



Miss Ohio Local Competition Contestant!

Please read the following to understand the requirements to participate in the Miss Ohio Local MISS & TEEN Competition.

This packet contains documents and links that are required by ALL Miss Ohio Local Programs. Since each Local Program operates independently, each program may have additional requirements.

Make sure all forms are turned in on time and be sure you retain copies for yourself!

If you have any questions, please contact the Local Director of the Local Program. A list of the Local Programs can be found by clicking the link below.

MISS OHIO LOCAL COMPETITIONS

COMPETITION SEASON

This information is for ALL Miss Ohio Local Competitions for the 2023-2024 Season, also known as the 2025 Competition Cycle.

Miss Ohio Locals start July 1, 2023 and end March 31, 2024. These locals lead to the Miss Ohio STATE Competition in June 2024 which then leads to the Miss America National Competition in January 2025.

AGE ELIGIBILITY

Starting this season, your birth year will determine your eligibility to compete as a MISS or a TEEN contestant.

- Those with birth years of 1996 to 2005 will compete as a **MISS Contestant**.
- Those with birth years of 2007 to 2010 will compete as a **TEEN Contestant**
- Those with a birth year of 2006 may choose to compete as either a **MISS or TEEN Contestant**. However, once you choose to be a MISS or TEEN, you cannot switch during the season.

Contestants under 18 years of age will require a Parent or Legal Guardian to sign all documents and online forms.

MISS AMERICA ORGANIZATION ANNUAL REGISTRATION

ALL MISS and TEEN Contestants will need to register with the Miss America Organization and pay a **ONCE PER SEASON** fee of \$39.99. This fee must be paid by the deadline of the first local competition you enter. To pay the registration fee to the Miss America Organization, please click the link below.

MISS AMERICA CONTESTANT REGISTRATION

LOCAL PROGRAM ENTRY FEE

The Local Program may charge a minimal entry for their competition. Please contact the Local Director to see if there are any other required fees to enter their competition.

MISS AMERICA APPLICATION & AGREEMENT

ALL MISS and TEEN Contestants are required to complete and electronically sign the official Miss America Application & Agreement by the deadline established by the local competition.

You may download a PDF copy of the Application & Agreement, review the detailed eligibility requirements and the list of acceptable documents required as proof of eligibility.

The Application & Agreement also includes the Scholarship Rules, Regulations and Process for requesting scholarships awarded at Local Competitions.

For more information about the Application & Agreement, please click the link below.

MISS AMERICA CONTESTANT APPLICATION & AGREEMENT

The MAO Application & Agreement will need to be submitted each time you enter a Local Competition.

If you are under 18 years of age at the time of completing the Application & Agreement, the process **MUST** be initiated and electronically signed by a Parent or Legal Guardian. The contestant will then need to finish the process by electronically signing the document.

PHASES OF COMPETITION

There are FIVE(5) Phases of Competition, Private Interview, On-Stage Conversation, Health & Fitness, Talent/HERStory, Evening Gown.

COMPETITION RULES & EVALUATION PROCESS – (PDF Document) – This document provides a detailed description of each phase, requirements, competition guidelines, expected judging criteria, etc. Please review this document to thoroughly understand the competition.

PRIVATE INTERVIEW

You will need to submit a Contestant FACT SHEET and COMMUNITY SERVICE INITIATIVE ESSAY (CSI Essay) for the Private interview Phase of Competition. Here is a description of the included documents to assist you with creating these documents.

- **FACT SHEET INSTRUCTIONS, SAMPLE & TEMPLATE** (PDF Document) – We have included a detailed information and instruction sheet for creating the correctly formatted FACT SHEET. We have also included SAMPLE FACT SHEET so you know what a properly formatted sheet should look like. You will also find a Microsoft Word Document Template for the FACT SHEET to help you get started.
- **CSI ESSAY INSTRUCTIONS, SAMPLE & TEMPLATE** (PDF Document) – We have included a detailed information and instruction sheet for creating the correctly formatted CSI ESSAY. We have also included SAMPLE CSI ESSAY so you know what a properly formatted sheet should look like. You will also find a Microsoft Word Document Template for the CSI ESSAY to help you get started.

HEALTH & FITNESS

The Miss America Organization is partnering with the American Heart Association and Rebel Athletic in bringing back the Health & Fitness Phase of Competition.

ALL MISS & TEEN Contestants are required to provide and wear a pre-approved outfit from the Rebel Athletic Miss America Collection for the Health & Fitness competition. There are a variety of outfit combinations starting as low as \$80 for the set.

Once you purchase a Rebel Athletic Miss America Fitness Outfit, you will be able to use the outfit for subsequent Miss Ohio Local Competitions. If you become a Local Titleholder, we intend to allow you to use the same outfit for the Miss Ohio and Miss Ohio's Teen State Competition in June 2024.

Rebel Athletic plans to keep the Miss America Collection well stocked so you should receive your outfit within 4-6 days of placing your order. **DO NOT wait until the last minute to place your order!!!**

To view and order from the Rebel Athletic Miss America Collection, please visit...

<https://rebelathletic.com/collections/curated-styles-for-miss-america-organization>

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS

Here are some additional required documents included with this package;

- **LOCAL APPLICATION** – (Word eForm & Acrobat Format) - Complete this application and email/mail to the Local Program to indicate your interest in competing in the local competition. You are not officially considered entered until all required documents are submitted.
- **MANDATORY EVENTS INFO** – (Adobe PDF Document) - Contestants that become a Local Titleholder will be required to attend and participate in some mandatory events, including the Miss Ohio 2024 State Competition.
- **NO SHOW RULES** – (Adobe PDF Document) – A contestant who completes the paperwork to enter a local program and does not show up for competition twice during the local competition season may be banned from competing for up to one year.