

MISS SCOTTSDALE / MISS MARICOPA COUNTY CONTESTANT PAPERWORK CHECKLIST

1. _____ Copy of Birth Certificate
2. _____ Proof of Residence
3. _____ Copy of School Transcript/Cumulative Record
4. _____ Documentation of Arizona State Requirements for Home-Schooled Students
5. _____ Copy of Health Insurance Card – Front and Back
6. _____ Copy of Dental Insurance Card – Front and Back
7. _____ Registration Form
8. _____ Fact Sheet (2 copies)
9. _____ local Contract (notarized)
10. _____ Scholarship Rules
11. _____ Acknowledgement Form
12. _____ Platform Essay (6 copies with name - 5 copies without your name)
13. _____ Resume (6 copies)
14. _____ Duties and Responsibilities
15. _____ Photographs – 5 size 4 X 6 or 5 x 7, color or black and white for judges books, please, also send a copy of your photo in a .jpeg form to missco2001@hotmail.com. (Must be high resolution as it will be used for the program book.)
16. _____ Accompaniment CD
17. _____ Talent Introduction
19. _____ Ad Pages – Due February 1st
20. _____ Fees for Ad Pages – Due February 1st
21. _____ Register on CMN website and have donation of \$100 or more by February 1st.
REGISTER, ON LINE, AT: MissAmerica4Kids.org

Miss Scottsdale / Miss Maricopa County

REGISTRATION FORM

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Age as of February 16, 2013: _____

Home Phone number: (____) _____

Parent/Guardian names: **Father** _____

Mother _____

Other ways to contact you:

Cell Number: (____) _____ **Parent's Work:** (____) _____

*** Email Address:** _____

School Name: _____

Grade Level: _____ **Grade Point Average:** _____

Talent type (dance, vocal, baton, etc.) _____

Title of song (or music) _____

I will need a (circle one): **hand / stand microphone** **no microphone**

Will you be using props while performing your talent? _____

If you will be using props, what are they? _____

Opening number (contestants need to provide & wear a red cocktail dress)

VERY IMPORTANT!!!

email address: _____

I send all updates & confirmations through email. Make sure you write clearly & check your email often.

Miss Scottsdale / Miss Maricopa County

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF Miss Scottsdale and Miss Maricopa County

The title of Miss Scottsdale and Miss Maricopa County requires commitment from the titleholder. Following are the duties and expectations of Miss Scottsdale and Miss Maricopa County:

She is:

- Intelligent, articulate, highly motivated, caring, talented, ambitious, glamorous, mature, and dedicated to the job of being Miss Valley of the Sun. **She takes this job seriously.**
- A **role model** and contributor to society.
- The epitome of good character, has strong leadership skills, and is able to take direction. **She values her character and reputation.**
- Of good moral character and has a **positive** “can do” attitude.
- Mature enough to **manage her time** between school, extra curricular activities, home, and pageant life.
- **Punctual and well groomed** at all times. She should not make any appearances wearing her crown unless approved prior to the event by her directors.
- **Honest and open** with her directors at all times. Communication is the key to becoming a success. If there is a problem, she should be able to discuss it with the directors to work toward a solution.
- **Willing to take direction.** She fully understands that the Miss Valley of the Sun Organization has final approval for all decisions concerning wardrobe, talent selection, headshots, and any other items related to competing at the state level.
- A mature young woman who is **taken seriously when she speaks.**
- Someone who exhibits a **charismatic personality and good speaking abilities.**

I have read and understand the duties of Miss Scottsdale / Miss Maricopa County. If chosen, I will uphold the duties to the best of my ability.

Signature of Contestant

Date

Miss Scottsdale / Miss Maricopa County

Advertising in the Program Book

Miss Scottsdale / Miss Maricopa County contestants are asked to obtain at least 1/2 page ad sponsorship. Please see the attached rates.

Ads should be "camera-ready" and payment as well as artwork for ads should accompany entry registration packet. (You may send digital image (jpeg) email to missco2001@hotmail.com. You may use a photo of yourself in the ad if you wish.

