



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 4th, 2017, 6:30 pm** at a location to be announced. Rehearsal will be held on Saturday afternoon, November 4th, at 12:30 pm. 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 3rd**. 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 4th.

Paperwork will be accepted through **Saturday, October 28th, 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

Angela T. Clark
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Official Local Preliminaries of the Miss South Carolina and the Miss America Scholarship Organizations
The CROWN Group
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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.org 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 \$500.00 cap has been placed on fundraising that allows you to compete in unlimited preliminaries on the local level after reaching the \$500.00 cap. Excess money raised will be applied toward your state requirement should you win our local.

All funds **MUST** be raised by **Friday, November 3rd, 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 28th, 2017**. You can receive a \$25 discount if you pay your entry before **Saturday, October 1st, 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



The CROWN Group
Cultivating and Refining Outstanding Women Now

"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 4th, 2017**, with rehearsals on Saturday,
November 4th, 2017 at Orangeburg Calhoun Technical College (hereinafter "*the venue*,") 3250
 Saint Matthew Rd Orangeburg, SC 29115.

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*, 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*, 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>Private Interview - 25% 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>Private Interview - 25% 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>Artistic Expression in Talent – 30% 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>Artistic Expression in Talent – 35% 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>Physical Fitness in Swimwear – 10% 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>Physical Fitness in Sportswear – 15% 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>Presence & Poise in Evening Wear – 15% 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>Evening Wear & On-Stage Question – 25% 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 evening wear presentation. Your question will be chosen at random from a fishbowl. All questions will be appropriate for teenagers.</p>
<p>On-stage Question – 20% 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 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 \$ _____

Miss _____ Scholarship Amount Awarded \$ _____

Miss _____ Scholarship Amount Awarded \$ _____

Miss _____ Scholarship Amount Awarded \$ _____

Miss _____ Scholarship Amount Awarded \$ _____

CONTESTANT SIGNATURE _____



CONTESTANT CHECKLIST

DUE Saturday, Saturday, October 28th, 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 Friday, November 3rd, 2017

MISS CONTESTANTS ONLY

- \$100 CMNH Requirement

DUE Saturday, November 4th, 2017 At 12:30- 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 4th, 2017 - 4:00 pm Arrive for Interviews & Pageant

Saturday, November 4th, 2017 - 4:30 pm Interviews - All Contestants

Saturday, November 4th, 2017 - 6:30 pm Pageant



Miss Orangeburg County 2018 Miss Garden City 2018 Job Description

The Face of the Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Garden City Scholarship Organization



The vast majority of South Carolinians especially Orangeburg County residents who have contact with Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Garden City will have such contact through a photo in a magazine or newspaper or through a television program. When people see Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Garden City, she should generate a positive reaction for the organization. All of the constituencies she serves must look at her as a woman who is either Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Garden City. She should represent the best of contemporary women between the ages of 17 and 24 in her look as well as in her dress, mannerisms and demeanor.



The youth of our state must be able to find her as someone to whom they can relate; but, at the same time, she must present a professional image when called upon to meet with corporate sponsors, elected officials and leaders in the For-Profit and Non-Profit communities. Her charisma and dynamic personality must come through in every encounter she has as Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Garden City. She must be a woman who possesses that “it” factor that everyone recognizes, but finds hard to describe.

The Voice of the Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Garden City Scholarship Organization

Orangeburg County residents are the second largest group of South Carolinians who come in contact with Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Garden City are those who hear her speak (whether in- person or through the media). As the voice of Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Garden City, she must be able to promote and market the Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Garden City Scholarship Organization directly and indirectly as part of her normal schedule.

In order to accomplish these tasks she must be “comfortable in her own skin,” confident, perceived as “real,” “natural” and “genuine” and she must be true to who she is as a person. She must be able to verbalize the goals and vision of the Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Garden City Scholarship Organization. She must be able to motivate people from every age range and socio- economic background to action. After hearing Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Garden City speak, one should walk away with a feeling of hope, empowerment and that Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Garden City has made a difference in their lives.

