Miss Northwestern Outstanding Teen Pageant



2020 Paperwork Due: no later than Oct. 15, 2019

The mission of the Miss Oklahoma's Outstanding Teen Scholarship Pageant is to provide an opportunity for Oklahoma's young teenage ladies to compete in a first-class teen scholarship pageant and to encourage them to continue pursuing their talents, become positive influences in their communities and develop into mature, responsible young women of the highest morals and integrity.

The Pageant provides an opportunity for young teenage ladies in Oklahoma to engage in a formal interview with the judges, helping them develop positive communication skills for life. The young ladies will also focus on their personal fitness training in preparation for the active wear competition. The casual wear competition will show each contestant's sense of style and self-confidence as she models on stage. Their gracefulness and poise will be demonstrated in the evening wear competition and their marvelous talents will be presented during the talent competition.

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Forms Checklist

You have the option to send documents electronically or mail. If you wish to email documents please see email breakdown pg. 14

We request that you send all forms no later than Oct. 15th to: Miss Northwestern's Outstanding Teen Scholarship Pageant c/o Olivia Yandel 709 Oklahoma Blvd. Alva, OK 73717

Or e-mail to **oayandel@nwosu.edu**

Only <u>Complete</u> Entries will be accepted. All entries must be post marked by Oct. 15th, 2019.

We must have the following information returned to us to be considered entered in the pageant:

	 <u>1</u> Contestant Release and Indemnity Agreement 	pg.4
	 <u>1</u> Copies of Resume Statement (must be submitted electronically) 	pg. 7
	 <u>1</u>Copy of Platform (must be submitted electronically) 	pg.8
	Talent Introduction Form	pg.10
	<u>1</u> Head Shot (5x7)	
	• Photographers signed release for use of photos	
•	Email talent track to oayandel@nwosu.edu	
•	Address and Phone Number Information Sheet	pg.11
-	Copy of Birth Certificate	
•	MOOT Local Contract link attached	pg. 12
•	Miss Northwestern's Outstanding Teen Contract pg.	pg. 13
•	\$100 Entry fee (checks made payable to Miss Northwestern)	pg.14
•	<u>1</u> Full page ad (\$130)	
-	Must sell 10 pageant tickets OR 2 full page ads (Pre-event tickets are \$8 tickets will be mail	ed to
	your home address unless you are able to pick them up.)	
•	<u>1</u> \$50 donor patron scholarship (In check memo list who's name you would like listed in	the
	program, if no name is provided the name on the check will be listed in the program.	

• Payment info sheet with checks payable to Miss Northwestern

Competition Rules

<u>Eligibility</u>

- 1. Contestant must be at least 12 by the first day of the local competition. Contestant must be 13 by the Miss Oklahoma's Outstanding Teen.
- 2. Contestant must not be older than 18 on July 31, 2020.
- 3. Contestant may not have graduated from high school before the start of the National Finals, except for 16 year-olds (or younger) who graduated early.
- 4. Contestant is not eligible to compete in the Miss America Pageant. (See Section 2.2.2, Miss America Contract.)
- 5. Contestant must be a citizen of the United States.
- 6. Contestant must be a young lady of the highest moral character, integrity, and standards.
- 7. Contestant must execute the Contestant Contract and abide by all the agreements and representations contained therein.

Backstage

- 1. Contestants must do their own hair and make-up. Parents, make-up artists, hair stylists, etc. will not be allowed backstage or in the interview waiting rooms.
- 2. Hostesses will be available to assist the contestants with their clothing, etc. backstage and in the interview waiting rooms.

Presentation in Interview

- 1. Interviews at the local level will be a total of 6 minutes. This will be with a panel of at least five judges. There will be no opening or closing comments just questions and answers.
- 2. Questions will come from a variety of areas, including but not limited to the contestant's application and fact sheet, moral/ethical issues, current events, etc. Contestants should be prepared to answer any type of question asked.
- 3. Contestant's wardrobe should be age appropriate. Beginning with the 2008 National Finals, suits are not permitted as interview apparel. We are requesting that the contestant wear a dress, skirt and top, or pants and top, or anything that is young, fresh, and teen.