All cashiers checks, money orders or CC payments should be made payable to Miss Maricopa County Program

Rates for the 2011 Miss Scottsdale / Miss Maricopa County Pageant program booklet are as follows:

ADVERTISING RATES

(BLACK & WHITE)

1/8 PAGE: \$15

1/4 PAGE: \$25

1/2 PAGE: \$40

FULL PAGE: \$60

AD EXAMPLE (BOOK WILL BE IN BLACK & WHITE)



RECEIPT YOU MAY USE:

✂ _____

Name of

Business _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Size of Ad _____ Dollar Amount _____ Date: _____

I agree to purchase advertising in the Miss Valley of the Sun Pageant Program.

Signature: _____

Please make checks payable to: **Miss Maricopa County Program** **Thank you for your Support**

Miss Scottsdale / Miss Maricopa County

Please make all checks payable to:
Miss Maricopa County Scholarship Program
and mail to:
Miss Maricopa County Scholarship Program
c/o Kelly Kucera
936 N Seaborn Ln.
Gilbert, AZ 85234

Entry requirement - \$100 to CMN
You must donate online at the Children's Miracle Network site for contestants.

+ 1/2 page ad sponsorship
Payment and art due to director by February 1st

Payment Worksheet:

(optional) Pre order tickets #_____ Price \$9 each - Total\$_____
Ticket price at the door will also be \$10 each.

(optional) Pre order program book #_____ Price \$5 each -
Total \$_____
(Program Book price at the door will be \$6 - quantities limited.)

Ad/Support pages - Size _____	price \$ _____	Total \$ _____
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(optional) Raffle tickets
We have an AMAZING Raffle with over 100 prizes!

(\$5 each or 5 for \$20) #_____ Total \$_____

Miss Scottsdale / Miss Maricopa County

PAYMENT FORM

Contestant name: _____

Payment Accepted by Credit Card, Check, or Money Order.
3.0% fee added to credit card charges.

I will pay using my _____ Visa _____ MasterCard

Credit card number _____

Exp date _____ Verification # _____

Billing zip code _____

Certified check or money order made payable to Miss Maricopa County Program:

Check _____ Money order _____

Amount \$ _____ (Total of registration, ad pages, tickets, etc)

Signature _____ Date _____

Miss Scottsdale / Miss Maricopa County

FACT SHEET

Full Name: _____

Siblings - Names and Ages: _____

Scholastic Honors and Awards:

Special Training in Music, Drama, Dance, the Performing Arts:

Hobbies or Areas of Interest: _____

Other Accomplishments: _____

What are your scholastic ambitions and career aspirations for the future and why?

Other interesting facts about you: _____

"The three words that best describe me are . . .": _____

Favorites: TV Show _____ **Celebrity** _____

Book: _____ **Food** _____

Song _____ **Movie** _____

What Community Service are you currently performing or service issue that you would promote as your Platform? _____

Miss Scottsdale / Miss Maricopa County

Pageant Information:

All contestants will compete in a private 10 minute interview on the day of the pageant. (Before the on stage pageant presentation begins. Contestants will compete in Lifestyle and Fitness in swimsuit, Evening Wear, Talent and On-Stage Questions during the actual pageant.

Interview - 25%

Evening Wear - 20%

On-Stage Questions – 5%

Lifestyle and Fitness in swimsuit - 15%

Contestants can wear something athletic to model on stage. A fitness outfit, or sports uniform are common choices.

Talent - 35%

Contestants will perform a talent (such as singing, dancing, juggling, baton twirling, a musical instrument, monologue, etc.) of **no more than 2 minutes**. Talents will be timed. Each contestant should wear an outfit or costume that compliments her talent performance. Costumes must be in good taste and appropriate for the contestant's age. Contestants are encouraged to express their own personality and individuality. Any accompaniment must be on a CD and should enhance the overall performance *without duplicating the contestant's vocal or instrumental melody*. No live accompaniment will be permitted. Talent selections will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. **No talent selection will be shared by more than one contestant.**

Dress Rehearsal: (Subject to change)

Friday, February 15th

Contestants will be required to arrive at the pageant location at 4:00pm to prepare for a dress rehearsal. Walking patterns and order of competition will be addressed during the 2-3 hour dress rehearsal. Contestants might have additional time on Saturday, February 14th to perform their talent on stage at least once prior to the pageant.

