

# The CROWN GROUP

Miss Orangeburg County Miss Orangeburg County Teen Miss Garden City Miss Garden City Teen

Dear Potential Candidates,

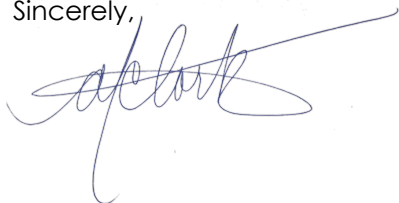
We would like to thank you for your interest in the 2020 Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Orangeburg County Teen Scholarship Program and competition. We are a committee comprised of paid professionals, seasoned volunteers, enthusiastic newcomers, and former competitors who are committed to seeing you succeed within the Miss South Carolina Scholarship Organization. As your stepping stone to becoming Miss America or Miss America's Outstanding Teen, we are very pleased you have considered making us a part of your journey.

Our competition will be held on **SATURDAY, November 9, 2019, 12:00 pm** at a location to be announced. Rehearsal will be held on Friday evening, November 8th, at 7:30 pm. Candidate Interviews will be held immediately before the competition. The deadline for your Children's Miracle Network Hospital (CMNH) donations is **11:59 pm on Friday November 8th**. If your donations are not received until then, you will not be allowed to compete.

Paperwork will be accepted through **Friday, November 1st, 2019**. Unfortunately, it has become common practice for candidates to turn in their paperwork at the last minute, which does not allow enough time for processing and catching potential errors to ensure your success. We **STRONGLY** encourage you to turn in your paperwork at least a week before the deadline. Even if you are undecided, we suggest you turn in your paperwork in preparation to compete instead of scrambling on the day of the deadline. We want you to put your best foot forward, so what you submit to us will be given to the Judges Panel.

We are overjoyed for our eighth consecutive titleholders to compete as candidates in the Miss South Carolina Scholarship Organization. Confident that we can cultivate and refine the outstanding women in our competition for competition now, feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Angela T. Clark

Local Executive Director

Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Orangeburg County Teen Scholarship Program

Official Local Preliminaries of the Miss South Carolina and the Miss America Scholarship Organizations

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## MISS Candidates ONLY

Specific to the Miss Candidates is the Miss America Organization's commitment to our national platform of the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals (CMNH). Each candidate is required to raise donations of \$100.00 for each preliminary they participate in. You must create an account at [www.MissAmerica4Kids.org](http://www.MissAmerica4Kids.org) and register for the **Miss Orangeburg** Competition in the **2021** competition year.

It is easy to raise the funds as the website allows you to send out emails to family and friends asking for their support of CMNH and the Miss America Organization on your behalf. In the state of South Carolina, a \$500.00 cap has been placed on fundraising that allows you to compete in unlimited preliminaries on the local level after reaching the \$500.00 cap. Excess money raised will be applied toward your state requirement should you win our local.

All funds MUST be raised by **11:59 pm on Friday September 27th** to be accepted as a candidate for the 2020 competition. This is a REQUIREMENT mandated by the Miss America Organization for every candidates who competes on the Local, State, and National levels. Register soon, and start fundraising quickly to avoid any hiccups with your application for the 2020 Miss Orangeburg County Competition.

## TEEN Candidates ONLY

Teen Candidates are required to pay an entry fee of \$150.00 to enter the Miss Orangeburg Teen Competition. Entry fees must be received by the deadline, **Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019**. If a teen candidate enters and wins another preliminary before our competition, we will refund their entry fee. No other refunds will be made outside of those circumstances. There is a PayPal link available on the website [www.thecrowngroup1.com](http://www.thecrowngroup1.com). Payments can also be made via CashApp using the Cashtag \$TheCROWNGroup.

