**Forms Checklist**

 Please send all completed forms to:

 Miss Massachusetts’ Outstanding Teen Scholarship Pageant

 Donna M. Klamkin, Executive Director

 571 Nichols Street

 Fall River, MA 02720

\*\* All forms MUST be returned in **HARD COPY** to the above address. Please **DO NOT SUBMIT ELECTRONICALLY**. **The only items that should be submitted via email are the Color Contestant Headshot and the MP3 of your talent song**. When your packet is received, you will receive a confirmation email and/or phone call. If you have any questions, please contact the Executive Director at: donnaklamkin@gmail.com

**THE FINAL DEADLINE FOR ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS AND FEES IS: FEBRUARY 25, 2021**

We **must have the following information returned to us to be considered entered** in the pageant: these files are in the electronic folders.

* Contestant Contract {separate PDF File and must be notarized by a Notary Public}
* Attachment C Form {separate document and must be notarized by a Notary Public}
* Contestant Release & Indemnity Agreement {Must be notarized by a Notary Public}
* Scholastic Achievement Information Application form **{**3 page document; must be Notarized}
* Contact Information Sheet
* Supplemental Information Sheet
* **7** Copies of Official Resume {1 page document} **\* all copies must be signed**
* **7** Copies of Community Service Platform Statement {1 page document}
* Talent Lock In Form {Optional Form} if more than one contestant chooses the same talent selection, the paperwork date will prevail) THIS MAY BE SENT IN EARLY WITH $50 DEPOSIT (credited towards Entry Fee)
* Talent Introduction Form
* Talent Lyrics Form
* Production Questionnaire
* Fitness wear Order Form (with payment by separate check or money order only)
* Program Book Advertising Form (with payment by separate check or money order only)
* Ticket Order Form (with payment with separate check or money order only if preordering. (May also be brought to Orientation)

In addition to the above 15 documents, the following 6 items are also part of the Application Packet:

* Head Shot (Color) {this should be in jpeg format and is the **one of two** items that is submitted **electronically via email** to donnaklamkin@gmail.com**}**
* 1 Talent MP3 (please bring a back-up copy on a CD to Orientation on March 7TH and the pageant tech rehearsal on April 10th. Please email it to donnaklamkin@gmail.com and in the subject line make sure you note your name and that it is your talent music.
* **Copy** of Birth Certificate (Please do not send original!)
* Official Copy of School Transcript {must be in a sealed/stamped envelope from the Guidance Office}
* Official Entry Fee – Separate Check or Money order by February 1, 2021 **Early Discount - $250.00** or February 25, 2021 **Regular Fee - $300.00**) made payable to: Miss Massachusetts Scholarship Foundation
* Proof of Registration on SpotFund Website (please print out your cover page once you have set up your profile.)

**\*\* Please Note: At this time, we are only able to accept checks/money orders. A separate check for each item requiring payment is needed for processing purposes. Credit/Debit cards are not accepted. Thank you for your understanding.**

**PLEASE RETAIN A COPY OF ALL DOCUMENTS FOR YOUR OWN RECORDS**

**Competition Rules**

# **Eligibility**

1. Contestant must be at least 13 by the first day of the state competition (May 2, 2020).
2. Contestant must not be older than 17 on July 31, 2021. Current HS Seniors ARE ELIGIBLE **IF** THEY TURN 18 ON OR AFTER AUGUST 1, 2021.
3. Contestant may not have graduated from high school before the start of the National Finals, except for 16 year-olds (or younger) who graduated early.
4. Contestant is not eligible to compete in the Miss America Pageant. (See Section 2.2.2, Miss America Contract.) Current HS Seniors who turn 18 prior to 7/31/21 must compete in a Miss America Local Pageant.
5. Contestant must be a citizen of the United States.
6. Contestant must be a young lady of the highest moral character, integrity, and standards.
7. Contestant must execute the Contestant Contract and abide by all the agreements and representations contained therein.
8. **Official Entry Fee** **$250.00 (only if received by 2/1/21) or $300.00** and all paperwork returned by deadline of **2/25/21.**

