

OFFICIAL LOCAL AGREEMENT

PRELIMINARY TO MISS LOUISIANA'S OUTSTANDING TEEN PROGRAM

This agreement was made and entered into by and between **Miss Louisiana's Outstanding Teen Program (State)** and _____ **(Local)**.

Upon execution and return of this official agreement to the **Miss Louisiana's Outstanding Teen Scholarship Program** Executive Director, **State** agrees to assign unto **Local** the executive right, privilege and franchise to select _____ **Outstanding Teen**, who shall be accepted as an official contestant in the **Louisiana's Outstanding Teen Pageant**, provided that all conditions, obligations, and agreements hereinafter set forth are fully completed.

LOCAL AGREES:

1. To execute and return this agreement within thirty days of receipt or of the date of **Local** pageant. New preliminaries agree to return the agreement prior to the first local competition.
2. To conduct a preliminary and select a titleholder by February 28 of the year in which the titleholder will compete at **State** and to see that official competition guidelines are followed and the official forms are properly and truthfully completed. To have at least three Teen contestants to have a legal pageant.
3. To complete and submit the current Local Pageant report, and forward information to **State** within **one week** of her selection.
4. To see that titleholder submits the necessary information to **State** as required by **State** by the set deadlines (completion of all forms received in her contestant packet which will be received by **State** no later than the spring meeting in Monroe).
5. To secure a contract from it winning titleholder which will bind said winner to enter no other pageants until after the finals of **Miss Louisiana's Outstanding Teen**, without the express written permission of the local director and the state committee chairman.
6. Not to make or assume any obligations locally for or on behalf of **State**, it being thoroughly understood that **State** is in no way obligated for debts or promises made by **Local** in conducting its preliminary pageant.
7. To assure that said Outstanding Teen titleholder is given the official local preliminary crown which is available from Schoppy.
8. To pay all franchise fees and other indebtedness to **State** within 7 days of the preliminary competition. New preliminaries must pay franchise fees prior to the first local competition.
9. That **Local** has read and will comply with the standing rules of **State**, which are attached and hereby incorporated into this contract, including the following:
 - a. That preliminary will be conducted in accordance with **State and National** rules of the Miss America's Outstanding Teen method of judging
 - b. That the contestants and winners have complied with the qualifications and rules contained in the "Standing Rules"
 - c. That **Local** will provide all requested forms (local pageant report, tally sheets, judges' affidavits and judges score sheets) to **State** within **1 week** of **Local** competition
10. That, if for any reason the **Local** winner is disqualified or released from local title, the first runner-up shall be considered the winner and shall be entered into **State** competition if time allows.
11. Not to assign this contract, either in whole or in part, to any other individual or organization without the express written consideration of the **State Board of Directors**

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- 12. Provide the winner with an official Miss America’s Outstanding Teen Local Preliminary Crown.
- 13. Abide by any conditions of competition that the Miss Louisiana Board of Directors deems necessary.

Upon full compliance by Local with the forgoing and attached conditions, covenants, and agrees, **STATE AGREES:**

- 1. To accept **Local’s** titleholder as an official entrant in the current year’s **Miss Louisiana’s Outstanding Teen Pageant.**
- 2. To assume absolute and complete control and responsibility for all public appearances, performances, and other acts done and performed as the **State** titleholder(s) during her year of service for **State**, should she be selected as Miss Louisiana’s Outstanding Teen.
- 3. That for any violation of this agreement, **State** reserves the right to suspend or revoke **Local’s** franchise privileges. Any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this contract or breach thereof shall be submitted to the arbitration before the **State Board**, at a time determined by the board. Both parties agree to be bound by the decision of said arbitrator and the judgment thereon may enter in a court of competent jurisdiction.
- 4. That, unless otherwise notified, this contract stands for a period of one year

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, **State** and **Local** executed this contract by the duly authorized agents on the following respective dates:

Signed: _____
State Executive Director

Signed: _____
Local Director (Signature)

Local Director (Printed Name)

Local Pageant Name

Date

Date

**MISS LOUISIANA’S OUTSTANDING TEEN STANDING RULES
LOCAL AND STATE**

Louisiana's Outstanding Teen Competition is held in conjunction with the Miss Louisiana Competition, and is the state final for the Miss America's Outstanding Teen Competition held in Orlando, Florida. Eligibility requirements for the coming year (2008):

TO BE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE IN A 2008 MAOT LOCAL PAGEANT, THE CONTESTANT MUST COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING AGE/EDUCATION, RESIDENCY, AND ELIGIBILITY RULES:

AGE/ELIGIBILITY RULES

- Must be at least at least thirteen (13) years of age and at least in the 8th grade on the first day of the Local competition
- Can be no older than 17 years of age as of August 31, 2008.
- Must not be eligible to compete on the Miss level in the Miss America Program at ANY point during the current pageant year. (For example, if a contestant turns 17 years of age on the last day that a local Miss pageant is being held in her state [February 28, 2009 in Louisiana], and will be graduating in the Spring of 2009, and she chooses to not compete or is unable to compete in that competition for any reason other than eligibility, then she is still “eligible” to compete on the Miss level and is therefore ineligible to compete in the Miss America’s Outstanding Teen Program)