Cashiers Checks or Money Orders only must be made payable to:

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## "HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT"

\_\_\_\_\_ (Candidate's name) having a residence at \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (hereinafter "Candidate") acknowledges by witness of their signature below application to participate in the Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Orangeburg County Teen and the Miss Garden City and Miss Garden City Teen Competitions are to be held on Saturday, **November 9 2019, 12:00 pm**, with rehearsals on Friday, **November 8, 2019** at The Bluebird Theater 1411 Russell Street Orangeburg, South Carolina 29115 (hereinafter "the venue").

As part of her participation in this event, Candidate has indicated her talent will be \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (specific talent you will perform). Candidate further acknowledges the venue, The CROWN Group and the Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Orangeburg County Teen and the Miss Garden City and Miss Garden City Teen Competitions have indicated the available performance area will consist of a 9 ft. deep by 9 ft. wide area and it is the Candidate's responsibility to confine and amend her performance to adapt to these physical constraints.

Candidate hereby agrees to indemnify and hold harmless *the venue*, The CROWN Group and the Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Orangeburg County Teen and the Miss Garden City and Miss Garden City Teen Competitions from and against any and all claims for personal injuries, death, damages, cost and/or other expenses including reasonable attorney's fees, arising from or in any way connected with the use of the facilities as above noted.

Candidates further agree to be solely responsible for all equipment, stock-in-trade, personal property, etc. utilized in connection with the use of the premises, and Candidate does hereby waive any right of recovery against the venue, The CROWN Group and the Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Orangeburg County Teen and the Miss Garden City and Miss Garden City Teen Competitions for loss, damage, theft of such equipment, stock-in-trade, personal property, etc.

This agreement is subject to termination by venue, The CROWN Group and the Miss Orangeburg County & Miss Orangeburg County Teen and the Miss Garden City and Miss Garden City Teen Competitions without advance notice or penalty at any time.

This agreement is personal to the Candidate and may not be transferred or assigned.  
In witness whereof, this agreement has been executed as of the date indicated below.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Legal Signature of Candidate

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**IF CANDIDATE IS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS, PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE REQUIRED BELOW:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Legal Signature of Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Legal Signature of Building Manager/Director

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

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## Phases of Competition

Miss Candidates	Teen Candidates
<p><b>Private Interview - 25%</b>  Wardrobe: Candidate's Choice:  Interview Attire.  Allows insight into the candidate's ability to fulfill the responsibilities outlined in the job description and contract. Provides the opportunity to learn as much as possible about the candidate's qualities and attributes to fulfill the titleholder position</p>	<p><b>Private Interview - 25%</b>  7 Minute Panel Interview  6 minutes of questioning, no opening or closing remarks.  You are advised to wear something that you would wear to a serious job interview. Dresses and skirt/blouse combinations are most common for candidates today.</p>
<p><b>Artistic Expression in Talent – 40%</b>  90 seconds or less. Talent of your choice.  Costume of your choice. Looks for how enjoyable and relatable the performance is   Your background music should be cut to the appropriate length and on a CD. Please check your CD on your home stereo and car stereo to make sure it plays on all devices, not just your computer.   <b>You are not allowed to use live animals, have flames, or take off articles of clothing during your talent.</b> Questionable talent components should be discussed with the director. Contact the director in advance if you plan to play the piano.</p>	<p><b>Artistic Expression in Talent – 35%</b>  90 seconds or less. Talent of your choice.  Costume of your choice.   Your background music should be cut to the appropriate length and on a CD. Please check your CD on your home stereo and car stereo to make sure it plays on all devices, not just your computer.   <b>You are not allowed to use live animals, have flames, or take off articles of clothing during your talent.</b> Questionable talent components should be discussed with the director. Contact the director in advance if you plan to play the piano.</p>
<p><b>Presence &amp; Poise in Evening Wear – 20%</b>  Candidate's choice: Rd Carpet Glamour  Allows a look into a how the candidate exhibits her own personal style, attitude, personality, grace, presence, and confidence while making her own statement about her mission for the job. Allows a chance to hear a candidate's presentation of her social impact initiative for social media in a different setting</p>	<p><b>Physical Fitness in Sportswear – 15%</b>  Sports bra and Softe or athletic shorts of choice.  Crown Group tank top in peach \$15 payable to the CROWN Group.   Absolutely no swimsuits allowed.  Designed to evaluate a candidate's commitment to physical fitness.</p>
<p><b>On-stage Interview – 15%</b>  Wardrobe: Candidate's Choice: Interviewing for the Job.  Your On Stage Interview is a continuation of the private interview. Advancing the same criteria as the personal interview by bringing it on stage in an interactive energetic way to showcase each candidates' intelligence, personality, charisma, and aptitude for the titleholder job.</p>	<p><b>Evening Wear &amp; On-Stage Question – 25%</b>  Evening gown of choice.   Your choice of evening gown. Please choose a gown that best compliments you and is age appropriate. This is a moment of elegance; your gown choice should reflect that.  Your on-stage question will be asked at the end of your evening wear presentation. Your question will be chosen at random from a fishbowl. All questions will be appropriate for teenagers.</p>

