



**Miss Tourism Pageant Organization** (herein referred to as Miss Tourism) is excited to welcome you as a state queen and national/world contestant! Miss Tourism is a community service and platform-based pageant system that upholds the highest standards, fostering a positive pageant environment and encouraging personal excellence for all contestants and their families.

This **Contract and Guidelines** applies to all activities while representing and attending **Miss Tourism Pageant Organization** events, appearances, service projects, and more at the local, state, national, and world levels, as well as personal activities. Contestants and their Parent/Guardian are required to sign this contract, agreeing to abide by the **Miss Tourism Pageant Organizations Regional/State Title Contract and Guidelines**, as well as the **Miss Tourism Rules and Regulations**.

Failure to sign does not waive the contestant or parent's agreement to these terms, as accepting a state or regional title with **Miss Tourism** is a formal acknowledgment of their commitment to the **Title Contract and Guidelines** and all rules outlined herein.

## YEAR OF SERVICE & ELIGIBILITY

As a titleholder, you are an ambassador and representative of the **Miss Tourism Pageant Organization**, and you are encouraged to actively promote its mission and programs throughout your reign.

- **Residency:** Regional/State titleholders must live, work, or attend school in the state/region they represent unless otherwise permitted and approved by the **Executive Director**.
- **Divisions:** Based on your age as of August 1st of the **World/National Pageant**. For the 2025 **Pageant**, these age divisions are based on your age as of August 1, 2025.
- Contestants may move up an age category if their birthday is within 30 days of August 1.
- Written permission must be given to move back an age group.

### Age Divisions:

- **PRINCESS:** Ages 5-8
- **PRETEEN:** Ages 9-12
- **JR. TEEN:** Ages 13-15
- **TEEN:** Ages 16-18
- **MISS:** Ages 19-26
- **MS.:** Ages 27 and up (single, divorced, or widowed – with or without children)
- **MRS.:** Ages 21 and up (married – with or without children)
- **CLASSIC MS.:** Ages 50 and up (single, divorced, or widowed – with or without children)

## PAGEANT REQUIREMENTS

All **Miss Tourism Pageant**- winners of any state pageant as a **Worlds Miss Tourism** state titleholder are required to compete at the **Worlds Miss Tourism Pageant** on the dates and at the location determined by the **World Office** to represent their state title. If, for any reason, a contestant cannot fulfill her obligation to compete and attend the **Worlds Miss Tourism Live Pageant**, she must pay a **Withdrawal Fee** of \$250 to the **World Office** to terminate this contract. The contestant agrees to pay this fee within **10 days** of notifying

the **World Office** via email. An invoice will be sent, and additional fees may be applied if the **Withdraw Fee** is not paid within 10 days.

If a contestant does not fulfill her responsibility to compete at the **World Pageant**, she must **surrender her regional/state title** and return her **official crown, official sash, and any prizes received**, including any **scholarship money** awarded from winning a state pageant or during her year of service. The **official crown and sash** must be returned in their original condition. If not, the contestant understands that she will be required to pay a **replacement fee of \$200** in addition to the **Withdraw Fee**. **No refunds** will be given for any state and/or World fees paid.

All **Miss Tourism Pageant- Appointed Title Holders** All **Miss Tourism Pageant-** winners of any regional, state or national appointed title as a Worlds Miss Tourism titleholder are required to compete at the **Worlds Miss Tourism Pageant** on the dates and at the location determined by the **World Office** to represent their state title. If, for any reason, a contestant cannot fulfill her obligation to compete and attend the **Worlds Miss Tourism Live Pageant**, she must pay a **Withdraw Fee** of \$250 to the **World Office** to terminate this contract. The contestant agrees to pay this fee within **10 days** of notifying the **World Office** via email. An invoice will be sent, and additional fees may be applied if the **Withdraw Fee** is not paid within 10 days.

Holding a **regional/state title with Miss Tourism Pageant** is a **prestigious honor**, and the responsibilities of serving as a titleholder should be taken seriously.

