

LOCAL CONTESTANT CONTRACT

The Miss Hamilton Organization

Contestant: _____

The **Miss Hamilton Organization** is a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Alabama. The **Miss Hamilton Organization** has operated a *Program* offering scholarship assistance and career opportunities for young women within the State of Alabama. In doing so, the **Miss Hamilton Organization** has made substantial investments in, and had 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:

- Providing educational assistance in the form of scholarships to young adult women who have not yet begun to assume the responsibility of family life and are interested in career and educational advancement;
- Recognizing and honoring the traits of honesty, good character, talent, poise, intellect, leadership, and good judgment in the young women of American who enter the competition (the “contestants”); and
- Enabling the Contestants to serve as role models for other young women with similar goals and personal characteristics.
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The **Miss Hamilton Organization** intends to conduct a competition for the title “**Miss Hamilton 2018**” to be held in Hamilton, Alabama on November 18, 2017. The competition is 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.

The winner of the competition shall be designated “**Miss Hamilton 2018**” and shall be entitled to that title until her successor is named at the competition in 2017. During this period (the “Year of Service”), **Miss Hamilton 2018** shall be required to engage in travel and participate in personal appearances throughout the State. These activities are designed, scheduled, arranged, and supervised by the **Miss Hamilton 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 Hamilton Organization** has also developed detailed procedures and requirements that will govern activities and conduct of **Miss Hamilton** during her Year of Service. All of these procedures, standards, and requirements are intended to protect and enhance the substantial public acceptance of the *Program* among 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.

As a Contestant in Miss Hamilton 2018, I agree to the following terms:

1. I attest that I am citizen of the United States and that I am a resident of Marion County in the State of Alabama according to residence, school attendance, or employment.

I verify that I reside at the following address:

Or that I am a full time student at the following educational institution in Marion County:

Or that I am an employee for the following employer in Marion County:

(Only one of the three choices above must be verified. All qualifications must be in effect for at least 3 months prior to Miss Hamilton 2018.)

2. I verify with my birth certificate that I meet the age requirements of the Miss American organization. I have turned 17 years of age before August 2nd 2017, and I will not turn 25 years of age before December 31st 2018. If I am 17 years of age, then I understand that I must be graduating high school before Miss Alabama in June 2018. I am _____ years of age, and my birthday is _____.
3. I agree to send a \$50 No Show Fee to the Miss Hamilton Organization in order to secure my spot as a Miss Hamilton 2018 contestant. I understand that if I am present the day of the competition, then my \$50 No Show Fee will be refunded upon my arrival on October 18, 2017. I understand and agree that my \$50 No Show Fee will be used towards the scholarship fund for Miss Hamilton if I choose not to be present the day of competition. If a contestant wins a preliminary prior to the Miss Hamilton pageant, the \$50 fee will be refunded.
4. I understand that I am required to participate with a positive spirit of competition and will not speak negatively in public about any other Miss Hamilton Pageant Contestant, her family or friends, or any member of the Miss Hamilton Organization or volunteers. I agree to the manner and method of conducting the Miss Hamilton Pageant and will not publicly criticize the enactment of the pageant, method and manner of judging, nor the decisions or opinions of the Miss Hamilton Organization.
5. I understand that I am required to donate \$100 to the Children's Miracle Network on behalf of the Miss America Pageant.
6. I understand that I cannot leave the pageant site on the day of the pageant.
7. I will not hold the Miss Hamilton Organization, its board, directors, or the location of pageant facility liable for any accident occurring while traveling to and from the pageant or while at the pageant. Neither will I hold the same liable for any personal items lost or damaged while at the pageant.

If named Miss Hamilton 2018, I agree to the following terms:

1. I understand that the director of Miss Hamilton must approve any and all appearances made in the name of Miss Hamilton.
2. I understand that my Miss Alabama competition wardrobe and talent needs to be approved by the Miss Hamilton Organization staff two weeks prior to the Miss Alabama workshop. I know

that this is done to help me be the most prepared that I can be for the Miss Alabama competition. Also, I understand that each element of this approved wardrobe must be worn for the appropriate events during the Miss Alabama competition.

