

Miss Birmingham Cahaba Valley Hidden River Covered Bridge Org

Dear Contestant:

Welcome to the Miss Birmingham, Miss Cahaba Valley, Miss Hidden River & Miss Covered Bridge and the Miss Birmingham's, Cahaba Valley's, Hidden River's and Covered Bridge's Teen Competitions! We are excited to have you as a contestant and are looking forward to crowning eight (8) young women who will represent the Birmingham & Cahaba Valley areas and the Covered Bridge area at the Miss Alabama's Teen Competition in March and the Miss Alabama Competition in June.

The first **20** completed Miss and **20** completed Teen entries (Google form & mailed items) received by the deadline of October 24th will be accepted.

Miss:

A \$50 no-show deposit is *required* for entry. Your check will be returned to you on the day of the competition, right before production rehearsals begin.

Teen:

A non-refundable \$225 entry fee is required and covers all four (4) Teen titles!

Checks or M/O should be made out to Miss Birmingham.

Entry documents, along with instructions, deadlines, and information about the competition events are summarized in the following pages, on the ***Become a Contestant!*** page of our website (www.missbham.com) and listed in detail on the Google form linked on that same web page.

If you have any questions about any portion of the competition, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to seeing you and getting to know you as we move toward crowning three winners, one of whom could go on to become Miss Alabama and Miss America!

Remember - compete only with yourself and do it better than the time before!

Warmest Regards,



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Important Competition Information

Competition Date: November 1, 2026

Venue: Thompson High School

Times: Teen @ 2 PM and Miss @ 6 PM

Tickets: \$20 General Admission

★NEW for 2027!★

Closing Statement: In the Private Interview, Contestants will have a 30 second opening statement along with a 30 second closing statement. At the 9 minute 30 second mark, the head judge will ask if there is anything else the contestant would like to say. *That is the cue for the Contestant to provide her closing statement.*

Health & Fitness: Contestants must submit a recorded fitness introduction, no longer than 20 seconds in MP3/MP4 format.

Paperwork: All paperwork with the exception of the Miss no-show check, Teen entry fee and any ad/photo competition fees are to be submitted using this [GOOGLE FORM!](#)

★Rising Stars★

There will be no Rising Star participation for the 2027 Miss Birmingham, et.al. or Teen on Competition Day. However, for **State** competitions, all contestants will be required to have at least one Rising Star. Miss Alabama or MALT will provide details at the respective orientations.

ALL photos, documents & audio files are to be submitted via this [GOOGLE FORM](#). DO NOT email or mail these items. Documents that require a signature are to be *digitally signed*.

The deadline for entry is **October 24th**. *Your entry is only considered complete when both the Google form and mailed items (no-show check or Teen entry fee) are received!*

Google Form - Checklist:

These items will not be accepted via email or mail

☐	<u>Interview Fact Sheet & CSI Essay</u> <i>PDF only</i>
☐	<u>Headshot Photo</u> <i>High Resolution JPG or PNG only</i>
☐	<u>Talent Information - Google Form Only</u>
☐	<u>Medical Form *NEW*</u> <i>PDF only</i>
☐	<u>Talent Music – 90 second limit</u> <i>MP3 or MP4 Format Only</i>
☐	<u>Fitness Introduction – 20 second limit</u> <i>MP3 or MP4 Format Only</i>
☐	<u>Copy of Birth Certificate or US Passport <i>and</i> valid</u> <u>Driver License to confirm residency</u> <i>JPG, PNG or PDF only</i>
☐	<u>Local Contract</u> <i>Digitally Initialed & Signed</i>

Mail the \$50 Miss no-show check or your \$225 Teen entry fee along with any applicable ad/photo competition fees via US MAIL to:

Miss Birmingham Competition
513 Saint Lauren Way
Birmingham, AL 35242

Plan to attend the mandatory Local Contestant Orientation on Sunday, October 25th, Teen at 2 PM, Miss at 3 PM, where we will draw your competition order and answer questions!

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Competition Items to Bring & Opening Number Attire

★*Important!*★

Mandatory Local Orientation via Online Meeting: Sunday, October 25th
Teen at 2 PM and Miss at 3 PM CST!

(Zoom link will be sent via email the *morning* of October 25th)

If, for an unavoidable reason you are unable to attend, you must notify the Director of the reason at least 24 hours in advance, and your parent or sibling may attend in your place. The expectation is that you understand what was discussed and send the Director an email to that effect.

After October 25th, all Contestants will be emailed an updated competition day schedule.