#### **Contestants are required to:**

- Attend all **mandatory events** during the **World Competition Weekend** to represent their regional/state title.
- Remain at the venue until the **conclusion of the pageant** and be **present and on time** for all **pageant events**.
- Arrive **on time and prepared** for each event, as **Miss Tourism Pageant** is committed to running a **timely and professional** competition experience.

#### **Contestants are responsible for:**

- Their **own transportation, wardrobe, hotel stay/accommodations** at the host hotel, most meals, and any additional expenses related to the **World Pageant**.
- Contestants under the age of **21** must be accompanied by an **adult** at all times.

**Contestants and their families/guests may not:**

- Approach the **judges at any time** before, during, or after **any Miss Tourism Pageant** through any form of communication, including but not limited to **email, social media (posts, comments, groups, messages), phone calls, texts, or any other means**.
- Discuss **judging, scoring, or competition performance** with the judges.
- May not contact staff for minimum of 15 days beginning after crowning, through any form of communication, including but not limited to **email, social media (posts, comments, groups, messages), phone calls, texts, or any other means**.
- Do not message any staff to — contact you after the 15-day wait period. Please wait until the time is up to send any messages. This includes regional, state, national or world events.

Any violation of this policy may result in **disqualification, removal from the pageant, or other disciplinary action** at the discretion of the **Miss Tourism Pageant Organization and Executive Director**.

**APPEARANCES AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Contestants are required to complete a **minimum of five (6) different community service projects, activities, and/or volunteer opportunities** with their state title after receiving their **official state crown and sash**. These must be shared/submitted to the Miss Tourism Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/officialmisstourismgroup> along with **photos wearing the official crown and/or sash**, to receive the full **credit of their overall competition score at world finals**. These must be completed during her reign.

If a contestant has an **ongoing service project**, they may submit multiple **service submission forms**, but all related efforts will be grouped together as **one (1) project** toward the **five-project requirement** for the overall score.

*Example: If you regularly donate to a community food blessing box, you will submit a form each time you donate, but all submissions will count as **one (1) community service project** toward the overall requirement.*

**Miss Tourism Pageant** encourages contestants and titleholders to engage in a **variety of community service projects and appearances** throughout their year of service.

## Submission Guidelines

- **All community service and appearances must be submitted** along with **photos actively showing participation** in the service project, volunteering, or appearance.
- Contestants should **take pride** in their **title** and wear both their **crown and sash together** during community service and public appearances.
- Titleholders should remember that their **crown and sash are their official uniform** and should be worn with pride. Depending on the nature of the event, **only the sash may be worn if the crown is not appropriate** for the occasion.
- Only the **official Miss Tourism Pageant crown and sash** may be worn together—**no other crowns or sashes should be worn** in combination with them.

## Professionalism & Presentation

- Contestants are expected to **dress appropriately** for all events, projecting a **polished and professional** appearance.
- Outfits should be **age-appropriate, fashionable, and well-groomed** to uphold the **positive image of Miss Tourism Pageant**.
- As titleholders, contestants are in the **public eye** and will interact with people of all **ages and backgrounds**—they should always present themselves as **role models** and positive representatives of **Miss Tourism Pageant**.
- Contestants should remember they are not at events to entertain friends, family or boyfriends. They are there to interact with the public.
- Contestants should not be on their phones or electronic devices while at any event unless they are taking photos or selfies with the crowd.

## Social Media & Public Image

- Titleholders **may not** appear in any **inappropriate attire** in photographs, media, or magazine articles.
- Titleholders should not allow inappropriate posts to their social media accounts.
- All **wardrobe choices** should align with the **values of Miss Tourism Pageant** and be appropriate for **public appearances**.
- This includes **all images and posts on social media, blogs, websites, and other internet platforms**.

## Safety & Supervision

For safety reasons, all contestants should have someone with them at events, contestants **under the age of 18** must be **accompanied by a family member** during all **appearances and community service** events while representing **Miss Tourism Pageant**.