Times:

(Subject to change): Contestants need to arrive at 9:00am to practice talent, review opening number and walking patterns. Interviews will likely begin at 2:00pm.

Opening number requirement:

Solid color RED cocktail dress. (no floor length dresses/gowns) (No colored patterns or wording allowed!)

Questions

Where is the pageant held?

TBD

Who can participate?

We will be crowning 2 winner in the "Miss" division - Miss Maricopa County & Miss Scottsdale. (Girls ages 17 to 24) There must be 8 or more contestants to award both titles

We will be crowning 1 winner in the "Teen" division - Miss Maricopa County's Outstanding Teen (Girls ages 13 - 17) (If there are 10 or more Teen contestants registered by January 15th, we may award a second Teen title. "Miss Scottsdale's Outstanding Teen and hold a 2 night pageant.)

We will also be offering a Princess Program for Girls ages 4 - 12. This is not a competition. All Princess Participants will win a crown and get to participate in the February 16th pageant.

When?

Pageant - February 16th

What are the costs?

\$100 donation to CMN. plus 1/2 or more ad page sponsorship

There are optional items which you may purchase such as pageant tickets, program books and raffle tickets.

Can I get sponsors?

Yes! You may get sponsor(s) to cover a portion or all of the registration fee.

Who should I ask to sponsor me?

You can ask family, friends, businesses that you frequent.

Anyone you feel will want to support you and/or the scholarship program.

Will I have to dance?

The executive producer creates the production numbers that you will perform. They make every effort to keep it simple so that everyone can participate with or without dance experience.

If you have additional questions that are not answered here, please do not hesitate to contact the director with questions.

**Kelly Kucera at missco2001@hotmail.com
You can also visit www.MissMaricopaCounty.com**

Miss Scottsdale / Miss Maricopa County

PHOTOGRAPHS

Please submit:

Six 4X6 Color or Black & White Photos for the Judges Books
These should be included in your paperwork due
on or before February 1st!

Photo & Website Release Forms

PHOTOGRAPH COPYRIGHT RELEASE FORM

All professional photographs submitted for the Miss Maricopa County, Miss Scottsdale Pageant must be accompanied by a release giving permission to reprint the photographs. You may use this release, or any release provided by the photographer.

PHOTOGRAPH COPYRIGHT RELEASE

Name of Photographer or Photography Studio
gives permission for the reprint of the photographs of

Contestant/Princess Name

To be used for the Miss Valley of the Sun, Miss Maricopa County & Miss Scottsdale for website, publicity, and/or program, etc.

Authorized Signature of Photographer

Date

Website/Photo Release

Event: Miss Maricopa County / Miss Scottsdale, Miss Maricopa County's Outstanding Teen, Miss Maricopa County Princess Program

Crowning Date: February 16, 2013

I give permission for photographs of the persons listed below to be published on the website for Miss Maricopa County & Miss Scottsdale. I understand that these photos can be viewed by anyone in the world, but no identifying information of anyone under 18 years of age will be displayed.

I am over 18, and I give permission for my image to be published.

Parent name: _____

Signature: _____

I am the parent or legal guardian of the following child(ren) under 18 years of age, and I give permission for their images to be published.

Child's name: _____

Child's name: _____

Child's name: _____

Child's name: _____

Adult's name (print): _____

Adult's signature: _____

Miss Scottsdale / Miss Maricopa County

TALENT INTRODUCTION

Contestant Name: _____

Talent: Please check one

_____ Vocal
_____ Dance
_____ Twirl
_____ Gymnastics
_____ Instrumental
_____ Monologue
_____ Other (Describe)

Title of Selection for Talent:

NOTE: two contestants may not perform the same song.

Write a BRIEF TALENT INTRODUCTION, which includes the title of your selection and ends with your name.
(i.e. “Please welcome Elizabeth Stolper, or “performed by Elizabeth Stolper”)

[illegible]

Miss Scottsdale / Miss Maricopa County

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

All decisions of the judges are final and irrevocable.

Any contestant and or family member or guest of a contestant who exhibits unsportsmanlike behavior may cause the contestant to be disqualified with no refund of entry fee.

