



Miss Candidate Registration and Local Competition Fundraising Instructions

Want to compete for the title of Miss America? Or want to earn scholarships for college or to pay off student loans?

Register for the Miss America program and you could win one of fifty-one \$1,000 scholarships!

By registering for the Miss America program, you gain access to exclusive members-only benefits including:

- Access to compete in local Miss/Teen Competitions
- Chance to win a \$1,000 scholarship - one in each state + D.C.
- Access to our exclusive Professional Development Series with experts in areas such as:
 - Social Media training
 - Public speaking
 - Media/Press training
 - Advocacy & Fundraising
 - Financial literacy
- Health & Wellness / Peak Performance training
- Resume building
- Career opportunities and networking events
- Exclusive Miss America merchandise and discounts

*Membership is valid for 1 competition season. Additional fees may apply for local, state & national competitions.

The Miss America Organization has instituted a two-step process for all potential Miss Candidates to be eligible to compete in the 2021-2022 competition season:

1. Formally register with the Miss America Organization and pay the \$35.00 Miss America Program Registration fee; (you must only do this once for the 2021-2022 competition season.)
 - a. Click on this link to register: https://shop.missamerica.org/products/miss-america-competition-membership-yearly-subscription?_pos=2&_sid=d72da4027&_ss=r
2. Complete the 2022 Local Competition Registration form and pay the \$75.00 fee. DO NOT do this until we have notified you that you are registered to compete.
 - a. Enter *Miss Fort Wayne – Miss Northeast* as the name of the local competition
 - i. There is no longer a fundraising page for you to solicit donations towards your \$75.00 competition fee as there has been in the past.
 - b. Click on this link to register for the Miss Fort Wayne-Miss Northeast competition: https://shop.missamerica.org/products/2022-local-competition-registration?_pos=1&_sid=c4184013c&_ss=r

Miss Program Eligibility Requirements

Age & Education

- Candidate (1) must be at least eighteen (18) years of age as of July 31st in the calendar year of the State Competition in which she competes; (2) Must be a high school graduate or equivalent (G.E.D.) by July 31st in the calendar year of the State Competition in which she competes; (3) Must not be older than twenty-five (25) years of age as of December 31st of the year of the State Competition in which she competes.
- For the avoidance of doubt, a candidate cannot turn twenty-six (26) years of age at any time during the calendar year in which she will compete at state.
- For avoidance of doubt, 13 to 17 year old high school graduates, as well as 18 year old non-graduates as of July 31st, must compete at MAOTeen level (see Teen Eligibility requirements below).

Residency

- Must fulfill one of the following:
 - Must reside in the state of competition
 - Be enrolled in and physically attending classes on a full-time basis at an accredited college or university;
 - Or be employed on a full-time basis in the state in which she intends to compete.

Citizenship

- Must be a citizen of the United States of America

Additional Miss Program Requirements

- Candidates must meet all additional requirements pursuant to the Miss America State and Local Application & Agreement: Full Miss Program Requirements