



2018 Miss Butler County Scholarship Pageant

Your journey to MISS AMERICA starts here...

Dear Prospective Miss Contestant:

We are pleased that you are considering entering the 2018 Miss Butler County Scholarship Pageant, which will be held on Saturday, March 24, 2018 at the Butler Senior High School Auditorium. This year we will be awarding up to 4 titles, based on contestant participation.

The titles of **Miss Butler County**, **Miss Moraine State**, **Miss Mercer County** and **4th Title TBD** are open to all contestants eligible for Miss Pennsylvania. Contestants must reside, attend school in or work full time in Pennsylvania to be eligible to compete.

In order to compete in our Miss Pennsylvania local pageants, you must meet the following:

AGE REQUIREMENTS

Contestant must be at least seventeen (17) years of age AND at least a senior in high school to compete in the current pageant season. Contestant can be no older than twenty-four (25) years of age on December 31, 2018.

RESIDENCY/WORK/SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Contestant must satisfy at least **ONE** of the following requirements...

1. Contestant must prove she is a Pennsylvania resident for the six (6) month period preceding the local pageant date.
2. Contestant must prove she is a full-time employee in Pennsylvania for the six (6) month period preceding the local pageant date.
3. Contestant must prove she has successfully completed at least one semester as a full-time (at least 12 credit hours) student and be presently enrolled and attending classes on a full-time basis at an accredited college or university in Pennsylvania. Also no more than six (6) months may have elapsed between the completion of last full-time semester attended and the beginning of the next full-time semester to be attended at a college or university in the Pennsylvania.

If you are not sure of your eligibility, please contact **Lucy Mudrick** for assistance at either lmudrick@zoominternet.net or (724) 285-3345, prior to submitting your application.

As a Miss Pennsylvania Preliminary Pageant, we are required to have at least four contestants to award one title and a total of 12 contestants to award all titles. Our titles lead directly to the Miss Pennsylvania competition which will be held during the week of June 17, 2018 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania at Shadyside Academy. Our representatives must be in attendance for Miss Pennsylvania Orientation which will be held on Saturday April 21, 2018. In addition, our representatives must attend all Miss Pennsylvania Pageant Week Events starting with contestant arrival on June 17, 2018 and concluding with the Miss Pennsylvania Pageant Final Competition on Saturday June 23, 2018.

Scoring throughout the competition is as follows:

Private Interview - 25%
On-Stage Question - 20%
Talent - 30%
Evening Wear - 15%
Lifestyle and Fitness in Swimsuit - 10%

Prizes and Awards

All winners will advance to Miss Pennsylvania competition. In addition, winners will receive a Miss America local crown and sash. There will be other scholarships and prizes awarded for runners-up and our winners.

What will you need in order to be prepared at the pageant?

Competition Wardrobe

1. Appropriate Outfit for the Private Interview
2. Cocktail Dress for the Opening Number and On-Stage Question Competition
3. Swimsuit for Lifestyle and Fitness in Swimwear Competition
4. Talent Costume
5. Evening Gown for Evening Wear Competition
6. Corresponding items for all areas of competition including shoes, jewelry, hair accessories and any applicable props for your talent

Additional Materials

1. Two copies of your music CD (if any). Be sure to test them on a variety of devices to be sure they will work on our sound system the day of the pageant. Also, please note, that no one else is allowed on stage or in the wings to provide live musical accompaniment for you during your performance. You must accompany yourself or use the CD.
2. Make-up, hair products, etc.
3. Some contestants bring full length and make-up mirrors as well as racks for hanging clothing.
4. A copy of the standard Miss America Local Contract filled in as completely as possible, but not signed. You will receive a copy of the contract prior to the pageant along with an explanation of how it will be enforced by the Miss Butler County Scholarship Organization, along with the Miss Butler County Scholarship Organization Addendum (included on Pages 15-16). During pageant weekend we will have a notary present to review the contract with you and notarize your signature. If you are under the age of 18, a parent/guardian will need to also sign your contract.

