

Miss Texas

2023 COMPETITION CATEGORIES

PRELIMINARY COMPETITION



30%
PRIVATE
INTERVIEW



10%
ON STAGE
CONVERSATION



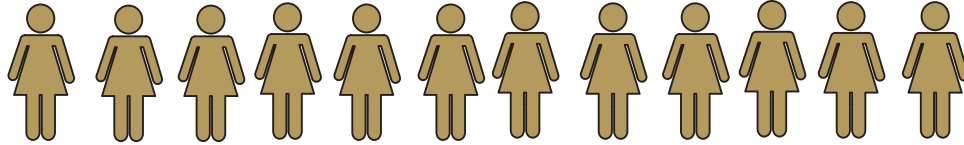
20%
HEALTH AND
FITNESS



20%
TALENT OR
HERSTORY



20%
EVENING
GOWN



On the final night of competition, a minimum of twelve contestants will be named as semifinalists and compete in the Final Competition events.



The semifinalists include the contestants with the highest preliminary competition scores and two People's Choice winners. The People's Choice winners may already be among the semifinalists selected by the judge's scoring.

FINAL COMPETITION



30%
COMPOSITE
SCORE



10%
ON STAGE
CONVERSATION



20%
HEALTH AND
FITNESS



20%
TALENT OR
HERSTORY



20%
EVENING
GOWN

The points earned prior to the Final Ballot determine the Top 5 contestants who will participate in the Final Conversation. Each judge then ranks the final five finalists on the Final Ballot individually in the order which they believe each finalist should place. The point totals from the Final Ballot alone determine the outcome of 4RU, 3RU, 2RU, 1RU and the new Miss Texas.



Wardrobe

Delegate's Choice - Stylish Interview Attire (age appropriate). Additional wardrobe details will be shared in the 2023 Competition Wardrobe Guide.

Timing

30 second opening; 9 minute Q&A; Optional 30 second wrap up or closing statement

Procedure

Texas delegates will follow the guidelines listed below.

- The delegate will stand at a podium.
- Each delegate is introduced by the panelist chair. She will take her position and immediately present a brief (30 second) introduction/CSI overview. Once the CSI intro is complete, the panelists begin the interview.
- At the nine-minute thirty second mark (9:30), timekeeper indicates thirty (30) seconds remaining for interview by ringing a bell. The bell informs the delegate of 30 seconds remaining and delegate may choose to use the time to finish her response to the last question or proceed in a closing statement.
- At the ten (10) minute mark, the timekeeper will ring the bell again which indicates the interview time is up. This concludes the delegate's private interview phase.

Purpose

Allows insight into

- Ability to fulfill the qualifications, responsibilities, duties, and term of the titleholder
- Personal qualities and attributes relevant to the titleholder position
- Commitment to her CSI (community service initiative)
- Ability to express her own beliefs in an authentic and relatable manner
- Sense of accomplishments/goals above and beyond the fact sheet
- Spontaneity, intelligence, sense of humor, charm and charisma
- Authenticity and ability to answer questions in a conversational, unrehearsed manner
- Ability to serve as a role model who is reflective of her generation



Wardrobe

Fitness outfit (which may be provided by the state organization) in silhouettes reflecting the Miss America style guide. Examples of Fitness Wear options include yoga/dance/athletic wear. Additional wardrobe details will be shared in the 2023 Competition Wardrobe Guide.

Judges to evaluate the following

Overall first impression of a dynamic presence, radiates health, high energy, engaging vitality and a sense of confidence

