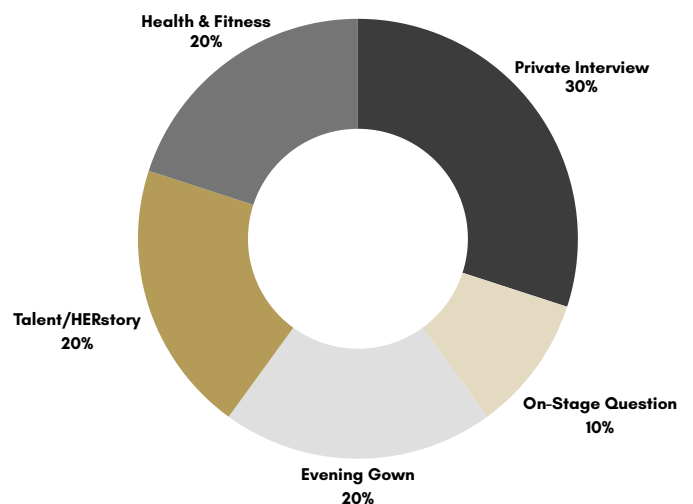
A few Miss America resources on both performance talent and HERstory options:

ABOUT HER STORY

APPROVED TALENT LIST

Wardrobe - Delegate's choice:

- Wear a costume or outfit that allows you to perform effectively and is cohesive to your story or performance.



HOW TO *Compete*



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Register with the Miss America Organization

If you are interested in competing during the 2026 local competition season, you must first register with the national Miss America and Miss America's Teen Organization.

IMPORTANT: Follow the Step-by-Step Instructions available at the top of the form and MAKE SURE TO COMPLETE ALL STEPS!

SIGN UP TO COMPETE

Register with your Local Competition

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Fill out the entry form for the Miss and Teen Fort Worth/Coppell local competition to let us know of your chosen competition selections. Send over your talent music and completed form *NO LATER THAN midnight on October 11, 2026.*

JOIN MFWCO!

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Pay your Registration Fee with the MFWC Organization

Competition order will be numbered by first in – last out based on when your entry is received, so ensure your placement in the Miss and Teen Fort Worth/Coppell local competition by signing up today! Entry fee is \$155.

COMPETE WITH US!



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