

Welcome to the Miss Arizona Competition!

We have a fabulous and fun competition week planned for you. We are returning to Mesa Arts Center, a state-of-the-art facility for our competition production, and will produce a streamlined, trendy show in the style of the Miss America Pageant. Please be sure your styling choices reflect the fashion-forward image, which represents MAO and the Miss Arizona Organization.

All forms and paperwork for state competition are located on the Miss Arizona Resource Portal, www.MissArizonaResourcePortal.weebly.com, password: 2017forms. **Please review the Miss Contestant Checklist VERY carefully, and complete forms and requests by due dates.**

You must be available for all official pageant week events and production.

Pageant Activities:

Prep Day – **Mandatory** – April 8, 2017 8:30 am-6:15 pm
Church of Beatitudes, 555 W. Glendale Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85021

Orientation and production rehearsal

- Dress code is trendy casual. Bring heels for evening gown production rehearsal.
- Please be on time, but do not arrive more than 10 minutes early.
- *Come camera-ready with hair and makeup, wearing an outfit you want showcased on a projection screen during competition week. The outfit should be youthful and fun, accessorized well and flattering to your body. Think "17 magazine" or "Lucky magazine" photo shoot. DO NOT WEAR cocktail pageant clothing, interview attire or RHINESTONE jewelry. Trendy footwear. Look fresh, young and fashion-forward.*
- Please bring \$5 cash and a teddy bear for Miss America National Service Day (Miss and Teen may bring a bear together if you like). The "Bucks & Bears" will be donated to CMN. Include money in one envelope per organization (ex: "Grand Canyon") labeled with all members' names and titles.
- **TEENS: Must have an adult chaperone** (Local Director or Board Member strongly encouraged). A parent may be present, but please limit this to a maximum of one adult family member. Prior to lunch at noon, Local Directors and chaperones will be dismissed and may return to pick you up at 6:15.
- **MISS:** A Local Director (or Board Member) may attend Prep Day with you. PARENTS MAY NOT. Prior to lunch at noon, Local Directors will be dismissed and may return to pick you up at 6:15.

Competition Week – June 20-24, 2017. Must be available all dates and stay at hotel. *No exceptions.*

- Welcome Party: Tuesday, June 20, evening (time TBD), Mesa Arts Center
- Registration at Mesa Arts Center and check in at hotel Wednesday, June 21
- Competition Interviews and production rehearsals: June 21-24
- Preliminary Competitions: June 22 & 23: Final Competition: Saturday, June 24

Competition Paperwork:

All necessary paperwork for the Miss Arizona competition is located on the Miss Arizona Resource Portal, www.MissArizonaResourcePortal.weebly.com, password: 2017forms. Please use the Miss or TEEN CONTESTANT CHECKLIST as your guide to completing all forms and documents. **All forms and documents requiring signature and notary must be RECEIVED by mail (not dropped off) by no later than March 30.** All other required forms must be filled out ONLINE on the Miss Arizona Resource Portal by March 30, midnight. ***Failing to meet deadlines may result in pertinent paperwork not getting into Judges' Books, not being printed in Competition Magazine, or disqualification from the state Competition.***

Teen entry fee is payable online via credit card or via mail with check. (Nonrefundable after March 30)

COMPETITION VENUE – MESA ART'S CENTER

Competition will be held at International Award-Winning **Mesa Art's Center** in the **Tom and Janet Ikeda Theater**. The beautiful canyon-inspired interior of this theater seats up to 1,588 patrons on three levels and is centrally located in the heart of downtown Mesa, at the southeast corner of Center and Main streets. There is plentiful, nearby parking.

PAGEANT WEEK RULES *Breaking rules will result in immediate expulsion from competition.*

No alcohol or substance use regardless of age.

Sportsmanship: Display good sportsmanship during the entire week of competition. Show appreciation to meal hosts, state staff, Mesa Art's Center staff and backstage hostesses, and display professional behavior at all pageant week events. Your positive attitude can help create a positive culture for everyone around you. Disrespectful or careless behavior will not be tolerated and may result in immediate expulsion from the competition per state staff judgement.

Hotel Room:

- **Miss contestants:** No one may be in a Miss contestant's room at any time, including family, significant others, friends or local directors. Once you are dropped at your room each night by your designated chaperone, you may not leave your room and are not allowed ANYONE except your roommate in the room. Failure to adhere to this rule will result in immediate expulsion from the competition. Miss contestant's rooms are complimentary June 21-23, checking out the morning of the 24.
- **Teen contestants:** Rooms are limited to family or guardians only. Outstanding Teen's parent or designated adult chaperone will be responsible for the contestant's room, tax and incidental charges and will be required to present a valid credit card at time of check-in. For Miss Arizona Outstanding Teen rooms (special \$79 rate), call 480-969-8200 and ask for the "Miss AZ Scholarship Pageant Outstanding Teen" group rate. Please make your reservation **BY JUNE 5**. This special \$79 rate is available beginning two days before State and one day after should you decide to extend your stay.