Presence and Poise in Evening Wear/On-Stage Question

1. Contestant will be asked one question on stage. Questions can be over any topic.

- 2. Contestant should wear age appropriate attire that makes her feel beautiful and special.
- 3. Age appropriate full-length gowns are appropriate. Shorter attire may be worn, but must be age appropriate and non-revealing when worn on a stage.

Artistic Expression in Talent

- 1. Contestant's talent must not be longer than 90 seconds (1 min. 30 seconds). Email talent track to oayandel@nwosu.edu
- 2. "Live" accompaniment is not permitted. Only the contestant is permitted on-stage. No other person may be a part of her presentation though background vocals will be allowed as long as they don't overpower the contestant.
- 3. Talent must be performed live; pantomime and lip-sync are not permitted.
- 4. Tap dancers may not have accompaniment talent tracks with pre-recorded taps or tap sounds.
- 5. The sound engineer will not stop and re-start the track as a part of the Contestant's performance. If Contestant needs a ten second delay in her performance, then the CD should include a ten second silent spot.
- 6. No other tracks may be included on the accompaniment track.
- 7. Background tracks will be approved by the Pageant.
- 8. Fire (fire ropes, fire batons, etc.), pyrotechnics, swords, knives or machetes, bow and arrow acts, and the use of live animals are strictly prohibited.

Active Wear

1. The Contestant will wear an active wear item of her choosing. This does **not** include swimsuits. This can be what you would wear to the gym, attire you would wear to participate in a sport, etc. The contestant defines her own personality and style preference. This is to be something that you do in your personal life to stay physically fit. Please e-mail Olivia if you need suggestions or guidance.

Contestant Release and Indemnity Agreement

a contestant in THE 2019 MISS I. NORTHWESTERN'S OUTSTANDING TEEN PAGEANT do hereby knowingly and voluntarily release The Miss ______''s Outstanding Teen, Inc., their Officers, Directors, Trustees, Judges and Employees and any others person, firm, individual or corporation charged or chargeable with responsibility or liability, their heirs, administrators, executors, successors and assigns from and against any and all claims, lawsuits, demands, damages, loss of service, actions and causes of action based upon, arising out of, or in any way related to any honors, rights, or awards sought by me as a contestant in the 2019 MISS NORTHWESTERN'S OUTSTANDING TEEN PAGEANT, the conduct of business there at, the ownership and possession of any honors, rights, or awards thereby, any negligent act, act of misfeasance or nonfeasance by the referenced pageant, or any of their agents, contractors, servants, employees or licensees, in conjunction with any honors or awards bestowed at said listed above from any and all claims that exonerate, hold harmless and indemnify such pageant listed above from any and all claims that I or my representative may have against such honors, rights and awards. Such indemnification to include any or all fees (including reasonable attorney's fees), costs and other expenses reasonably incurred by or on behalf of the above actions or causes of action. I have had a full and adequate opportunity to be thoroughly advised of the terms and conditions of this release and indemnity agreement by counsel of my own choosing. I have also been afforded the opportunity to ask any and all questions that I have concerning this document and its execution by me. I do fully understand if selected Miss Northwestern's Outstanding Teen, I will agree to enter into a Management Contract. I do fully understand the terms of this agreement and do intentionally and voluntarily agree to same.

Signature (Contestant)

Signature(s) (Parent[s] of Contestant)

NO CONTESTANT MAY COMPETE IN ANY AREA OF COMPETITION IN THE MISS NORTHWESTERN'S OUTSTANDING TEEN PAGEANT UNTIL THIS DOCUMENT IS COMPLETED.

