

Miss Jefferson County's Contestants!!

We are delighted that you are interested in joining the Miss Jefferson County Family!

The 2025 Miss Jefferson County competition will be held on July 21, 2024, at Mortimer Jordan High School located at 1920 Blue Devil Road, Kimberly, AL 35091 time will be announced later since it will depend on the number of candidates.

We will be limiting the number of candidates, so please get your paperwork in early. Opening number attire will be a black cocktail dress with appropriate shoes.

A detailed itinerary will be sent a week prior to the competition.

Items required to be mailed should be sent to this address:

Amy Cummings 7012 Rowan LN Leeds, AL 35094 Please do not require a signature.

We will have a rising star program- Please note if you have a rising star she must participate in our program on July 21, 2024, to be eligible to attend the State Competition with you. If you do not have a rising star, please let the director know. The rising star paperwork is available on our website, www.missjeffersoncountyal.com or you can request it via email.

DEADLINE FOR ALL PAPERWORK IS JULY 14, 2024. Please remember to send any documents that are to be sent via email in a PDF format except for your photo.

We will be accepting a limited number of contestants so be sure and get your paperwork in early!

Please reach out if you have any questions!

Thanks so much!!

Amy

MISS JEFFERSON COUNTY AND MISS JEFFERSON COUNTY'S TEEN

ELIGIBILITY

MISS CONTESTANTS -Born between 1996-2006 and must be at least 18 and no older than 27 by the State Competition

TEEN CONTESTANTS-Born between 2006-2010 and must be at least 14 and no older than 17 by the State Competition

ALL CONTESTANTS MUST REGISTER WITH MISS AMERICA HERE:

<https://www.club.missamerica.org/jon-page> If you have already paid and need to register for another pageant you can use the by-pass page and it allows you to register without additional payment

<https://www.club.missamerica.org/bypass-page>

(\$39.99/year for Teen & Miss Contestants)

YOU MUST REGISTER FOR MISS JEFFERSON COUNTY AS WELL AS MISS AMERICA. THERE WILL BE A \$30.00 FEE REQUIRED BY MISS AMERICA FOR EACH PRELIMINARY COMPETITION YOU ENTER. THIS WILL BE A DONATION TO THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION AND WILL BE CREDITED TO YOUR SPOTFUND ACCOUNT. THIS MUST BE PAID/RAISED/RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE DAY OF COMPETITION.

Please send the following Items by [email to missjeffcounty@gmail.com](mailto:missjeffcounty@gmail.com)

- **Headshot** photo for Judges
- **Interview Fact Sheet & Community Service Essay (Word or PDF format only)**
- **Talent Music** (as applicable; MP3 or MP4 format *only*)
- **FULL STATE Contract – please include all pages** (I will email this document once I have received your other documents) a scanned copy *signed* with applicable eligibility documents included (only **one** is needed):
 - Copy of Driver's License or Lease if competing as a **resident** of Alabama
 - Copy of recent transcript if competing under **student** status
 - Proof of Employment if competing as a **full-time worker** in Alabama
- **Eligibility Documents (scanned copy)**
- **Contestant Information Sheet**
- **Fitness Introduction**
- **Rising Star Headshot**
- **Please make sure all photos are high resolution**

PLEASE NOTE PAPERWORK REQUIREMENTS MAY CHANGE AND UPDATES WILL BE PROVIDED TO YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Notarized Items and other items listed below please send to Amy Cummings, 7012 Rowan Lane, Leeds, AL 35094 they must be received before the deadline posted.

DO NOT require a signature!

- **Notarized items include Rules of Understanding (Local contract Teen and Miss)**
- **\$100.00 Teen Entry Fee** (payable to Miss Jefferson County – venmo is available upon request)
- **Certified copy of birth certificate (Teen only)**
- **No-Show Check (Miss only)**
- **Rising Star Fees** (made payable to Miss Jefferson County – venmo is available upon request)

Deadline for MISS CONTESTANTS AND TEEN CONTESTANTS will be July 14, 2024.