Dressing Room: No one, including parents or coaches, may be backstage or in Dressing Rooms **at any time, under any circumstances**. (The only exception to this rule is "Wardrobe Load-In" on June 21 and "Wardrobe Load-Out" on June 24 following the final night show. The ONLY person who may help the contestant is the Official Wardrobe Representative (female only) who has a state-issued badge. (Badges will be checked.)

Schedule: Be on time to everything. Lateness will not be tolerated or accommodated. Wear your state-issued badge at all times except when wearing a sash is indicated in the schedule. Teens must have a parent or chaperone with a badge with them at all times except closed rehearsal times at Mesa Arts Center. A rough schedule will be provided at Prep Day and a specific schedule sometime in June.

Hair and Makeup Services: No hair or makeup professionals of any kind are allowed whether in your hotel room or backstage. No teen parents/chaperones are allowed backstage to do hair and makeup. Teen parent/chaperone may help their teen with hair and makeup in their hotel room.

Cell Phones: The ONLY time cell phones may be used is at the designated events during the week and in your room at night (*not backstage*). Cell phones will be checked in each morning with the Teen Hostess or your respective Field Directors. They will only be returned for designated events and at the end of the night.

Talent Music: You will be allowed one hour -- starting after dinner until one half hour before the preliminary or final night competition -- to use your iPod (not cell phone) for talent music. If such devices are seen at any other time, they will be confiscated and not returned until the end of the competition.

Message Boards: The Miss Arizona and Miss America Organization does not condone a contestant posting on message boards and participation on them, evenly anonymously, is strictly forbidden. No one in the organization, especially our leaders and contestants, should ever read them.

Rehearsals during pageant week will be closed. No parents or Local Directors may attend.

PRODUCTION RULES

- **Duplication of talent selections at State Competition is not permitted.** Contestants may not sing or perform to the same song, even if the talents are different. This also applies to a song that is used for production purposes. A contestant may not include in a medley, the same song another contestant is planning to perform as a solo, or as part of a different medley, or as a dance performance. Miss Arizona production staff will determine what represents duplication. **Additionally, Teens and Miss may not sing or perform to the same song.** Talents determined on a first-come, first-served basis.
- **Talents must receive copyright clearance in order to be permitted in the State Competition.**
- Talent presentation shall not exceed 90 seconds (1 minute 30 seconds) in length. The introduction to talent by the emcee is not included in the time. Judges are informed immediately if a contestant runs over her time and this information is used to determine the contestant's score.
- Talent presentation must be live; no part shall be taped with the exception of background or accompaniment music. Talent may not be lip-synced.
- Talent presentations of singing or dancing must be accompanied by recorded music. No a cappella presentation shall be made *without prior approval of the Producer*. The accompaniment cannot be pre-recorded by the contestant and announced as part of her talent presentation. The judges will NOT be notified that the contestant wrote, sang or played any accompaniment, or that she choreographed the dance; this information should not be included in the introduction of the talent.
- Background vocals on an accompaniment are allowed if they do not overpower the contestant's voice and are in the *harmony*, not the melody. Taps on the background of a tap dancer's accompaniment are prohibited. Background for instrumental talents cannot be of the instruments used for the talent (i.e., no violins for a violinist, no flutes for a flute player, etc.)
- The contestant must perform her talent alone on the stage. Sheet music or scripts for dramatic readings will not be allowed during the competition.
- No fire batons, swords and/or knife twirling or bow and arrow skills, or any talent that would constitute a danger to anyone in the performing area is allowed. If you are uncertain, please ask BEFORE submitting your talent request. The use of live animals during competition is not allowed.
- No props will be allowed. No exceptions. A chair or stool will be allowed if deemed necessary by the Producer as essential to the routine.

- All material included in contestant performances must be in good taste. This includes any and all music, song or written lyrics, and actions on stage. The Producer reserves the right to refuse any talent choice that does not meet this criteria.
- Double Talents: If a Contestant wishes to perform a double talent, e.g., singing and dancing, or singing and piano playing, she must perform both live on stage. She will only be judged for what is performed live. For example, if a Contestant dances to a pre-recorded CD of herself singing, she will only be judged on her dancing. If she sings on stage and performs a dance segment with it, both are judged.
- Talents Involving Original Work or Material: Any Contestant who plans to present a talent act that involves prior original work on her part (e.g., own painting, dressmaking, music arrangement, song writing, dramatic reading) must have notarized authentication that she created the work if she wishes to receive credit for the work. The Miss Arizona Organization requires this authentication. This responsibility rests with the Contestant and her Director or the contestant herself.
- State contestants will be allowed to perform the same talent they performed from a previous year for a **maximum** of 2 years, whether these years are consecutive or nonconsecutive.

