



Miss Northwestern Organization 2023 Local Candidate Contract

The Miss Northwestern Organization is sponsored by Northwestern Oklahoma State University. The university pays the franchise fees, insurance fees, workshop fees, and the program book advertisement fees. The winner will receive a crown, flowers, a tuition waiver, and cash scholarship to Northwestern Oklahoma State University. Other prizes are given upon availability.

The Miss Northwestern Scholarship Organization's purpose is directed towards:

1. The provision of scholarship funds
2. The representation of Miss Northwestern in the Miss Oklahoma Organization
3. The representation of the sponsors of the Miss Northwestern Scholarship Organization
4. The promotion of the Miss Northwestern Organization

As a result, there are several important premises that are vital to Miss Northwestern's year of service. Miss Northwestern must recognize that for her year of service she will represent the Miss Northwestern Scholarship Organization and its sponsors. It is important that she maintains immaculate personal grooming and proper attitude whether on campus, going shopping, or any public appearances.

Miss Northwestern 2023 represents the community and the Miss Northwestern Organization at all times. Therefore, Miss Northwestern understands and will abide by the following:

- Will provide the Miss Northwestern Director and Executive Board with one color copy and one black and white copy of a professionally photographed headshot in electronic format wearing her crown within 30 days of being crowned Miss Northwestern. No publicity/press releases/autograph pads, etc. can be generated without this photo.
- Recognize that the position of Miss Northwestern is an honor and therefore agree to treat the directors, all students, faculty, staff, and visitors with respect.
- Behave in a positive manner while on campus and in the community, understand that Miss Northwestern may be recognized by members of the general public, and guard behavior accordingly.
- Will not smoke or drink alcohol in public.
- Understands that all of her social media accounts, including but not limited to, Twitter, Instagram, SnapChat and Facebook, will be monitored for content by the director(s). This includes accepting the directors as "friends or followers" on all of these accounts.
- Use of inappropriate or questionable photos in conjunction with the Miss Northwestern title is prohibited. Twitter, Instagram, SnapChat and Facebook are public forums, and the reputation of the winner and the organization is affected by this content. Accounts will be



monitored weekly.

- Will provide own transportation to and from scheduled appearances unless the directors have made other arrangements.
- Will provide own wardrobe for appearances and all phases of competition at Miss Oklahoma. All wardrobe choices for Miss Oklahoma **must be approved** by the Miss Northwestern Executive Director and Executive Board. Miss Northwestern **will not purchase** any item for state competition without prior approval. Any changes to the approved wardrobe must be communicated to the Director and Board immediately.
- Never have any type of coaching or outside help, advice, or influence in preparing for Miss Oklahoma without written approval from the Director and Executive Board. I understand that all decisions will be made between Miss Northwestern and the Director. The Miss Northwestern Executive Board will provide adequate preparation opportunities for Miss Oklahoma. The titleholder must be willing and available to utilize these opportunities. Parents and friends are to provide support but will not play a part in the decision-making process in preparing for Miss Oklahoma.
- Establish an email address that will be monitored every 48 hours at a minimum and will respond promptly to emails and phone calls from the Director and all Board members
- Will meet with the Director monthly (either by phone or in person) during her year of service as Miss Northwestern.
- All photos (candidate line-up and ads) for the state program book must be approved by the Miss Northwestern Director and Executive Board before being submitted. In addition, all state required paperwork must be approved before submission.
- All appearances must be cleared and approved by the Director. Under most circumstances, a member of the Miss Northwestern Board may accompany the title holder on any official appearances. Miss Northwestern **will not book any appearance without first discussing it with the Director**. She will keep a current calendar listing all appearances and submit a list to the Miss Northwestern Executive Board every three (3) months during the year of her reign. In addition, a list of appearances through May 1st of her year of service will be reviewed with the Miss Northwestern Executive Director no later than April 1st for submission to the Miss Oklahoma State Field Director. Miss Northwestern must prepare herself to successfully meet the requirements of the approved appearances.
- Never take advantage of the host's hospitality at an appearance. She must never give the impression that she is sick, tired, or bored. She must maintain interest, enthusiasm, and sparkle during the entire appearance event.
- Talent selection for Miss Oklahoma must be approved by the Miss Northwestern Director. To do this, Miss Northwestern must perform her selection for and obtain the Director's approval prior to orientation for Miss Oklahoma.
- Must be gracious to the public and the Miss Northwestern sponsors at all times. Thank-you notes will be written within 24 hours of an appearance and within 24 hours of receiving any donations from sponsors or gifts from supporters. Thank you notes must also be sent for



gifts received during Miss Oklahoma week. **There will be no exception to this rule.**