Entrants hereby agree to release, unconditionally and forever, any claim against the Miss Maricopa County, Miss Scottsdale, Miss Maricopa County's Outstanding Teen, Miss Arizona's Outstanding Teen Program and the Miss Arizona Scholarship Foundation, its officers, directors, employees, agents and/or any of its subsidiaries by virtue of their participation in this pageant; or any use of their name, likeness, voice and/or biography in connection with this pageant, including use in promotional and advertising material.

Contestants and their parents/guardians agree to hold harmless all persons affiliated with the Miss Maricopa County, Miss Scottsdale, Miss Maricopa County's Outstanding Teen Program, Miss Arizona's Outstanding Teen Program and the Miss Arizona Scholarship Foundation in case of any loss or injury occurring during or in travel to and/or from any event held in conjunction with this pageant.

Miss Maricopa County and Miss Scottsdale are expected to cooperate with the Executive Director and the Miss Maricopa County / Miss Scottsdale Board and maintain high academic and personal standards. The title may be withdrawn if conduct standards, grade point average or commitments to the Miss Maricopa County / Miss Scottsdale Board are not met.

All appearances as a reigning titleholder, including visits to other pageants as a reigning titleholder, must be cleared through the Miss Maricopa County / Miss Scottsdale Director and chaperoned by a Board member, parent or other approved person.

I certify that the information contained in this registration packet is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Contestant Signature

Date

(If under 18, parent signature is required.)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Instructions for Typing the Platform Issue Statement

Please remember. This is your opportunity to explain to the judges what your chosen platform is and why it is important for the Miss Maricopa County / Miss Scottsdale Pageant to embrace this platform. In addition, it should explain how your platform will further the Miss Arizona Pageant “brand” to the public. This ONE (1) page, single-spaced document combined with the Contestant’s Resume, will comprise your entire application for this job. The judges will receive exactly what is submitted. Any items submitted that do not fit the established criteria will **NOT be returned to a contestant for corrections - any items, which do not meet the criteria or are submitted after the deadline will not be given to the judges.** The contestant may explain the lack of judging materials during her interview, if she so chooses.

1. Go to the word processing program of your computer.
2. Start a “new” document
3. Set margins for 1" on all four sides. The font style may not be any smaller than “10” and no larger than “12” point type using the Times New Roman font style.
4. With the justification set for left, type “**Name:**” in bold. Following the colon (:), hit the space bar twice. Then, type your name.
5. Double space down. Set your justification to “center”. They type in **Bold and underline** the title of your Platform.
6. Double space down. Write what you feel is critical for the judge’s to know about your platform and why it is necessary for you to have the job of Miss America to promote this issue. What you write will be what the judges know about your platform, your role in successfully dealing with this issue, and the role the Miss America Organization may play in your plan.
7. This essay may include some of the following items (this is not to be meant as an exhaustive list):
 - 1 A clear definition of the platform and the specific issues you wish to address
 - 2 A plan on how you have or will create awareness of the platform
 - 3 The way in which you have or will change attitudes regarding the issue
 - 4 The way in which you have or will change behaviors related to this issue
 - 5 The way in which your platform issue will move the Miss America Organization forward
 - 6 Your media plans
 - 7 Your marketing strategy
 - 8 How you propose to fund your ideas/plans
 - 9 Any significant accomplishments you have made in regard to your issue.
8. At the bottom of the page, you MUST set the justification to the right. **Type a line of 26 spaces.** Below that line, you must type Signature/Date. Once you have printed the document, you must sign and date this document.

Instructions for Completing the Miss Maricopa County / Miss Scottsdale Contestant's Resume

Please remember. This is your opportunity to demonstrate to the judges why they should consider you for the job of Miss Maricopa County / Miss Scottsdale. You may list as many or as few items under each category as you desire. Your only restriction is that it must follow the established format and it MUST FIT ON ONE PAGE. This page, combined with the Platform Statement, will comprise your entire application for this job. The judges will receive exactly what is submitted. Any items submitted that do not fit the established criteria will **NOT BE RETURNED FOR CORRECTION**; any items, which **do not meet the criteria or are submitted after the deadline WILL NOT BE GIVEN TO THE JUDGES**. The contestant may explain the lack of judging materials during her interview, if she so chooses.