STATE OF_____

COUNTY OF _____

Sworn To, Subscribed and Acknowledged before me on _____day of _____, 20____, by _____who is/are personally known to me or who has/have produced valid identification. Personally Known _____ or Produced Identification _____ Type of Identification Produced ______

(SEAL)

NOTARY PUBLIC

Notary Print Name My Commission Expires _____

Instructions for Completing the Contestant's Resume

Please remember this is your opportunity to demonstrate to the judges why they should consider you for the job of Miss America's Outstanding Teen. You may list as many or as few items under each category as you desire. This one page, combined with the Platform Statement, will comprise your entire application for this job. The judges will receive exactly what is submitted. *Please note: Do not put your age on the Resume!*

1. Go to the word processing program of your computer.

2. Start a "new" document

3. Set margins for 1" on all four sides. The font style may not be any smaller than "10" and no larger than

"12" point type, using the Times Roman font style. Please refer to the attached sample to verify you are following the requested format.

4. With the justification set for left, type "**Name:**" in **bold.** Following the colon (:), hit the space bar twice. Then, type your name as you wish the judges to know it. (If your name is Mary Deborah Smith and you want to be known as "Deborah Smith", please type "Deborah Smith").

5. Then, move to the next line and type "**Title:**" in **bold**. Following the colon (:), hit the space bar twice. Then, type your state title.

6. Then, move to the next line and type "**Hometown:**" in **bold**. Following the colon (:), hit the space bar twice. Then type your hometown including the city and the state.

7. Double space down. Type "**Education**:" in **bold**. Hit the tab bar three times and then type your most recent school first. List in order with the most recent, all schools attended (Pre-K, elementary, middle, junior high, high school).

8. Double space down. Hit the tab bar once. Type "**Platform Issue**:" in **bold**. Hit the tab bar three times. Type the TITLE of your platform, MAKING SURE IT LINES UP WITH THE INFORMATION ABOVE IT. DO NOT TYPE ANYTHING OTHER THAN THE TITLE.

9. Double space down. Hit the tab bar once. Type "**Scholastic / Career Ambition**:" in **bold**. Hit the Tab bar once, MAKING SURE IT LINES UP WITH THE OTHERS ABOVE IT. Then type the type of degree / education you would ultimately like to achieve and beneath that, list your career ambition.

10. Double space down. Hit the Tab bar once. Type "**Talent:**" in **bold**. Hit the Tab bar three times. Type the type of talent and specific selection. MAKE SURE IT LINES UP WITH THE INFORMATION ABOVE IT. (e.g.: Pop Vocal - "Crying", Tap Dance - "Staying Alive", etc.)

11. Double space down. Type "**Scholastic Honors:**" in **bold**. Hit the space bar twice. Each item should be separated by a semi-colon (;).

12. Double space down. Type "**Leadership Roles**:" in **bold**. Hit the space bar twice. Each item should be separated by a semi-colon (;).

13. Double space down. Type "**Accomplishments:**" in **bold**. Hit the space bar twice. Each item should be separated by a semi-colon (;).

14. Double space down. Type "Interesting Facts:" in **bold**. Hit the space bar twice. Each item should be separated by a semi-colon (;).

15. Double space down. Type "**Marketing Plan**:" in **bold.** Hit the space bar twice. In sentence form, explain how you would market the *Miss America's Outstanding Teen* "brand". Please include any relevant experience you have which may uniquely qualify you to serve in this position. Please be aware that a portion of the *Miss*

America's Outstanding Teen job description will include marketing the *Miss America's Outstanding Teen* program to potential sponsors, educational institutions, and organizations.

16. Double space down. Type "**Legacy**:" in **bold**. Hit the space bar twice. This should be typed in sentence form. Please write what your legacy, as *Miss America's Outstanding Teen* will be. This statement should answer the question, "A year after giving up your title as *Miss America's Outstanding*

Teen, what will we remember about your year of service?"

