



2020-2021 SCHOLARSHIP RULES

- 1. Eligibility Period:** Scholarships earned at the 2021 Miss Texas Competition must be used within one year of the state competition.
 - This Eligibility Period begins on June 26, 2021 and ends on June 26, 2022.
 - Scholarships not used within this period will revert to the MTSF (Miss Texas Scholarship Foundation).
 - If a candidate 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.
 - Candidate must be enrolled for a minimum of 12 hours for undergraduate and a minimum of 6 hours for graduate students.
- 2. Miss Texas Exception:** Because the MTSO requires Miss Texas to withdraw from school or take a one (1) year absence from work following her selection, her Eligibility Period will 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.
- 3. Use of Scholarship Funds:** Scholarship funds may be used for tuition, room, and board (this would be on the college campus or a private dorm that is a 501c3 dorm, 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 501c3 dorm for the benefit of the candidate.
- 4. Payment of Scholarship Funds:** Candidate must submit the Request for Scholarship form that is posted on the Miss Texas website under the Miss Texas Scholarship Foundation tab the following forms:
 - Current detailed tuition statement,
 - Providing a list of courses for which she is enrolled, and
 - An itemized statement of charges for the current term.

Note: No scholarships will be dispersed without these submitted forms.
- 5. Payment of Educational Debt:** Because the MTSF encourages young women to further their education, we will pay for educational debt, incurred within the last two years, for a candidate 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:
 - Copy of the promissory note (the note signed in order to get a loan),
 - Copy of a current account statement, with account number, showing the balance due.
- 6. Return of Funds:** These funds are specifically for education, therefore any unused funds paid for the benefit of a candidate who withdraws from school because of academic or disciplinary reasons shall be returned to MTSF. Additionally, if a refund is made because the winner did not take or complete a course it is understood that the scholarship funds shall be returned to MTSF.
- 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 MTSO 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. Receipt of Funds Earned:** A candidate will receive only the amount of scholarships she is awarded at the Miss Texas Competition. Should a runner-up succeed to the title of Miss Texas or succeed to any place higher than where she originally finished in the competition, she is only eligible to receive the amount of scholarship money awarded to her at the Miss Texas Competition.
- 9. Use of Local Competition Scholarship Funds First:** A candidate must use all of her local scholarship funds prior to applying for her MTSF funds. Once her local competition scholarship money has been fully paid, her local Director must submit a “Verification of Proof of Local Scholarship form that can be found on the Miss Texas website under Miss Texas Scholarship Foundation tab.