**We are so excited to see how you use your title to make a difference! Your role as a titleholder is more than just wearing a crown—it's about making a lasting impact in your community. Thank you for representing Miss Tourism Pageant with passion, integrity, and purpose!**

## PHOTOS, VIDEO, AND IMAGES

Contestant transfers all rights, title, and interest in her **image and/or likeness** during the **state and/or World pageant** to **Miss Tourism Pageant Organization** with respect to all **pageant activities**, whether **live, recorded, photographed, or sketched**, and regardless of the medium in which they are displayed.

State titleholders **waive, release, and forever surrender** to **Miss Tourism Pageant Organization** any right to income derived from their **image and/or likeness** in connection with the pageant. Additionally, contestants specifically agree that they shall not be entitled to any **royalties, now or in the future**, from their image and/or likeness derived from the pageant. By signing and submitting an application, contestants specifically agree that **Miss Tourism Pageant Organization** shall forever retain the right to use their **image and/or likeness** for promotional and marketing purposes. **All sales, proceeds, and income derived from contestant images and/or likeness in relation to the pageant shall benefit Miss Tourism Pageant Organization only.**

Contestants grant **Miss Tourism Pageant Organization** permission to use any **photos submitted** to the **World Office** for **appearances, community service events, and activities**, which may be used for **promotion and marketing** across various **media formats, including social media, the pageant website, marketing materials, posters, banners, and more.**

Miss Tourism contestants are not permitted to receive **compensation** for any appearances, photos, or events **involving the Miss Tourism crown, sash, logos, or any reference to the Miss Tourism Pageant**, without The Miss Tourism World Headquarters receiving a commission for the use of our titles, crowns, sashes, or logos. Failure to report

such compensation will result in immediate dismissal. If a contestant is offered a paid opportunity involving the Miss Tourism marks, crown, sash, or logos, they must instruct the entity to contact The Miss Tourism Pageant Organization directly. Alternatively, the contestant should complete a form that includes their contact information (email, phone number, and address), as well as details about the event (who, when, where, and the amount). This form must be submitted to the World Headquarters for approval, as it is against our Policies and Procedures for any contestant to receive compensation without prior authorization.

Any **images, logos, or content created, developed, or written** by **Miss Tourism Pageant Organization** are **copyrighted and are the sole property** of the organization, including **world, national and state pageant logos**. These **must not be duplicated or copied**, except with written permission for **official Miss Tourism Pageant promotional purposes**.

Contestants are **not permitted** to have anything **printed** with the Miss Tourism Marks, Titles, Logos, on them. These items may be purchased through the pageant headquarters.

The **official Miss Tourism Pageant Organization logos must not be altered** in any way and may only be used in their **original form**. Unauthorized use of **Miss Tourism Pageant Organization logos** is **copyright infringement**.

Only **authorized vendors** may use **the official logo(s)** with **written approval** from the **Executive Director**. Anyone wishing to use the **world/national or state logo** must purchase items directly from **Miss Tourism Pageant Organization** or use an **authorized vendor**. This applies to, but is not limited to:

- **Autograph card designs**
- **Apparel**
- **Social media graphics**
- **Flyers**
- Any other **promotional materials** that include the official logo(s).

## **SOCIAL MEDIA**

Contestants must **follow and engage** with the **official Miss Tourism Pageant Organization social media pages** on **Facebook and Instagram**. Contestants are encouraged to **like and share posts regularly** to support the **Miss Tourism Pageant Organization brand**.

Contestants should physically comment on each other's achievements. That will always mean more than an image, gif or like.

Titleholders are encouraged to **promote their regional/state title, appearances, community service, and sponsors** on their own social media accounts. Contestants should share with **the official Miss Tourism Pageant Organization accounts** in **photos and posts** to showcase their involvement. **Instagram is the preferred social media platform.**

Additionally, contestants are encouraged to create **regional/state title social media pages** on **Facebook and Instagram** to highlight their **year of service, personal platform, community service projects, and appearances.** Please use the words **Tourism your state and age- Tourism Ohio Pre-Teen or Tourism California Teen.**

Contestants understand that all **posts, images, and videos** must be **appropriate** and uphold the **values** of **Miss Tourism Pageant Organization.** The following are **not acceptable** on **personal or title-related social media sites, blogs, websites, public appearances, or any digital platforms:**

