



Miss Hamilton & Hamilton's Outstanding Teen

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An Official Preliminary to Miss Alabama Competition

Dear Candidate,

Welcome to the Miss Hamilton and Miss Hamilton's Outstanding Teen competitions. We are thrilled that you are interested in our preliminary. The competition will take place on Saturday, August 20, 2022 at the Bevill State Community College Business Center at 1333 Military Street South, Hamilton, Alabama 35570. Miss Hamilton and Hamilton's Outstanding Teen competitions will be held together and will begin promptly at 6:00pm.

As a board, we strive to provide exceptional support and guidance to our titleholders. Our goal is to help Miss Hamilton and Hamilton's Outstanding Teen excel during their year of service. We work to ensure our board includes individuals with a wide variety of experiences, skills, and talents who can contribute to the overall success of our program and titleholders. It is always our goal that Miss Hamilton and Hamilton's Outstanding Teen have a positive experience and complete their year of service having grown and improved as individuals, titleholders, and state candidates.

Since 1974, Miss Hamilton has evolved to the current open competition we have today. Although Miss Hamilton and Hamilton's Outstanding Teen may not live, work, or attend school in this area, we feel it is important that our titleholders take pride in the title they hold and participate in key local events.

Competition will be limited to eight (8) contestants for each title, with participation secured for those who provide all necessary paperwork, documentation, and fees first.

To ensure your place in our competition, a \$50 no show deposit is required for entry. Please make checks payable to "Miss Hamilton Competition." Your check will be returned to you when you check in.

Mandatory paperwork, documentation, and fees must be received by the Director and Co-Director no later than August 5, 2022.

Thank you for your interest in the Miss Hamilton and Hamilton's Outstanding Teen competitions. We are a small competition with more than a 40-year history of preparing young women for state competition. We hope to see you on our stage on August 20, 2022. Please feel free to contact us with any questions you may have:

director@misshamilton.org

Sincerely,

Amanda Clement Tice

Director

Gena Holloway

Co-Director



Miss Hamilton & Hamilton's Outstanding Teen WARDROBE NEEDED & SCORING MECHANICS

WARDROBE required for Miss Hamilton

---	Opening Number	Cocktail dress of your choice. Be mindful of dress length and twirl as judges sit below the stage
35%	Private Interview	Dress, suit, or jumpsuit as one might wear for an interview. Age appropriate. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 minutes for Miss
15%	On-Stage Interview/Social Impact Pitch	This will be the same dress worn for opening number.
15%	Red carpet	Evening wear of your choice. Evening gowns are most typically worn.
35%	Talent	Attire of your choice and suitable for your talent.
---	Closing/Crowning	This will be the same choice worn for Evening Wear.

WARDROBE required for Miss Hamilton's Outstanding Teen

---	Opening Number	Cocktail dress of your choice. Be mindful of dress length and twirl as judges sit below the stage
25%	Private Interview	Dress, suit, or jumpsuit as one might wear for an interview. Age appropriate. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 minutes for Teen
25%	On-Stage Question/Evening Gown	Evening gown of your choice.
15%	Lifestyle & Fitness	A tasteful fitness outfit of your choice and color(s); such as shorts, skort, fitness shorts, t-shirt, tank top, fitted t-shirt, workout top, sneakers, and no-show or low profile socks.
35%	Talent	Attire of your choice and suitable for your talent.
---	Closing/Crowning	This will be the same choice worn for Evening Wear.



Miss Hamilton & Hamilton's Outstanding Teen COMPETITION DAY SCHEDULE AND INFORMATION

Competition Day Schedule

10:00-10:15 am	Arrival & Check-in <i>(Please take your belongings to dressing room. Family and/or friends may assist with bringing your belongings in the building. However, no males are allowed backstage and only one individual may accompany the candidate backstage to load or unload.)</i>
10:20-10:30 am	Candidate Orientation
10:30-11:00 am	Opening Number Rehearsal
11:00-11:30	OT Lifestyle & Fitness Rehearsal
11:30 am-12:00 pm	Evening Wear & Red Carpet Rehearsal
12:00 pm -4:36 pm	Individual Talent Rehearsal <i>(coordinated around interviews)</i>
11:45am-12:00 pm	Judges Arrive
1:30-4:36 pm	Private Interviews
4:36- 5:45 pm	Prepare for Competition
6:00 pm	Competition Begins

Please note: Food and drinks are available backstage all day. Do not take food or drinks into the dressing room. Lunch and snacks will be provided. If you have special dietary needs, please bring food and drink for those needs.

