

REQUIREMENTS OF TEEN LOCAL
The Miss Hamilton Organization
MISS HAMILTON'S OUTSTANDING TEEN

Candidate: _____

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 “candidates”); and
- Enabling the Candidates 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 “**Hamilton’s Outstanding Teen 2023**” to be held in Hamilton, Alabama on August 20, 2022. 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 “**Hamilton’s Outstanding Teen 2023**” and shall be entitled to that title until her successor is named at the competition in 2023. During this period (the “Year of Service”), **Hamilton’s Outstanding Teen 2023** 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 **Hamilton’s Outstanding Teen 2023** 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 Candidate in Hamilton's Outstanding Teen 2023, 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 Alabama:

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

(Only one of the three choices above must be verified. All qualifications must be in effect for at least 3 months prior to Hamilton's Outstanding Teen 2023.)

2. I verify with my birth certificate that I meet the age requirements of the Miss America organization. I will be at least Thirteen (13) years of age on the first day of the State Competition in which I compete; and will not be older than eighteen (18) years of age as of December 31st in the calendar year of the State Competition in which I compete. For avoidance of doubt, the candidate cannot turn nineteen (19) at any time during the calendar year in which she could compete at the state MAOTeen competition (January 1st – December 31st).
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 Hamilton's Outstanding Teen 2023 candidate. 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 the day of the Hamilton's Outstanding Teen Competition. 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 candidate wins a preliminary prior to the Hamilton's Outstanding Teen competition, 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 Hamilton's Outstanding Teen or Miss Hamilton Competition Candidate, her family or friends, or any member of the Miss Hamilton Organization or volunteers. I agree to the manner and method of conducting the Hamilton's Outstanding Teen 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.
5. I understand that, if I am crowned, I am required to register on SpotFund for the current year of MAOT, however fundraising for MAOT candidates is optional. State titleholders are not required to fundraise any amount to complete in the national competition. *See the Spot fund Candidate Profile instruction sheet for additional information and directions on how to create a profile.*
6. I understand that I cannot leave the competition site on the day of the competition.
7. 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 Hamilton's Outstanding Teen 2023, I agree to the following terms:

1. I understand that the director(s) of Hamilton's Outstanding Teen must approve any and all appearances made in the name of Hamilton's Outstanding Teen. No political events will be approved.
2. **WARDROBE** I agree to the following stipulations regarding my Alabama's Outstanding Teen competition wardrobe:
 - I understand that the best wardrobe for Alabama's Outstanding Teen 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 Alabama's Outstanding Teen 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 Alabama's Outstanding Teen wardrobe must be **previewed** by the Miss Hamilton Board by the last day of November 2022, unless the director stipulates otherwise.
 - I understand that my **final** (including alterations and all accessories) Alabama's Outstanding Teen wardrobe must be approved by the Miss Hamilton Board two weeks prior to the Alabama's Outstanding Teen workshop.
 - I know that this is done to help me be the most prepared that I can be for the Alabama's Outstanding Teen competition.
 - Also, I understand that each element must be worn for the appropriate events during the Alabama's Outstanding Teen competition.
3. I understand that I must attend Alabama's Outstanding Teen Candidate orientation and Alabama's Outstanding Teen Candidate workshop. The Alabama's Outstanding Teen Board will set both of these dates for the spring, typically the first week of January and first week of March.
4. I agree to show evidence of working consistently on my platform before and after state competition.
5. I understand that if I am selected as Hamilton's Outstanding Teen 2023, that my conduct must reflect moral standards suitable to being a role model as Hamilton's Outstanding Teen.
6. I testify that, if I am a student, I am a student in good standing with a passing GPA at the educational institution I attend.
7. 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 Hamilton's Outstanding Teen 2023.
8. I will exercise caution in my use of websites such as Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, SnapChat, TikTok, and Vine, etc. My participation in such sites will be conducted with dignity and in accordance with the terms set forth by Hamilton's Outstanding Teen Competition for behavior and public image. No information, statements, language, or images should be published that discredit the appearance or reputation of Hamilton's Outstanding Teen 2023 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.