The Interview Process

The private interview will take place on March 24, 2018 during the morning/afternoon prior to the start of the on-stage competition. The judges are seated and the contestant is at a podium in front of the judges. The judges' chairperson will introduce you and the questions begin immediately. (Do not go to the judges table to shake hands with the judges.) For Miss Contestants the interview length is 10 minutes. The first 9 and ½ minutes are spent on questions and answers. At the 9 and ½ minutes mark, one of the judges will tell you that the formal part of your interview has been completed and asked if you wish to add anything at that time. If you chose to do so you have ½ minute to speak. It is your decision whether to end the interview at that point or to add something. Your decision does not influence your scoring but, if you chose to add something it does a play a part in your scoring. Please remember that no visual aids, paperwork or props may be brought into the interview.

Children's Miracle Network Hospitals Fundraising Requirements

All contestants are required to establish a registration page for CMNH fundraising at:

www.missamerica4kids.org.

To do so, go to the webpage and follow the directions on the page. Contestants must raise \$100 for CMNH for each local pageant in which they participate, up to a maximum of 5 pageants. If a contestant raises \$500 or more, she may continue to compete in local pageants without any additional fund raising requirement. Our winners will also be required to raise \$500 for the Children's Miracle Network in order to participate in the Miss Pennsylvania Pageant. Should you be named Miss Pennsylvania, an additional \$500 is required for your participation in Miss America. The Miss America Organization partners with Children's Miracle Network in this fundraising effort. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

How to you formally enter the pageant?

Please submit your 2018 Application Form, Critical Issue Essay, Fact Sheet for the judges, Talent Registration Form, and Program Book Information Form, with a copy of your birth certificate, proof of residency (state ID card, school ID or another document which confirms your eligibility), and two color headshot photos for our Program Book and Newspaper Publicity.

Please email submission materials to: lmudrick@zoominternet.net and CC: jaspinny@aol.com

Please mail submission materials to: **Lucy Mudrick; 122 West Christie Avenue; Butler, PA 16001**

ALL PAPERWORK MATERIALS ARE DUE BY MARCH 12, 2018!

Please note that paperwork bearing the logos of other local pageants may be submitted, in order to avoid repeating the same paperwork for every pageant.

Once we receive your entry materials you will receive a confirmation email. If you do not receive the confirmation email, please check back with us because it probably means that for some reason we have not received your paperwork.

Program Book Ads

The Miss Butler County Pageant offers an ad incentive program which is described in the pages 11-13 of the packet.

Tickets

Tickets for the 2018 Miss Butler County Pageant will be \$20. Reserved seating is available in advance (See page 14 for Ticket Order Form) and tickets will also be sold at the door. For reserved seating, please contact Lucy Mudrick at either lmudrick@zoominternet.net or **(724) 285-3345**.

Important Dates

March 12, 2018: Entry Deadline and all Paperwork is due (including any Program Book Ads which are outlined in detail at the end of the packet).

March 17, 2018: Children's Miracle Network Fundraising must be completed on www.missamerica4kids.org. If your fundraising is not received, you will be ineligible to compete, as all contestants must raise the minimum service donation for CMN.

March 23, 2018: *DRESS REHEARSAL* – will be held at the **Butler Senior High School Auditorium** and will start promptly at 5:00 PM. **ALL CONTESTANTS MUST ATTEND!** Rehearsal will start with talent walkthroughs. For talent walkthroughs, we will assign 10 minute time slots, per contestant. When you submit your paperwork materials, please state what time you will be arriving at rehearsal, so that we can assign time slots accordingly. (I.e. Contestants who live nearby can start running through talents, while other contestants are still arriving). At 7:30 PM, we will have a meeting, with important pageant information, that all contestants must be present for. Following this meeting, you will begin learning the opening number and learn other competition staging.

March 24, 2018: *PAGEANT DAY* - All Contestants should return to the **Butler Senior High School Auditorium** for Rehearsals and Interviews. Morning arrival time will be announced at the conclusion of Dress Rehearsal on Friday evening. You will be given a schedule for the day which will include your interview time.

QUESTIONS? Please contact **Lucy Mudrick** via the following:
Phone: (724) 285-3345 Email: lmudrick@zoominternet.net

Thank you for your interest in the Miss Butler County Scholarship Pageants!