No outside hair stylists or make-up artists are allowed. Candidates should arrive prepared to do their own hair and make-up.

Please note these times are subject to change and/or may be adjusted at the discretion of the Miss Hamilton Board of Directors.

Please label all personal items. Items that are not labeled may not be identifiable and able to be returned.

Candidates should be prepared to turn off or turn the volume off their cell phones. Because time is of the essence, candidates should be mentally present and paying attention during rehearsal and in the hours preceding the competition. Active cell phones are also a privacy issue and use of cell phones by candidates will not be tolerated. If you need to contact someone, speak with a board member first.

Only candidates, board members, and official volunteers may be present in building prior to 2:00pm. Doors to theater open at 2:30p.m. Admission is \$10 per person. Children under the age of five (5) may attend free.



Miss Hamilton & Hamilton's Outstanding Teen DEADLINES & HELPFUL INFORMATION

DEADLINE

All items on checklist must be submitted no later than the August 5, 2022 deadline to be considered for candidacy in Miss Hamilton or Hamilton's Outstanding Teen. Lost mail is not the responsibility of the Miss Hamilton Board of Directors. We find the most efficient way to submit paperwork is via email and to avoid waiting until the deadline to submit.

BY EMAIL: Return application package by email to: director@misshamilton.org

BY MAIL: Amanda Clement Tice
Miss Hamilton Board of Directors
2604 Creekview Drive
Hoover, AL 35226

MAKE SURE ALL DOCUMENTS/ITEMS ARE INCLUDED

Use the **CANDIDATE CHECKLIST** to ensure that all necessary paperwork and documentation is included. Incomplete application packets will not be accepted and do not constitute an entry.

MUSIC/SOUNDTRACK

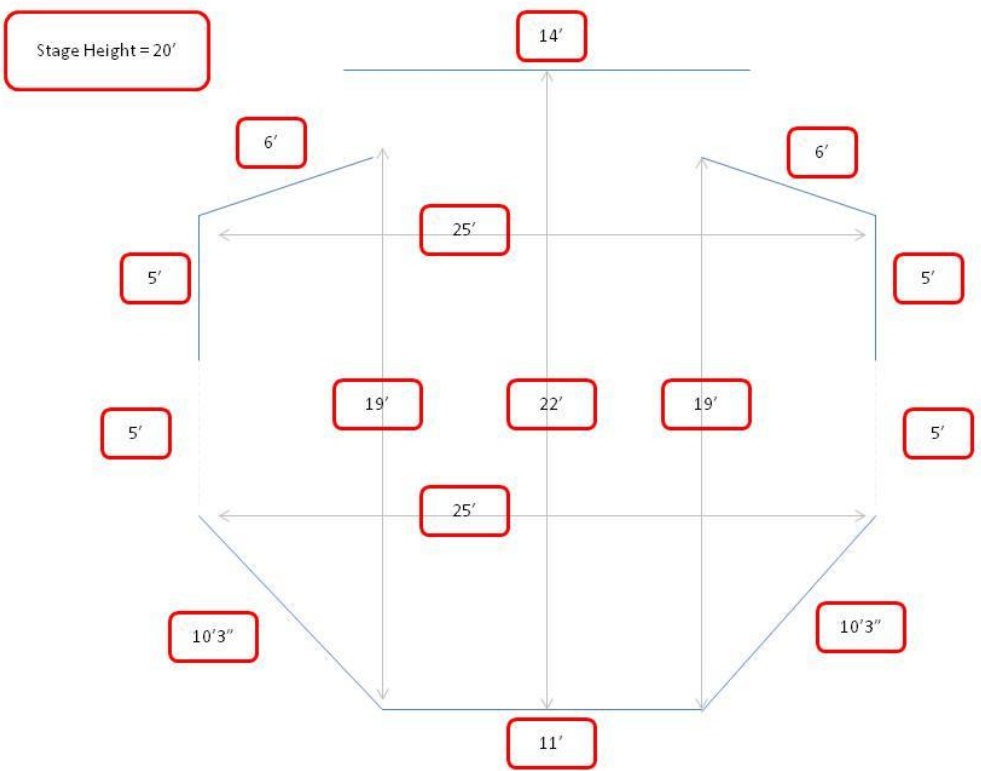
Please submit your music electronically when you submit your application package. We will contact you if there appears to be any issue during playback when testing the file. We strongly encourage you to bring a backup copy on a jump drive when you arrive on the day of competition.