- **Inappropriate language**
- **Discrediting or offensive images**
- **Nudity, alcohol, tobacco, or violence**
  
- **Public negative comments or unsportsmanlike behavior**
- **Divisive or controversial subjects**
- **Bullying or offensive slang**

All **personal social media accounts** are a **direct representation** of **Miss Tourism Pageant Organization**, and contestants should be mindful of all **content posted.** Whether on **title-related or personal pages**, contestants should always uphold a **positive reflection** of the **pageant and its values.**

We love seeing our titleholders shine on social media and in their communities! Your image, voice, and platform are powerful tools to inspire others—use them to create a lasting impact while representing Miss Tourism Pageant Organization with confidence and professionalism. A random fact, did you know many nursing home/assisted living residents follow Miss Tourism's social media. They are hopeful for our future thanks to the many hours of dedication and service our queens do.



## NON-COMPETE AND FIRST PRIORITY

Holding a **Miss Tourism Pageant Organization title** is an **honor and a responsibility**.

Titleholders are expected to:

- **Promote their title and Miss Tourism Pageant Organization**
- **Encouraging others to enter too**
- **Serve as role models and actively engage in their communities**

Because this title requires **commitment**, titleholders **cannot compete in any other world or national pageant before the Worlds Miss Tourism Pageant**. Participation in **local and state pageants** must be **approved by the World Office through your regional or state director** to ensure it does not **conflict** with the **responsibilities of this title**.

Contestants understand that their **Miss Tourism regional/state title takes precedence** over any other titles they may hold. **By accepting a regional/state title, contestants confirm that Miss Tourism Pageant Organization is their first priority.**

If a titleholder **competes in another pageant** that requires her to **relinquish her Miss Tourism title**, the following will apply:

- **All fees paid are non-refundable and non-transferable.**
- **A \$250 Withdrawal Fee must be paid within 10 days of notification.**
- **The official crown and sash must be returned immediately.**
- **Additional fees may apply if the Withdrawal Fee is not paid within 10 days.**
- **Legal fees may apply.**

Being a **Miss Tourism Pageant Organization titleholder** is more than a title—it's a **commitment to excellence, leadership, and making a difference**. Contestants are encouraged to **embrace this opportunity** with pride and dedication.

## DEADLINES AND COMMUNICATION

Contestants agree to have all **paperwork, forms, ad page fees**, and any other items associated with **Miss Tourism Pageant Organization** submitted to the **National Office** by the designated deadlines. Submitting paperwork or items late will result in a **loss of points** at the World/National Pageant for each item that is received late. Additionally, any fees received after the deadline will be subject to a **late fee of \$50** per item/fee per 10 day increments for processing.

Contestants should **stay organized** and ensure that all items and fees are submitted **on time**. Timeliness is essential for making sure the pageant runs **smoothly** and that no delays occur.

Contestant and their parent/guardian (if under 18) are expected to maintain **open communication** with the **State and World/National Executive Director(s)** via email, phone/text, and social media throughout their year of service. Emails, calls, texts, and messages should be answered within **24-48 hours** to show **respect** for others' time and schedules.

Contestants understand that **all questions** should be directed to the **World/National Office** and the **Executive Director**, to ensure no misinformation is shared. Contestants are encouraged to refer to **paperwork, handbooks, emails, and posts** in the official **Facebook group** before reaching out to the World/National Office.

## **BEHAVIORAL EXPECTATIONS AND SPORTSMANSHIP**

**Miss Tourism Pageant Organization** expects all contestants, parents, guardians, and family members to be **respectful, kind, patient, and courteous** at all times—whether with directors, staff, sponsors, vendors, fellow contestants, or fellow parents during their **year of service** and at the **World/National Pageant**.

Contestants agree to act with **honesty and integrity** throughout their year. Any **misrepresentation**, lies, or untruths by the contestant or a parent/guardian will result in **immediate dismissal** from **Miss Tourism Pageant Organization**, and they will become **ineligible** to compete or hold a title in the future.

