



Dear Potential Contestants,

We would like to thank you for your interest in the 2017 Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Orangeburg County Teen Scholarship Program and pageants. We are a committee comprised of paid professionals, seasoned volunteers, enthusiastic newcomers, and former competitors who are committed to seeing you succeed within the Miss South Carolina Scholarship Organization. As your stepping stone to becoming Miss America or Miss America's Outstanding Teen, we are very pleased you have considered making us a part of your journey.

Our pageant will be held on **SATURDAY, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 6:30 pm** at a location to be announced. Rehearsal will be held on Saturday morning, November 4<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am. Contestant Interviews will be held immediately before the pageant. The deadline for your Children's Miracle Network Hospital (CMNH) donations is 11:59 pm on Friday November 3<sup>rd</sup>. If your donations are not received until then, you will not be notified of your specific Interview time until your arrival on the morning of Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup>.

Paperwork will be accepted through **Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017**. Unfortunately, it has become common practice for contestants to turn in their paperwork at the last minute, which does not allow enough time for processing and catching potential errors to ensure your success. We **STRONGLY** encourage you to turn in your paperwork at least a week before the deadline. Even if you are undecided, we suggest you turn in your paperwork in preparation to compete instead of scrambling on the day of the deadline. We want you to put your best foot forward, so what you submit to us will be given to the Judges Panel.

We are thrilled for our fourth consecutive titleholders to compete as contestants in the Miss South Carolina Scholarship Organization. We are confident that we can cultivate and refine the outstanding women in our pageant for competition now. Feel free to content me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

*Miss Angela*

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## MISS CONTESTANTS ONLY

Specific to the Miss Contestants is the Miss America Organization's commitment to our national platform of the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals (CMNH). Each contestant is required to raise donations of \$100.00 for each preliminary they participate in. You must create an account at [www.MissAmerica4Kids.com](http://www.MissAmerica4Kids.com) and register for the **Miss Orangeburg** Pageant in the **2019** competition year.

It is easy to raise the funds as the website allows you to send out emails to family and friends asking for their support of CMNH and the Miss America Organization on your behalf. In the state of South Carolina, a \$400.00 cap has been placed on fundraising that allows you to compete in unlimited preliminaries on the local level after reaching the \$400.00 cap. Excess money raised will be applied toward your state requirement should you win our local.

All funds MUST be raised by **Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017**. at 11:59pm to be accepted as a contestant for the 2018 pageant. This is a REQUIREMENT mandated by the Miss America Organization for every contestant who competes on the Local, State, and National levels. Register soon, and start fundraising quickly to avoid any hiccups with your application for the 2018 Miss Orangeburg County Pageant.

## TEEN CONTESTANTS ONLY

Teen Contestants are required to pay an entry fee of \$150.00 to enter the Miss Orangeburg Teen Pageant. Entry fees must be received by the deadline, **Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017**. You can receive a \$25 discount if you pay your entry before **Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017**. If a teen contestant enters and wins another preliminary before our competition, we will refund their entry fee. No other refunds will be made outside of those circumstances. We are allowing Teen contestants to cover the cost of your entry fee by purchasing a Full Page Ad. See the Media and Advertising Award section of this letter for more details.

Cashiers Checks or Money Orders only must be made payable to:

The CROWN Group



**"HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT"**

\_\_\_\_\_ (Contestant's name) having a residence at \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (hereinafter "Contestant") acknowledges  
by witness of their signature below application to participate in the Miss Orangeburg County &  
Miss Orangeburg County Teen Pageants and the Miss Garden City and Miss Garden City Teen  
Pageants are to be held on Saturday, **November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017**, with rehearsals on Saturday,  
**November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017** at a location to be announced.

As part of her participation in this event, Contestant has indicated her talent will be \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (specific talent you will perform). Contestant further  
acknowledges the venue to be announced, The CROWN Group and the Miss Orangeburg  
County & Miss Orangeburg County Teen Pageants and the Miss Garden City and Miss Garden  
City Teen Pageants has indicated the available performance area will consist of a 12 ft. deep by  
12 ft. wide area and it is the Contestant's responsibility to confine and amend her performance  
to adapt to these physical constraints.

Contestant hereby agrees to indemnify and hold harmless *the venue to be announced*, The  
CROWN Group and the Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Orangeburg County Teen Pageants  
and the Miss Garden City and Miss Garden City Teen Pageants from and against any and all  
claims for personal injuries, death, damages, cost and/or other expenses including reasonable  
attorney's fees, arising from or in any way connected with the use of the facilities as above  
noted.

Contestant further agrees to be solely responsible for all equipment, stock-in-trade, personal  
property, etc. utilized in connection with the use of the premises, and Contestant does hereby  
waive any right of recovery against the announced location of the venue, The CROWN Group  
and the Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Orangeburg County Teen Pageants and the Miss  
Garden City and Miss Garden City Teen Pageants for loss, damage, theft of such equipment,  
stock-in-trade, personal property, etc.

This agreement is subject to termination by the venue to be announced, The CROWN Group  
and the Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Orangeburg County Teen Pageants and the Miss  
Garden City and Miss Garden City Teen Pageants without advance notice or penalty at any  
time.