She needs to be able to serve as a sincere, committed advocate for the issue she has chosen to address during her year as Miss Orangeburg County or Miss Garden City. She must also be able to serve as a sincere and committed advocate for other causes deemed important by the Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Garden City Scholarship Organization. Throughout her year, she will appear on behalf of, as well as promote, Miracle Network Hospitals.” CMNH is a national partner with the Miss America Organization and Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Garden City will make a tremendous impact on both organizations because of her commitment to this cause. Therefore, she must be able to promote with sincerity and compassion the mission of this worthwhile organization, along with the triumphs of its miracle children, their parents and the hospitals’ doctors and staff.

In addition, the new Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Garden City must understand that the opportunities provided to her in relation to promoting her chosen platform and other opportunities she deems important are only made possible through the success of the Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Garden City Scholarship Organization as a whole. This success is accomplished in large part through the generosity and support provided by the organization's corporate sponsors and partners. A large portion of Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Garden City's job during her year of service will be to guarantee the success of the Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Garden City Scholarship Organization through serving as a spokesperson for these sponsors and partners. Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Garden City's success in this role provides the Miss Orangeburg County Scholarship Organization the ability to grow and, in turn, allows Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Garden City contestants and organizations at the local level to continue to be relevant and heard in their communities. Her success in this role as spokesperson/ambassador in many ways determines the influence of our organization and its contestants across the state.

In regard to these aspects of the job description, the judges will focus more on the contestant's abilities and skills to serve in this capacity and not on the amount of knowledge the contestant has retained regarding CMNH or other corporate sponsors. However, the contestant must be aware of the partnerships and the role she will play as Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Garden City. She will receive adequate training and background information necessary to do this portion of the job once she is selected Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Garden City 2018. She must be willing to embrace these responsibilities and new-found opportunities to impact the lives of others. She must also fulfill all contractual obligations involving special events, speaking engagements, personal appearances, autograph sessions, Red Carpet/VIP Events, media interviews and all other events and appearances as deemed necessary by the Miss Orangeburg County Scholarship Organization.

The Talent of the Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Garden City Titleholders

The talent phase of competition differentiates the Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Garden City Scholarship Organization from other programs like it. It also assists in differentiating the contestant who should be Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Garden City from the others. Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Garden City are expected to be talented. While the opportunity for her to perform her talent, whatever it may be, is rare; the reality is that even if she is called upon only once during her year as Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Garden City to perform her talent, it must be good. The moment a Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Garden City performs her talent, the credibility of the Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Garden City Scholarship Organization is put on the line. While she may not be the most talented contestant among those competing, however she must be talented and work to consistently maintain a professional level of performance.

Job Expectations of the Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Garden City Titleholders

Both Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Garden City are "on-call" twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week for the duration of her time as Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Garden City. She may not have a specific place to live and very little of her life will be her own. While there will be scheduled days off for rest, those days will not be scheduled with any regularity. Both Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Garden City may experience days with limited to no obligations, as well as several consecutive days in which she is scheduled to work very long hours. In addition, Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Garden City will have one afternoon each month to work in the local office to manage her appearance schedule and meet with her business manager.

Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Garden City must understand that her position as either Miss Orangeburg County or Miss Garden City is for an entire year. While this intense schedule may seem exciting in the first few weeks, the reality is that she must approach her job with that same excitement for the duration of her year as this organization's local representative. The role of Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Garden City is only limited by the capabilities and the desires of the woman who wears the crown of Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Garden City.

There are many people who will never forget the day they met Miss Orangeburg County or Miss Garden City. The woman who wears the crown of Miss South Carolina must understand the role she plays in society. She will meet supporters and detractors and she must be able to treat them all with respect, humor when necessary and with the finesse of a trained diplomat.

There are corporate realities to being Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Garden City and she must be able to meet those corporate challenges in a way that sponsors and potential sponsors see the Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Garden City Scholarship Organization as worthy of their time, their attention and their corporate dollars. There are people, especially children, who see meeting Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Garden City as a life changing moment.

Both Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Garden City must fully understand her potential impact on the community and must be able to push herself and the organization to live up to the responsibilities of being such a person and such an organization of influence. Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Garden City, by definition of her role in society, is a celebrity and as a result will be required to deal with the positive and negative effects of being such a celebrity.

