

2017 STATE CONTESTANT CONTRACT

THE MISS _____ ORGANIZATION

Application and Contract for Participation in the

2017 MISS _____ COMPETITION

Contestant: _____

Section 1: Introduction

- 1.1. The Miss _____ Organization is a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of _____. The Miss _____ Organization has operated a program offering scholarship assistance and career opportunities for the young women within the State of _____. In doing so, The Miss _____ Organization has made substantial investments in, and has developed a valuable identity for, the unique symbols and elements of the Program that have achieved national and even international recognition and approval. These elements include but are not limited to (1) providing educational assistance in the form of scholarships to young adult women who have not yet begun to assume the responsibilities of family life and are interested in career and educational advancement; (2) recognizing and honoring the traits of honesty, good character, talent, poise, intellect, leadership and good judgment in the young women of America who enter the competition (the "Contestants"); and (3) enabling the Contestants to serve as role models for other young women with similar goals and personal characteristics.
- 1.2. The Miss _____ Organization intends to conduct a competition for the title "Miss _____ 2017," to be held in _____ on _____, 2017. The competition is a critically important, and the single most visible and widely recognized, element of the Program. The competition is conducted in a fashion that is designed to combine a respect for the traditional and historic foundations of the Program with recognition of the perceived modern tastes and values of the American people.
- 1.3. The winner of the competition shall be designated "Miss _____ 2017," and shall be entitled to that title until her successor is named at the competition in 2018. During this period (the "Year of Service"), the duties of Miss _____ 2017 may include travel and participation in personal appearances throughout the State. These activities are designed, scheduled, arranged and supervised by The Miss _____ Organization in order to reflect the values and standards of the Program and to enhance its visibility and maintain its broad public acceptance. The Miss _____ Organization has also developed detailed procedures that govern the activities and conduct of Miss _____ during her Year of Service. These procedures and standards are intended to protect and enhance the substantial public acceptance of the Program among the American people, and to assure that the Program will continue to be able to operate for the benefit of the thousands of young women who will be seeking to participate in the Program in future years.
- 1.4. In seeking to participate in the competition, each Contestant must understand and accept the requirements of the Program, including the rules for the contestants and the guidelines and limitations that will be applicable to her activities during her Year of Service if she is selected as Miss _____. In addition, each Contestant must understand and accept that the Miss _____ Organization's approval of the Contestant's participation in the competition and, if selected, service as Miss _____ will be specifically based upon the

representations and agreements in this Application and Contract, its attachments and the continued compliance with all of the regulations of the Program. In such regard, I acknowledge that my ability to compete in the competition shall be subject to review at each level of competition that I enter and that the determination of my eligibility to compete in the competition shall not in and of itself be the basis of my eligibility to compete in the Local, State and/or National Finals.

- 1.5. Therefore, by signing this Application and Contract and submitting it to the Miss _____ Organization for approval, the Contestant represents and agrees that (1) all facts and representations contained in this Application and Contract and its attachments are true and accurate; (2) the Contestant agrees to abide by all rules and regulations of the Miss _____ Organization described in this Application and Contract and its attachments, in the period before and during the Year of Service; and (3) the Contestant meets each requirement for eligibility set forth in Section 2 of this Contract; and (4) the Miss _____ Organization shall have the sole discretion to determine whether, in its judgment, the Contestant may continue to participate in the Miss _____ Program, in the event that the Miss _____ Organization determines that any statement or representation by the Contestant is not true and accurate or that any action by the contestant is inconsistent with the rules and regulations of the Program.

Section 2: Eligibility of Contestant to Participate in the Miss _____ Program

- 2.1. I have never before competed in any National Finals of the Miss America Organization.
- 2.2. **Age.** I am currently _____ years of age. I was born on _____, 19____. I understand that, in order to be eligible to compete, I must be:
- (1) at least a high school senior before the date of my first Local competition;
 - (2) at least seventeen (17) years of age at the time of my first appearance in the preliminary round of the Local Competition or, if no locals are held in my state where I compete, the State Competition; and
 - (3) no older than twenty-four (24) years of age on December 31, 2017.

I will be _____ years of age on December 31, 2017 and confirm that I will not be older than the twenty-four (24) year age requirement. A copy of my birth certificate and a copy of my driver's license or a government issued identification card are included with Attachment A, the Supplemental Fact Sheet.

- 2.3. **Residence.** I understand that, in order to compete in the Local or State competition in anticipation of this year's National Finals, I must reside in; or be enrolled in and physically attending classes on a full-time basis at an accredited college or university in; or be employed in on a full-time basis, the state which I intend to represent in the National Finals.

2.3.1 If I am claiming eligibility to compete in the Miss _____ Organization based upon my residence in the state in _____ (state), I must be a state resident of _____ (state) for at least six (6) months prior to competing in my first Local competition or, only if Locals are not held in the state where I competed, at least six (6) months prior to the Miss _____ State competition. Residence is defined as the primary address where I physically live and have established verification of residency through my driver's license, automobile registration, property mortgage or lease in my name, tax filings, etc. I currently reside at _____ in the city of _____, State of _____. I have resided at this address since _____. I have included with Attachment A, the Supplemental Fact Sheet, a copy of my driver's license or a government issued identification card and proof of this residency in the form of _____ (driver's license, automobile registration, current property mortgage or lease in my name, or other official document establishing residency). If my

residency at this location was established within the six (6) months preceding the Local or State competition in which I am competing, my last previous residence was at _____ in the city of _____, State of _____. I lived at that address from _____, _____ (date) to _____, _____. If requested, I agree to provide the Miss _____ Organization with any additional information or documents within five (5) business days of the request to determine my residency in the state of _____, if my residence is relevant to my eligibility. I fully understand that additional proof of residency may be requested and include, but not limited to a property mortgage or lease in my name, utility bills, automobile registration, tax filings, voter registration card, etc.

2.3.2. If I am claiming eligibility to compete based upon my status as a student in the state in which I am competing, I must have (a) successfully completed at least one semester as a full-time (at least 12 credit hours) student, and presently be enrolled and physically attending classes on a full-time basis at an accredited college or university in the state in which I am competing, or (b) have graduated from an accredited college or university in the state in which I am competing between the date I was declared the winner of a local competition duly authorized by MAO that I entered in anticipation of this year's National Finals, and the date of this Application and Contract. For purposes of this Section 2.3.2., I understand that my physical attendance of classes in the state in which I am competing is a requirement for eligibility to compete based upon my status as a student. I also understand that no more than two (2) full-time semesters may have elapsed between the completion of my last full-time semester and the beginning of the next full-time semester that I am attending at a college or university in the state in which I am competing. (Please check and fill in all that apply)

2.3.2.1. I have completed _____ semesters of study at _____ College/University in the city of _____, State of _____. I have received credits for courses totaling _____ hours. I have attached to the Supplemental Fact Sheet an official College/University transcript that shows these credits.

