**MISS NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**SCHOLARSHIP RULES & REGULATIONS**

**As Administered by the Miss New Hampshire Scholarship Foundation, Inc.**

**For Scholarship Recipients of the 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023**

**Miss New Hampshire Scholarship Program and Its Local Chapter Competitions**

1. **Qualified Expenses**
   1. Scholarships awarded may be used for:

(i) Tuition.

(ii) Books, supplies, fees, and equipment required for all students in the same class.

(iii) Student loan payments as long as they are to a bona fide educational lender.

(iv) High school make-up classes for which tuition is payable (credit only).

1. **Request Procedure**
   1. All paperwork for scholarship requests should be mailed to the Foundation address:

**P.O. Box 414**

**Londonderry, NH 03053**

* 1. The following paperwork should be sent for each request:

(i) A Uniform Scholarship Request Form (USRF). **This form must be signed by the student** (or their parent/legal guardian if under 18 years old). The USRF may be downloaded from the Program website ([www.missnh.org](http://www.missnh.org)) or the Foundation website ([www.missnhscholarship.org](http://www.missnhscholarship.org)).

(ii) Appropriate documentation supporting the amount of funds requested. For student loans, students should send proof of satisfactory course completion and a current loan statement showing the student is responsible for the repayment of the loan. For tuition, students should send a tuition statement showing the original amount owed, payments made, and ending balance.

* 1. Upon receipt of the above paperwork, the Foundation will issue a check directly payable to the student’s educational institution or other appropriate entity. Please allow up to two (2) weeks for processing checks.

(i) A letter will accompany payment to the student’s educational institution indicating that if for any reason the class is canceled or a refund is due, that refund must be returned to the Miss New Hampshire Scholarship Foundation, Inc. and not to the student.

* 1. In extraordinary circumstances, with prior approval, the Foundation can reimburse the student or the student’s parent/legal guardian for qualified educational expenses. **No reimbursement request will be considered unless requested and approved prior to the expense being incurred**. Contact the Foundation President or Treasurer to discuss your particular situation.

1. **Forfeiture**
   1. Miss Candidates

(i) Students may request scholarships from Miss competitions at any time up to three (3) years from the year the student is awarded the funds. Awards are subject to forfeiture after three (3) years unless the recipient requests an extension in writing and the Foundation Board grants the extension. An extension will not be unreasonably withheld. Under no circumstance will the Foundation Board grant any further extension after five (5) years, at which time the grant shall lapse.

(iii) **It is incumbent upon the grant recipient to track 100% of their scholarships**. If the recipient has any question about outstanding local money, the local program must be contacted prior to submitting a request to the Foundation. Although the Program and the Foundation will track all scholarships granted, the Program and Foundation may not have up-to-date outstanding local scholarships payable. All grants, requests, and payments at the local level must be tracked by the recipients.

* 1. Teen Candidates

(i) Students receiving scholarships from Teen competitions will have four (4) years from the time they turn 18 to begin using the awarded funds. Awards are subject to forfeiture after four (4) years and are not eligible for an extension.

1. **Priority of Usage**
   1. Because Miss America Foundation has ceased the CMN program, all candidates should check with their Local chapters to see if the Local chapter has any funds, and if so, those funds should be used first.
   2. All other Local awards may then be requested and used for a program year.
   3. Students may then request funds for that same program year from the Miss New Hampshire Scholarship Foundation, Inc.
   4. Runner Up

(i) Should a runner up, by virtue of Miss New Hampshire’s inability to continue to serve as Miss New Hampshire, be named Miss New Hampshire at any time after the Miss New Hampshire competition date, the runner up shall **not** receive any further scholarship. The same is true for all Local competitions.

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