# Backstage

1. Contestants **must** be able to do their own hair and make-up. There will be no backstage hair or make up personnel. At Nationals, there are no hairstylists or makeup artists provided. Parents, personal make-up artists/hair stylists, etc. will not be allowed backstage or in the interview waiting rooms.
2. Hostesses will be available to assist the contestants with their clothing, etc. backstage and in the interview waiting rooms. They may also be able to minimally assist with hair/makeup if needed.
3. Parents/guardians will drop the contestant off on both days of the pageant weekend and will be allowed to help then set up their station and organize their wardrobes. They will be required to leave when the Producer begins rehearsals each morning and will be allowed to return to the school 15 minutes prior to their announced dismissal time on Saturday. Full schedules will be released at Orientation, but usually our hours on Saturday are 9:00 – 3:00 and on Sunday from 9:00 to the conclusion of the Pageant (usually around 7:00 PM).

**Private Interview (25%)**

1. Interviews at the state level will be a total of **10** minutes. This will be with a panel of at least five judges. There will be no opening or closing comments - just questions and answers.
2. Questions will come from a variety of areas, including but not limited to the contestant’s application and fact sheet, moral/ethical issues, current events, etc. Contestants should be prepared to answer any type of question asked.
3. Contestant’s wardrobe should be age appropriate. Since the 2008 National Finals, *suits are not permitted* as interview apparel. We are requesting that the contestant wear a dress, skirt and top, or pants and top, or anything that is young, fresh, and teen.

**Artistic Expression in Talent (35%)**

1. Contestant’s talent must not be longer than 90 seconds. Please submit electronically and have a back up CD. Make sure the contestant’s name and title are on both the CD and the CD case. Please make sure only one track is on the CD.
2. “Live” accompaniment is not permitted. Only the contestant is permitted on-stage. No other person may be a part of her presentation though background vocals will be allowed as long as they don’t overpower the contestant.
3. Talent must be performed live; pantomime and lip-sync are not permitted.
4. Tap dancers may not have accompaniment music with pre-recorded taps or tap sounds.
5. The sound engineer will not stop and re-start accompaniment music as a part of the Contestant’s performance. If Contestant needs a ten second delay in her performance, then the music should include a ten second silent spot.
6. No other tracks may be included on the accompaniment music.
7. Background tracks will be approved by the Pageant.
8. Fire (fire ropes, fire batons, etc.), pyrotechnics, swords, knives or machetes, bow and arrow acts, and the use of live animals are strictly prohibited.

**Evening Wear and On-Stage Question (20%)**

1. Contestant should wear age appropriate attire that makes her feel beautiful and special.
2. Age appropriate full-length gowns are appropriate. Evening gowns should be in good taste. Extremely high slits are not allowed. Shorter attire may be worn, but must be age appropriate and non-revealing when worn on a stage. Here are the guidelines provided by Nationals: *“Eveningwear should be appropriate, stylish, and elegant. Extremely low necklines and backlines are not appropriate. High skirt slits can be embarrassing, especially if the judges are located lower than the stage level. You do not want to stifle the creativity of the contestants but you should make sure your teens understand what is appropriate.”*
3. Contestant will be asked one question on stage. Questions can be about any topic.

**Lifestyle and Fitness in Sportswear (10%)**

1. The Contestant will wear the official MMAOTeen T-shirt and black capri-length yoga pants. Contestants will model in front of the judges and do a physical fitness routine (which will be taught at Orientation) for this competition.

**Scholastic Achievement (10%)**

1. This competition will be judged by a separate panel of outside educators/guidance counselors from the middle and high school level and the scores will be included in the contestant’s overall score.

**EFFECTIVE THIS YEAR AT STATE AND NATIONALS, THERE IS A FINAL BALLOT.**

**THE JUDGES WILL RECEIVE THE NAMES OF THE TOP 5 IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER AND WILL RANK THEIR TOP 5 IN THE ORDER THEY WISH THEM TO FINISH IN THE COMPETITION. MMAOTEEN 2021 WILL BE THE CONTESTANT WHO RECEIVES THE HIGHEST TOTAL ON THE FINAL BALLOT.**

*IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS AND/OR CONCERNS,*

*PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO ASK!!*

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