9. 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 Hamilton's Outstanding Teen 2023.
10. I will not speak negatively in public about any other candidate in any preliminary competition to the Alabama's Outstanding Teen Competition, any candidate in the Alabama's Outstanding Teen Competition, or the friends, family, or director(s) of those candidates; Nor will I speak negatively in public about any member of the Miss Hamilton Organization.
11. **COMPETITION PREPARATION** I agree to prepare for all areas of Alabama's Outstanding Teen competition, including the following:
 - Lifestyle & Fitness – With my personal health and well-being in mind, I will strive for a fit and healthy physique to meet the requirements of the Lifestyle and Fitness component of competition.
 - Evening Gown & 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 Alabama's Outstanding Teen 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 2023.
 - Interview & On-Stage Question – I will make time to meet with the designated board member(s) up to once a month from the time I accept the title until the month prior to competition.
 - Wardrobe – I will follow the contractual stipulations as detailed in this "Requirements of Teen Local" document. To facilitate this, Hamilton's Outstanding Teen receives \$500 to aid in acquiring the necessary wardrobe.
 - 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 Organization 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 Organization 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 Organization Executive Director approves another person.
12. 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 Alabama's Outstanding Teen Competition.
13. 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.
14. I will show appreciation (personally thanking organizer/contact on site or thank you note) to contracting parties for all appearances and to all sponsors. When possible, I will visit sponsors and take on-site photos.

15. I will provide my own transportation to and from scheduled appearances, unless the Miss Hamilton Organization staff has made other arrangements. A gas stipend of \$150 will be provided to mitigate fuel expenses.
16. I will BE PROMPT. There is never an excuse for being late to any engagement. This will not be permitted at any time.
17. 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.
18. 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 Hamilton's Outstanding Teen, and that such use will be strictly for the benefit, promotion, and success of the Hamilton's Outstanding Teen Competition.
19. 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.
20. I agree to be present at the following appearances:
 - One or more trips to Hamilton to visit all sponsors (accomplish before December)
 - Outstanding Teen night at the Miss Alabama Competition (June)
 - Chamber of Commerce Shrimp Boil (May or June)
 - Buttahatchee River Fall Fest (last Saturday in October)
 - Mayor's Tree Lighting (usually last day of November)
 - Salvation Army Bell Ringing (December)
 - Santa on the Square and Hamilton Christmas Parade (optional)
 - Ribbon cuttings of businesses (if available)
 - Any additional Miss Hamilton sponsored fundraiser competitions
 - Any activities undertaken as an event fundraiser in the name of Miss Hamilton

To facilitate attending appearances and preparation for competition, Hamilton's Outstanding Teen receives \$150 for purchasing fuel.

21. I agree to adhere to the contractual stipulations detailed in this "Requirements of Teen Local" 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 state/local contract and "Requirements of Teen Local" document, along with specific reference to how the titleholder has failed to uphold the terms. The titleholder has the right to have a parent/guardian present during this discussion. Continued failure to uphold the terms of the contract 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 forfeiting of any and all unawarded money and prizes. *Example of non-compliant behavior involves actions such as unauthorized appearances, purchasing competition wardrobe without consulting with the board, failure to prepare for the state competition, engaging in unbecoming social media behavior, and public negativity.*

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's Outstanding Teen an itinerary of each contracted appearance.

3. They will serve as a positive, supportive source of information, advice, and feedback as needed and maintain regular communication for the duration of her tenure as Miss Hamilton's Outstanding Teen.
4. They will provide time for study, rest, and vacations in regard to Miss Hamilton's Outstanding Teen good health and mental well-being.
5. They will screen all appearance requests and protect against undesirable appearances.
6. They will provide adequate coaching, rehearsal, etc. for the role of Miss Hamilton's Outstanding Teen and her participation in the Miss Alabama's Outstanding Teen Competition.

I _____, a Hamilton's Outstanding Teen Candidate, have read the agreement, and understand all conditions, rules, and regulations set forth by the Miss Hamilton Organization, and if selected Hamilton's Outstanding Teen 2023 will be able to follow and fulfill all the rules and regulations set forth in the Hamilton's Outstanding Teen "Requirements of Teen Local" document.

Signature of Candidate

Date

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

Date