2.3.2.2. I am currently enrolled at _____ College/University in the city of _____, State of _____, where I am presently attending classes in _____ accredited courses. I represent and warrant that I am considered a "full time student" by the college or university that I attend and that I am physically attending classes in the state in which I intend to compete. I have attached to the Supplemental Fact Sheet an official copy of a registration form from the school that shows this enrollment.

2.3.2.3. I received a _____ degree from _____ College/University in the city of _____, State of _____ in _____ (month/year). I have attached a copy of this degree or an official College/University transcript indicating the degree awarded to the Supplemental Fact Sheet.

2.3.2.4. I have completed _____ semesters of study at _____ Graduate School in the city of _____, State of _____. I have received credits for courses totaling _____ hours. I have attached an official College/University transcript to the Supplemental Fact Sheet that shows these credits.

2.3.2.5. I am currently enrolled at _____ Graduate School, in the city of _____, State of _____, where I am presently attending classes in _____ accredited courses. I represent and warrant that I am considered a "full time student" by the Graduate School I attend and that I am physically attending classes in the state in which I intend to compete. I have attached to the Supplemental Fact Sheet an official copy of a Registration Form from the school that shows this enrollment.

() **2.3.2.6.** I received a _____ graduate degree from _____ Graduate School in the city of _____, State of _____ in _____ (month/year). I have attached a copy of this degree or an official College/University transcript indicating the degree awarded to the Supplemental Fact Sheet.

2.3.3. If I am claiming eligibility to compete in the Miss _____ Organization based on my employment even though I am not a resident of the state or geographic boundary in which I am competing, I am and have been a *bona fide* full-time employee working in the state or geographic boundary (employed by one or more employers and physically working either a) in the state or geographic boundary for at least forty (40) hours per week or b) working in the state or geographic boundary full-time as defined by my employer, but in no event less than thirty-two hours per week). Such employment and hours must be verified by my employer(s) for a continuous period of at least twenty-six (26) consecutive weeks immediately preceding the date of my first local competition and in addition to remain eligible I must maintain such employment through the completion of the local, state and subsequently the national finals.

Name of Current Employer: _____
Address of Employer: _____
Phone Number of Employer: () _____
Nature of Position: _____
Dates of Employment: _____

If requested, I agree to provide the Miss _____ Organization with any additional information or documents that may be required within five (5) business days of the request to determine my employment in the state which I competed, if my employment is relevant to my eligibility. I understand that additional information to establish employment may include paystubs, W-2 forms, income tax filing, etc.

2.4. Citizenship. I am a citizen of the United States of America.

2.5. Education. In order to be eligible to compete, I must be a high school senior no later than the date of my first competition, or have successfully completed the G.E.D. testing program for high school equivalency, or have successfully completed the academic requirements for entry into an accredited college/university degree program requiring physical attendance by the July 30th immediately preceding the National Finals. (Please check and fill in all that apply)

() **2.5.1.** I received a High School diploma in _____ (month/year) from _____ High School in the city of _____, State of _____.

() **2.5.2.** I received a G.E.D. certificate for High School equivalency in _____.
(month/year)

() **2.5.3.** I have been accepted into an accredited college/university degree program requiring physical attendance. I have attached an official Acceptance Letter from the college/university.

2.6. Personal Characteristics. I understand that in order to be eligible to compete in the Miss _____ Competition, I hereby certify to the Personal Characteristics set forth in this section:

2.6.1. Gender. I am a female.

2.6.2. Marital Status. I am not now and I have never been married, nor have I had a marriage annulled.

2.6.3. Parental Status. I am not now pregnant, nor do I intend to become pregnant during my Year of Service. I am not a parent, or the adoptive parent of any child, nor will I become a parent or the adoptive parent of any child during my Year of Service. I understand that if I become pregnant or become the adoptive parent of a child during my Year of Service, I am no longer eligible to compete in the Miss _____ Competition, Miss America Competition or hold the title of Miss _____.

2.6.4. Good Character. I am of good moral character and I have not been involved at any time in any act of moral turpitude or behavior that is, or could be, perceived by the Miss _____ Organization as contrary to the Miss America Program or its elements as described in Paragraph 1.1 of this contract.

2.6.5. Criminal Record. I have not been charged with multiple minor or petty offenses in the last twenty-four months. I have never been convicted of any criminal offense and there are no criminal charges presently pending against me. I understand that I may make an appeal to MAO if criminal offenses/charges in my state are considered minor or petty offenses in another state. This appeal must be presented to MAO through legal counsel of my choice.

2.6.6. Prior Conduct. I have never, knowingly or unknowingly, performed any act or engaged in any activity or employment that is or the Miss _____ Organization could characterize as dishonest, immoral, lewd or indecent.

2.6.7. Health. I am in good health and can, to the best of my knowledge, participate fully in any and all Program activities. Any current medical condition or disability will not impede my ability to participate and compete in all activities of the Miss _____ competition, complete my Year of Service or fulfill my obligations under this Agreement or require unreasonable or exceptional assistance as determined solely by the Miss _____ Organization. Any accommodations approved by the Miss _____ Organization will be my sole responsibility, including but not limited to financial, nor should such accommodation create a benefit or advantage not afforded to all contestants. Upon the request of the Miss _____ Organization, I will provide or cause my health care provider(s) to provide the Miss _____ Organization with all or a portion of my health care records as necessary to verify the accuracy of this representation.

2.6.8. Substance Abuse. I do not use or consume any illegal or controlled substances other than those obtained pursuant to a valid prescription and taken according to the directions of a licensed health care professional. I do not abuse the use of alcohol, prescriptive drugs or other dangerous substances.

2.6.9. Family Members. Any immediate family member who has served in any capacity on the state or local board of the licensed state or the national organization or as a volunteer, contestant prep coach, or competition judge, must have formally resigned at least six (6) months prior to the time that I am eligible to compete in my first local competition or, if locals are not held in the state where I competed, the state competition that I entered this year and at the present time. This also includes the participation of a contestant's immediate family in the "Outstanding Teen" or "Princess" or "Princess-like" programs in the licensed state. Immediate Family is defined as parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and siblings, whether by whole or half blood, or by marriage, including step-children, adoption, or natural relation. However, I am eligible to enter in a state organization and a licensed state's local organization if an immediate family member serves in any capacity in a different licensed state organization, other than a judge.

2.7. Contractual and Other Obligations.

2.7.1. National Service Platform Requirement. The Miss America Organization has entered into an agreement with Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. The agreement, among other things, establishes Children's Miracle Network Hospitals as the Miss America Organization's National Platform. As a contestant in the Miss America program, I understand that I am required to raise money to support Children's Miracle Network Hospitals and the Miss America Scholarship Fund:

2.7.1.1. As a Local contestant, I understand that I am required to raise a minimum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) by a date determined by my local organization, no later than the beginning of local competition activities.

2.7.1.2. As the Local titleholder, Miss _____, I understand that I am required to raise a minimum of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) by a date determined by my state organization, no later than the beginning of state competition activities.