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## LOCAL SUPPORTING THE CROWN **2019-2020**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Title You Are Competing For: Miss Orangeburg/Miss Garden City ☐

Miss Orangeburg Teen/Miss Garden City Teen ☐

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City /Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ School Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

### **EVERY MISS AND TEEN CANDIDATE MUST FILL OUT THIS REPORT.**

1. Number of Volunteer/Community Services Hours Working with CMN: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Dollar Amount Raised for CMN: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: CMN totals must be verified by attaching a copy of your candidate's log to this form. Go to [www.missamerica4kids.org](http://www.missamerica4kids.org) to print off a copy of your log. REMINDER: Each Miss candidate is required to raise a minimum of \$100.00 before she can compete on the local level. Teen candidate registration is required however, participation is voluntary.

1. Number of Other Volunteer/Community Service Projects: \_\_\_\_\_

List by Project Name (Add a separate sheet if more space is needed):

2. Number of Other Volunteer/Community Service Hours: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Dollar Amount Raised for Other Volunteer/Community Service Projects: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

1. Total Volunteer/Community Service Hours (CMN and Other): \_\_\_\_\_

2. Total Dollar Amount Raised (CMN and Other): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

List all local competitions you have competed in from July 2019 – March 2020 and scholarships awarded at each local (Add more lines if needed):

Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Scholarship Amount Awarded \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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CANDIDATE SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

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## CANDIDATE CHECKLIST

### **DUE Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>**

#### **ALL CANDIDATES**

- Completed Local Application
- Completed Candidate Resume
- Completed Candidate Platform Essay
- Completed Support the Crown Document
- Completed Hold Harmless Agreement
- Proof of Residency (driver's license, school transcript, etc.)
- Birth Certificate
- Miss/Teen Candidate Local Contract
- Signed Job Description
- Completed Scholarship Rules

### **DUE Friday, NOVEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>**

#### **MISS CANDIDATES ONLY**

- CMNH Registration and \$100 Requirement

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- \$CMNH Registration

### **DUE Saturday, NOVEMBER 9<sup>th</sup> At 7:30- 9:00 pm Rehearsal**

#### **All Candidates**

- Music CD (2 copies) cut to required length – tested on your home stereo
- Opening Number Outfit (Black color Dress, Blouse and Skirt, Jumpsuit, Pantsuit)
- Talent Costume/Outfit
- Evening Wear (Miss Candidates)/ Evening Gown (Teen Candidates)
- On Stage Interview Outfit

### **Saturday, NOVEMBER 9<sup>th</sup> -**

**10:00 pm Arrive for Interviews & Competition**

**10:30 pm Interviews - All Candidates**

**12:00 pm Competition**

### **Sunday, NOVEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>**

**The CROWN Group Board Titleholder Meeting**

**12:00 noon Mandatory**