As a result, her personality must be one that is congenial when meeting fans, volunteers, sponsors and partners. Her personality IS the Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Garden City Scholarship Organization. However she is seen by anyone who meets her, she defines the entire organization from the largest corporate sponsor to the contestants in a local pageant. Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Garden City's personality and attitude defines us every day and helps to create new paths for the future of the organization.

Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Garden City may receive appearance fees; they are not guaranteed and are at the discretion of the sponsoring organization. Under no circumstances are you to ask for a sponsor to pay you for an appearance. This action will result in immediate forfeiture of your title and relinquishing all prizes and monetary scholarships and rewards as Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Garden City 2018. All appearances are set by the Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Garden City Scholarship Organization. However, no amount of money can be assigned for the amount of influence a woman her age can and will have on the people who see her, hear her and are changed by her. The way in which she decides to approach her role as Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Garden City will have a profound and longstanding impact on the Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Garden City Scholarship Organization and the legacy that she and the organization provide this state.

In order to communicate effectively your responsibilities and schedule as you hold the titles of Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Garden City, title holders are responsible for weekly conversations via telephone or email with their Local Executive Director and members of the Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Garden City Scholarship Organization Titleholder Training Plan Development Team. Communication via text message or mobile applications like Facebook Twitter Instagram Snapchat etc. are not considered reliable or valid forms of communication. Any changes adaptations of the schedule or complications that may arise that affect the schedule must be communicated either verbally or via telephone or through an email message 24 hours in advance of the event.

In order to utilize marketing and advertising opportunities, Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Garden City are expected to complete a monthly blog and write up of her activities for use on the CROWN Group website. She is also expected to co-cost the internet, cable tv and radio show Know CAROLINA. She is expected to support her Teen titleholders as they participate in activities related to their platforms as well as those of Miss America's National Charity of choice the Children's Miracle Network.

Preparation of the Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Garden City Titleholders for State of South Carolina Competition

In addition to the responsibilities of the job of Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Garden City, the title holder understands and agrees to our financial responsibility associated with the week of attending, participating, and competing for the state title.

In many instances, the week of competition can be considered a vacation from other responsibilities not limited to previous obligations. This means that Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Garden City complete focus will on the schedule outlined by the Miss South Carolina Scholarship Organization as well as the Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Garden City Scholarship Organization. Title holders will be given a detailed Titleholder Training Plan thirty (30) days after their crowning. This plan will include an outline of all the responsibilities, amenities, contacts and approved consultants for the titleholder to engage and reach out to you to accomplish their training goals.

Beyond the initial provision of this information, the Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Garden City Scholarship Organization will not intervene to set any appointments, contacts or follow up.

In the event that a titleholder of misses a scheduled appointment without 24 hours previous notice, title holders will receive verbal and written warning communication that they are in breach of this agreement and also their contract with not only the Miss South Carolina Scholarship Organization but also the Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Garden City Scholarship Organization.

Adherence to Miss South Carolina Schedule and deadlines for Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Garden City

Once a portal username and password has been officially emailed to the titleholder, from the Miss South Scholarship Scholarship Organization, it is the titleholders sole responsibility to complete all necessary paperwork for competition in the summer of 2018.

The Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Garden City Scholarship Organization requires all paperwork be completed one week before each deadline for review by the Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Garden City Scholarship Organization. This benefit is solely for the titleholder to provide another set of eyes and back up to in sure that all paperwork is completed properly and submitted on time. Each title holder we will receive two reminders concerning upcoming paperwork deadlines and submissions.

Please be advised, that you must adhere to all legal paperwork submitted as a titleholder in the Miss South Carolina Scholarship Organization at all times. You are not allowed to enter into any contractual obligation while you are Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Garden City 2018. This includes but is not limited to social media marketing, advertising and pictures on all social media platforms and all videos also released on social media platforms.

Adherence to the Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Garden City Social Media Policy

The Miss America Scholarship Organization, Miss Such Carolina Scholarship Organization and the Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Garden City Scholarship Organization does not tolerate the use of social media for any negative comments or interaction.

Do not address any negative comment on social media or the internet. If you choose to respond to a statement, you will receive notification from the Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Garden City Scholarship Organization Board of Directors and the CROWN Group.

