





## 2025 Miss and Teen At-Large Contestant Information and Contract

The Miss Tennessee Scholarship Competition 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 atlarge contestant to join the Class of 2025 onstage at the competition this summer. Competition week begins with contestant arrival on Monday, June 9 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 14. 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 9 June 14 (Miss) and June 11-14 (Teen) in Nashville.
- You agree to meet all deadlines set forth by the Miss Tennessee Scholarship Competition 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 \$100 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 2024-March 2025), the entry fee is \$585 for Miss contestants and 565 for Teen contestants.
  - If you have competed in *one* local preliminary competition in the Miss Tennessee system this year (July 2024-March 2025), you are eligible for a discounted entry fee of \$385 for Miss contestants and \$365 for teen contestants.
  - If you have competed in two or more local preliminary competitions in the Miss Tennessee system this year (July 2024-March 2025), you are eligible for a discounted entry fee of \$285 for Miss contestants and \$265 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 \$39.99 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 25 and 26 in Nashville. You agree to pay the mandatory \$275 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.
- 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 2025 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 10 and ending with checkout on the morning of June 14.
- 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 and must stay at the
  host hotel.

Your application can be completed here: <a href="https://forms.gle/jfZAbnaVRh5ok2DB7">https://forms.gle/jfZAbnaVRh5ok2DB7</a>

Your application is not complete until you submit payment of the \$100 application fee (which is applied to your final balance) which can be found here:

https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/at-large-entry-fee

Once you are accepted as an at-large contestant, pay your remaining balance here, depending upon how many times you have competed this season: <a href="https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/at-large-remaining-balance">https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/at-large-remaining-balance</a>

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

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