

Miss Texas

Scholarship Organization, Inc

UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Miss Texas family,

We hope you are doing well! While we are so very grateful for the opportunity to stay in touch online, we look forward to celebrating the day we may all be together again. The Miss Texas Organization has been closely following developments regarding COVID-19 and we remain hyper focused on the safety of our loved ones. We appreciate your patience as we balance the reality that today's decisions will determine tomorrow's options.

In an ideal world we would be preparing to come together on April 24-26 in celebration of the women and local organizations who make the Miss Texas Organization so special, but we would *never* risk your health for that opportunity. Our goal is to minimize physical interaction while still remaining connected, so we are excited to share that Spring Seminar will be VIRTUAL this year! Our actions will remain consistent with the recommendations of leading health officials in order to prioritize your well-being and limit the spread of COVID-19.

The Miss America Organization and Miss America's Outstanding Teen program are also navigating how to prioritize safety while still ensuring young women are empowered to achieve their educational goals through service opportunities and scholarships. The national competition date for Miss America's Outstanding Teen was originally set for August 2020 in Orlando, Florida. However, that date has been postponed and a new date will be shared once logistics are finalized. The Miss America Organization continues to solidify plans for crowning the next Miss America while embarking on the 100th anniversary. We are anticipating this will likely occur at or around the same time as last year with more details from MAO at a later date.

On a positive note, we continue to be SO proud of Chandler, Allie, our local candidates and local organizations for the numerous ways they are serving our state during an incredible time of need. We are grateful to be part of an organization filled with such good people. Please take care of yourselves and know we are thinking of you 24/7. Stay safe. Stay healthy. STAY HOME!

SPRING SEMINAR

See you ONLINE for Spring Seminar!

Spring Seminar is always a highlight - a weekend filled with fun and excitement as we officially bring our entire Miss Texas family together. Normally we take tons of photos, learn choreography, meet with Miss Texas and Miss Texas' Outstanding Teen, talk ALL things competition week and celebrate the extraordinary young women of Texas. We may not get to gather in-person for our usual activities, but we are blessed with the technology to provide some level of normalcy during this very abnormal time we are living in. Our team is working out the logistics and you'll be receiving a schedule with more information and details soon. Here are a few things to know:

Talent Preview

Talent preview is an opportunity for candidates to practice performing their talent, potentially receive a scholarship (awarded by anonymous guest judges) and help the production team make notes for lighting/staging/prop use. The talent preview will be pushed back to a later date and not held during Spring Seminar. We will not be requiring a video of talent to be supplied at Spring Seminar. Continue to work on your talents at home and we'll share more details about Talent Preview during Spring Seminar!

Competition Placement

Competition placement is typically a big Spring Seminar event where candidates select their competition placement (when they compete in each competition area). Traditionally, candidate names are randomly drawn first from the Competition Magazine's Pinnacle Club to select their competition schedule, with all other candidate names being drawn from next. We are also looking at

new and inventive ways to highlight candidates through the Competition Magazine and considering digital alternatives.

Competition Magazine commitments are typically due at Spring Seminar with final payments due in May. This year we will be pushing back the initial deadline for Competition Magazine commitments. This means we will also be pushing back Competition Placement selection to a later date as well. More information will be shared during Spring Seminar.

Paperwork Deadlines

Spring Seminar is normally the time we collect hard copies of the candidate contract, resume and social impact statement for the judge's notebooks to be sent out. We are extending the deadline for these items and will answer questions about them during Spring Seminar. A new deadline will be shared at that time. See below for more information.

Competition Week

We have been discussing the possibility of alternative state competition dates since COVID-19 first began to spread. While we are hopeful that Miss Texas may still be held June 20 - 27 (Plan A), we are prepared with Plans B, C, D, etc. We are finalizing the details of these contingency plans and will share more information about them during Spring Seminar so that you have adequate time to prepare.

UPCOMING DEADLINES

We recognize that concerns around the virus have created new challenges and we are [extending the deadline](#) for paperwork originally due April 24. The following items will be discussed during Spring Seminar and a submission link, new digital deadline, new hard copy deadline and mailing address will be provided at that time.

Visit the [candidate portal](#) (password: Texas2020) for more details as you finalize these items:

- Candidate Contract
- Candidate Resume
- Candidate Platform Issue Statement

RESOURCES

Please see the Candidate Portal for additional resources including

Winter Workshop Recap and Documents (including the job description)

Candidate On-stage Competition Wardrobe Information

Competition Group Schedule

Competition Magazine Resources and Incentives

Additional questions? [Submit them here](#) and we'll help direct you to the right resource and/or person