2.7.1.3. As the State titleholder, Miss _____, I understand that I am required to raise a minimum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), no later than thirty (30) days prior to the National Finals

In furtherance of the foregoing, I will create a personal profile on the fundraising website, www.MissAmericaforkids.org, which will assist me in performing other acts and deeds in accordance with the instructions and requirements of MAO, as the same may change from time to time.

2.7.2. Prior Contractual Commitments. Within the three (3) months before my participation in the first local or state competition in which I am competing this year, and since that participation, I have not authorized any person, firm or corporation to use my name, photograph, picture, or present or future title that I hold or may hold, in connection with an endorsement to advertise any commercial product. I have not contracted to any personal training services in preparation for the State Competition Finals. I am not a party to any contract with any person, firm or corporation in respect to any present title that I hold or may hold, nor have I made any commitments for the future regarding any such titles. I do not have any legal obligations that would prevent or limit my participation and appearances in the Miss _____ Competition, any other Local Competition, State Competition, the National Finals or, if selected as Miss America, in the Year of Service, or my compliance with the rules, regulations and conditions of the Program.

2.7.3. Other Competitions. If I win, I will continue to hold the title of Miss _____ until my successor is selected or appointed. I agree that, during my service in that role and until after the scheduled completion of the full term of the position of Miss _____ for which I was selected, I will not associate in any way with, promote, perform, judge, or become a contestant or participant in any other regional, national, or international competition or preliminary competition of a similar nature to the National Finals, including, but not limited to, the National Sweetheart Pageant/Competition in Hoopeston, Illinois. I also represent that I am not a contestant, participant, or titleholder in any other regional, national or international competition or local or state preliminary competition of a similar nature to the National Finals.

2.7.4. Use of the Miss _____ Organization Titles, Words and Symbols. After the conclusion of my Year of Service, if I am advised by the Miss _____ Organization that, in its sole and exclusive judgment, my use of any of the titles, words or symbols associated with the Miss _____ Organization, the Miss America Organization and the Program has caused or is reasonably likely to cause harm, I agree to discontinue any such use immediately. I understand and agree that the judgment of the Miss _____ Organization shall be final and binding.

2.7.5. If selected as Miss _____, I shall not use, nor allow another party to use my status while appearing in an official capacity as Miss _____, for the public announcement of a marriage proposal or marriage engagement, unless the Miss _____ Organization has specifically granted me written permission to make a public announcement of a marriage proposal or engagement.

2.7.6. If selected as Miss _____, my actions and conduct will be representative of the integrity and esteem of the Miss America Organization. I acknowledge that I am an official representative of the Miss _____ Organization and I will not engage in any actions or behavior that could be perceived by the Miss _____ Organization as contrary to the Miss America Program or its elements.

2.7.7. Attorney Review of Application and Contract. I have been given a sufficient opportunity to review this Application and Contract and its attachments, including the Supplemental Fact Sheet (Attachment A); Medical Information Form (Attachment B); the Scholarship Rules and Regulations (Attachment C). I have also had the opportunity to consult with an attorney of my own choosing to give me legal advice with regard to this Application and Contract. I understand that this Application and Contract is a legal document and that if I sign and submit it to the Miss _____ Organization and it is accepted, I have agreed to be bound by this Application and Contract and its attachments.

2.7.8. Changes in Circumstances. I understand and agree that if, at any time after I file this Application and Contract with the Miss _____ Organization, including during my Year of Service, any of the facts stated in this Application and Contract or its attachments including but not limited to those related to my ability to fully participate in all activities should change at any time, I am obligated to report any such change in writing immediately to the Miss _____ Organization. I also understand that if I fail to do so, the Miss _____ Organization may, in its sole discretion, determine to limit or prevent my participation or to terminate my Year of Service as Miss _____ 2017.

Section 3: Personal and Professional Background Information

3.1. Employment History.

3.1.1. Present Employment. I am presently employed (____) full-time (____) part-time (check as applicable) by _____, located in the city of _____, State of _____. I hold the position of _____ and my responsibilities include _____.

3.1.2. Prior Employment: During the past three (3) years I have worked in the following positions:

| Employer | Location | Dates | Position |
|----------|----------|-------|----------|
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

3.2. Medical Information (complete Attachment B - Emergency Information Form).

3.2.1. Current Medical Condition. I do not presently suffer from any illness, disease or disability that will prohibit, restrict, or impair my ability to fulfill my obligations under this Agreement or to fulfill my Year of Service. At the present time (check as applicable):

(____) **3.2.1.1.** I am receiving treatment or medication for the condition described in Attachment B.

(____) **3.2.1.2.** I am not receiving treatment or medication for this condition described in Attachment B.

AND

(____) **3.2.1.3.** I do expect to be taking medication or to be receiving treatment for this condition during the Miss _____ competition or, if selected as Miss America, during my Year of Service.

(____) **3.2.1.4.** I do not expect to be taking medication or to be receiving treatment for this condition during the Miss _____ competition or, if selected as Miss _____, during my Year of Service.

Section 4: Participation in the Miss _____ Competition

- 4.1. Participation in Competition.** I agree to participate in the series of events and appearances leading up to the final selection of the Miss _____ Program. These events are scheduled on dates to be determined by the Miss _____ Organization. I will be bound by the rules and regulations governing the Miss _____ Organization and the procedures for the awarding and supervision of all scholarships described in Attachment D. My participation in the competition may include public appearances scheduled for me by the Miss _____ Organization including, but not limited to, television and radio broadcasts, personal appearances, interviews, still photo sessions, and video and audio taping or filming of all or any part of the events associated with the competition.
- 4.2. Conduct of the Competition.** I understand and agree that the Miss _____ Organization shall determine the manner and method of conducting the competition in its sole discretion. I further understand and agree that the Miss _____ Organization shall also determine the time, method and manner of judging the competition and the awarding and supervision of all scholarships in its sole discretion. The decision of the persons designated by the Miss _____ Organization to judge the various events in any and all matters pertaining to the selection of the winners shall be final in all respects.
- 4.3. Televising and Sponsorship of Competition.** I understand that the Miss _____ Organization makes no representations to me that the competition will be televised or broadcast on either a live or tape-delay basis, or that the competition will be sponsored by one or more sponsors, or that I will be personally or individually involved in any specific appearance in any broadcast.
- 4.4. Permanent License of Publication Rights.** I hereby authorize the Miss _____ Organization and anyone duly licensed or authorized by the Miss _____ Organization to (1) televise, photograph, broadcast and/or make radio, television, video and audio tapes or motion picture recordings of me individually or in a group; (2) use or re-use such photographs, recordings, video tapes, audio tapes and/or motion picture films in all media throughout the world in perpetuity; and (3) use my name, likeness and/or physical depiction for any purpose in perpetuity, in an unedited or edited manner or fashion as the Miss _____ Organization, in its sole discretion, shall determine. This authorization shall also include the use of all such photographs, recordings, videotapes, audiotapes and/or motion picture films made during my Year of Service.
- 4.5. The Miss _____ Organization Ownership of Rights.** I understand and agree that all photographs, tapes and films made of me for trade, advertising and any other purpose or purposes as a participant in the competition, and any use of my name, likeness and/or physical depiction when identified with the Program, shall be the sole and exclusive property of the Miss _____ Organization. I understand and agree that I shall have no claim or right to

those photographs, tapes and films, not only during the period between and during the competition and, if I am selected as Miss _____, during my Year of Service but in perpetuity thereafter. I understand and agree that this provision refers to and includes all photographs, tapes and films from any activities relating to the competition, including but not limited to interviews, rehearsals and publicity events, either individually or as a member of a group.

