

# Miss Texas

## **Private Interview**

Each candidate engages in a private 10-minute press conference style interview with a panel of judges. Candidates may be questioned based on their background as presented on her resume, educational and career goals, opinions on current events, social issues, their interests, hobbies and/or extracurricular activities. During this phase judges are assessing a candidate's ability to think under pressure, speak eloquently and quickly and the aptitude for the job as a titleholder. This is the first phase of competition to take place.

### Judging Criteria:

- Communication skills including personality, intelligence, validated opinions, emotional control, overall first impression and professionalism,
- The overall qualities and attributes necessary in order to fulfill the job responsibilities of her title,
- Judges are not scoring based on their own personal agreement with her statements, position, beliefs, or social impact initiative, but instead how well she interacts and thoughtfully articulates her answers.