

## 2019-2020 SCHOLARSHIP RULES

### SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE MISS TEXAS PAGEANT (MTPI) ARE UNDERWRITTEN BY THE MISS TEXAS SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION (MTSF)

#### EACH CANDIDATE MUST SIGN THIS 2019 SCHOLARSHIP RULES FORM BEFORE COMPETING

- 1. Eligibility Period.** Scholarships earned at the 2019 Miss Texas Pageant must be used within one year, the “Eligibility Period,” which begins on July 1, 2019, and ends on June 30, 2020. Scholarships not used within the Eligibility Period will revert to the MTSF. If a contestant 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 MTSF Scholarship Administrator and postmarked no later than May 1, 2020!** Contestant must be enrolled for a minimum of 12 hours for undergraduate and a minimum of 6 hours for graduate students.
- 2. The Miss Texas Exception.** Because the MTPI 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, 2020 and end June 30, 2022. This period may be extended up to one additional year if necessary for her to use her scholarships. **The extension request must be in writing, addressed to the MTSF Scholarship Administrator, and postmarked no later than May 1, 2022!**
- 3. Use of Scholarship Funds.** Scholarship funds may be used for tuition, room and board (this would be on college campus or a private dorm that is a 501 (c) (3) dorm such as the Scottish Rite dorm at UT), books and educational fees incurred in a course of study at an accredited college, university, technical or trade school (referred to as a “school”) and for payment of educational debt as provided in Rule 5. Payment for current tuition charges, room and board, and other fees will be made directly to the school or the 501 (c) (3) dorm for the benefit of the contestant.
- 4. Payment of Scholarship Funds.** Contestant must have the registrar or business office of her school notify the MTSF Scholarship Administrator that: (i) she is currently enrolled in school; and, (ii) provide a list of courses for which she is enrolled. There must be included with this notice an itemized statement of charges for the current term. Scholarship awarded will be paid half for first semester and half for the second semester. No scholarships will be dispersed without this signed document. Also, it is required you turn in your most recent transcript at the Miss Texas check in.
- 5. Payment of Educational Debt.** Because the MTSF encourages young women to further their education, the MTSF will pay for educational debt, incurred within the last two years, 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 (i) a copy of the promissory note (the note signed in order to get a loan); and, (ii) a copy of a current account statement, with account number, showing the balance due.
- 6. Return of Funds.** Any unused funds paid for the benefit of a contestant who withdraws from school because of academic or disciplinary reasons shall be returned to MTSF. Contestant must maintain at least a 2.5 GPA per semester to keep her scholarship in place for the following semester. Contestant will forfeit remaining scholarship if she falls below the 2.5 GPA following the first semester in which the scholarship is paid.
- 7. 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 MTPI or the MTSF has no control over these scholarships other than to award them to the designated winner if she chooses to accept it.
- 8. Refunds.** If a contestant withdraws from a class for which MTSF has paid the cost, and a cash refund is made, the refund shall be returned to the MTSF. If a refund is made because the winner did not take or complete a course, those scholarship funds shall be returned to the MTSF.
- 9. 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 is only eligible to receive the amount of scholarship money awarded to her at the Miss Texas Pageant.

**10. Use of Local Pageant Scholarship Funds First.** A contestant must use all of her local scholarship funds prior to applying for her MTFS 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.

**11. SUMMARY.** The following information must be provided to the MTSF for payment of scholarship funds:

- **Form from the Local Pageant Executive Director confirming that:**
  - A contestant has used all of her local pageant scholarship money; and
  - Indicates the date and amount of payment, check number and to whom funds were paid
  
- **Letter from the registrar of business office from the contestant’s school:**
  - Confirming that she is currently enrolled;
  - Listing the courses for which she is enrolled; and
  - An itemized account statement showing the amount of the tuition and fees for the current term.
  
- **For educational debt:**
  - A copy of the promissory note; and
  - Current account statement with account number and balance due.

**12. 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 a signed a copy of those rules indicating that you understand and receive the same.

**ANY DOCUMENTS OR CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING SCHOLARSHIPS MAY BE SENT BY U.S. MAIL, OR E-MAIL, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Miss Texas Scholarship Foundation**  
**Attn: Linda Van Zant, Scholarship Administrator**  
**1802 Rolling Ridge Drive**  
**Grapevine, Texas 76051**  
**Email: [lvanzant@verizon.net](mailto:lvanzant@verizon.net)**

**ANY CORRESPONDENCE OR DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO BE PROVIDED BY THESE RULES MAY BE SCANNED INTO A PDF FORMAT AND EMAILED TO THE SCHOLARSHIP ADMINISTRATOR.**

I acknowledge receipt of a copy of the foregoing “Scholarship Rules,” which were posted on the Miss Texas website. I understand that it is my responsibility to maintain a copy of these scholarship rules. I also understand that my failure to submit the required documents to claim a scholarship payment (summarized in Paragraph 11 above) will result in my failure to receive my scholarship. I have read and understand the foregoing Scholarship Rules and I agree to abide by the same.

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<b>Contestant Signature</b>	<b>Title</b>
<b>Mailing address:</b> _____	<b>Email Address:</b> _____
_____	<b>Telephone #</b> _____
<b>School:</b> _____	