17. Double space down. Type "*Why should I be Miss America's Outstanding Teen 20__*?" in **bold**. Hit the space bar twice. Explain to the judging panel why you should be selected *Miss America's Outstanding Teen* and, more importantly, why you should be selected *Miss America's Outstanding Teen* this year.

Important

Please remember that the entire form MUST FIT ON ONE PAGE using the Times Roman font style. You must leave a 1" margin on all four side of the page. Use your best judgment on what is most important for the judges to know about you. Use your space wisely. Attached is an example of what this should like. Any variations from this form will be returned to you and will not be accepted. Your materials will not be retyped. The judges will receive your original work. **CHECK SPELLING AND GRAMMAR!!**

This form will be given to the judges along with your platform statement. These two pages, will create your entire application. By submitting these forms to the national office you verify that everything on your forms is true and accurate. If it is proven that any information on these forms are not true, correct, and factual, you risk losing your local / state title.

Some spacing issues may arise. Simply follow the example provided (i.e. in some cases you may need to hit the "tab bar" four times instead of three times). Do not attempt to change margins, font, size options, or deviate from the requested criteria as set forth in this document.

Name: Jane Doe Hometown: Anytown, America

Education:	Anywhere High School, Senior
Platform Issue:	Celebrating Cultural Diversity and Inclusiveness
Scholastic/Career Ambition:	Obtain a Masters of Business Administration
Talent:	Pop Vocal/"Fallen"

Scholastic Honors: Recipient of National Coca-Cola Scholarship; Recipient of the Metropolitan Urban League National Scholarship; Superintendent's List; Member of the Principal's Leadership Council at Anywhere High School

Leadership Roles: Created and implemented a comprehensive Cultural Diversity Education Curriculum for grades K-12 in twelve (12) Oklahoma Public Schools; Spearheaded Cultural Diversity Resolutions passed by the Florida House of Representatives; University Student Body Senator; High School Senior Class President.

Accomplishments: Recipient of the J.C. Penney Golden Rule Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service to Community; Recipient of the National Conference for Community and Justice Humanitarian Award; Performer, Grand Ole Opry in Nashville; Have completed two (2) marathons; Piano Performance scholarship to State University.

Interesting Facts: Youngest of five children with a 13 year gap between me and my next oldest sister and an almost 20 year gap between the oldest and myself.

Marketing Plan: My plan for extending communication in all facets of life can only open more doors for Miss America's Outstanding Teen. Communication allows us to better understand not only ourselves, but also those around us. I have a five-step role-playing activity that can quickly explain.

Legacy: My hope is that in the year of my service as Miss Oklahoma's Outstanding Teen, I would leave a marked, concrete, and measurable difference in this nation regarding the way we respect each other's cultural heritage. I hope that through my continued involvement on the national level with the National Conference for Community and Justice that we will hold events at the grassroots level that not only discuss that topic, but also bring about local and statewide policy changes in which we address cultural diversity in the workplace.

Why I should be Miss Oklahoma's Outstanding Teen this year: It is critical that this national face and embrace its cultural diversity issues and it must be done now. The traditional ethnic make-up of our country is rapidly changing and unless we confront and inoculate the potential conflicts that might arise, we are headed to potential racial conflicts we have not seen since the 1960s. These conflicts are generally caused by fear and ignorance. Through a nation-wide spokesperson who can give this issue a face and a voice, we can begin the educational process that needs to take place. The reality is that Miss Oklahoma's Outstanding Teen can have her greatest sphere of influence among our nation's youth. By placing Miss Oklahoma's Outstanding Teen in the midst of our nation's young people and we start the process of changing mindsets and, ultimately, changing the way in which they will treat one another in the future. The issues related to Celebrating Cultural Diversity and Inclusiveness is not just related to race, but also to religion, cultural differences, and sexism. There is no greater role for Miss Oklahoma's Outstanding Teen than to educate, empower, and embrace the issue of cultural diversity at this point in our nation's history.