**Miss Tourism Pageant Organization** has a **zero-tolerance policy** for bullying, defamation of character, drama, harassment, or unsportsmanlike conduct. If a contestant or their parent/family member engages in **bullying or harassment** or creates **defamation of character** at any time during or after her year of service, they will be **immediately dismissed** from their title and the **Miss Tourism Pageant Organization**. The contestant will also become **ineligible** for future participation.

Depending on the severity of the behavior, **legal action** may be pursued. If legal action is taken, the dismissed titleholder will be responsible for **all legal fees** incurred by **Miss Tourism Pageant Organization** in addition to any **withdrawal fees** as outlined in this agreement. The place of arbitration will be **Robertson County, Nashville, Tennessee**.

## GENERAL AGREEMENT

Contestant and parent/guardian agree that they will not hold the **Miss Tourism Pageant Organization** or the state pageant responsible for any injury, loss, or accident that occurs during an appearance or community service project, or at the National Pageant.

The contestant agrees to follow and abide by all rules and regulations set forth by the **Miss Tourism Pageant Organization**.

Titleholders understand that they are NOT permitted, while wearing any official Miss Tourism crown and sash, to consume or pose for photos with any type of alcohol, drugs, or tobacco-related items/products at pageant-related functions, appearances, or at any time during their year of service. As a representative of the **Miss Tourism Pageant Organization**, it is essential to uphold a positive image, especially as a role model to various age groups. We expect our contestants/titleholders to always act as positive role models.

Contestant and parent/guardian understand and agree that the **Miss Tourism Pageant Organization**, along with the **Executive Director**, shall determine the manner and method of conducting the competition, including the timing and manner of judging, as well as the awarding and supervision of all scholarships, titles, and awards, at its sole discretion.

The contestant understands that she is not permitted to have her name embroidered on any part of the official state sash, as per **Miss Tourism Pageant Organization** policy. If she does, she (the State Titleholder) will be responsible for purchasing a new official state sash through the **National Office** at her own expense of **\$150**. This policy is for the safety and consistency of the titleholder.

State titleholder agrees that if she does not follow the rules, regulations, policies, contracts, or agreements with the **Miss Tourism Pageant Organization**, she understands that depending on the severity of the infraction, she may lose points or may be dismissed from her year of service, resulting in the surrendering of her state title. She agrees to return the official crown and sash and pay a **\$250 Withdraw Fee** to the **World Office** to withdraw from her contractual obligation to represent her title at the World/Nationals and terminate the contract. This fee must be paid within **10 days** of notification. Additional fees may apply if the Withdraw Fee is not paid on time.

Titleholder agrees to replace, at her own expense, the crown and/or sash if it is damaged, lost, or stolen during her year of service.

## ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS

I have reviewed the **Miss Tourism Pageant Organization Title** Contract and Guidelines, and the Rules and Regulations. My parents or legal guardian, as well as I, agree to uphold all of its provisions. I hereby release and forever discharge the **Miss Tourism Pageant Organization**, its directors, volunteers, and staff from any and all claims and demands arising from damages or liabilities due to theft, accident, loss, or injury resulting from participation in the **Miss Tourism Pageant Organization** and/or any of its events.

The titleholder and parent/guardian further covenant and agree not to sue the organization, its directors individually, volunteers, and staff for any claim for damages or liability. I have read and understand all of the policies and rules and agree to abide by them. I understand that the **Miss Tourism Pageant Organization** is not responsible for any prizes forfeited by sponsors. I understand that this contract is enforceable in court under state and federal laws.

The contestant and parent/guardian (if under 18) understand the expenses of competing and that all fees paid are non-refundable, non-transferable.

The contestant understands that the **Miss Tourism Pageant Organization** reserves the right to make modifications, as needed, without prior notice at its sole discretion.

By signing and submitting the Form online, along with my parent or guardian if under 18, I am certifying that I have read and agreed to all rules, which are published on the organization's website, handbooks, paperwork, and applications.

By accepting a state title with the **Miss Tourism Pageant Organization**, you are agreeing to the rules and policies herein. Every contestant completes the online registration form, which includes the above contract and guidelines, and an acceptance of our national rules and policies as published on our website.

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If Under 18 Parent/Guardian Sign

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Contestant Signature

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Date