1. Go to the word processing program of your computer.
2. Start a "new" document
3. Set margins for 1" on all four sides. The font style may not be any smaller than "10" and no larger than "12" point type, using the Times New Roman font style. Please refer to the attached sample to verify you are following the requested format.
4. With the justification set for left, type **"Name:" in bold**. Following the colon (:), hit the space bar twice. Then, type your name as you wish the judges to know it. (If your name is LaCricia Deborah Smith and you want to be known as "Deborah Smith", please type "Deborah Smith").
5. Then, move to the next line and type, **"Hometown:" in bold**. Following the colon (:), hit the space bar once. Then, type your hometown including the city and the state.
6. Move to the next line. Now set your justification to the right. Type **"Date of Birth:" in bold**. Hit the space bar two (2) times, and type the month, day, and year of your birth. (Ex. October 10, 1979)
7. Move Justification to the left. Double space down. **"Education:" in bold**. Hit the tab bar three times and then type your most recent school first. If it is grad school indicate it as such. List degree seeking (all on the same line as the name of the school), move to the line underneath that to list your undergraduate school and degree sought/achieved, and below that list your high school.
8. Double space down. Hit the tab bar once. Type **"Platform Issue:" in bold**. Hit the tab bar three times. Type the TITLE of your platform, MAKING SURE IT LINES UP WITH THE INFORMATION ABOVE IT. DO NOT TYPE ANYTHING OTHER THAN THE TITLE.
9. Double space down. Hit the tab bar once. Type **"Scholastic/Career Ambition:" in bold**. Hit the Tab bar once, MAKING SURE IT LINES UP WITH THE OTHERS ABOVE IT. Then type the type of degree/education you would ultimately like to achieve and beneath that, list your career ambition.
10. Double space down. Hit the tab bar once. Type **"Talent:" in bold**. Hit the tab bar three times. Type the type of talent and specific selection. MAKE SURE IT LINES UP WITH THE INFORMATION ABOVE IT. (i.e. Pop Vocal - "Crying", Tap Dance - "Staying Alive", etc.)
11. Double space down. Type **"Scholastic Honors:" in bold**. Hit the space bar twice. Each item should be separated by a semi-colon (;).
12. Double space down. Type **"Leadership Roles:" in bold**. Hit the space bar twice. Each item

should be separated by a semi-colon (;).

13. Double space down. Type **“Accomplishments:” in bold**. Hit the space bar twice. Each item should be separated by a semi-colon (;).

14. Double space down. Type **“Interesting Facts:” in bold**. Hit the space bar twice. Each item should be separated by a semi-colon (;).

15. Double space down. Type **“Employment:” in bold**. Hit the space bar twice. Each item should be separated by a semi-colon (;).

16. Double space down. Type **“Marketing Plan:” in bold**. Hit the space bar twice. In sentence form, explain how you would market the Miss America “Brand.” Please include any relevant experience you have had which may uniquely qualify you to serve in this position. Please be aware that a portion of the Miss America job description will include marketing the Miss America Organization to corporate sponsors, commercial sponsors, and other national organizations. (Both For-Profit and Non-Profit)

17. Double space down. Type **“Legacy:” in bold**. Hit the space bar twice. This should be typed in sentence form. Please write what your legacy, as Miss Maricopa County or Miss Scottsdale will be. This statement should answer the question, “A year after giving up your title as Miss local, what will we remember about your year of service?”

19. Double Space down. Type **“Why I should be Miss America this year:” in bold**. Hit the space bar twice. Explain to the judging panel why you should be selected Miss America and, more importantly, why you should be selected Miss America this year. Why is it critical for you to be Miss America right now?

Please remember that the entire form MUST FIT ON ONE PAGE using the Times New Roman font style. You must leave a 1" margin on all four sides of the page. Use your best judgment on what is most important for the judges to know about you. Use your space wisely. Attached you will see an example of what it should look like. Any variations from this form will be returned to you and will not be accepted. Your materials will not be retyped. The judges will receive your original work.