Judy Hughes, Lucy Mudrick, and Jessica Kennedy
Executive Directors

Miss Butler County Scholarship Pageant
www.missbutleramerica.org



APPLICATION for a LOCAL Pageant of the
Miss Pennsylvania Scholarship Organization

** Please Type All Information on One Page Without Changing the Format & Complete ALL areas. **

Title(s) Competing For: _____
Date of Application: _____

Full Name: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____ **Age:** _____
Home Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____

1st Phone: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____
1st Email: _____ **Second Email:** _____

College Name: _____
College/Residence Address: _____

City, State & Zip: _____

PLATFORM STATEMENT TITLE:

TALENT: (90 Seconds or Less) – Must Fill Out the Talent Form

Type of Talent: _____
Title of Music: _____

EDUCATION:

High School Name: _____ **Year Graduated:** _____
College Name: _____ **Year Graduated:** _____
Date of Enrollment: _____ **Full Time?** ___ Yes ___ No **Year In School:** _____
Major Course of Study: _____ **Degree Sought:** _____

EMPLOYMENT: **Employer's Name & Address:** _____
Job Title: _____ **Date of Hire:** _____

Children's Miracle Network Hospitals:

Donated Hours: _____
Money Fundraised: _____

Contestant Platform Issue:

Donated Hours: _____
Money Fundraised: _____

PARENTS:

Mother's Full Name: _____ **Hometown:** _____ **Phone:** _____
Father's Full Name: _____ **Hometown:** _____ **Phone:** _____

All data must be factual. The failure to provide factual information may result in your disqualification from the pageant.

This application does NOT go to the judges. Applications accepted on a first come first serve basis.

In completing this application, I give permission to the local pageant organization to use my photographs and any videos taken for any and all purposes as a contestant of this local organization. Please understand that it is not always possible to receive photo credit. This application may be shared with other Miss Pennsylvania Local Preliminary Pageant Directors of the MAO.

Signature of Contestant: _____ **Date:** _____

TYPING THE CRITICAL ISSUE ESSAY AND FACT SHEET

INSTRUCTIONS

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE ONE PAGE CRITICAL ISSUE (PLATFORM) ESSAY AND THE FACT SHEET ARE THE ONLY TWO ITEMS WHICH ARE SEEN BY THE PAGEANT JUDGES. THEY SHOULD BOTH BE TYPED AND CHECKED FOR GRAMMATICAL AND SPELLING ERRORS. BE SURE YOU KNOW AND ARE PREPARED TO DISCUSS EVERY ITEM YOU PLACE ON THESE TWO DOCUMENTS! KEEP IN MIND THAT THE CRITICAL ISSUE ESSAY AND FACT SHEET PROVIDE THE JUDGE'S FIRST IMPRESSION OF YOU. BE SURE TO KEEP A COPY OF EACH OF THESE DOCUMENTS SO YOU CAN REVIEW THEM BEFORE YOUR INTERVIEW.

CRITICAL ISSUE ESSAY INSTRUCTIONS

Indicate the critical issue/platform you will address if chosen to be Miss Butler County/Miss Moraine State. This critical issue does not have to be your community service project, but may be, if you chose. The Miss Butler County Scholarship Organization may wish to implement a local platform as well.

FORMAT: Your essay should be typed (11 or 12 point font recommended) on one sheet of white paper.

Format as follows:

TITLE OF PLATFORM

SUBMITTED BY: (Contestant's Name)

ACTUAL ESSAY (In block form)

FACT SHEET INSTRUCTIONS

This Fact Sheet should be acceptable at *any* local pageant in Pennsylvania. If you have previously submitted a Fact Sheet to another local pageant, there is no need to change the pageant heading or titles you are seeking. We will accept a Fact Sheet from any local as long as the proper formatting is maintained.

FORMAT: The font sizes and space provided for all answers *must* remain as it is on the Fact Sheet provided to you. Many of the lines, however, are double spaced. If you wish to provide additional information, you may single space in order to add lines to that area. You may also remove the *lines* if you wish. Again, however, **you may not add** to the total space provided for any response nor may you delete any sections to gain space, even if the section is not applicable to you. Also, no additional pages may be added to the Fact Sheet. The judges will be given only the two pages.

