

Residency Requirements

Contestants must have residency in the state in which they compete for 6 months prior to competing in their first local pageant. Residency is defined as the primary address where you physically live. You may be asked to present proof of residency if you have recently moved.

Eligibility Requirements

- These scholarships are awarded based on the performance of the competitors and her platform.

To compete you must:

You must first win a local Outstanding Teen Title in order to participate in the Miss Texas' Outstanding Teen competition in June 2019. Competition week is June 24-28, 2019. The venue is the Eisemann Center in Richardson, Texas and the Hotel headquarters is the Renaissance Dallas Richardson Hotel, and is adjacent to the competition venue.

To compete in a local program you must:

- Be at least 13 by the first day of the Miss Texas' Outstanding Teen Program;
- Be no older than 17 years of age on July 31, 2019 unless you have not graduated from high school by July 31, 2019 and are 18 years of age. For the avoidance of doubt, 13 to 17 year old high school graduates, as well as 18 year old non-graduates as of July 31, 2019, compete at the Teen level and not the Miss level;
- Be a US citizen;
- Live or attend school full time in Texas for at least the last six months prior to the competition; Some local competitions also have geographic restrictions - contact the local director for more information.
- Be in reasonably good health;
- Be able to meet the commitment and responsibilities as set forth by the local and state programs;
- Be able to participate in the Miss Texas' Outstanding Teen competition in Richardson, TX June 24-29, 2019, and should you win the state title, be able to travel to Orlando, Florida in July or August 2019 for the Miss America's Outstanding Teen competition;
- Set up a Children's Miracle Network Hospitals ("CMNH") Fundraising Page; raising funds is not mandatory to compete.
- Before entering a local program, consider the following mandatory dates for local titleholders in the event that you capture the local crown:

Areas of Competition and Criteria

Areas of competition include:

- Judges Interview (8 minutes)
- Talent (90 seconds)
- Fitness Routine
- Evening Gown/On Stage Question and Academic Achievement

Each contestant must also have a service platform they will advocate during their year of service.

Judging Criteria for the Miss Texas' Outstanding Teen Pageant

There are five areas of competition for the Miss Texas Outstanding Teen Pageant. They are as follows:

- Judges Interview (8 minutes)
- Talent (90 seconds)
- Fitness Routine
- Evening Gown/On Stage Question and Academic Achievement

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Private Interview (25% of total score)

Interviews are 8 minutes with no opening or closing statements. There are typically 5 to 7 judges on a panel, and the interview is press style, with the contestant standing at a podium.

Contestants are questioned on their background as presented on their fact sheet, their educational and career goals, and their interests, hobbies and extracurricular activities. Scoring is based on overall communication skills, including personality, intelligence, validated opinions, emotional control, overall first impression and personal appearance. Can the judge envision the public and especially young people being positively impacted by meeting this young woman?

Talent (35% of total score)

Contestants will perform a talent of 90 Seconds.

Nothing longer will be accepted, and this time limit is strictly enforced! Judges will be informed immediately if a contestant exceeds 90 seconds. Each judge will then use this information to assist in determining his/her score of the contestant's talent competition. Scoring is based on contestant's skill and personality, interpretive ability, technical skill level, stage presence and the totality of all elements, including costume, props, voice, use of body and choreography. Will the judge be proud that he or she selected this young woman when she performs her talent if she is selected as the titleholder? Did the judge enjoy the presentation?

Evening Wear/On-Stage Question (20% of total score)

Each contestant appears onstage in a gown of her own choosing, representative of what she would wear to a prom or other formal event. Dresses should be appropriate for a TEEN. High slits and plunging necklines are not acceptable. The objective is to evaluate the contestant's ability to think on her feet and answer a question of general interest to people her age. Overall "first impression"; sense of confidence, composure, and poise; personality and stage presence; walk, carriage, posture, and beauty; sense of style and age-appropriateness of the evening wear are evaluated. Does she take command of the stage by simply walking onto it? Can she handle the pressure of speaking on stage in front of an audience? Judges must give special attention to whether or not she answered the question she was asked, and did she have the ability to make the audience want to listen to her? The contestant's total look, grace, charm, and ability as a spokesperson and role model must be considered.

Lifestyle and Fitness (10% of total score)

Teens will compete in Lifestyle and Fitness wearing black capris, a plain bright colored tank top, PLAIN white socks and sneakers. The Lifestyle and Fitness competition is designed to determine the level of fitness of the contestant and to obtain a glimpse into her daily routine and lifestyle. The contestant's drive, energy, and presence are to be likewise considered.

Scholastic Achievement (10% of total score)

A separate panel of Scholastic Judges will review each contestant's resume and official transcripts. Scoring will be based on the following questions:

1. Has this student maintained at least a "B" average during the past academic year?
2. Would her scholastic achievements place her in the top 10% of your (the judges') institution?
3. Is she taking Advanced, AP, or IB courses?
4. Does she hold leadership positions in her school and extracurricular activities?
5. Based on the information before you, do you believe this student would meet the description of an "outstanding student"?

Children's Miracle Network

The Children's Miracle Network Hospitals ("CMNH") is the official charity of the Miss America Organization ("MAO"). With the guidance of the Miss New Texas CMNH Administrator, each local contestant must set up a CMNH fundraising page.

Setting Up Your Fundraising Page

Each local contestant is required to set up a fundraising page at maoteen4kids.org before they compete in their first local event.

Once you have entered all of your contact information and uploaded a photo of yourself, you must register for your local pageant(s). Just locate the pageant you are competing in, put a check in the "Sign Up" box and click "Register." This must be completed before competing in each local program. It is not mandatory to raise funds but you must register.

If you have questions, you can contact the CMNH Administrator at gayleneb@misstexas.org