

Miss Miami Scholarship Pageant



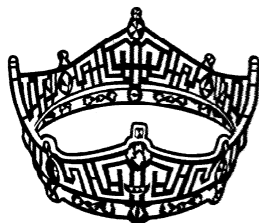
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An Official Miss America Preliminary

Dear Contestant:

We are thrilled to have you as a participant in our 2010 pageant! The Miss Miami Scholarship Program is affiliated with the Miss Florida/Miss America Organization. Rich in history and social significance, the Miss America Organization is a not-for-profit corporation that has maintained a tradition of empowering American women to achieve their personal and professional goals, while providing a forum in which to express their opinions, talent and intelligence. This wonderful program is the largest scholarship provider for young women in the world, making available over \$45 million in scholarship each year. Our titleholder advances to the Miss Florida Scholarship Program with the chance to increase her scholastic earnings.

As a not-for-profit organization, the Miss Miami Scholarship Program relies on businesses and individuals in our community to make our program possible. We are proud to bring this opportunity to the young women of Florida. The women involved are deeply committed to community service as well as their educational goals.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact at our offices. Thank you again for your interest in our pageant, and we look forward to meeting you in January!

Sincerely,

Roberta and Danielle Mortimer
Executive Directors

PAGEANT

Like the Miss Florida and Miss America Pageants, the Miss Miami/Miss Suncoast pageant is divided into four phases – Interview, Physical Fitness in Swimsuit, Talent and Evening Wear. Each contestant is scored individually from 1-10 in each category, with the high and low scores discarded.

INTERVIEW

The Interview competition is the first opportunity to meet the panel of five judges. The duration of the interview will be ten minutes. During this time each contestant will be able to converse with the judges about their goals and aspirations as well as expressing their personal opinions. The judges will be looking for a sharp and tasteful woman that is sure of herself, current events and platform. The contestant should wear an outfit that she would wear if she were attending a job interview. This portion of the competition counts for 25% of the final score.

ON STAGE QUESTION

The On-Stage Question phase of the competition is designed for the contestant to make an on-stage statement of her interests, opinions and aspirations. Each contestant is asked one question. The judges will be looking for personality, intelligence, speech, vocabulary and style. This phase of the competition counts for 5% of the final score.

PHYSICAL FITNESS IN SWIMSUIT

The Swimsuit competition gives each contestant the opportunity to demonstrate how well they maintain their physical fitness. Each contestant will compete in a one or two piece swimsuit of their choice. The judges will be looking for overall proportion of figure, beauty of face and figure, walk, poise and grace. Physical fitness in swimsuit represents 15% of the final score.

TALENT

The Talent phase of the competition allows each contestant to demonstrate artistic craft. The presentation will not be more than *one minute and thirty seconds* in duration. Some examples of talents performed within the Miss America Pageant System include singing, dancing, playing a musical instrument, comic or dramatic reading, baton, acrobatic movements, etc. Contestants are responsible for providing their own music or arrangements. Judges will be looking for interpretive ability, technical skill level, stage presence and integration of elements (costume, choreography, music and props) used in the presentation. Talent represents 35% of the final score.

EVENING WEAR

The Evening Wear competition consists of presentation in formal evening attire. Judges will look for sense of confidence, personality, stage presence, walk, poise and elegance. This phase of competition counts for 20% of the final score.

PLATFORM ISSUE

Each contestant is required to have a platform issue about which she feels strongly. It is best to choose a cause or issue for which the contestant has a strong personal commitment, involvement or conviction (i.e. AIDS, CHILD ABUSE, CARE OF THE ELDERLY, HOMELESS, etc.).

ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS

To compete for the titles of Miss Miami and Miss Suncoast...

- You must be at least 17 years old and entering your senior year of high school or be no older than 24 on December 31, 2010
- You must be single, never married and have never had children
- You must live, work full time, or attend school full time in the state of Florida
- You must be a U.S. Citizen
- You must meet character criteria as set forth by the Miss America Organization.
- You must be able to meet the time commitment and responsibilities as set forth by the Miss Miami Scholarship Pageant, should you win the title (Must sign a contract)
- You must attend the Miss Florida Scholarship Pageant in St. Petersburg in July 2010.
- You must register on <http://www.missamerica4kids.org/> and raise at least \$100.00 for the Children's Miracle Network before January 24, 2009.
- We strongly suggest that you find a sponsor who will make a \$125.00 donation to the Miss Miami Scholarship Pageant. This sponsor will receive a full page ad in the program book and will have their name or company announced twice during the pageant. Checks must be received at the Miss Miami Office by January 11, 2010. Checks can be mailed to: Miss Miami Scholarship Pageant, 14830 S.W. 139 Avenue, Miami, Florida 33186. (Please make all checks payable to: RM Productions, Inc).
- We strongly suggest that you find a prince or princess between the ages of five and twelve years old. The prince or princess will receive a crown or medallion and will walk with the contestant on stage during the Evening Gown competition. The fee to be a prince or princess is \$50.00. Each contestant is allowed to have up to 5 princes or princesses.
 - **A prince must be between the ages of five and eight years old, and a princess must be between the ages of five and twelve years old.