

# Miss Mississippi Crown Organization

## CODE OF CONDUCT

Competing for and holding the Miss Mississippi Crown, Miss Bloomington-Normal, Miss Heart of Illinois, Miss Mississippi Crown's Teen, and Miss Bloomington-Normal's Teen, Miss Heart of Illinois' Teen (known from now on as Miss Mississippi Crown, Miss Mississippi Crown's Teen) titles are both an honor and a responsibility. As Miss Mississippi Crown and Miss Mississippi Crown's Teen you are the face and symbol of the Miss Mississippi Crown Organization, Miss Illinois Organization, and the Miss America Opportunity.

The Miss Mississippi Crown Organization expects the Miss Mississippi Crown and Miss Mississippi Crown's Teen delegates and titleholders to comply with the following code of conduct. Signing this agreement means total compliance with the following statements. The Miss Mississippi Crown Scholarship Organization will award scholarships and allow participation under the following circumstances:

- Follow all rules and requirements of all organizations and sponsors with whom you visit. Pageant sponsors are donating their time and services, so please be considerate and respectful of this.
- Practice and encourage positive, supportive, sportsmanlike conduct toward every individual during competition as a delegate or titleholder.
- Maintain professional demeanor and high moral standards.
- Follow the recommendations of the Executive Directors and the Miss Mississippi Crown Board of Directors. Always keep an open line of communication with them. Concerns should be addressed immediately to the Executive Directors.
- Delegates, titleholders, family members, and friends will remain respectful and considerate of the time and efforts of the Miss Mississippi Crown Executive Directors and the entire Miss Mississippi Crown Board of Directors. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action including, but not limited to, immediate exclusion from competing in the competition; or if the current titleholder(s), then this may result in the forfeiture of awards, prizes, scholarships and/or the title, all at the sole discretion of the Miss Mississippi Crown Executive Directors and the Miss Mississippi Crown Organization Board of Directors.
- Do not participate in harmful, malicious, inflammatory, defaming, or slanderous speech or gossip towards the Miss Mississippi Crown, Miss Mississippi Crown's Teen, Miss Illinois, Miss Illinois' Teen, Miss America, or Miss America's Teen Organizations, its delegates, volunteers, or sponsors, whether it be oral, written, or otherwise. This must be upheld as a delegate or titleholder during the competition period as well as after the local, state, or national competitions.
- Remember that content shared on Facebook/Twitter/ Instagram/TikTok/Snapchat/YouTube and various other Social Media Outlets is considered a direct reflection on the delegate, titleholder, Miss Mississippi Crown/Miss Illinois/Miss America/ Teen Organizations. Use all social media and any other Internet website(s) or web page(s) responsibly. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action including, but not limited to, immediate exclusion from competing in the competition; or if the current titleholder(s), then this may result in the forfeiture of awards, prizes, scholarships and/or the title, all at the sole discretion of the Miss Mississippi Crown Executive Directors and the Miss Mississippi Crown Organization Board of Directors.

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- Understand that the titles of Miss Mississippi Crown and Miss Mississippi Crown's Teen are the property of the Miss Mississippi Crown Organization, and you may not register any document, email address, website name, web pages name, forum, or other publicly viewed or accessible print, video or other media without the Miss Mississippi Crown Organization Executive Directors' permission
- All scholarships for delegates except the titleholder will be paid out to the candidate's designated school after the Miss Mississippi Crown Organization has received the completed and returned "Miss Mississippi Crown Organization Scholarship Application." The titleholders' scholarships will be paid out to the titleholders' designated school after she has completed her full one-year commitment and fulfilled all obligations expected of her by the Executive Directors and the Miss Mississippi Crown Board of Directors. It will be paid out after the Miss Mississippi Crown Organization receives the completed and returned "Miss Mississippi Crown Organization Scholarship Application."
  - Candidate Scholarships will be forfeited if the Miss Mississippi Crown Organization has not received the completed "Miss Mississippi Crown Organization Scholarship Application" by May 1<sup>st</sup> of the year following the pageant in which it was earned, (May 1, 2025).
  - Titleholders' Scholarships will be forfeited if the Miss Mississippi Crown Organization has not received the completed "Miss Mississippi Crown Organization Scholarship Application" by May 1<sup>st</sup> of the year following her surrender of the title. (May 1, 2026)
- All items loaned to delegates during the pageant or to titleholders during their reigns as Miss Mississippi Crown/Miss Mississippi Crown's Teen etc. are the property of the Miss Mississippi Crown Organization and must not be used otherwise. Upon completion of the pageant or the titleholders' reigns as Miss Mississippi Crown/Miss Mississippi Crown's Teen etc. all items belonging to the Miss Mississippi Crown Organization must be returned in the state in which they were distributed. Any necessary dry cleaning or washing of these items is expected from the borrower prior to the return of these items. Jewelry, shoes, hairpieces, etc. are also expected to be returned.
- Participation in local events is encouraged and will be arranged by the Miss Mississippi Crown Organization Competition committees. An adult chaperone is required to attend any event while representing yourself as Miss Mississippi Crown, Miss Mississippi Crown's Teen or as a Miss Mississippi Crown/Miss Mississippi Crown's Teen Competition Candidate. All appearances MUST be pre-approved by at least one of the Miss Mississippi Crown Organization's Executive Directors PRIOR to the date of the appearance. If the titleholder fails to inform the Executive Directors prior to the appearance the following consequences will be administered at the sole discretion of the Mississippi Crown Executive Directors:
  - 1st Offense: Verbal warning
  - 2nd Offense: Written warning
  - 3rd Offense: 2 week suspension from titleholder's crown and sash
  - 4th Offense: Immediate exclusion from competing in the upcoming competition, forfeiture of awards, prizes, scholarships and the title
- Not all expenses incurred during the year will be paid by the Miss Mississippi Crown Scholarship Organization. It is not expected that Miss Mississippi Crown or Miss Mississippi Crown's Teen put a large amount of personal money into the competition. We encourage borrowing items from family and friends. Please respect and be considerate of the property of others. The Miss Mississippi Crown Organization is not responsible for the damage of any items borrowed from friends or family.

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- The selected Miss Mississippi Crown and Miss Mississippi Crown's Teen etc. will plan and execute a fundraiser during their year of service for operations benefit of the Miss Mississippi Crown Organization. This can be individually OR as a group, including (but not limited to) organizing an event, or securing a donor with +2 years commitment, in which all the proceeds perpetuate the program.
- Your community service initiative is your passion. It is the candidate/titleholders' obligation to seek out opportunities to support this platform. The Miss Mississippi Crown Organization Executive Directors and Board of Directors will assist and accompany you to any events as needed and requested. Again, these events must be pre-approved and chaperoned.
- Always remember that you are representing many people. The Miss Mississippi Crown Organization Executive Directors and Board of Directors are here to support you and assist you in achieving a successful year.

Failure to abide by the guidelines outlined in the aforementioned Code of Conduct and associated pageant eligibility requirements and other pageant rules/regulations may result in the immediate exclusion from competing in the pageant; or if the current titleholder(s), then this may result in exclusions from competing in the state competition, the forfeiture of awards, prizes, scholarships and/or the title.

*I have read, understood and agree to abide by the Code of Conduct as stated in this document. This Code of Conduct will be enforced while I am competing in the 2024 Miss Mississippi Crown and Miss Mississippi Crown's Teen Competitions and, if selected as the 2024 Miss Mississippi Crown and Miss Mississippi Crown's Teen, these rules and guidelines will remain in effect throughout my reign.*

Name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Parent/Guardian Name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_