This form will be given to the judges along with your platform statement. You will notice there is a required signature line at the bottom of the platform statement. When these two pages are put together, they will create your entire application. Your signature will cover the materials listed ON BOTH PAGES. Your signature verifies that everything on your forms is true and accurate. If it is proven that any information on these forms is not true, correct, and factual, you risk losing your local/state title.

Some spacing issues may arise. Simply follow the example provided (i.e. in some cases you may need to hit the “tab bar” four times instead of three times). Do not attempt to change margins, font size options, or deviate from the requested criteria as set forth in this document.

Miss Maricopa County / Miss Scottsdale SCHOLARSHIP RULES

1. Contestants are responsible for reading and complying with the scholarship rules as printed in the program book. Failure to meet the established deadlines and other requirements may result in the forfeiture of the scholarship award.
2. Scholarships shall be expended for tuition, related expenses and other educational expenses approved by the Miss Arizona Scholarship Committee. **Miss Arizona STATE CONTESTANTS MAY NOT USE THEIR SCHOLARSHIP EARNINGS FOR ROOM AND BOARD.**
3. Requests for scholarships are processed upon receipt of statements from colleges and schools or for other educational expenses. All statements and invoices must be accompanied by a cover letter from the contestant. Requests for payment for other educational expenses (e.g. private instructors) must be pre-approved by the Miss Arizona Scholarship Committee.
4. **Contestants must use the scholarships won at the local level prior to applying for their state scholarship.** This includes local scholarships from all pageants in which the contestant has participated during the past pageant year. The request for state scholarship awards should include a letter from the local director certifying that local scholarship award(s) have been used.
5. If a titleholder cannot use all of the local scholarships in the specified time to collect the state awards, she must **submit, in writing, a request to extend the scholarship time.** This letter must be sent to the Pageant Office within one year from the date of the state award.
6. Scholarships must be used for current educational expenses. Contestants may submit invoices for payment directly to the provider of the educational service or may submit a receipted bill and request reimbursement. **All invoices and receipts must be originals.** All requests for reimbursement must include a cancelled check or credit card statement verifying payment. Receipts must be sufficiently detailed to verify the precise nature of the expense. Contestants may not request payment or reimbursement for expenses, which are or have been covered through any other financial aid source other than student loans, which meet the provisions of paragraph #7 below.
7. Scholarships may be used toward personal **computers only upon submission of an official letter from the educational institution stating that it is a mandatory requirement for the recipient to complete the course work.** There is a \$2000 limit on the cost of computer equipment. **Scholarship award may not be used for software or other accessories.**
8. Scholarships may be used for outstanding student loan obligations provided the loan is not in default and provided the student has satisfactorily completed the coursework for which the loan was obtained. Contestants must submit documentation from the school or lender, which shows that the contestant is either the primary or secondary payor of the loan application. Notice of payments due should be sent to the Miss Arizona Scholarship Foundation for payment. If the time required for processing the invoice extends beyond the due date, the contestant may submit proof of payment and request reimbursement.
9. Scholarships may be used for future educational expenses. Contestants must begin use of their scholarships within one year (two years for Miss Arizona) of the date of the award. If a contestant has no activity in her scholarship account during this period, the funds in her account will be forfeited.
10. A contestant, who begins using her scholarship within the time designated above, will then be required to show **continuous activity in her scholarship endeavors up to a limit of four years following the date of the award.** If there occurs a nine month period in which there is no activity in an account, then the **balance of that account will be forfeited.** Similarly any balance remaining in a contestant's account four years following the date of the award will be forfeited.
11. An exception to the time limits described above may be made if the contestant, prior to the expiration date, makes a written appeal to the Miss Arizona Scholarship Committee citing compelling reasons why the time period should be extended. The Scholarship Committee will review the request and determine whether or not an extended time period is warranted. The decision of the Scholarship Committee shall be final and binding.
12. Scholarships, which have been forfeited, will remain in the scholarship account for future awards.
13. Any contestant who forfeits her title or scholarship winnings at the **LOCAL LEVEL** automatically forfeits any winnings she may have accrued at the **STATE LEVEL.**

I understand the Scholarship Rules and Procedures.

Contestant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____