

MR. OAK HARBOR FAQs

What is the Mr. Oak Harbor Scholarship Competition?

The Mr. Oak Harbor Scholarship Competition is a 7-week program for local high schoolers. It is sponsored by Whidbey Royalty, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization.

What are the requirements for participation?

Contestants must identify as male, be in grade 9, 10, 11, or 12, and live in or attend a school in the Oak Harbor School District.

What kind of experience is required?

No experience is necessary! The Mr. Oak Harbor Scholarship Competition is designed for everyone. It is limited to the first 10 contestants in each division.

What are the age groups?

There are two divisions: **Mister Oak Harbor** (Juniors & Seniors) and **Teen Mister Oak Harbor** (Freshmen & Sophomores). Contestants compete only against those in their division.

How do contestants register?

Applications are accepted May-September. Registration forms and additional information can be found on the PAGEANTS tab at WhidbeyRoyalty.org.

Why are contestants required to have a business sponsor?

Mr. Oak Harbor contestants are asked to stretch themselves during the competition, with the first assignment being to market themselves by asking for a business sponsor. These sponsorships help involve the community in the program by bringing a variety of businesses into the pageant “family.” They also help pay for competition expenses. Businesses that sponsor contestants are provided with many benefits that make the \$300 sponsorship fee a very worthwhile investment.

How is the competition scored?

The Mr. Oak Harbor Scholarship Competition scoring system is unique—it takes into account the whole person and incorporates 14 scoring categories, making this a competition for *everyone* which *anyone* can win! Scoring in most of the categories takes place prior to pageant night, with the final pieces (Talent, Formal Wear, Stage Presence, and Impromptu Question) being scored live during the pageant.

What are the scoring categories and how are they weighted?

Competition scoring includes 14 categories with variable weighting:

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| * Attendance (12%) | * Personal Interview (8%) | * Academics (5%) |
| * Board of Directors Input (11%) | * Platform/Cause Presentation (7%) | * Service (5%) |
| * Video Journals (10%) | * Formal Wear (7%) | * Fitness (5%) |
| * Marketing (10%) | * Talent (5%) | * Extra-curricular (5%) |
| | * Stage Presence (5%) | * Work (5%) |

How can family and friends support their favorite contestant?

There are a number of ways to support your favorite contestant. Buy competition or fundraising event tickets or fundraising items, and vote with your dollars in the People’s Choice competition.

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What is People's Choice?

People's Choice is an optional contest within the Mr. Oak Harbor Scholarship Competition. As a fundraiser, this contest is completely separate from the competition point system and has no bearing on the outcome of the overall competition results. It does, however, provide an opportunity for the public to vote for their favorite contestant. The contestant with the most votes wins People's Choice, receives a crown and stole, and takes home a college scholarship equivalent to **half** of **all** People's Choice votes.

What do contestants receive for participating?

Each contestant will receive a Mr. Oak Harbor t-shirt and swag bag loaded with goodies. But more importantly, contestants receive coaching that will help them succeed not only in the competition but also in life: interview, marketing, stage presence, and public speaking.

What kind of award might my favorite contestant receive?

The Mr. Oak Harbor Scholarship Competition delivers thousands of dollars in scholarships, as well as many other awards and recognition.

What do the winners receive?

The top three in each division will be named King, 1st Prince, and 2nd Prince and will receive a crown, stole, trophy, and scholarship. 3rd- and 4th-Runners-Up in each division also receive trophies and scholarships.

What happens after the competition?

Following the competition, the newly crowned Mr. Oak Harbor Royalty will begin their reign as representatives of Oak Harbor and will begin serving their community in a variety of ways. You will see them helping at many other nonprofits' events throughout the year, such as OHEF Festival of Trees, Soroptimist Power of the Purse, PBY Museum Celebration of Flight, Oak Harbor Music Festival, Hydros for Heroes—just to name a few. They will also choose a community service project to focus on during their reign and will raise awareness for that organization as well as raise funds to support it.

Who should I contact if I have additional questions?

For additional questions, visit WhidbeyRoyalty.org, email WhidbeyRoyalty@gmail.com, or call 360-929-2097.

Who are the Whidbey Royalty Board Members?

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Is Whidbey Royalty a nonprofit organization?

Yes, Whidbey Royalty is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization – FEIN 85-1091323. Donations are tax-deductible.

Where else can I find information about Whidbey Royalty?

For lots of information about the Mr. Oak Harbor Scholarship Competition, the Miss Oak Harbor Scholarship Pageant, and the Pioneer Way Pageant, visit WhidbeyRoyalty.org. You can also find us on Facebook @missoakharbor and on Instagram @whidbeyroyalty.

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