

LOCAL CONTESTANT REQUIREMENTS

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 2020**” to be held in Hamilton, Alabama on June 23, 2019. 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 2020**” and shall be entitled to that title until her successor is named at the competition in 2020. During this period (the “Year of Service”), **Miss Hamilton 2020** 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 2020, I agree to the following terms:

1. I attest that I am citizen of the United States and that I am a resident of 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 2020.)

2. I verify with my birth certificate that I meet the age requirements of the Miss America organization. I am or will be at least eighteen (18) years of age by July 31, 2020; and am or will be a high school graduate or equivalent by July 31, 2020; and will not be older than twenty-five (25) years of age by December 31, 2020. For the avoidance of doubt, if I am a thirteen (13) to seventeen (17) year old high school graduate or eighteen (18) year old non-graduate as of July 31, 2020, I understand that I must compete at the Outstanding Teen level.
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 2020 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 June 23, 2019. 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 competition, the \$50 fee will be refunded.
4. I understand that if all documents are not received by the June 14, 2019 deadline that I will be unable to compete the day of the Miss Hamilton competition and my \$50 No Show Fee will be forfeit.
5. 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 or Hamilton's Outstanding Teen 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 Competition and will not publicly criticize the enactment of the competition, method and manner of judging, nor the decisions or opinions of the Miss Hamilton Organization.
6. I understand that I am required to donate \$100 to the Children's Miracle Network on behalf of the Miss America Competition.
7. I understand that I cannot leave the competition site on the day of the competition.
8. I will not hold the Miss Hamilton Organization, its board, directors, or the location of competition facility liable for any accident occurring while traveling to and from the competition or while at the competition. Neither will I hold the same liable for any personal items lost or damaged while at the competition.

If named Miss Hamilton 2020, I agree to the following terms:

1. I understand that the director(s) of Miss Hamilton must approve any and all appearances made in the name of Miss Hamilton. No political events will be approved.
2. I agree to the following stipulations regarding my Miss Alabama wardrobe:
 - I understand that the best wardrobe for Miss Alabama competition is one that allows for my personal style and self-confidence, while incorporating the experience and advice of the board, which seeks to showcase me at my best, within the context of the competition.

- I agree to involve the Miss Hamilton Board in the selection of each piece of my Miss Alabama wardrobe. This means that either a Miss Hamilton Board member will accompany me on my shopping trip and take responsibility for securing board advice, or I will seek opinions, advice, and approval via text & photos with the Miss Hamilton Competition Director(s) and other consulting board members before making a purchase.
 - I understand that my Miss Alabama wardrobe must be **previewed** by the Miss Hamilton Board by mid-January 2020.
 - I understand that my **final** (including alterations and all accessories) Miss Alabama wardrobe must be approved by the Miss Hamilton Board 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 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 at the end of my reign as Miss Hamilton 2020.
 6. I understand that if I am selected as Miss Hamilton 2020, 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 competition whatsoever during my Period of Service as Miss Hamilton 2020.
 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 Competition for behavior and public image. No information, statements, language, or images should be published that discredit the appearance or reputation of Miss Hamilton 2020 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 2020.
 11. I will not speak negatively in public about any other contestant in any preliminary competition to the Miss Alabama Competition, any contestant in the Miss Alabama Competition, 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 prepare for all areas of Miss Alabama competition, including the following:
 - Fitness - With my personal health and well-being in mind, I will strive for a fit and attractive physique. A membership at a local fitness center has been provided to facilitate this goal.
 - Evening Wear & General Stage Presence – At minimum, I will meet with the designated board member(s) at least three times.
 - Talent – I will consult with designated board members in selecting what I perform for the Miss Alabama talent competition. Selecting what I perform will be a combination of a) what

showcases my personal talent at its best and b) what works best for this competition. I must preview my talent for the board by mid-January 2020.

- Interview & On-Stage Question – I will meet with the designated board member(s) at least once a month from the time I accept the title until the month prior to competition.
 - Wardrobe – I will follow the stipulations as detailed in this requirements document.
 - Platform – I will pursue a platform project that is personally meaningful or directly related to my personal goals and allows for local involvement (i.e., events and fundraising that can be enacted within my area of service and/or residence including events that pertain thematically to my platform subject).
 - Publicity – I will seek approval from Miss Hamilton Director(s) before agreeing to or making an appearance in any official capacity (using my title and/or wearing my crown, sash, or pin). I will follow guidelines for my personal appearance when appearing in public in any official capacity. I will secure quality photographs of any official appearance. In a timely manner, I will provide photographs and publicity information to the Miss Hamilton Director(s) and designated board members in charge of social media management.
 - I agree to seek assistance and coaching from only the Miss Hamilton Organization staff unless the Miss Hamilton Executive Director approves 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 Competition.
 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 Competition.
 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 (June)

- Buttahatchee River Fall Fest (last Saturday in October)
- Salvation Army Bell Ringing (December)
- Breakfast with Santa (December)
- Santa on the Square and Hamilton Christmas Parade
- Ribbon cuttings of businesses (if available)
- Junior Miss Hamilton Pageant
- Any additional Miss Hamilton sponsored fundraiser pageants
- Any activities undertaken as an event fundraiser in the name of Miss Hamilton

23. I agree to adhere to the stipulations detailed in this requirements document. Should the Miss Hamilton Competition Director(s) perceive the titleholder to be “non-compliant,” the Miss Hamilton Competition Director(s) will issue a verbal warning in the form of a witnessed discussion of the terms of the titleholder requirements, along with specific reference to how the titleholder has failed to uphold the terms of the requirements document. Continued failure to uphold the terms of the requirements document will result in the titleholder’s status as “compliant” versus “non-compliant” being put before the Miss Hamilton Board of Directors for a vote. Should the majority vote that the titleholder is “non-compliant,” this will result in the withholding of any and all local scholarship money designated for the current titleholder. Because scholarship money awarded at a state level is redeemed after use of local scholarship money, a non-compliant titleholder will be forfeiting any and all scholarship money awarded at a state level.

I understand that the Miss Hamilton Competition 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 Competition.

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 2020 will be able to follow and fulfill all the rules and regulations set forth in the Miss Hamilton Local Contestant Requirements.

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