Contestant FACT SHEET – LOCAL Pageant

Miss Pennsylvania Scholarship Organization

**** All Information Must Be Typed without changing the format of the pages. ****

Full Name: _____

Vying for Local Title(s) Miss Butler County/Miss Moraine State _____

Age: _____ **Birthdate:** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

High School Name: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

College Information (if appropriate):

College/Univ Name: _____

Degree Sought: _____

Declared Major: _____

Declared Minor: _____

Dates of Attendance: _____

Current Status: _____

(i.e. Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior, Graduate)

Scholastic Ambition: _____

Career Ambition: _____

Scholastic Honors: _____

Graduate School Information (if appropriate):

College/Univ Name: _____

Degree Sought: _____

Dates of Attendance: _____

Current Status: _____

Other Accomplishments: _____

Employment Experience: _____

What Type of Talent Will You Present: _____

Musical Accompaniment / Song Title: _____

Father's Name: _____ **Occupation:** _____

Mother's Name: _____ **Occupation:** _____

Brothers and Sisters:

Name: _____ **Age:** _____

Name: _____ **Age:** _____

Name: _____ **Age:** _____

Other Interesting Facts About Yourself: _____

The Miss America Organization encourages young women who participate in the program to become involved in the community, to develop a Platform and to speak out on issues of concern to them, to their communities and to the nation. If you are selected as the winner of this competition, on what issue would you want to focus on during your year of service? Please attach a one-page document outlining your Platform Issue.

Contestant Signature:

Local Director Signature:

TALENT REQUEST FORM for a LOCAL Preliminary Pageant **Of the Miss Pennsylvania Scholarship Organization**

**** Please Type ALL Information keeping in the page format. ****

CONTESTANT NAME: _____

Title(s) Competing For: Miss Butler County/Miss Moraine State

All talents must be in good taste. If you have any questions about whether your talent is appropriate, please contact the local pageant before submitting your talent request. If your talent is found not to be in good taste at the rehearsal, you will have to change your talent or you will not be permitted to participate in the pageant. Decision as to whether a talent is in good or bad taste is at the sole discretion of the organizers of the local pageant you are competing in.

- **“Regardless of talent performed, you may NOT have voices, instruments, or other noises that mimic the talent of the contestant.”** (Example: A vocalist may have background vocals with "oohs and aahs" or other background lyrics, but cannot have a tape with a voice singing the melody line for the contestant to sing along with. The same would be said for instrumentalists, dancers, and any other talent which could provide for an unfair advantage if a judge could not delineate from the talent on the track versus the live performance of the contestant.)"
- **Talent is limited to NO longer than one minute 30 seconds (90 seconds total).**
- **In case of duplicate requests, the Talent Request Form received first will prevail.**
- **Props must actually be used in the talent and may not sit on stage as a visual prop.**

NAME: _____

Type of Talent: _____

Music Title: _____

Composer/Artist: _____

Props: _____ **Music Timed At:** _____

Talent Introduction:
(A few Short Sentences) _____

Signature: _____

PROGRAM BOOK INFORMATION

Name: _____

Age on March 24, 2018: _____

High School and State: _____

Year of High School Graduation: _____

College (If Applicable): _____

Class or Year of College Graduation: _____

Graduate School (If Applicable): _____

Type of Talent: _____

Title of Talent: _____

Platform Summary Statement (One Sentence):

Memo

To: Contestants of the 2018 Miss Butler County/Miss Moraine State Scholarship Pageant

From: Miss Butler County Scholarship Organization

Date: January 9, 2018

Re: Program Book Ad Incentive Program

To encourage the selling of ads, the following incentive program is in effect for the 2018 Miss Butler County/Miss Moraine State Scholarship Pageant.

For ads (both commercial and patrons) totaling \$100 or more, contestants will receive:
25% of the dollar amount of the ads.

Examples are:

\$0.00 to \$99.99 = \$0.00

\$100.00 = \$25.00

\$150.00 = \$37.50

\$200 = \$50.00

\$400.00 = \$100.00

Conditions are:

- 1) The ad must be either a "new" ad or a renewal of an ad previously sold by you for a prior Miss Butler County/Miss Moraine State Scholarship Pageant.
- 2) Payment for the ad must have been received from the advertiser before your incentive money will be paid.
- 3) Payment for the ads should be made to "The Miss Butler County Scholarship Organization." You will receive your incentive in a check from the Miss Butler County Scholarship Organization shortly after the day of the pageant provided payment for all ads has been received.
- 4) Ads must be received by **March 12, 2018**.