Failure to adhere to this regulation will be seen as a breach of contract and grounds for forfeiture of your title and any and all prizes and gifts associated with your title. In addition, any negative comment posted by you that condones negative

behavior, stereotypes, prejudices, discriminatory remarks against another person or entity by the use of social media is strictly prohibited.

This includes the sharing of photographs, memes, posts, videos and other media that promotes the unjust or prejudicial treatment of different categories of people or things, based on race, sex or age will also be grounds for forfeiture of your title. Please understand that your signature on this agreement includes the addition of committee members and the Local Executive Director as a part of your social media community without restrictions.

Remember the unwritten motto of the Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Garden City Scholarship Organization and its sponsoring organization The CROWN Group...

“Do not engage in anything that is not positive.
Keep your head, your heels and your standards HIGH.”

I have read and fully understand the requirements of the job I have applied for.

Contestant Name: _____
Title: Miss Orangeburg County or Miss Garden City 2018

Contestant Signature: _____
Date: October 28, 2017

Parent/Guardian (only if contestant is under 18 years of age)

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____
Date: October 21, 2017

Name: _____
Title: Local Executive Director

LED Signature: _____
Date: October 28, 2017



Instructions for Completing the Miss Contestant Resume

Please remember this is your opportunity to demonstrate to the judges why they should consider you for the job of Miss Orangeburg County or Miss Garden City. You may list as many or as few items under each category as you desire. Your only restriction is that it must **follow the established format and it must fit on one page.**

This page, combined with the Platform Statement, will comprise your entire application for this job. The judges will receive exactly what is submitted provided items are received on time. Any items that are submitted after the deadline may not be given to the judges. The contestant may explain the lack of judging materials and/or items not matching the criteria during her interview, if she so chooses.

1. Go to the word processing program of your computer.
2. Start a “new” document
3. Set margins for 1" on all four sides. The font style may not be any smaller than “10” and no larger than “12” point type, using the Times New Roman font style. Please refer to the attached sample to verify you are following the requested format.
4. With the justification set for left, type “Name:” in bold. Following the colon (:), hit the space bar twice. Then, type your name as you wish the judges to know it. (If your name is Linda Deborah Smith and you want to be known as “Deborah Smith”, please type “Deborah Smith”).
5. Then, move to the next line and type “Hometown:” in bold. Following the colon (:), hit the space bar once. Then, type your hometown including the city and the state.
6. Move to the next line. Now set your justification to the right. Type “Date of Birth:” in bold. Hit the space bar two (2) times, and type the month, day, and year of your birth. (Ex. October 10, 1992)
7. Move Justification to the left. Double space down and type “Education:” in bold. Hit the tab bar three times and then type your most recent school first. If it is grad school, indicate it as such. List degree seeking (all on the same line as the name of the school), move to the line underneath that to list your undergraduate school and degree sought/achieved, and below that list your high school.
8. Double space down. Hit the tab bar once. Type “Platform Issue:” in bold. Hit the tab bar three times. Type the TITLE of your platform, MAKING SURE IT LINES UP WITH THE INFORMATION ABOVE IT. DO NOT TYPE ANYTHING OTHER THAN THE TITLE.
9. Double space down. Hit the tab bar once. Type “Scholastic/Career Ambition:” in bold. Hit the Tab bar once, MAKING SURE IT LINES UP WITH THE OTHERS ABOVE IT. Then type the type of degree/ education you would ultimately like to achieve and beneath that, list your career ambition.
10. Double space down. Hit the tab bar once. Type “Talent:” in bold. Hit the Tab bar three times. Type the type of talent and specific selection. MAKE SURE IT LINES UP WITH THE INFORMATION ABOVE IT. (i.e. Pop Vocal - “Crying”, Tap Dance - “Staying Alice”, etc.)

11. Double space down. Type “Scholastic Honors:” in bold. Hit the space bar twice. Each item should be separated by a semi-colon (;).

12. Double space down. Type “Leadership Roles:” in bold. Hit the space bar twice. Each item should be separated by a semi-colon (;).

13. Double space down. Type “Accomplishments:” in bold. Hit the space bar twice. Each item should be separated by a semi-colon (;).

