



2026 Miss and Teen At-Large Contestant Information and Contract

The Miss Tennessee Opportunity is now accepting applications directly to the Miss Tennessee and Tennessee's Teen competitions! If you would like to participate in Miss Tennessee or Miss Tennessee's Teen this summer and did not win a local title or chose not to enter a local competition, this opportunity is for you! Apply for possible selection as an at-large contestant to join the Class of 2026 onstage at the competition this summer. Competition week begins with contestant arrival on Monday, June 15 in Nashville and the week continues with interviews, rehearsals, preliminary competitions, and exciting events all leading up to the selection of Miss Tennessee and Miss Tennessee's Teen on Saturday, June 20. Contestants compete in interview, fitness, talent, evening gown, and onstage question.

Those who are approved as At-Large contestants participate in the same events as local titleholders and are on equal footing during competition week in every way with those who have won local titles. At-Large contestants are eligible to receive state-level scholarships awarded for placement, ad sales, People's Choice, scholastics, community service, etc. At-Large contestants DO NOT receive the participation scholarship awarded to all state Miss contestants at the state level.

At-Large contestants agree to the following:

- You agree to fulfill all duties required as a Miss Tennessee or Miss Tennessee's Teen local titleholder including attending the competition June 15 – June 20 in Nashville.
- You agree to meet all deadlines set forth by the Miss Tennessee Opportunity and submit all paperwork required of Miss Tennessee or Miss Tennessee's Teen local titleholders.
- At-large entry fees are paid in two parts. 1) You must submit a \$25 non-refundable application fee at the time of your application. The application fee is counted towards your entry fee. 2) The remaining balance is due within 48 hours of notification that we have accepted and approved you as an at-large contestant.
 - If you have not competed in any local preliminary competitions this year (July 2025-March 2026), the entry fee is **\$500** for Miss contestants and **\$400** for Teen contestants.
 - If you have competed in *one* local preliminary competition in the Miss Tennessee system this year (July 2025-March 2026), you are eligible for a discounted entry fee of **\$400** for Miss contestants and **\$300** for teen contestants.
 - If you have competed in two or more local preliminary competitions in the Miss Tennessee system this year (July 2025-March 2026), you are eligible for a discounted entry fee of **\$300** for Miss contestants and **\$200** for Teen contestants.
 - To count as having competed, you must have competed in the onstage portion of the local competition or submitted a complete application and participated in the Zoom portion of the digital local.
- At the time your application is received and approved, your official sash and crown will be ordered, and you will be given a board-approved title. We will make an effort to accommodate a title representing your geographic region, but all titles are subject to board approval. Your at-large payment covers the provision of your local sash and housing for Miss Tennessee competition week for Miss contestants and covers provision of your local sash for Teen contestants.
- The above at-large payment does NOT include the \$49.99 once-per-season Miss America registration fee all contestants (local and at-large) must pay if you haven't already registered this year.
- It is mandatory to attend the Miss Tennessee and Miss Tennessee's Teen Workshop April 24 and 25 in Nashville. You agree to pay the mandatory \$300 production fee assessed of all local and at-large titleholders (payment due in April).

- All Miss and Teen contestants - both at-large and local titleholders – are required to sell one \$300 full page ad in the program book. All Miss and Teen state level contestants – both at-large and local titleholders – are required to fundraise \$300 for the American Heart Association partnership.
- It is mandatory to attend competition week in Nashville, June 15-20, 2026.
- Additional paperwork, contestant contract, talent request, and headshot deadlines will be shared after your acceptance to the program. You will not be considered an official contestant nor will you be allowed to compete at Miss Tennessee until you have signed and submitted the 2026 State and Local Contestant Contract and any addendums/policies that may apply.
- All Miss state level contestants—both at-large and local titleholders—will have rooms provided beginning at check-in on June 16 and ending with checkout on the morning of June 20.
- All Teen contestants—both at-large and local titleholders—are responsible for their own housing accommodations during Miss Tennessee Competition week. They must be accompanied by a parent/ chaperone.

See misstennessee.org/atlarge to complete the application and pay entry fees.

Email or Text Executive Director Colene Trent at colene.misstn@gmail.com or 205-915-7079 or Teen Director Susan Burks susangburks@gmail.com or 931-273-4195 for more information or questions.

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