- 4.6. Selection as Runner-Up.** If I am selected at the competition as a runner-up for the title of Miss _____, I agree to remain available to assume all of the rights, obligations and commitments of the Year of Service, as described in Section 5 of this Application and Contract, in the event that the Miss _____ Organization appoints me to do so by reason of the inability or ineligibility, during the Year of Service, of any Contestant who was selected as Miss _____ or as another runner-up.
- 4.7. Change in Circumstances.** I understand that if, at any time between the date of this Application and Contract and the completion of the Miss _____ competition, any facts concerning my eligibility to participate in the competition should change, including without limitation my ability to participate fully in all contestant activities, citizenship, marital or parental status, good character and reputation or behavior that is, or could be, perceived as contrary to the Miss _____ Program or its elements as described in Paragraph 1.1 of this contract or, if relevant to my eligibility, my residence, employment or educational status, the Miss _____ Organization shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to determine that I am not eligible to participate in competition.

Section 5: Commitments for Service as “Miss _____ 2017”

- 5.1. Full-time Service as Miss _____.** If I am selected as “Miss _____” at the competition, I will serve as “Miss _____” during the Year of Service and until my successor is selected or appointed. The duties and obligations of my service as “Miss _____” have been described to me and I understand and accept them. I agree that I will dedicate my entire time, efforts and energy during my Year of Service to the fulfillment of these duties and obligations, and that I will engage in no other business or other activities that will in any way interfere with the duties and obligations of my Year of Service.
- 5.2. National Service Platform.** I understand and have been advised that the Miss America Organization has entered into an agreement with Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals. The agreement, among other things, establishes Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals as the Miss America Organization’s National Platform. I agree to work with Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals and the Miss America Organization to support this National Platform and further the goals of the program by creating goodwill and recognition for the National Platform throughout the United States. I understand that I may also promote my own personal Platform, if I choose to do so. In that event, I agree to work with the Miss _____ Organization to select and pursue an appropriate platform that will enable me and the Miss _____ Organization to maximize the impact of my year of service.
- 5.3. Availability for Appearances and Events.** I agree to make myself available for such personal appearances, interviews, testimonials, endorsements, filming, tapings, photographic and recording sessions and other and various commitments and events related to my Year of Service that the Miss _____ Organization has made and will make for me in its sole discretion.
- 5.4. Independent Contractor Status.** I understand and agree that I am not and will not become an employee of the Miss _____ Organization during my Year of Service. I am and will remain an independent contractor with respect to the Miss _____ Organization.

The authority granted by this Application and Contract to the Miss _____ Organization to act on my behalf is intended for the mutual convenience of the Miss _____ Organization and me and in order to provide an effective means of organizing my activities during my Year of Service.

5.5. Appointment of the Miss _____ Organization as Exclusive Agent and Representative. Commencing with my selection as Miss _____ and throughout my Year of Service and until my successor is selected or appointed, I irrevocably constitute and appoint the Miss _____ Organization as my sole and exclusive agent, representative and attorney-in-fact with the authority to:

5.5.1. act for me and in my interests throughout the world for the making of all press releases or other public statements to the media;

5.5.2. sign, make, execute and deliver all contracts in my name in connection with my business or other affairs as Miss _____ during my Year of Service, whether they be contracts for my performance at theatrical, artistic or commercial engagements or other personal appearances, and undertake commitments in my name for the satisfaction of my obligations pursuant to those contracts;

5.5.3. sign, make, execute and deliver all contracts in my name in connection with any appearances or other obligations which are related to my service as Miss _____ which are to be fulfilled after the completion of my Year of Service, provided that I have consented in writing to the terms of such contracts;

5.5.4. determine the appropriate compensation that I shall receive for appearances or other activities related to my Year of Service.

5.5.5. collect and receive for and on my behalf all proceeds, monies or other compensation that is due or to become due to me by reason of any performance, service, appearance, engagement or contract;

5.5.6. choose and designate my Tour Manager(s); and

5.5.7. select the appropriate modes of public or private transportation for me and my Tour Manager(s), including the determination of the appropriate levels of travel service.

5.5.8 determine the best method of preparing me for the next level of competition. I understand that the Miss America Organization does not endorse nor promote the use of individuals nor businesses who act as pageant coaches, etc., whether they are paid or offer services at no charge. However, the use of a coach may transpire as long as the Local Director agrees and collaborates on such arrangement in order to prepare me for the next level of competition. If my Local and/or State Executive Director does approve the hiring or utilization of a pageant coach, then a signed Coaching Disclosure Form must be presented to the Local and State Organization no less than seven (7) days following the Local Competition. If a coach is replaced or added to my preparation team, then a revised Coaching Disclosure Form must be forwarded to the State Organization no less than four (4) weeks before the State Competition.

I understand that coaching relationships that are not properly disclosed will not be tolerated in the Miss America Organization. Non-Disclosure Agreements (NDA's) or any other legally binding contract designed to conceal a coaching/contestant relationship is expressly prohibited. Any and all other contracts are superseded by the MAO State Organization Agreement and Contestant Contracts.

