

## CONTEST RULES

**PROGRAM:** The Miss Oak Harbor Scholarship Pageant is a program that awards thousands of dollars in scholarships and prizes to local high school girls. In exchange for the opportunity to compete for these scholarships and prizes, contestants agree to spend 7 weeks working with Whidbey Royalty and its affiliates, primarily on Mondays and Wednesdays (6:45pm-8:45pm) and on two 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.

**MARKETING:** Contestants are asked to actively participate in program promotion and marketing, for which they will earn pageant points. This may include ticket, greeting card, and well-wish ad sales.

**CLOTHING:** With the exception of the contestant t-shirt, which is to be worn to all public appearances, contestants must provide their own clothing for the competition, including outfit for speech or talent, interview attire, formal wear dress, and proper exercise wear during dance practice.

**COMMUNICATION:** As communication with contestants will generally be by email, each contestant must have a valid email address 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 entirety of pageant preparation in a variety of categories, all of which are computed into the ranking that determines the final results and crowning of the Miss Oak Harbor and Teen Miss Oak Harbor Royalty. Pageant points are awarded for Attendance (12%), Board of Directors Input (11%), Video Journals (10%), Marketing (10%), Personal Interview (8%), Platform/Cause Presentation (7%), Formal Wear (7%), Academics (5%), Service (5%), Speech or Talent (5%), Stage Presence (5%), Physical Fitness (5%), Extracurricular Activities (5%), and Work (5%).

**COMPETITION CATEGORIES & AWARDS:** All contestants participate in the same 7-week program and are scored using identical models. However, 9<sup>th</sup>- and 10<sup>th</sup>-graders compete only against each other for the title of Teen Miss Oak Harbor, while 11<sup>th</sup>- and 12<sup>th</sup>-graders compete only against each other for the title of Miss Oak Harbor. In addition to scholarships, crowns, sashes, and trophies, many other exclusive prizes are also 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 Board. Any indiscriminate interference or negative comments may be cause for a contestant's disqualification from the competition and banning from future competitions. Contestants who do not finish the pageant season are ineligible for participation in future Whidbey Royalty or Miss Oak Harbor events.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** Cell phones should be used only for emergencies and photos during any pageant activity. Transportation to and from all pageant activities is the responsibility of each contestant and will not be provided by the organization. No friends, 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 Whidbey Royalty events.

Please contact us at any time with questions or concerns.

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