MISS JEFFERSON COUNTY

Statement of Understanding and Requirements

I agree to the following terms:

- I understand if I am selected as Miss Jefferson County that my conduct must reflect moral standards to be an appropriate role model as Miss Jefferson County. I agree to represent the title of Miss Jefferson County, the Miss Jefferson County Competition, and the Miss Jefferson County Competition committee with professionalism, honor, integrity, and dignity.
- I understand that the Co-Director(s) of the Miss Jefferson County organization must approve any appearance I may make as Miss Jefferson County. I will refer all requests for appearances to the Director(s). This includes all requests made by civic groups, school organizations, other Competition directors, former directors, and other preliminary winners. I understand that any requests to speak with the media (print and electronic) will be forwarded to the Co-Director(s).
- As Miss Jefferson County, I will dress appropriately and professionally for appearances, and exercise good taste in wardrobe selection. No tattoos or body piercings (other than one pair of earrings) should be visible to the public.
- I understand that I am always "Miss Jefferson County". I will dress appropriately when in the community and be properly groomed with make-up, proper clothing, and hair and nails properly groomed.
- Miss Jefferson County is responsible for her own transportation to and from personal appearances. ● I understand that if I have a boyfriend during my year of service, he is not permitted to accompany me to appearances; he is not to show public displays of affection to me under ANY circumstances while I am making an appearance as Miss Jefferson County and/or wearing my crown.
- I agree to be PROMPT for all appearances, knowing that there is never an excuse for being late to an appointment. I will arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the appointed time as set forth by the Miss Jefferson County director(s).
- At all appearances, I will show kindness and appreciation to the sponsor/host. I will not take advantage of the host's hospitality. I will never give the impression that I am sick, tired or bored while at an appearance. I will maintain interest and an enthusiastic attitude during the entire event.
- Hand-written thank you notes for all appearances must be made within 24 hours of the event. I understand that I must display a behavior that is always beyond reproach. I will NOT smoke or drink alcoholic beverages at ANY public appearance and will not be photographed with these items in my hand(s) or in my mouth. I will not wear inappropriate clothing or be seen in businesses that leave the impression of poor moral judgment.
- As Miss Jefferson County, I will not compete in any local, state, or regional Competitions whether they lead to state and/or national finals, without express approval by the Co-Director.

Required Appearances Include:

I understand that my attendance at the following events is mandatory, and it is my responsibility to clear my calendar and resolve any potential conflict from my schedule to attend the following events:

- Miss Alabama Competition Candidate Orientation (date set by Miss Alabama Board)
- Miss Alabama Competition Candidate Workshop (date set by Miss Alabama Board)
- Miss Alabama's Outstanding Teen Competition and Miss Alabama Candidate Introductions
- Miss Jefferson County's Teen send-off reception prior to the Miss Alabama's Teen Pageant
- Miss Jefferson County send-off reception prior to the Miss Alabama Competition
- Miss Alabama Gala and Miss Alabama Candidate Introductions
- Miss Alabama Top Ten Fashion Show (if selected Top Ten finalist)
- Shepherd's Cove Hospice's Camp Hope (October and/or May)
- Minimum of two speaking engagements
- Minimum of two platform appearances

An appearance may only count as one of the required appearances. For example, if an appearance could qualify as a speaking engagement and a platform appearance, it would only count as one required appearance — either a speaking engagement or a platform appearance. All required appearances must be honored unless excused by the Miss Jefferson County Co-Director(s).

Recommended Appearances

- Appearances that support the American Heart Association
- Appearances that support Children's of Alabama
- Salvation Army Christmas Registration and/or Angel Tree
- Ronald McDonald House of Alabama Family Activity Night
- Boys and Girls Club Mentor
- Appearances that support your personal platform
- Interviews with local newspapers and radio stations
- Christmas parades in Jefferson County, including Leeds, Birmingham, Mountain Brook, Homewood, Vestavia Hills, Trussville, and others.