14. Double space down. Type “Interesting Facts:” in bold. Hit the space bar twice. Each item should be separated by a semi-colon (;).

15. Double space down. Type “Employment:” in bold. Hit the space bar twice. Each item should be separated by a semi-colon (;).

16. Double space down. Type “Marketing Plan:” in bold. Hit the space bar twice. In sentence form, explain how you would market the “Miss Orangeburg County/Miss Garden City “brand”. Please include any relevant experience you have had which may uniquely qualify you to serve in this position. Please be aware that a portion of the Miss Orangeburg County/Miss Garden City job description will include marketing the Miss Orangeburg County/Miss Garden City Scholarship Program to corporate sponsors, commercial sponsors and other organizations. (Both For-Profit and Non-Profit).

17. Double space down. Type “Legacy:” in bold. Hit the space bar twice. This should be typed in sentence form. Please write what your legacy, as Miss Orangeburg County/Miss Garden City, will be. This statement should answer the question, “A year after giving up your title as Miss Orangeburg County/Miss Garden City, what will we remember about your of service?”

18. Double space down. Type “Why I should be Miss Orangeburg County/Miss Garden City 2018:” in bold. Hit the space bar twice. Explain to the judging panel why you should be selected Miss Florence and, more importantly, why you should be selected Miss Orangeburg County this year. Why is it critical for you to be Miss Orangeburg County right now?

**The entire form MUST FIT ON ONE PAGE using the Times New Roman font style.
You must leave a 1” margin on all four sides of the page.**

Use your best judgment on what is most important for the judges to know about you. Use your space wisely. Attached you will see an example of what it should look like. Any variations from this form will be

returned to you once provided it is at least **one week before the established deadline**. Any document turned in late will not be accepted. If received on the deadline, materials may not be retyped. The judges will receive your original work.

This form will be given to the judges along with your platform statement. You will notice there is a **REQUIRED SIGNATURE LINE** at the bottom of the platform statement. When these two pages are put together, they will create your entire application. Your signature will cover the materials listed **ON BOTH PAGES**. Your signature will verify that everything on your forms is true and accurate. If it is proven that any information on these forms is not true, correct, and factual, you risk losing your local/state title. Some spacing issues may arise. Simply follow the example provided.

Name: Jane Doe

Hometown: Anytown, South Carolina

Date of Birth: December 29, 1992

Education: University of State - Sophomore, Bachelor of Science, Liberal Arts
Frederick Douglass High School,

Platform Issue: Celebrating Cultural Diversity and Inclusiveness

Scholastic/Career Ambition: Obtain a Masters of Business Administration

Talent: Pop Vocal / “Fallen”

Scholastic Honors: Recipient of National Coca-Cola Scholarship; Recipient of the Metropolitan Urban League National Scholarship; Dean’s List; Member of the President’s Leadership Council at the UCF

Leadership Roles: Created and implemented a comprehensive Cultural Diversity Education Curriculum for grades K-12 in twelve Public Schools; University Student Body Senator; H.S. Sr. Class Pres.; College Sorority President.

Accomplishments: Recipient of the J.C. Penney Golden Rule Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service to Community; Recipient of the National Conference for Community and Justice Humanitarian Award; Performer, Grand Ole Opry in Nashville; Have completed two (2) marathons; Piano Performance scholarship at State University.

Interesting Facts: First person on either side of my family to attend college; Youngest of five children with a 13 year gap between my next oldest sister and me and an almost 20 year gap between the oldest and myself.

Employment: Internship with a Law Firm; Internship with local ABC television affiliate; Student Assistant at State University.

Marketing Plan: I would combine my experience as an intern with a major national marketing firm with my strong belief in the Miss America Organization to establish a three-step plan to market this national program. I would work at educating these corporate and commercial sponsors on the “truth” of our organization. Through meetings with key decision makers within these organizations, I would change their attitudes toward the benefits of partnering with our organization. Finally, I would then “ask for the sale” and demonstrate to them how a joint partnership will further the goals of both organizations.

