

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](http://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.**

**\$100.00 fee payable to Miss Jefferson County must be received by deadline. Contact me if you would like venmo instructions.**

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's Teen

### Statement of Understanding Between: Miss Jefferson County's Teen and the Miss Jefferson County Scholarship Organization

Relationship: The Miss Jefferson County Scholarship Organization is organized as a nonprofit organization whose express purposes include:

1. The provision of scholarship funds.
2. The representation of Jefferson County in the Miss Alabama's Teen Pageant.
3. The representation of the sponsors of the Miss Jefferson County's Teen Pageant.
4. The promotion of the Miss Jefferson County's Teen Pageant.

As a result, there are several important premises, which are basic to Miss Jefferson County's Teen's year of service. Miss Jefferson County's Teen must recognize that for her year of service she will represent Jefferson County, the Miss Jefferson County Scholarship Organization, and its sponsors. It is important that she maintain immaculate personal grooming and behavior whether on campus, going shopping, or any public appearances.

The Miss Jefferson County Organization will:

- Confirm all appearances and requirements pertaining thereto.
- Screen all appearance requests and protect against undesirable appearances.
- Provide time for study, rest, and vacations in regard to the interest of Miss Jefferson County's Teen's good health and mental well-being.
- Provide a cash scholarship for Miss Jefferson County's Teen
- Miss Jefferson County's Teen will:
  - To ensure efficient management of Miss Jefferson County's Teen and her appearances:
  - Refer ALL appearance requests to the Directors.
  - Refer ALL press, radio, or television requests to the Directors
  - Honor and fulfill ALL scheduled appearances for Miss Jefferson County's Teen
  - Prepare herself to successfully meet the requirements of the approved appearances.
  - Prepare herself in conjunction with the Miss Jefferson County's Committee and Directors to adequately and successfully compete in the Miss Alabama's Teen Pageant
  - Be responsible for raising/collecting monies required prior to competing at Miss Alabama's Teen Pageant In addition, it is highly desirable that Miss Jefferson County's Teen make attempts to attend and/or participate in these events during her year of service:
    - Parades and community events as applicable
    - Miss Alabama Gala (Date TBA)
    - Miss Alabama Pageant (for Teen introductions) In addition, it is required that Miss Jefferson County's Outstanding Teen attend and/or participate in these events during her year of service:
      - Miss Alabama's Outstanding Teen Orientation
      - Miss Jefferson County Fundraiser events (as emcee, special guest or other capacity) (dates TBA)
      - Camp Hope –Marshall County Hospice Bereavement Camp (TBA)
      - **Miss Jefferson County's Teen will never have any type of coaching or outside help, advice, or influences in preparing for the Miss Alabama's Teen Pageant without the written approval from the Directors – except for talent instruction for example-voice teacher, dance teacher, music teacher, etc.**

- The newly crowned Miss Jefferson County's Teen will provide the Directors with an edited headshot as soon after being crowned Miss Jefferson County's Outstanding Teen as feasible. She will have her competition photographs made in a timely manner, so that the photos will be ready for all deadlines.
- Maintain and review the online calendar provided by Miss Jefferson County Committee, to keep apprised of important events.
- Frequent communication in some form with the Directors. Respond in a timely manner to texts and/or email communications.
- Communicate with your Rising Star on a regular basis. Please treat it as the mentoring program it's intended to be and take that role seriously.
- Understand that all decisions will be made between she and the Directors. Parents are to provide support for their daughter but will not have final say in the decision-making process in preparing for the Miss Alabama's Teen Pageant. Although the Directors will give utmost regard to her personal taste, style, and issues of budget, the Directors have her best interest at heart and an understanding of what is expected of her at the Miss Alabama's Teen Pageant.
- Select her own wardrobe for the State Competition, but the Directors must approve all competition and production clothing **before clothing is purchased.**
- Select her own talent to be performed at the State Pageant, but the Directors must approve talent.
- Maintain wardrobe in a clean and pressed condition
- Maintain personal grooming at all times, which reflects positively, i.e. a conservative wardrobe-no visible tattoos or body piercings (other than earrings) should be obvious to the public.
- Maintain a weight, which is appropriate for her height and body frame.
- Show appreciation and write thank-you notes to contracting party for all appearances and to all sponsors
- Have a behavior that is beyond reproach at all times. This includes, maintaining a wholesome image on ALL social media sites such as, but not limited to Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, SnapChat, online communities, message boards, etc. Keep your language and pictures free from content that would be disparaging to the image of a titleholder / role model.
- Provide her own transportation to and from scheduled appearances, unless Miss Jefferson County Organization has made other arrangements.
- BE PROMPT. There is never an excuse for being late to any engagement. This will not be permitted at any time. • Never take advantage of the hosts' hospitality. She must never give the impression that she is sick, tired, or bored. She must maintain interest, enthusiasm, and sparkle during the entire appearance. Miss Jefferson County's Teen Contestants will: .
- Allow the Miss Jefferson County Pageant to post photographs and biographical information on the Miss Jefferson County Website.
- Claim all scholarship monies awarded within 6 months from the pageant date or monies will be forfeited.

Miss Jefferson County Disclaimer:

In the event, that Miss Jefferson County's Teen should forfeit her title prior to the State Pageant, the 1st alternate may have the opportunity to attend Miss Alabama's Outstanding Teen as Miss Jefferson County's Teen, although no additional monies or prizes will be awarded. If Miss Jefferson County's Teen is not able to fulfill her duties after competing at the State Pageant a successor will not be named.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a Miss Jefferson County's Teen Candidate have read the agreement, and understand all conditions, rules, and regulations set forth by the Miss Jefferson County Organization, and if selected Miss Jefferson County's Teen will be able to follow and fulfill all the rules and regulations set forth in the Miss Jefferson County's Teen Contract. I understand that if found in violation of any part of this contract, the Directors have the authority to revoke my title of Miss Jefferson County's Teen.

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Signature of Candidate      Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent      Date

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Signature and Seal of Notary Public

# CONTESTANT INFORMATION SHEET

## JEFFERSON COUNTY

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### YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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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

Lavalieri

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

**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.

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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.**