Miss Alabama Preparation

- I agree that I will maintain my physical appearance through exercise and diet.
- I agree to stay up to date on current events and news topics.
- I agree to participate in mock interview sessions, platform development, talent rehearsals, and on-stage practice with my Director(s) and committee in preparation for the Miss Alabama Competition and during my year of service. I agree to practice my talent on a regular basis. This includes being prepared to entertain at appearances related to the title of Miss Jefferson County.
- I understand that my Miss Alabama competition wardrobe, talent selection, and photos must be approved by the Miss Jefferson County director(s) at least two weeks prior to the Miss Alabama workshop. I know that this is done to help me be the most prepared that I can be for the Miss Alabama competition. Also, I understand that my approved wardrobe must be worn for the specific approved
- In event during the Miss Alabama competition. Once final decisions are made regarding my clothing for the Miss Alabama Competition, NO changes or substitutions may be made without written approval of the Co-Director(s). This includes non-competition, off-stage clothing as well as ALL on-stage competition and production number clothing.

- I understand that I will provide my own wardrobe for appearances and all phases of competition in the Miss Alabama Competition.
- I agree to show evidence of working diligently and consistently on my platform.
- I understand that the Miss Jefferson County Director(s) will assist me with my Community Service Scrapbook, and I agree to have my scrap book completed at least one week prior to the deadline set by the Miss Alabama Competition.
- I also agree that the Miss Jefferson County Director(s) have approval rights of the talent selection for the Miss Alabama Competition.
- It is the responsibility of Miss Jefferson County to contact the Miss Jefferson County Co-Director(s) to obtain the required approval(s)/signatures for any paperwork prior to the Miss Alabama due date.
- For Miss Alabama wardrobe approval and signature on the card, the director must see the clothing and witness the talent performance in person. Photographs and/or videos will not suffice.

Outside coaching is prohibited. I understand and agree that I will not have any type of coaching or outside help, advice, or influences in preparing for the Miss Alabama Competition without the approval of the Co-Director(s) of the Miss Jefferson County Competition. I understand that all decisions, including wardrobe and talent, will be made between me and the Miss Jefferson County director(s) concerning the Miss Alabama Competition. Parents and/or friends are to provide support but will not participate in the decision-making process in preparing for the Miss Alabama Competition. Talent instruction such as music teacher, dance teacher, etc is allowed and not considered outside coaching.

Succession Clause

If Miss Jefferson County is crowned as Miss Alabama, no successor will be named. If the winner resigns from the position of Miss Jefferson County prior to her appearance in the Miss Alabama Competition, she will forfeit any scholarship winnings to which she would have been otherwise entitled.

Signature and date

CONTESTANT INFORMATION SHEET

JEFFERSON COUNTY

YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Your School _____

SECTION A: ELIGIBILITY

I have registered to compete on the Miss America Website
<https://www.club.missamerica.org/join-page>

Age as of the date of this Preliminary _____ Date of Birth _____

(Enclose a copy of birth certificate)

SECTION B: TALENT PRESENTATION

Type of Talent (Vocal, Dance, Piano, etc) _____

Name of Talent Selection _____

Type of microphone preferred

Cordless Microphone with stand

Lavalier

Will you be using props? No Yes

Please write a short 2-3 sentence introduction for your talent presentation:

SECTION C: HEALTH AND FITNESS PRESENTATION: CONTESTANTS MUST WEAR RED REBEL ATHLETIC WEAR

[HTTPS://WWW.REBELATHLETIC.COM/MAO.HTML](https://www.rebelathletic.com/mao.html)

WHEN SELECTING YOUR ITEMS AND CHECKING OUT, ENTER THE MISS ALABAMA CODE: MAOALGB

Please write a short 2-3 sentence introduction for your fitness presentation:

SECTION D: ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF UNDERSTANDING AND STATEMENT OF ELIGIBILITY

By signing this Local Contestant Contract Acknowledgment of Understanding and Statement of Eligibility, I agree to abide by the complete Miss Alabama Local Contestant Contract. I understand all terms and conditions of this application and complete Miss Alabama contract together with it's attachments, as I request acceptance of my application to participate in Miss Alabama preliminaries.

Contestant Signature: _____

SECTION E: NOTARY SECTION

Sworn and subscribed to before me this _____ day of _____, 2024.

Notary Public of _____ Signature _____

SECTION F: DIRECTOR'S SECTION

I have verified eligibility requirements for this contestant and this contestant may participate in this local competition pursuant to the terms of the complete Miss Alabama Local Candidate Contract and all attachments and the Local Preliminary Contract for my local competition.