Legacy: My hope is that in the year of my service as Miss Orangeburg County, I would leave a marked, concrete, and measurable difference in this community regarding the way we respect each other’s cultural heritage. I hope that through my continued involvement on the national level with the National Conference for Community and Justice that we will hold events at the grassroots level, which not only discuss that topic, but bring about local and state-wide policy changes in which we address cultural diversity in the workplace.

Why I should be Miss Orangeburg County/Miss Garden City 2018: The reality is that Miss Orangeburg County/Miss Garden City can have her greatest sphere of influence among our community’s youth. By placing Miss Orangeburg County in the midst of our community’s young people, we start the process of changing mindsets and, ultimately, changing the way in which they will treat one another in the future. The issues related to Celebrating Cultural Diversity and Inclusiveness are not just related to race, but also to religion, cultural differences, and sexism. There is no greater role for Miss Orangeburg County than to educate, empower, and embrace the issue of cultural diversity at this point in our community’s history.



Instructions for Completing the Miss Platform Statement

This is your opportunity to explain to the Judges why you have chosen your platform and how you will use your platform to touch the lives of those in South Carolina. This ONE (1) page, single-spaced document combined with the Contestant's Resume will comprise your entire application for this job. The Judges will receive exactly what is submitted. Should your essay go over the one page limit, only the first page will be copied for the Judges' Books. Please make sure your essay is on one page only to ensure that the Judges get to read your complete story. Due to time restraints, you will not be allowed to submit a new copy if it is incorrect.

1. Go to the word processing program of your computer.
2. Start a "new" document.
3. Set margins for 1" on all four sides. The font style may not be any smaller than "10" and no larger than "12" point type using the Times New Roman font style.
4. With the justification set for left, type "Name:" in bold. Following the colon (:), hit the space bar twice. Then, type your name.
5. Then, move to the next line and type "Title:" in bold. Following the colon (:), hit the space bar twice. Then, type your local title.
6. Double space down. Set your justification to "center". Then type in bold and underline the title of your Platform.
7. Double space down. Write what you feel is critical for the judges to know about your platform and why it is necessary for you to have the job of Miss Orangeburg County to promote this issue. What you write will be what the judges know about your platform, your role in successfully dealing with this issue, and the role the Miss Orangeburg County Scholarship Organization may play in your plan.
8. This essay may include some of the following items (this is not to be meant as an exhaustive list):
 - A clear definition of the platform and the specific issues you wish to address
 - A plan on how you have or will create awareness of the platform
 - The way in which you have or will change attitudes regarding the issue
 - The way in which you have or will change behaviors related to this issue
 - The way in which your platform issue will move the Miss Orangeburg County Scholarship Organization forward
 - Your media plans
 - Your marketing strategy
 - How you propose to fund your ideas/plans
 - Any significant accomplishments you have made in regard to your issue
9. At the bottom of the page, you MUST set the justification to the right. Type a line of 26 spaces. Below that line, you must type Signature/Date.

Name: Jane Doe

Title: Miss Orangeburg County 2018

Celebrating Cultural Diversity and Inclusiveness

It is imperative that this nation face and embrace its cultural diversity. While many people have talked about this issue, I believe that most of them have only paid lip service to the true necessity of what needs to be addressed related to this issue. There is a false truth in merely accepting and tolerating cultural diversity. I intend to prove that in order to accept and understand people of other cultures; one must be willing to step out of a personal cultural comfort zone and identify the origin of their prejudice. I will specifically focus on three areas: Children, Communities, and Businesses.

The title of Miss Orangeburg County, combined with the national media already looking at the surface of this issue, will allow me to create the national awareness that must exist. Currently, the term “Cultural Diversity” is well known in the halls of institutions of higher learning and, perhaps, even in the public school classroom because of the need for some to be politically correct. But, in order for us to make a true change in attitudes and behaviors of Americans, we must move beyond talk and into action and policy changes.

My plan is to motivate the media and to partner with the National Conference for Community and Justice. This organization has chapters in every major city in the nation and, in many cases, those chapters have community leaders involved who can, with encouragement and challenging, bring this issue out of hiding and into the public light in each of those communities.