Procedure

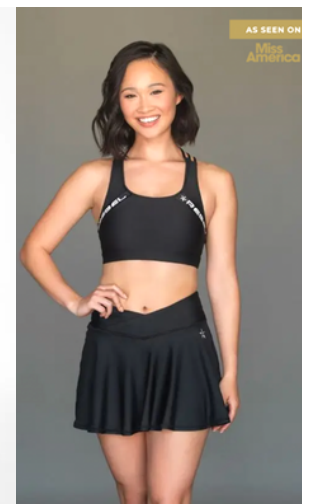
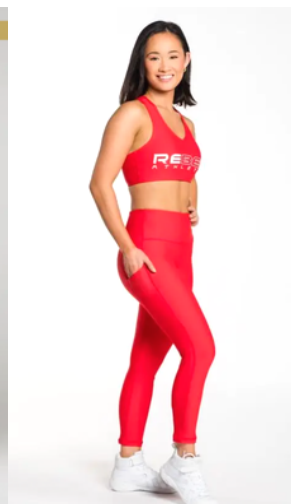
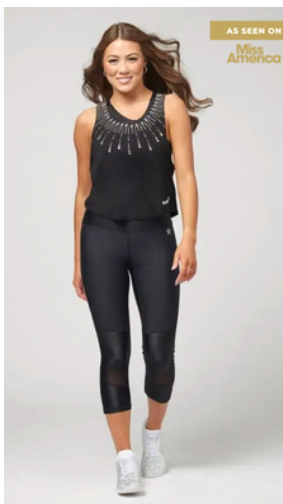
- The organization will present each delegate in a pre-blocked, high energy stage routine with movement and posing
- Each delegate will not exceed 20-30 seconds
- No props are allowed
- State competition may include LED video footage/voiceover of the delegate representing their health & fitness initiatives

Purpose

This phase of competition is where the delegate showcases her commitment to health and fitness initiatives. At the state organization's discretion, this phase may include a voice-over on her experience with self-care, health goals, and related initiatives, or a health/fitness statement. A delegate's discipline and commitment to being physically healthy is a key to success in all other areas of life, and the rigors of representing the Miss America or Miss America's Teen program as a national titleholder.

Allows insight into

- Comfort and confidence level on stage
- Overall impression of health and fitness commitment
- On stage presentation and energy, comfort in front of an audience, confidence
- Ability to gauge the audience's impression of the contestant
- Spontaneity and lack of "robotic" stage presentation
- Ability to determine if delegate could serve as a national health/fitness ambassador



*These are not the 2023 Health & Fitness competition outfits.

Wardrobe requirements will be outlined in the 2023 Competition Wardrobe Guide.

Wardrobe

Delegate's Choice - Performing Arts Talents or HERStory Presentation

Note: No rosins, powders, or glitter type solutions are allowed on-stage OR in backstage areas

Timing

Up to 90 seconds

Purpose

To underscore the Miss America and Miss America's Teen commitment to supporting performance arts education initiatives and women's individual efforts in dance, music, opera/vocal, drama, magic, oratory and circus arts

Procedure

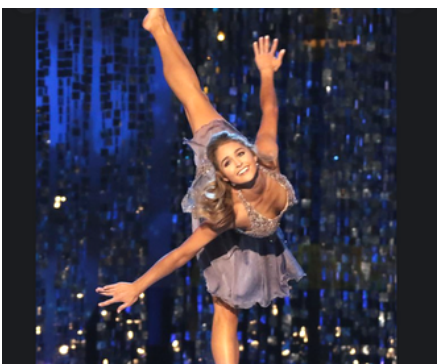
Each delegate shall present a talent selection, not to exceed 90 seconds per delegate

Performance Talent Requirements

Talent must be either a performance talent (listed on the most recent "Miss America Organization Approved Performance Talent List" OR be in compliance with the guidelines for the HERStory stage presentation. If the performing arts talent is not listed it must be approved by the National MAO office. Approved talent presentations include: Vocal; Dance; Instrument; Gymnastics; Baton Twirling; Painting; Magic; Stand Up Comedy; Dramatic Reading; Monologues; Slam Poetry; Spoke Word; Flags/Color Guard Presentation; Martial Arts Demo; Silks; Roller Skating; Hula Hoops; Balancing Acts; Unicycling; Juggling; Theatrical Science Experiments; Ventriloquism; Rodeo/Roping; Cheerleading; Contortionist; Sign Language Interpretation; Storytelling (HERStory).

Allows insight into

- Preparatory, performance or storytelling skills
- Overall presentation skills and ability to deliver a captivating presentation
- Interpretive ability and entertainment value relative to the category of performance art
- Stage presence, on-stage personality and personal connection to her story
- Allows a look into the totality of the performance elements of on stage presentation
- Ability to capture the attention of an audience while performing on stage



Wardrobe

Delegate's Choice of Evening Wear. Additional wardrobe details will be shared in the 2023 Competition Wardrobe Guide.

Procedure

The delegate's evening gown presentation will be modeled on stage. The state organization may choose to utilize voiceover tracks of each delegate during their presentation. If this option is utilized, the delegate will answer one of the following prompts: What woman is most inspiring to them; What qualities of an empowered woman do they relate to most; or Share their most inspirational quote and explain why it resonates with them.