Director's Signature: _____ Date _____



COMMUNITY SERVICE INITIATIVE (CSI) ESSAY

Miss America's Community Service Initiative (CSI) is an integral part of the interview phase of competition, supporting one of the branded elements of Miss America as outlined by the "Four Points" of the crown. The "Four Points" are Style, Scholarship, Service and Success. CSI is specific to the SERVICE point of the crown.

The CSI initiative allows you, as a participating Delegate, to showcase and deploy your interests and creativity, to outline a plan or effort to engage within your local community or state existing programs. You may also design your own program for your community or state.

This ONE PAGE submission in a font style of your choice, font sizes from 11-14 only, should include the following:

- Your name and local title must be in the upper lefthand corner.
- A description of your Community Service Initiative passion or interest
- Why you chose this particular initiative
- How you've partnered or will partner with local/state communities to create momentum
- Any social media or marketing strategies that will best support your CSI
- Any activities you have planned or participated in with respect to this CSI

Use of Graphics

You may use "header only" graphics approximately ½ inch from the top of the 8.5 x11 page. Graphics may include existing organizations' logos, taglines or other creative efforts. You may use bullet points within your essay.

Signature and Date REQUIRED

Please sign and date your submission at the bottom righthand corner. No submissions will be accepted without your signature. Electronic signatures are acceptable.

Name: Jane Smith
Title: Miss Local Title

Celebrating Cultural Diversity and Inclusiveness

It is imperative that this nation face and embrace its cultural diversity. While many people have talked about this issue, I believe that most of them have only paid lip service to the true necessity of what needs to be addressed related to this issue. There is a false truth in merely accepting and tolerating cultural diversity. I intend to prove that in order to accept and understand people of other cultures; one must be willing to step out of a personal cultural comfort zone and identify the origin of their prejudice. I will specifically focus on three areas: Children, Communities, and Businesses.

The title of Miss America, combined with the national media already looking at the surface of this issue, will allow me to create the national awareness that must exist. Currently, the term “Cultural Diversity” is well known in the halls of institutions of higher learning and, perhaps, even in the public school classroom because of the need for some to be politically correct. But, in order for us to make a true change in attitudes and behaviors of Americans, we must move beyond talk and into action and policy changes.

My plan is to motivate the media and to partner with the National Conference for Community and Justice. This organization has chapters in every major city in the nation and, in many cases, those chapters have community leaders involved who can, with encouragement and challenging, bring this issue out of hiding and into the public light in each of those communities.

Obviously, the media and the NCCJ already exist. However, what is lacking is a lightning rod to draw attention to this issue. This is where the Miss America Organization steps into the lead. What better role is there for Miss America than to be an agent of change in organizing our nation to accept our differences and to create an environment that values each person on individual characteristics rather than on stereotypes or assumptions?

For years, Miss America was seen as a young woman who cut ribbons and appeared in parades. It is time for “Miss America” to step out of the convertible and *lead the parade*. Our country’s ethnic make-up is changing rapidly and our citizen’s fear of terrorism can explode already existing, but deeply hidden prejudices. I want to be the leader that this nation needs.

This nation needs this issue addressed now and through the already existing NCCJ and its local and state organizations combined with the power of Miss America, we can make a concrete difference now, which will change the direction and the future of our nation.

Signature/Date



Interview Fact Sheet Instructions

Must be a single page

San serif fonts in sizes 11-14.

Margins to be standard 1"

Single line spaced typed responses

May be submitted as a hard copy

May be filled out as online digital form

May be a PDF

May not include any attachments

May not include any graphics or photos

Please see sample below.

Interview Fact Sheet

Name:

Hometown/Local Title:

Age:

Instagram:

Facebook:

TikTok:

Twitter:

Current Employment or Schooling:

Scholastic/Career Ambition:

Community Service Initiative (CSI):

Performance Talent or HERStory™ Description:

Accomplishments:

Interesting Facts:

Describe your personal health initiatives and alignment with #MissAmericaFit:

What social issue, other than your CSI, will have the greatest impact on your generation and why?

Name three items on your 'bucket list' in the next five years.