Obviously, the media and the NCCJ already exist. However, what is lacking is a lightning rod to draw attention to this issue. This is where the Miss Orangeburg County Organization steps into the lead. What better role is there for Miss Orangeburg County than to be an agent of change in organizing our nation to accept our differences and to create an environment that values each person on individual characteristics rather than on stereotypes or assumptions?

For years, Miss Orangeburg County was seen as a young woman who cut ribbons and appeared in parades. It is time for “Miss Orangeburg County” to step out of the convertible and lead the parade. Our country’s ethnic make-up is changing rapidly and our citizen’s fear of terrorism can explode already existing, but deeply hidden prejudices. I want to be the leader that this nation needs.

This nation needs this issue addressed now and through the already existing NCCJ and its local and state organizations combined with the power of Miss Orangeburg County, we can make a concrete difference now, which will change the direction and the future of our nation.

Signature/Date



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MISS CONTESTANT LOCAL PAGEANT APPLICATION

Miss Orangeburg County 2018/ Miss Garden City 2018

NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP CODE _____

HOME PHONE () _____ WORK PHONE () _____

EMAIL: _____

BIRTHDATE _____ AGE _____

HIGH SCHOOL _____ GRADUATED _____

COLLEGE _____

CLASSIFICATION _____ (AS OF TODAY'S DATE)

MAJOR _____ MINOR _____

TALENT: Vocal Dance Twirl Gymnastics Instrumental Monologue Other

TITLE OF SELECTION FOR TALENT _____

GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF YOUR TALENT _____

IF WE NEED TO CONTACT YOU BY PHONE, WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO REACH YOU AND AT WHICH NUMBER? _____

Upon receiving the official documents (Release and Indemnity Agreement and the State/Local Pageant Contract) please complete as required and return immediately.

Return this application and all required documents no later than October 21st, 2017.



MISS CONTESTANT LOCAL FORMS CHECK LIST

_____ Contestant Name: _____

- Miss Local Pageant Application
- Miss Local Contestant Contract
- Miss Local Contestant Contract Attachment C "Scholarship Rules and Regulations"
- Copy of Birth Certificate
- Proof of Residency : Copy of document residency or proof of employment)
- Original and Sealed High School or College Transcript
- Proof of Medical Insurance
- Miss Contestant Resume
- Miss Contestant Platform Statement
- Hold Harmless Agreement
- Supporting the Crown Local Contestants Form
- Photograph (jpg)
- Proof of CMNH \$100 donation
- Swimsuit Approval
- Talent Time Approval (Time Limit: no more than 90 seconds)



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Nikayla Johnson
 Miss Orangeburg County Teen 2017

The time has come again for the sixth annual Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Orangeburg County Teen Pageants. The pageant will be held on November 4th at 6:30 pm at a location to be confirmed. We could not have been more proud of our current representative Nikayla Johnson, Miss Orangeburg County Teen 2017 as she competed this past June.

Join us in building another amazing program. Without the financial assistance and dedicated support of local businesses like yours and the Orangeburg community, this program would not be possible. The Sponsorships below are used to provide scholarships for the contestants in this program as well as to cover the operating costs of holding the pageant and the title holders expenses each year.

You can make all the difference in CROWN Group Girls like Nikayla and many more to come.

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Sapphire Sponsor	\$250	Full page Inside Cover Color Ad & 8 GA Pageant Tickets
Ruby Sponsor	\$300	Full page Outside Cover Color Ad + Website directional Advertising for 6 months & 10 GA Pageant Tickets
Miss SC 2018 Sponsor	\$400	Full page Color Ad in 2018 Souvenir Book + Website Advertising for 12 months, 10 GA Pageant Tickets, VIP Reception & 1 Full Page Black & White Ad in the 2018 Miss South Carolina or Miss South Carolina Teen Program Books

Deadlines for all ad copy and payment must be received by October 30th. Make Cashiers and Business checks payable to "The Crown Group". Personal Checks acceptable by committee approval only. Please attach ad copy to this form and mail it to the address listed below. You **must** also **email** us a "pdf" or "jpeg" copy of your ad in 300dpi to info@thecrowngroup1.com. **We will not print ads sent by mail only.**

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Thank you for your continued support of the Miss Orangeburg County and Miss Orangeburg County Teen Pageants.