

PROGRAM: The Miss Oak Harbor Scholarship Pageant is a program that awards thousands of dollars in scholarships and prizes to local high schoolers who identify as female. In exchange for the opportunity to compete for these scholarships and prizes, contestants agree to spend 6 weeks working with the Miss Oak Harbor organization and its affiliates, primarily on Monday and Wednesday nights (7pm-8pm) and occasionally on Saturdays for a few hours.

SPONSORSHIP: Contestants are asked to secure sponsorship from a local business. Sponsors will be named under your photo in the keepsake program book and will be recognized when you appear individually on stage. This is a great advertising tool for businesses.

PROMOTION: Contestants are asked to actively participate in program promotion, for which they will earn pageant points. Promotion may include ticket sales, fundraiser events, and well-wish ad sales. We also ask that contestants post to Miss Oak Harbor's social media when appropriate to help generate interest and support of our program.

CLOTHING: With the exception of the contestant t-shirt, which is to be worn to all public appearances (if any), contestants must provide their own clothing for the competition.

COMMUNICATION: As communication with contestants will generally be by email, each contestant must have a valid email address (preferably **other than** the school gmail, which often refuses our correspondence) that she checks regularly and which can be used for pageant communications. We will also communicate by text.

SCORING: Contestants will receive points throughout the 6 weeks of pageant season in a variety of categories, all of which are weighted equally and are computed into the ranking that determines the final results and crowning of the Miss Oak Harbor and Teen Miss Oak Harbor Royalty on pageant night. For the 2021 virtual pageant, all categories will be scored prior to pageant night. Pageant points are awarded for **Academics, Attendance, Board of Directors Input, Formal Wear, Health & Wellness, Marketing, Personal Interview, Screen Presence, Speech or Talent, and Style & Self-Expression.**

COMPETITION CATEGORIES & AWARDS: All contestants participate in the same 6-week program and are scored using identical models. However, 9th- and 10th-graders compete only against each other for the title of Teen Miss Oak Harbor, while 11th- and 12th-graders compete only against each other for the title of Miss Oak Harbor. In addition to crowns, sashes, and trophies, other exclusive prizes will also be awarded.

DISQUALIFICATION: Any contestant who exhibits unsportsmanlike conduct may be asked, at the Board's discretion, to leave the program, making her ineligible for future competitions. Contestants and their supporters (family, friends) must abide by the decision of the judges. Any indiscriminate interference or negative comments, whether privately or publicly, may be cause for a contestant's disqualification from the competition and banning from future competitions. Contestants who withdraw from the competition after Orientation will be ineligible to participate in future Miss Oak Harbor events.

MISCELLANEOUS: Cell phones should be used only for emergencies during any in-person pageant activity. Transportation to and from all in-person pageant activities is the responsibility of each contestant and will not be provided by the pageant. No boyfriends, parents, or other persons not directly associated with the Miss Oak Harbor Scholarship Pageant are allowed at coaching sessions or rehearsals. Parents, friends, professional groomers, etc., are not allowed backstage nor in the dressing room at dress rehearsal nor on pageant night.

ROYALTY REQUIREMENTS: Any applicant entering this pageant under false pretenses will forfeit any title and all prizes awarded to her. At the start of their reign, Miss Oak Harbor and Teen Miss Oak Harbor Royalty must sign and abide by a Royalty Contract. During their reign, Miss Oak Harbor and Teen Miss Oak Harbor Royalty are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that is in keeping with the spirit, prestige, and public image of their titles. Failure to do so may result in forfeiture of title and prizes. In the event that a title-holder should breach any issue of the Royalty Contract, she will be required to resign and return the crown, sash, and prizes awarded and will be ineligible to participate in future Miss Oak Harbor events.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: All contestants must abide by the Covid-19 restrictions in place at the time of any in-person meeting, including but not limited to wearing a mask and socially distancing.

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