- 5.6. Sponsorship Fees and Payments to the Miss _____ Organization.** I understand and agree that, in addition to the payments that the Miss _____ Organization, as my exclusive agent and representative, negotiates and approves on my behalf for my compensation for my appearances and services, the Miss _____ Organization may also contract for and receive sponsorship fees and other payments related to my appearances that will be paid directly to the Miss _____ Organization. I understand and agree that I shall not be entitled to receive any portion of these fees or payments nor have the discretion to refuse any sponsor arrangements negotiated by the Miss _____ Organization.
- 5.7. Numbers of Appearances.** I understand and agree that the Miss _____ Organization has made and makes no representations to me as to the number or nature of the appearances that I may be asked to make or the amount of compensation that I will receive during my Year of Service.
- 5.8. Prior Contracts.** I understand that, prior to the competition, the Miss _____ Organization will enter into contracts and commitments for the appearances and services of the Contestant who will be selected at the competition. I agree that such contracts will be binding on me to the same extent as if the Miss _____ Organization had entered into them on my behalf after the commencement of my Year of Service.
- 5.9. Membership in Unions.** If and when requested by the Miss _____ Organization, I agree to become a member of such unions or guilds as may be necessary in order to appear as a variety artist or for fashion purposes in any film, taped or recorded radio or television products, commercials, motion pictures, photographic sessions or personal appearances.
- 5.10. Prohibition of Endorsement of Competing Products and Services.** I acknowledge that the Miss _____ Organization has contracted in the past, and will contract in the future, for the financial support of commercial companies and organizations, whose advertising commitments and other sponsorships are an important element of the financial stability of the Program. I agree that I will not in any way endorse or permit my name or likeness to be used in connection with the endorsement or advertisement of any products or services competitive to the products or services of an advertiser, sponsor or licensee of the Miss _____ Organization, during my Year of Service unless the Miss _____ Organization approves such an endorsement or advertisement in writing. I understand that the Miss _____ Organization is under no obligation to approve or consent to any such endorsement or advertisement after the end of my Year of Service.
- 5.11. Appearances after Year of Service.** After the conclusion of my Year of Service, I will not wear the crown or sash of Miss _____, nor appear as Miss _____ for the purposes of advertising or endorsing any product, person, cause or service, unless I have received in advance the written approval of the Miss _____ Organization. I understand that the Miss _____ Organization shall not be obligated to approve any such appearance or use of the Miss _____ crown and/or sash.
- 5.12. Use of the Miss _____ Titles, Words and Symbols after Year of Service.** After the conclusion of my Year of Service, if I am advised by the Miss _____ Organization that, in its sole and exclusive judgment, my use of any of the titles, words or symbols associated with the Miss _____ Organization and the Program has caused or is reasonably likely to cause harm to the Miss _____ Organization, I agree to discontinue any such use immediately. I understand and agree that the judgment of the Miss _____ Organization on this question shall be final and binding.
- 5.13. Permanence of Restrictions.** I understand and agree that the provisions of Sections 5.11 and 5.12 of this Application and Contract shall specifically survive the termination of this Application

and Contract and shall be enforceable by the Miss _____ Organization and binding on me in perpetuity.

- 5.14. Change in Circumstances.** I understand that if, at any time between the competition at which I am selected as Miss _____ and the completion of my Year of Service, any facts concerning my eligibility to participate in the Program should change, including without limitation my ability to participate fully in all activities, citizenship, marital or parental status, good character and reputation, or behavior that is or, or could be, perceived as contrary to the Miss _____ Program or its elements as described in Paragraph 1.1 of this contract, or if I should become, in the sole judgment of the Miss _____ Organization, physically unable to perform the duties and obligations relating to my Year of Service, the Miss _____ Organization shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to determine that I am not eligible to continue to serve as Miss _____. In that event, the Miss _____ Organization may, at its option, forfeit my title and all prizes, awards and perquisites of the position of Miss _____, or both or either, subject to the provisions of Section 6.7 of this Application and Contract.

Section 6: Legal Obligations and Agreements

- 6.1. Unauthorized Use of Titles.** I acknowledge and agree that the title “Miss _____” that I presently hold; the title “Miss America;” and the name and designation “Miss America Pageant,” “Miss America Competition” and “Miss America Organization” are the property of the Miss America Organization. I agree never to use, or to authorize anyone else to use, the words “Miss _____”, “Miss America,” “Miss America Pageant,” “Miss America Competition” or “Miss America Organization,” or any similar or related phrase, in association with me or my name or likeness in any way without prior written approval.
- 6.2. Authorization of Publication.** I authorize the use of my name, likeness, photographs, pictures, physical depiction, endorsement rights, and my title(s) by the Miss _____ Organization and by such persons, firms or corporations as may be approved and selected by the Miss _____ Organization. I will abide by the provisions of any agreement between the Miss _____ Organization and such persons, firms or corporations regarding my services for advertising and promotional uses.
- 6.3. Registration and Use of Domain Name.** I authorize the Miss _____ Organization or its licensee to register a domain name (“Internet Domain Name”) in such version of my name as the Miss _____ Organization or its licensee may deem appropriate, in the form myname.com or any comparable variation thereof. During my tenure as Miss _____ and, if I am selected as Miss America, during my Year of Service the Miss America Organization or its licensee shall have full authority to use my Internet Domain Name for all purposes. Thereafter, I understand that the Miss America Organization or its licensee shall transfer to me all rights to register and use my Internet Domain Name. During the period that the Miss America Organization or its licensee is authorized to register and use my Internet Domain Name, I shall not register or use, nor permit anyone else to register or use, my name or title in any form in an Internet Domain Name.
- 6.4. Permanent Ownership of Rights.** All photographs, video tapes, audio tapes, motion picture films, or other recordings or reproductions made of me, whether “still” or “live,” and my name, likeness, photographs, pictures, physical depiction, title and endorsement rights (a) as a Contestant or as a participant in the events leading up to the selection of Miss _____; or (b) while representing Miss _____ or participating in any Miss _____ sponsored events whether before, during or after the competition or, if I am selected as Miss _____, during or after my Year of Service, including but not limited to events such as press interviews, judges interviews, rehearsals and publicity events, either individually or as a member of a group, as applicable (the “Rights”), are and shall be,

become and remain the property of the Miss _____ Organization in perpetuity. The Rights may be used and re-used by the Miss _____ Organization, or anyone designated and licensed by the Miss _____ Organization, for publicity, advertising or any other use in any medium, all as deemed appropriate by the Miss _____ Organization in its sole discretion. I will ensure that all rights that any officially sanctioned photographer (s) may have in any official publicity photographs of me are released by that photographer (s) in favor and that any such photographer (s) shall provide a written release of such rights on a form acceptable to the Miss _____ Organization. I understand and agree that the provisions of this section shall specifically survive the termination of this Application and Contract.

6.5. Scholarship Grants and Forfeitures. I understand and agree that the grant of scholarships by the Miss _____ Organization is subject to the terms and conditions of the Scholarship Rules and Regulations attached to this Application and Contract as Attachment "C". By signing this Application and Contract, I agree to be bound by those rules and regulations. I understand that all scholarships that I may be awarded will be non-forfeitable in the event that I breach this Contract or fail to perform any duties that I may have as a Contestant. I also understand and agree, however, that such scholarships may be forfeited if I have made any misrepresentations as to my eligibility to compete.

6.6. Documents and Information; Cooperation with Inquiries. I agree to provide the Miss _____ Organization, at its request, with any documents or information necessary to determine any question with regard to my initial or continuing eligibility to compete or to complete my Year of Service. I also agree to cooperate fully with any inquiry undertaken by the Miss _____ Organization in connection with my initial or continuing eligibility, and to provide sworn statements and any relevant documents if requested to do so by the Miss _____ Organization.

6.7. Termination of Eligibility. I understand and agree that if:

6.7.1. any of the representations or statements made by me in this Application and Contract or any of its attachments is determined by the Miss _____ Organization to be false;

6.7.2. there is a change of circumstances that would affect my eligibility to participate fully in the competition or to complete my Year of Service, including without limitation changes in my ability to participate in all activities, citizenship, marital or parental status, good character and reputation or, behavior that is, or the Miss _____ Organization perceives as contrary to the Miss America Program or its elements as described in Paragraph 1.1 of this contract, or if relevant to my eligibility to participate in the competition, my residence, employment or educational status;

6.7.3. I fail to conduct myself in a manner which, in the sole and exclusive judgment of the Miss _____ Organization, is consistent with the standards and dignity of the Program; or

6.7.4. I do not abide by the Rules for the State Competition Finals as set forth in Attachment _____ and the guidelines and limitations that will be applicable to my activities if I am selected as Miss _____.

