

Miss Texas

Scholarship Organization, Inc

2023 VIRTUAL COMPETITION INFORMATION

The Miss Texas Scholarship Organization is now accepting applications for the Miss America Organization's end of year virtual competition model. This document outlines contestant requirements and competition application instructions. The Miss Texas Scholarship Org. has designated a team of panelists to select the 2023 virtual competition winners by reviewing and scoring the submissions of each contestant. Virtual competition contestants will be evaluated based on their application materials.



BECOME A CONTESTANT

There are many different avenues to compete at the state competition. These include:

Win a Local Competition

- Local competitions are held throughout the state of Texas between July and February. Interested contestants are strongly encouraged to compete in a local competition because of the many benefits. Contestants who win a local competition immediately qualify to advance to the state competition, while gaining scholarships, leadership experience, and the support of an official Miss Texas Local Organization and Director. Local organizations may provide access to community bookings and appearances, sponsorships, wardrobe assistance, and preparation for the state competition.

Win a Judged Event

- Contestants who have won a judged event, a college/university title, or a community/fair/festival title may also qualify to compete at the state competition. Contact us to learn more and determine if your event qualifies.

Compete in a Regional or Virtual Competition

- Regional and/or Virtual Competitions are held at the end of the competition year and take place after all local competitions have been completed. Typically, multiple titles are awarded during a Regional or Virtual Competition.

CONTESTANT ELIGIBILITY

Teen Candidates

- Be age 13 – 18 for Miss America's Teen
- Birth years 2010 – 2005

Miss Candidates

- Be age 18 – 28 for Miss America
- Birth years 1995 – 2005

Contestants must meet at least one of the following residency eligibility requirements:

- Resident of the state of Texas
- Enrolled in and physically attending classes on a full-time basis at an accredited college or university in the state of Texas
- Employed on a full-time basis in the state of Texas

Contestants must also meet the requirements as outlined in the:

- 2023 Application and Agreement for Delegate and Titleholder Participation in a Miss or Teen Local and/or State Competition in the Miss America Organization
- Must be a United States Citizen
- Must be a female

VIRTUAL COMPETITION PROCESS

Application Deadline: Friday, March 10, 2023 @ 11:59 PM CST

Virtual Competition Announcement of Winners: Sunday, March 12, 2023

Competition Checklist

Application

Submit all required information by the deadline. Changes to the application will not be accepted after submission.

Application Preview:

- Contact Information
- Title Preferences
- Contestant Fact Sheet
- Community Service Initiative
- Introduction Interview Video
 - Upload a short video (less than 3 minutes) answering the prompts below
 - Introduce yourself
 - Hobbies, interests, etc.
 - Community Service Initiative
 - Why you are competing with the Miss Texas/Miss America Organization
- Talent Video
 - Upload a video of your Talent presentation (no more than 90 seconds)
- Eligibility Forms
 - Proof of age and residency

Note: Videos do not need to be professionally filmed. Upload video to YouTube, Vimeo, Google Drive or Dropbox; set to public view/visible to those with the link.

Miss America Registration Fee

Register and pay the \$35 registration fee (non-refundable) on the Miss America registration site. If you have previously paid this fee you do not have to pay again.

Miss Texas Virtual Competition Entry Fee

Pay the \$75 Miss Texas virtual competition entry fee.

VIRTUAL COMPETITION QUESTIONS

Registration and Paperwork
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Other Questions
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Application Links

Teen Candidate [Application Link](#)
Miss Candidate [Application Link](#)
Miss America [Registration Fee Link](#)
Miss Texas [Virtual Competition Fee Link](#)

Title Selection

There are a limited number of Virtual Competition titles available. Virtual Competition winners will be awarded Local Titles designated by the Miss Texas Organization, which represents their ticket to the state competition. Contestants will be asked to rank their preferred titles on the application, and may request a title to represent their hometown/community.

On the application, contestants may rank the top 10 titles (in order of preference) they would like to represent if selected as a virtual competition winner. There is no guarantee that their top choice(s) will be available. Preference of title will be given to contestants who live/work/attend school in/near the title area. Potential titles include: Addison; Allen; Amarillo; Bayou City; Bexar County; Clear Lake; College Station; Collin County; Cypress; Dallas County; Denton (Teen only); East Texas (Miss only); Galveston; Gulf Coast; Heart of Texas; Hill Country; Katy; Laredo; Longview; Lubbock; Lufkin; Metroplex; Midland; Montgomery County; Oak Cliff; Pearland; Permian Basin; Prosper; Rockwall; Rio Grande Valley; River Oaks; Space City; Sugar Land (Teen only); Travis County; Waco; Woodlands.

Contestants who represent their hometown/community areas have historically received more support from their communities as contestants seek opportunities to share their community service initiative, market themselves, sell ad pages, or seek out sponsorships. If you would like to represent your hometown/community and it is not on the list of examples, please list it on the application to be considered.

Guidance and Communication

Virtual Competition winners will be provided with an appointed adviser, who will serve as their point of contact for any questions about the state competition. Virtual competition winners will receive access to the Miss Texas portal, which is updated regularly with news and information. Join the Miss Texas e-mail list and [subscribe to the Miss Texas Newsletter](#).

Required Events

Virtual Competition winners are required to attend the following events:

Spring Showcase
April 21 - 23, 2023
Dallas-Richardson Renaissance Hotel
Richardson, Texas

State Competition
June 25 - July 1, 2023
Dallas-Richardson Renaissance Hotel / Eisemann Center for Performing Arts
Richardson, Texas

Financial Obligation

All Miss Texas and Miss Texas' Teen Virtual Competition winners will pay a \$500 state competition fee which includes a crown and sash. All Miss Texas class of 2023 delegates must also pay an additional \$325 Miss America fee prior to the state competition.