3. I understand that I must attend Miss Alabama Contestant orientation and Miss Alabama Contestant workshop. The Miss Alabama Board will set both of these dates for the spring.
4. I agree to show evidence of working consistently on my platform.
5. I understand that my scholarship will be awarded upon request and will I will be required to repay my scholarship if for any reason I do not compete in the Miss Alabama pageant.
6. I understand that if I am selected as Miss Hamilton 2018, that my conduct must reflect moral standards suitable to being a role model as Miss Hamilton.
7. I testify that, if I am a student, I am a student in good standing with a passing GPA at a college or university.
8. I will obtain the prior approval of the Miss Hamilton Organization Executive Director before applying to compete or competing in any pageant whatsoever during my Period of Service as Miss Hamilton 2018.
9. I will exercise caution in my use of websites such as Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, SnapChat, and Vine, etc. My participation in such sites will be conducted with dignity and in accordance with the terms set forth by Miss Hamilton Pageant for behavior and public image. No information, statements, language, or images should be published that discredit the appearance or reputation of Miss Hamilton 2018 and the Miss Hamilton Organization. I will accept "friend requests" and other social links from Miss Hamilton Organization staff for the duration of my Period of Service and allow the access necessary to efficiently monitor social media profile pages, websites, and/or Internet domains.
10. I will refrain from public displays of affection with any individual with whom I am in any sort of romantic relationship whatsoever while appearing as Miss Hamilton 2018.
11. I will not speak negatively in public about any other contestant in any preliminary competition to the Miss Alabama Pageant, any contestant in the Miss Alabama Pageant, or the friends, family, or director(s) of those contestants; Nor will I speak negatively in public about any member of the Miss Hamilton Organization.
12. I agree to have my platform scrapbook completed at least one week prior to the deadline. I understand that the Miss Hamilton Organization staff will assist me with the project.
13. I agree to seek assistance and coaching from only the Miss Hamilton Organization staff unless the Miss Hamilton Executive Director approved another person.
14. I agree to provide my own wardrobe, accessories, make-up, shoes, beauty products, costumes, attire, and any other product or item necessary for appearances and for all phases of competition in the Miss Alabama Pageant.
15. I will not alter my physical appearance in any significant manner without prior consultation with and approval from Miss Hamilton Organization Executive Director. This includes, but is not limited to: color, cut, and style of hair; application of make-up; tanning or coloring of skin; cosmetic surgery or dentistry; and body modifications such as piercings and tattoos.
16. I will show appreciation and write thank-you notes to contracting parties for all appearances and to all sponsors.
17. I will provide my own transportation to and from scheduled appearances, unless the Miss Hamilton Organization staff has made other arrangements.
18. I will BE PROMPT. There is never an excuse for being late to any engagement. This will not be permitted at any time.

19. I will never take advantage of the hosts' hospitality. I understand that I must never give the impression that I am sick, tired, or bored. I must maintain interest and enthusiasm while displaying an engaging and scintillating personality during the entire appearance.
20. I will obtain the express permission of the Miss Hamilton Organization Executive Director before authorizing the use of any photography, video, digital recording, audio recording, recording of any type, and/or depiction or likeness of myself whatsoever as Miss Hamilton, and that such use will be strictly for the benefit, promotion, and success of the Miss Hamilton Scholarship Pageant.
21. I will refrain, decline, and refuse from being involved in any advertisements, promotions, campaigns, fundraisers, appearances, and/or events whatsoever without the express consent and approval of the Miss Hamilton Organization Executive Director.
22. I agree to be present at the following appearances:
 - Miss Alabama's Outstanding Teen in Sylacauga, Alabama (first weekend in March)
 - Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting (usually in April)
 - National Day of Prayer (first Thursday in May)
 - Chamber of Commerce Shrimp Boil (May or June)
 - Buttahatchee River Fall Fest (last Saturday in October)
 - Santa on the Square and Hamilton Christmas Parade (second Saturday in December)
 - Ribbon cuttings of businesses (if available)
 - Miss Hamilton Helping Hands 5k and Fun Run (usually in April)
 - Junior Miss Hamilton Pageant
 - Any additional Miss Hamilton sponsored fundraiser pageants
 - Any activities undertaken as an event fundraiser in the name of Miss Hamilton

I understand that the Miss Hamilton Pageant Organization will agree to the following terms:

1. They will confirm all appearances and requirements pertaining thereto.
2. They will forward to Miss Hamilton an itinerary of each contracted appearance.
3. They will provide time for study, rest, and vacations in regard to Miss Hamilton's good health and mental well-being.
4. They will screen all appearance requests and protect against undesirable appearances.
5. They will provide adequate coaching, rehearsal, etc. for the role of Miss Hamilton and her participation in the Miss Alabama Pageant.

I _____, a Miss Hamilton Contestant, have read the agreement, and understand all conditions, rules, and regulations set forth by the Miss Hamilton Organization, and if selected Miss Hamilton 2018 will be able to follow and fulfill all the rules and regulations set forth in the Miss Hamilton Local Contract.

Signature of Contestant

Date

Signature of Contestant's Legal Parent or Guardian
(Only necessary if contestant is 18 years of age or younger)

Date

Seal and Signature of Notary

Date