MORE INFO

PEOPLE'S CHOICE

People's Choice is a wonderful opportunity for people to vote for their favorite Miss or Teen contestant! The Miss and Teen contestants who has the most votes, is guaranteed a spot in the Final competition June 24. This is identical to the Miss America's Outstanding Teen and Miss America People's Choice.

Your photos will be posted on www.missarizona.org. Beginning June 1, your family and supporters are able to cast a vote for \$1. **There is no limit to number of votes!** During competition, voting will also occur in the lobby for \$1 per vote. All online voting ends at 4pm, Friday, June 23, and in-person voting ends after competition June 23. An additional \$100 scholarship will be given to the Miss and Teen Winners.

BID-A-BASKET

You must bring one bid-a-basket with goods with a minimum value of \$75. Solicit businesses in your community to give complimentary items – examples include pro or college team items, salon certificates, jewelry, golf games, restaurant certificates, etc. Many businesses are happy to give something for a good cause and to support you. You are required to secure the basket with a clear wrap. **Send a short description, including the following, to mayda@missarizona.org by no later than June 1:**

- Your name, title (put in subject line)
- Item(s) description (business name, business location, specific items, etc)
- Approx. full-price value of the basket

ARIZONA PRINCESS PROGRAM

For girls age 5 to 12. The purpose of the program is to introduce them to the Miss America Organization, develop relationships their big sister titleholder and encourage the princess to possibly compete one day in the Miss Arizona Pageant. It is also for girls who want to support a particular contestant by representing her during state pageant week. Princess activities will be Thursday - Saturday pageant week.

Those who recruit a princess be featured in an additional stage appearance during a special preliminary night crowning ceremony with your specific princess.

Arizona Princesses will receive:

- 1 Official Arizona Princess Crown
- 2 Official Arizona Princess Sash
- 3 Thursday and Friday Preliminary Competition Ticket for Princess
- 4 Appear on stage with contestants for official Arizona Princess Crowning Ceremony
- 5 Princess Party

- 6 Story Time with Miss America
- 7 Photo op with Miss America, Miss Arizona and Miss Arizona's Outstanding Teen
- 8 Arizona Princess T-shirt & Goody bag

Each titleholder is expected to make efforts to recruit at least one princess to share in this extremely positive, rewarding experience. You are welcome and encouraged to recruit more than one!

For information, go to www.azprincess.weebly.com or email princess@missarizona.org.

SPECIAL EVENT TICKETS

Each contestant is expected to sell a minimum of 2-3 tickets to the Welcome Reception and one competition magazine. If you cannot sell 3 tickets, please sell more Competition Magazine ads.

- **Welcome Reception:** Mesa Arts Center, Terrace Lobby, Tuesday, June 22, early evening. More details available at Prep Day. Tickets are \$35 and will include hors d'oeuvres, desserts and beverages. *(ticket is complimentary for all contestants.)*
- **Pre-order Competition Magazine:** View the full-color Competition Magazine before it is on sale to the public. Secure your copy for \$20.

Purchase tickets and competition magazines at www.missarizonaresourceportal.weebly.com beginning April 10.

OFFICIAL HOST HOTEL– HYATT PLACE PHOENIX/MESA 480.969.8200

The Official Host Hotel for the Miss Arizona/Miss Arizona's Outstanding Teen Scholarship Competition is the **Hyatt Place Phoenix/Mesa** located at 1422 West Bass Pro Drive, Mesa AZ 85201, only 2 miles from our competition venue. Located in the Mesa Riverview Shopping Center, the Hyatt Place Phoenix/Mesa hotel is adjacent to a variety of shopping, dining and entertainment options.

Food

All guests enjoy a *complimentary* hot breakfast, a.m. Kitchen Skillet™ served daily, with hot breakfast items, fresh fruit, oatmeal and plenty more to choose from. The new gallery menu features fresh 24/7 Apps, breakfast, lunch & dinner options, signature flatbreads & an On-the-Go selection. The Bakery Café serves freshly baked gourmet items including gourmet cupcakes, cookies served warm, Starbucks® coffee, wine, a variety of domestic and imported beers and a full service bar.

Rooms

The spacious guest rooms with divided living and sleeping areas, plush Hyatt Grand Bed™, state-of-the-art media and work center with a 42" flat-panel high-definition television that easily integrates with laptops and other electronic devices, an oversized Cozy Corner sofa-sleeper, and wet/dry bar with mini fridge, free Wi-Fi throughout the hotel and remote printing. **All Hyatt Place hotels are smoke-free.**

Pool and Fitness Center

Hyatt Place Phoenix/Mesa has a 24-hour fitness room, and brand new swimming with food and beverage service.

All contestants are required to stay at the Host Hotel from Wednesday June 21 -Friday June 23, checking out Saturday, June 24. Of course, you are welcome to book a longer stay at the host hotel. Call 480-969-8200 and ask for the "Miss AZ Friends and Family" group rate. Please make your reservation **by June 5**. This special \$89 rate is available beginning two days before State and one day after should you decide to extend your stay.