6.7.5. I suffer any medical condition or disability, which, in the sole and exclusive judgment of the Miss _____ Organization, impairs my ability to perform the duties, expected of me as a Contestant.

The Miss _____ Organization shall have the right, in its sole and exclusive judgment, to determine that I am not eligible to participate or continue to participate in the competition or to complete my Year of Service. In that event, all titles, awards, and perquisites of my position as a

Contestant, as appropriate, shall be terminated and forfeited, subject to the provisions of Section 6.5 of this Application and Contract.

- 6.8. Public Release of Information.** I understand that some elements of the Program, and in particular the competition and the public appearances of Miss _____ during the Year of Service, are frequently the subject of intense media and public interest and scrutiny. I further understand that it is very important for the Miss _____ Organization to maintain a high level of public trust in and acceptance of the integrity of, and manner of conducting, the competition and the qualifications and conduct of Contestants. Accordingly, I authorize the Miss _____ Organization, in the exercise of its sole and exclusive discretion, to release and to comment publicly upon any truthful information concerning my eligibility or continued eligibility to participate or to complete my Year of Service.
- 6.9. Uniqueness of Contract and Services; Injunctions.** I understand and agree that the services and duties described in this Application and Contract are unique and extraordinary and that there is no adequate remedy at law for any breach of this Application and Contract by me. Therefore, in the event of any such breach, or in the event of such a breach that is attempted or threatened, I agree that the Miss _____ Organization shall be entitled to equitable relief by way of injunction or otherwise to prevent or repair such breach or attempted or threatened breach.
- 6.10. Applicability of New Jersey Law.** This Application and Contract and its attachments shall be construed and interpreted under the laws of the State of New Jersey.
- 6.11. Entire Agreement; Enforceability.** When signed and approved by the Miss _____ Organization, this Application and Contract, together with its attachments, shall solely and exclusively determine my rights, privileges and responsibilities to the Miss _____ Organization. No oral or other written statement that is in any way inconsistent with the provisions of this Application and Contract shall be binding upon me or upon the Miss _____ Organization. If any provision of this Application and Contract should be declared void or unenforceable, such provision shall be deemed omitted from this Application and Contract. In that event, the remainder of this Application and Contract shall remain in full force and effect.
- 6.12. Arbitration of Disputes.** Any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this Application and Contract or any breach thereof shall be submitted to arbitration in New Jersey in accordance with the Rules of the American Arbitration Association. Judgment upon any award rendered by the arbitrator(s) may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof. I understand that I am giving up my right to bring claims in a court of law or have a jury resolve any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this Application or Contract. This Section shall not in any way affect the rights of the Miss _____ Organization to (1) seek injunctive relief as provided in Section 6.9 of this Application and Contract, or (2) take any action permitted by this Application and Contract to enforce the eligibility standards of the Program in the event that time does not permit the completion of an arbitration process before action must be taken.

Authorizations and Notary Signatures on Following Pages

On the basis of all of these statements and agreements, I request the Miss _____ Organization to accept my application to participate as a Contestant in the Miss _____ Competition. If the Miss _____ Organization accepts this application, I agree to comply with all of the terms and conditions of this Application and Contract, together with its attachments.

DATE

CONTESTANT SIGNATURE

State of _____
County of _____ : ss

Affidavit of Truthfulness

_____, the Contestant making this Application, of full age and being duly sworn according to law, upon her oath deposes and says:

I do hereby swear that the statements made in this Application and Contract and its attachments are true.

Sworn and subscribed to before me
this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

CONTESTANT SIGNATURE

Notary Public of _____

Approval of Application for Participation

The Miss _____ Organization hereby APPROVES this Application and Contract and accepts appointment as the agent of the Contestant on the terms provided in this Application and Contract. The Contestant may compete in the competition pursuant to the terms of this Application and Contract and its attachments.

Date: _____

Signed: _____

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SIGNATURE

Print Name: _____

The Miss _____ Organization

ORGANIZATION NAME

(To be completed by the Parent(s) or Guardian(s) of a Contestant who is not yet 18 years of age on the date of this Application and Contract)

State of _____

: ss

Affidavit of Parent or Guardian

County of _____

I, the undersigned parent or guardian of _____, who is the Contestant named in this Application and Contract, of full age and being duly sworn according to law, upon my oath depose and say:

1. I have read and I understand the provisions of this Application and Contract and its attachments. To the best of my knowledge, information and belief, all of the factual statements made in this Application and Contract by the Contestant are true.
2. I have been given the opportunity to consult with an attorney of my choosing to seek legal advice regarding this Application and Contract.
3. I consent to the execution of this Application and Contract by the Contestant.
4. On behalf of the Contestant, I agree to the terms and conditions of this Application and Contract and its attachments.
5. I have not previously authorized any person, firm, or corporation to use the name, photograph, picture or any present or future title of the Contestant in connection with any endorsement or advertisement of any commercial product for or on behalf of the Contestant, nor has any other person ever been authorized to do so, other than a co-signer of this affidavit.
6. I shall not authorize any person, firm, or corporation to use the name, photograph, picture or any present or future title of the Contestant in connection with any endorsement or advertisement of any commercial product for or on behalf of the Contestant other than in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Application and Contract and its attachments.

I do hereby swear that the statements made in this affidavit are true.

Sworn and subscribed to before me
this _____ day of _____, 20____.

PLEASE PRINT PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME

Notary Public of _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

2017 State Contestant Coaching Disclosure

Include interview prep, talent or choreography coaches, as well as anyone involved in a coaching business.

Adherence to the rules and guidelines detailed in the Miss America 2017 State Contestant Contract is critical to our program's success. The clause below is a significant part of that contract and demonstrates one aspect of the contestant's commitment to service.

Section 5: Commitment for Service as Miss _____ 2017

5.5.8. determine the best method of preparing me for the next level of competition. I understand that the Miss America Organization does not endorse nor promote the use of individuals nor businesses who act as pageant coaches, etc., whether they are paid or offer services at no charge. However, the use of a coach may transpire as long as the Local Director agrees and collaborates on such arrangement in order to prepare me for the next level of competition. If my Local and/or State Executive Director does approve the hiring or utilizing a pageant coach, then a signed Coaching Disclosure Form must be presented to the Local and State Organization no less than seven (7) days following the Local Competition. If a coach is replaced or added to my preparation team, then a revised Coaching Disclosure Form must be forwarded to the State Organization no less than four (4) weeks before the State Competition.

I understand that coaching relationships that are not properly disclosed will not be tolerated in the Miss America Organization. Non-Disclosure Agreements (NDA's) or any other legally binding contract designed to conceal a coaching/contestant relationship is expressly prohibited. Any and all other contracts are superseded by the MAO State Organization Agreement and Contestant Contracts.