This agreement is personal to the Contestant and may not be transferred or assigned.  
In witness whereof, this agreement has been executed as of the date indicated below.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Legal Signature of Contestant Date  
**IF CONTESTANT IS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS, PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE REQUIRED BELOW:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Legal Signature of Parent/Guardian Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Legal Signature of Building Manager/Director Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title



## Phases of Competition

Miss Contestants	Teen Contestants
<p><b>Private Interview - 25%</b>            10 Minute Panel Interview            9 min., 30 sec. of questioning, 30 sec. for an optional closing statement.            You are advised to wear something that you would wear to a serious job interview. Dresses and skirt/blouse combinations are most common for contestants today.</p>	<p><b>Private Interview - 35%</b>            7 Minute Panel Interview            6 minutes of questioning, no opening or closing remarks.            You are advised to wear something that you would wear to a serious job interview. Dresses and skirt/blouse combinations are most common for contestants today.</p>
<p><b>Artistic Expression in Talent – 35%</b>            90 seconds or less. Talent of your choice.            Costume of your choice.</p> <p>Your background music should be cut to the appropriate length and on a CD. Please check your CD on your home stereo and car stereo to make sure it plays on all devices, not just your computer.</p> <p>You are not allowed to use live animals, have flames, or take off articles of clothing during your talent. Questionable talent components should be discussed with the director. Contact the director in advance if you plan to play the piano.</p>	<p><b>Artistic Expression in Talent – 35%</b>            90 seconds or less. Talent of your choice.            Costume of your choice.</p> <p>Your background music should be cut to the appropriate length and on a CD. Please check your CD on your home stereo and car stereo to make sure it plays on all devices, not just your computer.</p> <p>You are not allowed to use live animals, have flames, or take off articles of clothing during your talent. Questionable talent components should be discussed with the director. Contact the director in advance if you plan to play the piano.</p>
<p><b>Physical Fitness in Swimwear – 15%</b>            Swimsuit of choice.            Designed to evaluate a contestant's commitment to physical fitness.            Contestants are advised to wear a swimsuit that fits well and has lining. No thong or Brazilian bottoms.</p>	<p><b>Physical Fitness in Sportswear – 10%</b>            Softe or athletic shorts of choice.            Crown Group Tshirt \$18 payable to the CROWN Group.            Absolutely no swimsuits allowed.            Designed to evaluate a contestant's commitment to physical fitness.</p>
<p><b>Presence &amp; Poise in Evening Wear – 20%</b>            Evening gown of choice.            Your choice of evening gown. Please choose a gown that best compliments you. This is a moment of elegance; your gown choice should reflect that.</p>	<p><b>Evening Wear &amp; On-Stage Question – 20%</b>            Evening gown of choice.            Your choice of evening gown. Please choose a gown that best compliments you and is age appropriate. This is a moment of elegance; your gown choice should reflect that.            Your on-stage question will be asked at the end of your eveningwear presentation. Your question will be chosen at random from a fishbowl. All questions will be appropriate for teenagers.</p>
<p><b>On-stage Question – 5%</b>            Interview outfit will be worn of this phase of competition.            Your question will be chosen at random. All questions will be appropriate for young adults.</p>	



**LOCAL SUPPORTING THE CROWN**  
**2017-2018**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Title You Are Competing For: Miss Orangeburg/Miss Garden City

Miss Orangeburg Teen/Miss Garden City Teen

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City /Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ School Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

**EVERY MISS AND TEEN CONTESTANT MUST FILL OUT THIS REPORT.**

1. Number of Volunteer/Community Services Hours Working with CMN: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Dollar Amount Raised for CMN: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: CMN totals must be verified by attaching a copy of your contestant's log to this form. Go to [www.missamerica4kids.org](http://www.missamerica4kids.org) to print off a copy of your log. REMINDER: Each Miss contestant is required to raise a minimum of \$100.00 before she can compete on the local level. Teen contestant participation is voluntary.

1. Number of Other Volunteer/Community Service Projects: \_\_\_\_\_

List by Project Name (Add a separate sheet if more space is needed):

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Number of Other Volunteer/Community Service Hours: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Dollar Amount Raised for Other Volunteer/Community Service Projects: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

1. Total Volunteer/Community Service Hours (CMN and Other): \_\_\_\_\_

2. Total Dollar Amount Raised (CMN and Other): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

List all local pageants you have competed in from July 2017 – March 2018 and scholarships awarded at each local (Add more lines if needed):

Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Scholarship Amount Awarded \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**CONTESTANT SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_



## CONTESTANT CHECKLIST

### **DUE Saturday, Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017**

#### **ALL CONTESTANTS**

- Completed Local Application
- Completed Contestant Resume
- Completed Contestant Platform Essay
- Completed Support the Crown Document
- Completed Hold Harmless Agreement
- Proof of Residency (driver's license, school transcript, etc.)
- Birth Certificate
- Miss/Teen Contestant Local Contract
- Signed Job Description
- Completed Scholarship Rules

### **DUE Saturday, Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017**

#### **TEEN CONTESTANTS ONLY**

- \$150 Entry Fee

### **DUE Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017**

#### **MISS CONTESTANTS ONLY**

- \$100 CMNH Requirement

### **DUE Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 At 10:30- 2:00 pm Rehearsal**

#### **All Contestants**

- Music CD (2 copies) cut to required length – tested on your home stereo
- Opening Number Outfit (Black color Dress, Blouse and Skirt, Jumpsuit, Pantsuit)
- Swimsuit (Miss Only)
- Talent Costume/Outfit
- Evening Gown

### **Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 - 4:00 pm Arrive for Interviews & Pageant**

### **Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 - 4:30 pm Interviews - All Contestants**

### **Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 - 6:30 pm Pageant**