

**2024 SCHOLARSHIP RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR MISS TEXAS' TEEN
MISS TEXAS PAGEANT, INC./ LONE STAR EDUCATION FOUNDATION
EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2024**

1. **Disbursement of Funds** Scholarships must be disbursed directly to a qualifying educational institution. No cash awards will be paid directly to the recipient. All awards will be held in trust until the recipient starts her first year of higher education. At that time, the recipient may apply for distribution directly to the qualifying educational institution for payment of mandatory educational expenses.

2. **Approved Usage** Scholarships may be used for all mandatory educational expenses. Mandatory educational expenses are defined as tuition, books, equipment, room and board (must be on campus housing or a private dorm that is a 501(c)(3) 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. **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.

3. **Local Usage** If a scholarship has been awarded at the local level, that scholarship must be distributed before state level scholarships will be paid. The recipient and the local pageant director must complete and submit the "Proof of Local Scholarship Payment" form along with their state scholarship request.

4. **Qualifications for Disbursement** To request scholarship funds being held in trust, the recipient must be enrolled full-time in an accredited institution of higher education, taking at least twelve (12) semester hours (or the equivalent), within twelve (12) months of her high school graduation. If the recipient does not request disbursement of her scholarship funds within twelve (12) months of her high school graduation, the scholarship funds are forfeited back to the Lone Star Education Foundation.

A recipient who is unable to comply with this provision may submit a one-time written request to the LSEF Board in which they should provide a compelling reason why an extension of time to request disbursement should be considered. This request for extension must be received prior to the end of the 12 month period following the recipient's high school graduation. Any requests for extension received more than 12 months after the recipient's high school graduation date will NOT be considered. All extension requests will be considered on a case by case basis and the grant thereof is not guaranteed. The decision of the LSEF Board shall be final and binding.

5. **Disbursement of Funds** To request a disbursement, the recipient 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' Teen 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, the balance will be paid and any remaining scholarship dollars may be requested for future use. Overpayments will not be made.

8. **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.

9. **In-Kind Scholarships** If a recipient is offered a scholarship by one of the LSEF's Educational Partners, acceptance must be in compliance with all rules and regulations established by the Educational Partner. LSEF is authorized only to convey a particular scholarship offer on behalf of the Educational Partner.

10. **Placement Changes** A contestant will receive only the amount of scholarships she is awarded at the Miss Texas' Teen Pageant. Should a runner-up succeed to the title of Miss Texas' Teen, or succeed to any place higher than where she originally finished in the Miss Texas' Teen Pageant, she will only receive the amount awarded to her at Miss Texas' Teen.

11. **Local Scholarship Rules** Please note, these Rules DO NOT APPLY TO LOCAL PAGEANT SCHOLARSHIPS. Your local pageant committee should have already given you a copy of their scholarship rules and you should have 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' Teen Scholarship Rules and Regulations and have been given the opportunity to ask questions and/or seek clarification before signing below.

Signature of Titleholder/Date

Signature of Parent/Date