This Coaching Disclosure Form is to be completed and signed and then approved by the State Executive Director. Failure to provide complete information on any current coaches or coaching businesses that a contestant has engaged to work as a prep person or team, up to and during the 2017 National Finals, carries serious consequences.

Contestant Statement

I am currently working with the following coach, coaches or coaching business:

Contestant Name: _____

State Title: _____

Coach's Name: _____

Location:

City _____

State _____

Coaching Business: _____

Location:

City _____

State _____

Contestant Affirmation: I have read and understand the Commitment for Service as Miss _____ 2017. I am currently not working with a coach or a coaching business, other than as disclosed herein, and will not engage any coach, coaching business or prep team unless approved by my State Executive Director. I have not signed a coaching contract or non-disclosure agreement with any coach or coaching business, other than as disclosed herein. I understand the consequences if I am not forthright in my disclosure statement.

Contestant's Signature: _____

Contestant Signature

State Executive Director: _____

**State Executive Director's
Signature:** _____

Date: _____

Note: If you are working with more than one coach or coaching business, a separate form must be completed for each.

2017 State Contestant Statement of Understanding Other Competitions

Adherence to the rules and guidelines detailed in the Miss America 2017 State Contestant Contract is critical to our program's success. The following clause details the rules regarding other competition/pageant systems. This is to confirm that you do not currently hold a title or are associated in any way with another competition system. Once you have read the full clause, please sign the affirmation of understanding statement below.

2.7. Contractual and Other Obligations.

2.7.3. Other Competitions. If I win, I will continue to hold the title of Miss _____ until my successor is selected or appointed. I agree that, during my service in that role and until after the scheduled completion of the full term of the position of Miss _____ for which I was selected, I will not associate in any way with, promote, perform, judge or become a contestant or participant in any other regional, national or international competition or preliminary competition of a similar nature to the National Finals, including but not limited to the National Sweetheart Pageant/Competition in Hoopston, Illinois. I also represent that I am not a contestant, participant or titleholder in any other regional, national or international competition or local or state preliminary competition of a similar nature to the National Finals.

This Other Competitions Form is to be completed, signed and approved by the State Executive Director. I understand that failure to observe and fully comply with the contestant contract, including but not limited to, Other Competitions, is a violation of this agreement.

Contestant Statement

Contestant Name: _____

State Title: _____

Contestant Affirmation: I have read and understand the Other Competitions clause. I affirm that I do not hold a title with any other competition/pageant system and that I will not enter or associate in any way with, promote, perform judge or become a contestant or participant in any other program's local, state, regional, national or international competition or preliminary competition of a similar nature to the National Finals, including but not limited to the National Sweetheart Pageant/Competition in Hoopston, Illinois. I understand the consequences if I am not forthright in my disclosure statement.

Contestant's Signature: _____

Contestant Signature

State Executive Director: _____

**State Executive Director's
Signature:** _____

State Executive Director Signature

Date: _____

**Attachment A
Supplemental Fact Sheet**

Page 1

Local Title: _____ **Platform:** _____

Full Name (as you wish it listed in Program Book): _____

Full Name Phonetic Pronunciation: _____

Date of Birth: _____ **Age:** _____

Home Telephone Number: (_____) _____

Cell Phone Number: (_____) _____

Email Address: _____

College Information (if appropriate):

Name of College/University: _____

Year Graduated: _____

College Major: _____

Declared Minor: _____

Scholastic Honors: (3) _____

Scholastic Ambition: _____

Career Ambition: _____

Graduate School Information (if appropriate):

Name of College/University: _____

Degree Sought: _____

Dates of Attendance: _____

Current Status: _____

Other Accomplishments: _____

What type of talent will you present? _____

(You need not give the exact title of your talent presentation. Merely indicate if you will dance (ballet, tap, etc.), sing (classical, popular, etc.), play a musical instrument (which one?), perform a comedy reading, dramatic skit, etc.)

_____ INITIALS

_____ DATE

Attachment A

Supplemental Fact Sheet

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Special training in music, drama, dance, art: _____

Father's Name: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Brothers and Sisters:

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Other interesting facts about yourself: _____

The Miss _____ Organization encourages the young women who participate in the Program to become involved in the community by supporting Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. In addition to CMNH, if you choose to support a personal issue, what personal issue would you want to address during your Year of Service?

Attachments (check here if included):

- Copy of Birth Certificate (Section 2.2)
- Copy of Driver's License or Government Issued Identification Card (Section 2.2 & 2.3.1)
- Proof of Residence (Section 2.3.1)
- Official College Transcript (Section 2.3.2.1)
- Official Transcript of College Registration for Current Classes (Section 2.3.2.2)
- Copy of College Degree (Section 2.3.2.3)
- Official Graduate School Transcript (Section 2.3.2.4)
- Official Transcript of Graduate School Registration for Current Classes (Section 2.3.2.5)
- Copy of Graduate School Degree (Section 2.3.2.6)
- Employer W-2 Form (Section 2.3.3)
- Income Tax Filing (Section 2.3.3)

INITIALS

DATE

Attachment B
Medical Information Form
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Please use this form to provide any information referenced in Section 3.2.

Local Title: _____

Contestant's Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Home Address: _____

Who should be called in case of an emergency?

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: **Home:** _____ **Cell:** _____

Medical Insurance Company / HMO Name: _____

Employer or Company Name (If Group Plan): _____

Policy Number: _____

Name of Subscriber: _____

Subscriber's address through December, 2017:

Relationship of Subscriber to you: _____ **Self** _____ **Parent/Guardian** _____ **Other**

Family Physician: _____

Physician's Phone: **Home:** _____ **Office:** _____

Your Blood Type: _____

Medications to which you have an allergic reaction: _____

Any physical problems that could cause you discomfort (in reference to section 3.2.1 of the Contract)

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DATE

Attachment B
Medical Information Form
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Any Food Allergies: _____

Dental Insurance Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Employer or Company Name (If Group Plan): _____

Policy Number: _____

Name of Subscriber: _____

Subscriber's Address through December, 2017:

Relationship of Subscriber to you: ___ **Self** ___ **Parent/Guardian** ___ **Other**

PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR INSURANCE CARDS, INCLUDING MEDICAL, PRESCRIPTION AND DENTAL.

I certify the policy(s) named above is now in force and will be maintained through December, 2017. I understand that contestants are responsible for all medical/dental expenses incurred during the time in which they participate in the Miss _____ competition activities and that neither the Miss _____ Organization nor its medical insurance plan will be responsible for any such expenses. I certify that the above information is true and accurate.

CONTESTANT SIGNATURE AND DATE*

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE AND DATE*

Pre-Authorization for Medical Treatment Regarding Contestants below the Age of 18:

I hereby authorize the Miss _____ Organization physician, other appropriate health care provider and/or Miss _____ Organization's registered nurse to perform medical treatment deemed necessary for: _____

(CONTESTANT NAME)

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE AND DATE

*If the contestant is below the age of 18, the parent or guardian must sign the above Medical Responsibility and Authorization Information Form. In all other cases, either the contestant or her parent/guardian may sign. The completed form must be returned with the contestant contract.