Platform Issue Statement

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PREPARATION OF PLATFORM QUESTIONS:

Please remember. This **ONE (1) page, single-spaced** document combined with the Contestant's Resume, will comprise your entire application for this job. The judges will receive exactly what is submitted. Any items submitted that do not fit the established criteria will be returned for correction only once. Any items that do not meet the criteria or are submitted after the deadline will not be given to the judges. If your National Platform Statement arrives on the day of the deadline, but does not meet the criteria, there will not be time to return it to you; **therefore, it will not be given to the judges**. The contestant may explain the lack of judging materials during her interview, if she so chooses.

Contestants - Talk about your *personal* platform issue. In addition, explain how you will further the Miss America Outstanding Teen program "brand" to the public. (See sample essay.)

Celebrating Cultural Diversity and Inclusiveness

It is imperative that this nation face and embrace its cultural diversity. While many people have talked about this issue, I believe that most of them have only paid lip service to the true necessity of what needs to be addressed related to this issue. There is a false truth in merely accepting and tolerating cultural diversity. I intend to prove that in order to accept and understand people of other cultures; one must be willing to step out of a personal cultural comfort zone and identify the origin of their prejudice. I will specifically focus on three areas: Children, Communities, and Businesses.

The title of Miss America, combined with the national media already looking at the surface of this issue, will allow me to create the national awareness that must exist. Currently, the term "Cultural Diversity" is well known in the halls of institutions of higher learner and, perhaps, even in the public school classroom because of the need for some to be politically correct. But, in order for us to make a true change in attitudes and behaviors of Americans, we must move beyond talk and into action and policy changes.

My plan is to motivate the media and to partner with the National Conference for Community and Justice. This organization has chapters in every major city in the nation and, in many cases, those chapters have community leaders involved who can, with encouragement and challenging, bring this issue out of hiding and into the public light in each of those communities.

Obviously the media and the NCCJ already exist. However, what is lacking is a lighting rod to draw attention to this issue. This is where the Miss America Organization steps into the lead. What better role is there for Miss America than to be an agent of change in organizing our nation to accept our differences and to create an environment that values each person on individual characteristics rather than on stereotypes or assumptions?

For years, Miss America was seen as a young woman who cut ribbons and appeared in parades. It is time for "Miss America" to step out of the convertible and *lead the parade*. Our country's ethnic make-up is changing rapidly and our citizen's fear of terrorism can explode already existing, but deeply hidden prejudices. I want to be the leader that this nation needs.

This nation needs this issue addressed now and through the already existing NCCJ and its local and state organizations combined with the power of Miss America, we can make a concrete difference now, which will change the direction and the future of our nation.

Talent Introduction Form

This form is used to prepare the contestant's Talent introduction. The introductions should "set the stage" for your presentation. DO NOT discuss background, training, or anything else that does not apply directly to your routine. This introduction should be no longer than 25-30 words and must end with your name. (For example: "There are two lasting gifts we give our children...roots and wings. There with her interpretation of 'A Piece of Sky' from the motion picture 'Yent'l' is Janie Doe.")

Contestant Name:
Talent Type (pop vocal, opera, ballet, tap dance, etc):
Talent Selection:
Please type your suggested Talent Introduction here:

To eliminate the possibility of more than one contestant using the same song or piece, there will be no duplication of music or dramatic reading in the Talent presentations. The same music **may** be sung by one contestant and danced to, twirled to, played on a musical instrument by, etc. another contestant. However, if one contestant is using a given song in its entirety, another contestant may use a portion of that song as part of a medley as long as it is not the dominant song in that medley. The contestant who turns in the paperwork first will be given first priority.

Remember – TALENT CAN NOT EXCEED 1 MINUTE 30 SECONDS.