Age/Education Eligibility Rules to Compete in a 2007-2008 MAOT Local Pageant			
Age as of 8/31/08	School Classification-Spring 2008	School Classification-Fall 2009	Eligible to compete
13-16	All	9th-12th Grade	Yes
16	Senior	High School Grad	Yes
17	Sophomore	Junior	Yes
17	Junior	Senior	Yes
17	Senior	High School Grad	NO

RESIDENCY RULES

- Must reside in or be enrolled in, and attending classes on a full-time basis in an accredited school or home schooling program in Louisiana.
- Must be a resident of the state for a minimum of 6 months prior to the first day of her Local competition.
- Must have completed one full semester as a full-time student if she is competing in a state because she is a student in that state.

ADDITIONAL RULES / REGULATIONS

- Be a citizen of Louisiana and the United States.
- Be and always been female.
- Be single, never married, and never pregnant nor have any children.
- Never have been convicted of a crime, nor have any criminal charges pending against her, and must be of good moral character.
- Be in reasonably good health (to the best of her knowledge) and able to participate fully and without limitation in any program activity.
- Not use or consume alcohol, tobacco, or any illegal substances

MISS LOUISIANA'S OUTSTANDING TEEN

2008 LOCAL COMPETITION GUIDELINES

Talent (35% of total score)

Contestants perform a 2-minute routine of their own choosing. Some possible talents include all types of singing, dancing, gymnastics, instrumental music, dramatic or comedy monologues, baton twirling and ventriloquism. Other talents that can be performed solo on a stage are also possible. Phone or e-mail us if you have a question about your talent presentation.

Scoring is based on contestant's skill and personality, interpretive ability, technical skill level, stage presence and the totality of all elements, including costume, props, voice, use of body and choreography.

Private Interview (35% of total score)

At the local level, each contestant participates in an individual 6-minute interview. There is to be no opening or closing statement. Interviews are 8

minutes at the state competition and 9 minutes at the national competition. There are typically 5 to 7 judges on a panel, and the interview is press-style, with the contestant standing at a podium. Contestants are questioned on their background as presented on their fact sheet, their educational and career goals, and their interests, hobbies and extracurricular activities.

Scoring is based on overall communication skills, including personality, intelligence, validated opinions, emotional control, overall first impression and personal appearance. Community Service is required on the local level.

Personal Appearance/Poise in Evening Wear (15% of total score)

Each contestant appears on-stage in an outfit of her own choosing, representative of what she would wear to a prom or other formal event/ although contestants typically wear ball or evening gowns, pantsuits, tea-length dresses and cocktail dresses are all appropriate for this phase of the competition. Gowns must be age appropriate, avoid selecting a gown that is too revealing, such a one with plunging necklines or high slits in the skirt.

Scoring is based on overall first impression, sense of confidence, personality and stage presence, walk, posture, carriage and grace, appropriateness of attire and sense of style, sense of attractiveness, beauty and charm.

Lifestyle and Fitness in Sportswear (10% of total score)

The purpose of this phase of competition is to determine the level of fitness of the contestant and to obtain a glimpse into her daily routine and lifestyle. This is an opportunity for the judges and audience to get to know the contestants on another level.

For this phase of competition, the contestant will model sportswear (in character) of her choosing that represents something she does to stay fit. (No Swimsuits). Example: If the contestant is a cheerleader, she can model her uniform in character; if she rides horses, she can model her riding gear in character, if she jogs, jogging attire in character, if she takes karate, model her gi, etc... In character means acting out the activity. A jogger would take a few steps; a tennis player would swing her racquet, and dancer would demonstrate a dance move. Contestants will be judged on overall first impression, statement of strong physical fitness and health, sense of attractiveness and presence, display of energy, charisma and expression, sense of confidence and composure. The outfit chosen by the contestant is ONLY considered for its appropriateness in regard to the contestant's fitness activities and lifestyle. There is NO scoring in regard to the nature of the

particular fitness activity...sports/activities will not be compared. Locals have the option to have contestants compete in aerobic wear of their choice.

On-Stage Question (5% of total score)

Questions will be of a general nature and will be neither platform-related nor something taken directly from the private interview. The objective is to evaluate the contestant's ability to think on her feet and answer a question of general interest to people her age, including, but not limited to, local, state, and national current events.

Scoring is based on overall first impression and extemporaneous response to an on-stage question, contestant's ability to answer the question in the context in which it was asked, contestant's ability to handle the pressure of speaking on stage in front of an audience, and if young people see her as a role model who is reflective of today's generation.

I have read and understand the rules / regulations, the guidelines for competition for Louisiana's Outstanding Teen Local preliminaries 2007-08. I verify that I meet all requirements listed to be accepted as a contestant in the state finals of Miss Louisiana's Outstanding Teen.

Contestant Signature

Date

I confirm that my daughter qualifies as a contestant in the finals of Miss Louisiana's Outstanding Teen. I hereby give my permission for my daughter to compete in the state finals of Miss Louisiana's Outstanding Teen.

Contestant Signature

Date

Local Director

Date