- Will not cancel any appearance for any reason other than illness or school requirements. The Miss Northwestern Director must be informed immediately if a conflict in scheduling arises. Miss Northwestern will write a letter of regret and offer to reschedule immediately if any appearance must be rescheduled or canceled. Under no circumstances may she cancel any of the following:
 - ❖ Miss Cinderella Pageant and Festivities
 - ❖ Northwestern's Homecoming Parade
 - ❖ Miss Northwestern's Outstanding Teen Competition
 - ❖ Local Clothes Check
 - ❖ Best Wishes/Send-Off Reception
 - ❖ Miss Oklahoma Winter Meeting
 - ❖ Miss Oklahoma Spring Meeting
 - ❖ Miss Oklahoma Orientation
 - ❖ Big Cruise and Car Show
 - ❖ Miss Oklahoma 2023
 - ❖ Miss Northwestern 2024
- Arrive neatly groomed and dressed appropriately at least 15 minutes prior to any engagement. **Tardiness is not acceptable.**
- When shopping for Miss Oklahoma wardrobe, Miss Northwestern will properly groom each item and return it to the sales floor or sales representative. No clothing will be left in the dressing room. Any accounts opened with sponsors must be paid promptly and not be declared past due.
- Meet all deadlines set forth by the Miss Oklahoma Organization for all state materials, including but not limited to paperwork, transcript, talent media file, and contracts. If any information submitted to either Miss Northwestern or Miss Oklahoma is determined to be untrue, the title, the right to compete in Miss Oklahoma, and all prizes will be forfeited; any scholarship funds and prizes will be returned to the Miss Northwestern Scholarship Organization.
- I agree that neither the staff of Miss Northwestern nor its Directors nor anyone working with or for this organization shall be liable should any accident occur before, during or after Miss Northwestern activities.
- I understand that any photos submitted to the Miss Northwestern organization will not be returned to me and become the property of Miss Northwestern.
- I am solely responsible for claiming any scholarship money awarded. I understand that not meeting a scholarship deadline will result in the scholarship not being awarded.
- I understand that any regression from the rules set forth in this contract and the state contract I have already signed can result in the title and the right to compete in Miss Oklahoma being forfeited.



- I agree that any official reports of misconduct or unsportsmanlike behavior by myself or my parents will result in immediate disqualification.
- I must be enrolled as a full-time student (12 hours minimum) at a Northwestern Oklahoma State University campus in Oklahoma, at the time of application to enter the Miss Oklahoma Organization and at the time Miss Northwestern is held. The winner must represent herself as a student of Northwestern Oklahoma State University throughout her title year.
- I must maintain a cumulative grade point average of at least a 2.7 on a 4.0 scale. If my GPA falls below a 2.7 cumulative, the scholarship will be revoked. I will have one semester to meet the GPA requirements and if unable to do so my title will be revoked. I must present my grades to the director one week prior to Miss Northwestern. Should I win Miss Northwestern, I will provide my grades every six weeks to director to ensure academic success and participation in Miss Oklahoma.

Miss Northwestern Candidate:

- ☒ Lives, works, or attends school in the state of Oklahoma.
- ☒ Is single female, has always been a female; never been married, nor had a marriage annulled.
- ☒ Is not pregnant nor, nor has ever been pregnant and is not the adoptive parent of any child.
- ☒ Is a United States citizen.
- ☒ Is 19 years old by December 31st of the year (2023) of the State Competition.
- ☒ Is not older than 26 years old on December 31st of the year (2023) of the State Competition.
- ☒ Is a high school graduate or equivalent by July 31st in the calendar year (2023) of the State Competition in which she competes.
- ☒ Has never been charged with or convicted of a felony offense and there are no adjudications presently pending against her.
- ☒ Be required to register as a Miss America candidate and pay all required fees and raise all required monies in a timely manner to be eligible.
- ☒ Claim all scholarship monies as indicated by the Scholarships Rules and that any scholarship monies awarded not claimed according to the Scholarship Rules will be forfeited by the candidate. Allow the Miss Northwestern Organization to post photographs and biographical information on the Miss Northwestern website.

The Miss Northwestern Scholarship Organization Executive Board will strive to help me represent the community to the best of my ability. I will let the Director know immediately if I feel uncomfortable with any appearance, wardrobe, talent selection, etc., so that we may develop a satisfactory solution for all parties involved.

In the event that I resign, marry, become pregnant, fall below scholastic standing, or withdraw from school, my title will be revoked and the first runner up will become Miss Northwestern Oklahoma State University. All awards, prizes, and Miss Northwestern Oklahoma State University materials must be returned to the director immediately.



In the event that the new Miss Northwestern Oklahoma State University wins the title of Miss Oklahoma, she will be released from her contract and the first runner-up will become Miss Northwestern Oklahoma State University for the remaining year of service.

I, _____, a Miss Northwestern candidate, have read the agreement and contract, and understand all conditions, rules, and regulations set forth in the Miss Northwestern Local Contract. I understand that if found in violation of any part of this contract, the Director has the authority to revoke the title of Miss Northwestern 2023 and a successor will be named to compete at Miss Oklahoma as Miss Northwestern 2023. In addition, all awards, scholarships, and prerequisites pertaining thereto will be returned and passed on to the successor, who will receive all of the benefits to which I would have been otherwise entitled.

Legal Signature of Local Candidate

Date

Signature of Parent (if candidate is under the age of 18)

Date