STAGE

Please carefully review the Stage Details document. This is especially important if you are a dancer, twirler, or gymnast. Please pay attention to the size and shape of the stage. If the dimensions are not sufficient to perform your talent with reasonable modifications, please contact Amanda Clement Tice at 205.471.5558 or director@misshamilton.org.

BEVILL STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE STAGE DIMENSIONS

BACKSTAGE



BEVILL AUDITORIUM – HAMILTON CAMPUS

JUDGES & AUDIENCE

REQUIREMENTS OF MISS LOCAL

The Miss Hamilton Organization

Miss Hamilton

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.

The **Miss Hamilton Organization** intends to conduct a competition for the title “**Miss Hamilton 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 “**Miss Hamilton 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”), **Miss Hamilton 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 **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 Candidate in Miss Hamilton 2023, I agree to the following terms:

1. I agree to send a \$50 No Show Fee to the Miss Hamilton Organization in order to secure my spot as a Miss Hamilton 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 Miss Hamilton 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 Miss Hamilton competition, the \$50 fee will be refunded.
2. 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 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 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. Concerns of significance will be addressed with the local competition director.
3. I understand that I cannot leave the competition site on the day of the competition.
4. 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 2023, I agree to the following terms:

1. **APPEARANCES/PUBLIC PRESENCE AS TITLEHOLDER** 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. **WARDROBE** 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 March 2023.
 - I understand that my **final** (including alterations and all accessories) Miss Alabama wardrobe must be approved by the Miss Hamilton Board no later than 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 Candidate orientation and Miss Alabama Candidate 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 social impact initiative.
5. I understand that my scholarship will be awarded at the end of my reign as Miss Hamilton 2023.
6. I understand that if I am selected as Miss Hamilton 2023, 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 and will endeavor to maintain good standing for the duration of my year of service.
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 2023.
9. I will exercise caution in my use of social media 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 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 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.
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 2023.
11. I will not speak negatively in public about any other candidate in any preliminary competition to the Miss Alabama Competition, any candidate in the Miss Alabama 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.
12. I agree to have my social impact scrapbook completed at least one week prior to the deadline. I understand that the Miss Hamilton Organization staff may assist me with the project.
13. I agree to have my state application package of essays, essay questions, and assorted paperwork completed at least one week prior to the deadline. I understand that the Miss Hamilton Organization staff will assist me in preparing these documents.
14. **COMPETITION PREPARATION** I agree to prepare for all areas of Miss Alabama competition, including the following:
 - Understanding that a year of service as a titleholder, preparation for state competition, and the week of Miss Alabama competition is physically demanding, with my personal health and well-being in mind, I will strive for a fit and healthy physique.
 - 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 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 stipulations as detailed in this "Requirements of Miss Local" document.

- Social Impact Initiative – I will pursue a Social Impact Initiative 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 Social Impact Initiative).
 - 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.
15. 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.
 16. 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.
 17. 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.
 18. 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.
 19. I will BE PROMPT. There is never an excuse for being late to any engagement. This will not be permitted at any time.
 20. 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.
 21. 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.
 22. 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.
 23. I agree to be present at the following appearances:
 - One or more trips to Hamilton to visit all sponsors (accomplish before December)
 - Miss Alabama's Outstanding Teen in Sylacauga, Alabama (first weekend in March)
 - Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting (usually in April)
 - 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 & invited)
- 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, Miss Hamilton receives \$150 for purchasing fuel.

24. I agree to adhere to requirements of this “Requirements of Miss 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 Miss Local”, along with specific reference to how the titleholder has failed to uphold the terms of each document. Continued failure to uphold the terms 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 and notification of the Miss Alabama state office. 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. *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 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.
4. They will provide time for study, rest, and vacations in regard to Miss Hamilton’s 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, consultation, guidance, and support for the role of Miss Hamilton and her participation in the Miss Alabama Competition.

I _____, a Miss Hamilton Candidate, have read the “Requirements of Miss Local”, and understand all conditions, rules, and regulations set forth by the Miss Hamilton Organization, and if selected Miss Hamilton 2023 will be able to follow and fulfill all the rules and regulations set forth in the Miss Hamilton “Requirements of Miss 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