Opening Number Attire

For America's 250th, we are celebrating with a Patriotic theme! Opening number attire is below:

White Pants and a **RED** or **ROYAL BLUE** Top (only these colors)

- Pants can be skinny, straight, boot cut or wide-leg – whatever looks best on you!
- Top/Blouse can have sparkle or be plain but ***must*** cover your midriff!
- Coordinating shoes of your choice that you can dance in. **No boots & No wedges**

Required Items You MUST Have with You on Competition Day

1. Official copy of your birth certificate – **REQUIRED**
2. Talent props (where applicable)
3. Backup copy of your talent music & your fitness intro on your phone (no exceptions)
4. Competition wardrobe including all jewelry, shoes, and *undergarments*
5. All makeup, hair products and other competition necessities
6. Robe to wear backstage – **REQUIRED**

Other Important Things to Remember for Competition Day

- Wear *comfortable* clothes when you arrive
- If you are Contestant #1-3, arrive with hair and makeup mostly done as you will have a short amount of time after rehearsals to get ready for interview.
- Parents and friends **MUST** leave after helping unload
- No Contestant(s) may leave the competition venue during competition day
- No outside hair or makeup artists are allowed – be prepared to do your own hair and makeup
- Dressing Room moms will be available to assist you & keep everyone on track for the next event – please be sure to thank them during the day
- All meals, water & snacks will be provided by the Miss Birmingham Organization
 - If you have specific food allergies, you may bring your own food/snack items
 - You **MUST** inform the Dressing Room Moms upon your arrival
- Label anything that you wish to keep – *any items left without a label cannot be returned.*
 - *If you realize an item has been left after the competition, please e-mail the director promptly*
- Bring an electrical power strip, a lighted mirror and/or a full-length mirror
 - The competition will provide a limited number of power strips so please make sure to label any that you bring with you to the venue
- A limited number of garment racks are provided by the competition for hanging costumes and gowns
- **Dressing Room space is LIMITED – BRING ONLY NECESSARY ITEMS**
- **Cell phones are NOT allowed inside the dressing room – no exceptions!**

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Each Contestant is judged by the selection panel immediately after each event. The score will range between 1 and 10, whole numbers only. The high and low scores for each Contestant are discarded in each area of competition.

The four (4) Contestants with the highest overall scores at the end of the competition will be named Miss Birmingham, Miss Cahaba Valley, Miss Hidden River and Miss Covered Bridge and Teens respectively.

The Phases of Competition are listed below in order:

Private Interview with Judges – 30%

Each Contestant is introduced by the panelist chair, will take her position, and immediately present **a brief 30-second introduction – *this intro may be about your CSI or it may simply be about you.*** Questions may range from current events to personal goals and interests and may be taken from the contestant's resume and CSI essay. ★**NEW for 2027**★. At the 9 minute, 30 second mark, the Contestant will be asked for her closing statement, which must be 30 seconds or less. The interview will end promptly at the ten-minute mark whether or not the Contestant is still speaking.

Wardrobe: Fashionable attire suitable for a **professional** job interview.

On-Stage Conversation – 10%

A single question from **the Delegate's Community Service Initiative (CSI)** will be asked and the response should be no longer than 30 seconds.

Wardrobe: OSC is completed immediately following the Opening number in Opening Number attire.

Health & Fitness – 20%

This phase of competition is where the Contestant showcases her commitment to health and fitness initiatives. A contestant's discipline and commitment to being physically healthy is a key to success in all other areas of life, and the rigors of representing the Miss America program is a national titleholder.

Wardrobe: Miss America **mandates** that competition attire be purchased from the Rebel Athletic product line, from the Miss America **Go-Red** line of fitness wear. Shorts, skorts, leggings and any style top may be worn. **Delegates are not required to purchase new attire for each competition!**

Note: All fitness wear choices **must** cover the intended part of the body **fully**.

Performing Arts Talent or HERStory – 20%

Each Delegate will perform a talent presentation **not to exceed 90 seconds (1 minute 30 second)**. Talents may include but are not limited to – vocals in every medium, dance in all forms, gymnastics, baton, circus arts, instrumentals, and drama. The talent competition distinguishes each delegate's skills and personality, interpretive ability, technical skill level, stage presence, the ability to capture the audience's attention, and totality of all elements. *There will be no repeated talents in the competition. If two delegates wish to perform the same song, the first Delegate returning all completed paperwork will reserve that song.*

Wardrobe: Costume of the delegate's choice that is appropriate and in good taste for the chosen talent.

Evening Gown – 20%

Allows judges to have a look into how the Delegate exhibits her own personal style, attitude, personality, grace presence and confidence. Scoring is based on how the delegate carries herself, not on the actual gown she is wearing or the perceived cost of that gown.

Wardrobe: Evening wear of the Delegate's choice, with complementary shoes and accessories