Purpose

Delegate will publicly present her sense of style wearing an evening gown in a fashion suitable for an appearance as Miss Texas/Miss Texas' Teen. Part of a titleholder's role is to attend galas, fundraisers, awards shows, and other formal events. This often involves walking a red carpet, posing for press photographers, modeling in fashion shows, and promoting various national fashion designers who partner with the Miss America/Miss America's Teen programs.

Allows insight into

- Ability to capture attention on stage, and individual stage presence
- Comfort, confidence, and composure
- Overall impression of ability to represent the Miss America/Miss America's Teen organization at a high profile event
- Scoring is based on how the delegate carries herself/performs in this phase of competition, not on the actual gown she is wearing, nor the perceived cost of the gown



PRELIM ON STAGE CONVERSATION

Miss Texas

Wardrobe

Delegate's Opening Number Apparel. Additional wardrobe details will be shared in the 2023 Competition Wardrobe Guide.

Procedure and Purpose

This question will be asked onstage. The preliminary conversation question will be a single question asked on stage regarding the delegate's community service initiative (CSI) and the response should not be longer than 30 seconds. A countdown clock/timer may be visible to the delegate.

Allows insight into

- Commitment to the service point of the crown
- Unique perspective on community service and its impact
- Desire to create interest in her community service initiatives
- Brings the interview to the stage in an interactive, engaging way to showcase each delegate
- Highlights intelligence, personality, charisma, and aptitude for the titleholder's opportunity
- Allows a look at the sense of composure in presenting ideas on stage
- Allows a look at interactivity with the panelists and audience

FINALS ON STAGE CONVERSATION

Miss Texas

Wardrobe

Delegate's Opening Number Apparel. Additional wardrobe details will be shared in the 2023 Competition Wardrobe Guide.

Procedure and Purpose

Question will be asked immediately following the semifinalist announcement. The question will touch on the five pillars of the brand (style, service, scholarship, success, sisterhood). However, host may include a "warm up" question at the state organization's discretion. The delegate will have between 20 to 30 seconds to answer the question. The question will not be political or divisive.

Allows insight into

- Allows a final, high-energy conversation with panelists to determine the best delegate for the role
- Brings the interview to the stage in an interactive, engaging way to showcase each delegate
- Highlights intelligence, personality, charisma and aptitude for the titleholder's opportunity
- Allows a look at the sense of composure in the final moments of decision
- Allows a look at the interactivity with the panelists and the audience
- Allows top delegates to demonstrate depth of understanding about the 5 pillars of the Miss America opportunity and how serving as the state titleholder will set the stage for becoming a spokesperson for those pillars throughout the state/country

TOP FIVE BALLOT & FINAL CONVERSATION

Miss Texas

Wardrobe

Delegate's Choice of Evening Wear. Additional wardrobe details will be shared in the 2023 Competition Wardrobe Guide.

Procedure and Purpose

The Top 5 finalists will participate in a final conversation prior to each judge completing their Top 5 ballot. The response to this conversation and/or question may be used by the judge in determining their individual ballot. The topic of this conversation/question may be based on the "Titleholder Role" and provide insight and a final look at the delegate's interest and abilities to perform the role of the titleholder. These may be drawn from a box/bowl at random.

The points earned prior to the Final Ballot determine the five delegate names on the Final Ballot. After the determination of the Top 5, all competition points earned prior to the Final Ballot are not considered. Each panelist's Final Ballot counts as high and low scores are not dropped in Final Ballot. The point totals from the Final Ballot alone shall determine the outcome.

The Final Ballot is only applicable at the state competition (Miss and Teen) and is not to be used at local competitions. The Final Ballot shall not be distributed to the panelists until all of the Top 5 delegates have completed their Final Conversation phase of competition. Panelists are to consider all factors and a delegate's overall performance on the Final Night when ranking the Top 5 finalists. This includes:

- Totality of the previously identified qualities and attributes of a State Titleholder
- Ability to meet the expectations set as the spokesperson for the brand and advocacy efforts on behalf of the State/National Organization

Each judge must then place the candidates in the specific order the judge believes they rank in their capacity to be the state titleholder. The point totals from the Final Ballot alone determine the outcome. The point value of the ranking is as follows:

- 1st Place Rank: 10 points
- 2nd Place Rank: 5 points
- 3rd Place Rank: 3 points
- 4th Place Rank: 2 points
- 5th Place Rank: 1 point