IN THE EVENT THAT YOU DO NOT HAVE MEDICAL AND/OR DENTAL INSURANCE

I certify that I do not have medical and/or dental insurance coverage and I understand that contestants are fully responsible for any and all medical / dental expenses incurred during the time in which they participate in Miss _____ Competition activities and that neither the Miss _____ Organization nor its medical insurance plan will be responsible for any such expenses. I certify that the above information is true and accurate.

CONTESTANT SIGNATURE AND DATE*

Medical / Dental Insurance Coverage Regarding Contestants below the Age of 18.

I certify that I do not have medical and/or dental insurance coverage and I understand that contestants are fully responsible for any and all medical / dental expenses incurred during the time in which they participate in Miss _____ Competition activities and that neither the Miss _____ Organization nor its medical insurance plan will be responsible for any such expenses. I certify that the above information is true and accurate for: _____

(CONTESTANT NAME)

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE AND DATE

***If the contestant is below the age of 18, the parent or guardian must sign the above Medical Responsibility and Authorization Information Form. In all other cases, either the contestant or her parent/guardian may sign. The completed form must be returned with the contestant contract.**

Attachment C

2017 State Scholarship Rules and Regulations

The Miss _____ Organization ("State Organization") will award scholarships under the following circumstances: (Please note, in some circumstances, a State Organization's affiliated 501(c)3 foundation may not allow scholarship funds to be utilized for student loans or computer equipment.)

5) SCHOLARSHIP USAGE:

Scholarship funds may be applied to tuition, textbooks, and other appropriate mandatory educational expenses. All unusual or questionable items of expense must be referred to the [State Organization's Scholarship Committee](#) with as much information as possible, and far enough in advance, for consideration of approval. Amounts received as scholarship payments are taxable income to the extent that they exceed "Qualified Tuition and Related Expenses." Qualified Tuition and Related Expenses are defined as tuition and fees required for a student's enrollment or attendance at an educational organization, including: tuition, fees, books, supplies, and equipment required of all students in the particular course of instruction.

Payments for on-campus room and board will be made directly to the educational institution (or for off campus housing if permitted by your state-affiliated 501(c)3 foundation). All such requests must be accompanied by appropriate documentation from the educational institution (or fully-executed lease agreement) evidencing the charges for same. In order to qualify, contestants must maintain at least twelve (12) credit hours as a full-time student, nine (9) credit hours as a part-time student, or nine (9) credit hours as a graduate student. Payments do not cover key fees or deposits. Utilities (electric, gas, cable, phone, etc.) are also not covered.

Payment of all approved expenditures must be made directly to the college, university, or other accredited institution of higher learning as recognized by the US Department of Education upon receipt of a detailed current tuition statement reflecting a balance due the school, unless extenuating circumstances exist (with the exception of computer or musical equipment expenses outlined in Paragraph 2 below). Payment to any non-domestic institution of higher learning must have a U.S. federal tax identification number. Personal reimbursements to scholarship recipients will not be honored. Please note, the amount requested may not exceed the amount due. When requesting an award, it is the student's responsibility to ensure proper planning and time allotment to process the scholarship request in order to meet all deadlines. The State Organization suggests allowing a minimum of thirty (30) days to process a scholarship request.

Please note, it is each contestant's obligation to determine whether the scholarship, in whole or part, is includable in gross taxable income, regardless of whether a Form 1099 has been issued by either the State Organization or the State Organization's affiliated 501(c)3 foundation. Contestants are encouraged to consult a tax advisor regarding the taxability of the scholarship payments.

6) REQUESTING USAGE:

Requests for scholarships are initially submitted to the State Organization and are forwarded to the [State Scholarship Committee for its review and approval. Requests are processed](#) upon written receipt of statements from colleges and schools or from the contestant for other educational expenses. All statements and invoices must be accompanied by a cover letter from the contestant.

Requests for computer or musical equipment will only be considered if the college or school states in writing that it is a mandatory requirement in order for the contestant to complete the coursework. The contestant may be reimbursed for this expense, provided the contestant submits either a letter from the school stating the mandatory requirements or a list of course requirements. However, there is a Two Thousand (\$2,000.00) Dollar cap on computer equipment, and this type of expense will only be reimbursed once. Computer software may also be considered as a reimbursable expense. If a contestant still has local funds available to her, then a letter from the Local Executive Director stating that they do not reimburse or pay for computers [is required](#). The original bill of sale

must be submitted, as well as the original credit card receipt or a copy of the canceled check. All credit card accounts and banking accounts must be in the name of the contestant in order to be considered.

7) PRIORITY OF LEVEL IN USAGE:

Contestants must utilize and exhaust all scholarship funds awarded at the local level before requesting funds awarded at the state level. Verification must be submitted in writing from the Local Executive Director that all local scholarship funds have been exhausted. Excluding requests for computer equipment as discussed in Paragraph 2, exceptions to this rule may be granted for payment of college or university room and board expenses that do not fall within the guidelines for disbursement at the local level. The request for an exception must be submitted in writing to the State Scholarship Committee for consideration. Scholarship funds must be paid directly to the educational institution.

8) STUDENT LOANS:

Scholarships may be utilized to cover outstanding student loan obligations, provided the contestant has satisfactorily completed the coursework for which the loan was obtained. In all cases, requests must include a current bill from a bona fide third party lending institution as recognized by the US Department of Education, which must include: (1) a repayment address, (2) student account number and amount due, (3) a copy of the promissory note reflecting that the contestant is the primary responsible payer of the obligation, and (4) an official transcript reflecting completion of the coursework. Payment must be made directly to the lending institution and credited to the student's account.

9) USAGE FOR FUTURE EXPENSES AND FORFEITURES

The Award Date is the date upon which the scholarship was initially awarded (the "Award Date"). Scholarships may be utilized for current or future educational expenses; however, contestants must utilize their scholarship funds within one (1) year of the Award Date (two (2) years for Miss State) (the "Expiration Date"). If a contestant fails to submit a written request to the State Organization to utilize her scholarship funds prior to the Expiration Date, then her scholarship funds will be forfeited. Prior to forfeiture, reasonable attempts will be made by the State Organization to notify the contestant of impending forfeiture.

5A) Please note, any scholarship balance remaining after the Expiration Date will automatically be forfeited.

5B) An exception to the time limits described above may be considered if the contestant, prior to the Expiration Date, submits a written appeal to the State Organization citing compelling reasons why the time period should be extended. An extension will generally be permitted when the contestant has local awards remaining within the prescribed time limits above or if the contestant wins the state title. However, the contestant must still submit a written request for extension. The State Organization will review the request and determine whether an extension is warranted within thirty (30) days of receipt. Consistent with the rules and regulations, the decision of the State Organization shall be final and binding.

I (Contestant Name) _____ have read and understood the 2017 State Organization Scholarship Rules and Regulations:

(Print Name)

(Signature)

(Date)