Phone Number and Address Information Sheet

The information contained on this sheet is confidential and for the use of the Miss Northwestern Oklahoma State University Scholarship Pageant and its authorized committees only. (This form must be typewritten or printed with black ink)

Your Full Legal Name:	Social Security #
Permanent Home Address:	
Street	
City, State & Zip	
Telephone # ()	E-mail address
Your School and/or Employment Address:	Date school is out:
Street	City, State & Zip
Telephone # ()	Cell # ()
Your address where you can be reached from	n the time school is out until the pageant:
Street	City, State & Zip
E-mail addressTelephon	e # ()
Mother's Full Name:	
Street	_City, State & Zip
Home Phone #()Cell #()Work #()
Father's Full Name:	
Street	_City, State & Zip
Home Phone #() Cell #()	Work #()
If one or both parents are deceased, or if parents	s are separated, please indicate that information here.
I certify that the foregoing information is true and	correct to the best of my knowledge.

Contestant Signature

Parent Signature

Miss Northwestern's Outstanding Teen 2020 MOOT Contract

Here is the link for the MOOT local contract:

 $\underline{http://missoklahomateen.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Application-and-Contract-State-and-Local-2018-Final.pdf}$



Requirements: Contestant Please initial

- _____ Participate in at least 2 Alva community or campus events when requested.
- _____ Participate at least 2 community events per month in order to promote her platform or title.
- Develop her platform to be used at the Miss Oklahoma's Outstanding Teen Pageant.

_____ Develop her talent and be willing to seek help from professional coaches in preparation for MOOT.

- _____ Maintain a positive relationship with all sponsors.
- _____ Fulfill media requirements and be available for 1-2 pageant work weekends
- _____ Willingness to do appearances as requested
- _____ Attend ALL MOOT meetings and EVERY day of competition.

Qualities

* Attractive
* Well Groomed
* Manageable & Flexible
* Charismatic/Dynamic
* Talented
* Open communicator
* Outgoing & Approachable
* An Achiever who inspires and relates to all age groups
* Self motivated

Expectations

- Promote your chosen platform throughout the year
- Commit to prepare for and compete in the Miss Oklahoma's Outstanding Teen Pageant
- Maintain a lifestyle that is appropriate as a role model
- Maintain a healthy lifestyle
- Handle the responsibilities of the job with maturity
- Punctual
- Able to relate to people of all ages
- Mature enough to handle the job and all of its responsibilities
- Maintain high scholastic goals/maintaining a 2.75 GPA or higher and maintaining an 80% attendance. Will submit to grade and attendance check.
- Have the flexibility to travel for meetings, activities, and events as scheduled
- Keep an open line of communication with the Directors

**If at any point in time you unable to fulfil the duties of NWOSU's Outstanding Teen you are expected to give up your title. If NWOSU Pageant Board of Directors feels that you are not able to perform these duties you will be asked to step down from the position.

Your Full Legal Name	date	
Parent Full Legal Name	date	-

Payment information and email breakdown *Attach this sheet in paperwork

*Checks can be made payable to Miss Northwestern Please contact Olivia Yandel before sending any checks at oayandel@nwosu.edu

Fee	Cost	Check number	Date
Entry Fee	\$100		
Donor scholarship	\$50		
Ad page	\$130		
Ad page (option 1)	\$130		
Tickets (option 2)	\$80		
Total			

If you would prefer to e-mail the forms, the e-mail address is oayandel@nwosu.edu. Listed below is a breakdown of how emails should be sent.

1. Subject: contest name resume and platform statement (2 documents) Resume and Platform statement

2. Subject: contestant name contracts (4 documents) Release and Indemnity agreement, MOOT contract, NW Teen contract, info sheet

3. Subject: Contestant name talent and headshot (3 items) Head shot, talent track, talent intro

4. Ad info: subject: contestant name ad info

1-3 pictures of contestant for ad page. Business card or message for the ad. Statement of purchasing tickets or additional ad page.

If additional ad page include information for second ad all in one document.

5. Forms: subject: contestant name forms Birth certificate, payment info sheet