

2024 SCHOLARSHIP RULES & REGULATIONS
SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE MISS TEXAS COMPETITION ARE UNDERWRITTEN BY THE
LONE STAR EDUCATION FOUNDATION (LSEF)

EACH DELEGATE SHOULD READ AND UNDERSTAND THE SCHOLARSHIP RULES BELOW:

1. **Eligibility Period** Scholarships earned at the 2024 Miss Texas Competition must be used within one year, otherwise known as the "Eligibility Period," which begins on July 1, 2024 and ends on June 30, 2025. Scholarships not used within the Eligibility Period will revert to the LSEF. If a recipient cannot use all of her scholarships within the Eligibility Period, she may request an extension of time for use of her funds for up to one (1) year. The extension request must be in writing, addressed to the LSEF Scholarship Administrator, and postmarked no later than May 31, 2025 (30 days prior to the end of the eligibility period).
2. **The Miss Texas Exception** Due to the fact that the Miss Texas Organization requires Miss Texas to withdraw from school or take a one (1) year absence from work following her selection, her Eligibility Period will begin on July 1, 2025 and end June 30, 2026. If necessary, this period may be extended up to one additional year. The extension request must be in writing, addressed to the LSEF Scholarship Administrator, and postmarked no later than May 31, 2026.
3. **Use of Scholarship Funds** Scholarship funds may be used for mandatory educational expenses only. Mandatory educational expenses are defined as tuition, books, room and board (must be on campus housing or a private dorm that is a 501(c)(3) dorm), or other required educational expenses/fees incurred in a course of study at an accredited college, university, technical or trade school. Scholarship disbursement for payment of mandatory educational expenses will only be made directly to the school or the 501 (c)(3) dorm for the benefit of the recipient. No cash payments or reimbursements to scholarship recipients will be made.
4. **Use of Local Pageant Scholarship Funds** A contestant must use all of her local scholarship funds prior to applying for her LSEF funds. Once her local pageant scholarship money has been fully paid, her local pageant organization's executive director must submit a "Proof of Local Scholarship Payment " form. This form is to be signed by both the local executive director and the contestant.
5. **Payment of Scholarship Funds** In order to request usage of scholarship funds, the recipient must be enrolled for a minimum of 12 hours as an undergraduate or a minimum of 6 hours as a graduate student. To request a disbursement, eligible recipients must complete and submit the following items *at least 30 days prior to when payment is due*: 1) Proof of Local Scholarship Payment form 2) A Request for Disbursement of Miss Texas Scholarship Award form 3) Proof of enrollment in a qualifying educational institution, i.e. current school registration 4) An active tuition statement showing a payable balance that is not past due 5) Details on how and where payment is to be submitted. Upon proper request, scholarship funds will be paid directly to the educational institution where the recipient is enrolled. If the payable balance is smaller than the scholarship owed, only the current balance will be paid and any remaining scholarship dollars may be requested for future use. Overpayments will not be made.
6. **Payment of Educational Debt** Because the LSEF encourages young women to further their education, the LSEF will pay for educational debt for a contestant who has graduated from school and incurred the debt in her course of study. Funds will be paid directly to the lender. In order to make this payment, the MTSF will require (1) a copy of the promissory note (the note signed in order to get a loan) (2) a copy of a current account statement, with account number, showing the balance due and (3) a diploma and/or transcript showing successful completion of the education for which the loan was acquired. The scholarship recipient must be shown as the responsible party for repayment of the loan. Please note that scholarship payments to student loans may be taxable, so a 1099 will be issued and the recipient will be responsible for paying any tax due.
7. **Special Circumstances** If you believe you have a special circumstance that may not fit any of the above approved usages for your scholarship monies, please submit 1) Proof of Local Scholarship Payment form and 2) A Request for Disbursement of Miss Texas Scholarship Award form along with a description of your desired usage. Special circumstances can be considered, but would require board approval from the LSEF board members.
8. **In-Kind Scholarships** If a titleholder is awarded an in-kind scholarship from a school, she may accept the scholarship upon terms and conditions required by the respective school. The LSEF has no control over these scholarships other than to award them to the designated winner if she chooses to accept it.

9. **Refunds** If a contestant withdraws from a class for which LSEF has paid the cost, and a cash refund is made, the refund shall be returned to the LSEF.
10. **Receipt of Funds Earned** A contestant will receive only the amount of scholarships she is awarded at the Miss Texas Pageant. Should a runner-up succeed to the title of Miss Texas, or succeed to any place higher than where she originally finished in the Miss Texas Pageant, she will only receive the amount awarded to her at Miss Texas.
11. **Local Scholarship Rules & Regulations** Please note, these Rules DO NOT APPLY TO LOCAL PAGEANT SCHOLARSHIPS. Your local pageant organization should have already given you a copy of their scholarship rules and you should have a signed a copy of those rules for your records.

The Lone Star Education Foundation reserves the right to amend and/or modify these Scholarship Rules and Regulations at any time, for any reason.

I have read and fully understand the 2024 Miss Texas Scholarship Rules and Regulations and have been given the opportunity to ask questions and/or seek clarification before signing below.

Contestant Signature: _____

Date: _____