Pageant Program Book

Patron's Advertisements



\$2.00 Per Advertisement

(Names Only)

1. _____
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PROGRAM BOOK ADS

The Miss Butler County/Miss Moraine State Scholarship Pageant

Sponsored by: The Miss Butler County Scholarship Organization

Each page of the Program Book is Black and White and measures 8 ½ by 11 inches in size.

Advertiser (Please Print)	Address	Phone	Date
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Signature of Advertiser	Check Copy With (If Needed)	Ad Secured By
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Make Checks Payable To:

The Miss Butler County Scholarship Organization

Check With Order

Cash With Order

Send Bill

Rates for Black And White:

Full Page -----	\$100.00	_____
Half Page-----	\$55.00	_____
Quarter Page-----	\$30.00	_____
Eighth Page-----	\$20.00	_____
Sixteenth Page-----	\$15.00	_____

PLEASE SEND COPY OF ADVERTISEMENT

Miss Butler County Scholarship Pageant

Ticket Order Form



**Miss Butler County
Scholarship Pageant**

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, & ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

TICKETS (@\$20 Each): _____

TITLEHOLDER (FREE): _____

LOCAL DIRECTOR (FREE): _____

TOTAL TICKETS: _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

**Make Checks Payable to:
The Miss Butler County Scholarship Organization**

Miss Butler County Scholarship Pageant

Local Contract Addendum



As a participant in the Miss Butler County Scholarship Pageants, you must abide by the following rules and regulations:

Contestants

1. All contestants must be of good moral character. This includes behavior that is free from foul language and does not engage in any activity that is deemed as inappropriate by the Miss Butler County Scholarship Organization.
2. No cell phones will be permitted during rehearsals, the pageant, or any other time throughout the pageant weekend at the Butler Senior High School Auditorium. Any cell phone that is used by a contestant, without approved permission, will be confiscated and returned at the conclusion of the pageant. In the case that a contestant feels the need to use a cell phone, they may inquire to a Miss Butler County Scholarship Pageant Committee Member concerning their situation and permission may be granted.
3. Contestants must follow all directions from the Pageant Choreographer, Directors, Stage Crew and Staff of the Butler Senior High School Auditorium, and the Miss Butler County Scholarship Pageant Board Members and Volunteer Staff with respect and courtesy. Please apply the "Golden Rule" and utilize a positive attitude throughout the pageant weekend.
4. All Contestants will be permitted **ONE** dressing room assistant back stage in order to help them during the pageant. Badges for dressing room assistants will be provided at Dress Rehearsal and only dressing room assistants with badges will be permitted back stage.
5. You must meet your fundraising requirements as set forth by the Miss America Organization for the Children's Miracle Network in order to compete in the Miss Butler County Scholarship Pageant. This includes the registration of your personal page and fundraising the minimum requirement of \$100.

Parents

1. Parents and other family members of contestants must help us to set a positive example for all of the contestants in the pageant. Please be respectful of all contestants and refrain from negative conversations concerning other contestants or anyone affiliated with the Miss Butler County Scholarship Pageant. This includes the Pageant Choreographer, Directors, Stage Crew and Staff of the Butler Senior High School Auditorium, and the Miss Butler County Scholarship Pageant Board Members and Volunteer Staff. Please demonstrate kind and courteous behavior throughout the pageant weekend.

2. Any parent that oversteps the boundaries of good judgement and demonstrates inappropriate behavior as determined by the Miss Butler County Scholarship Organization will jeopardize their child's participation in the pageant and may result in the contestant being disqualified.

Titleholders (Pageant Winners – Miss Butler County and Miss Moraine State)

1. Miss Butler County Scholarship Pageant Titleholders must cooperate with the Miss Butler County Scholarship Organization Directors and Board of Directors and follow instruction(s). This includes attending scheduled appearances and events. All appearances must be approved by the Miss Butler County Scholarship Pageant Directors.
2. Titleholders must attend all events for the Miss Pennsylvania Pageant, including Pageant Orientation which will be held on April 21, 2018, at Shadyside Academy in Pittsburgh, PA. The 2018 Miss Pennsylvania Pageant is scheduled to be held Sunday, June 17, 2018 through Saturday, June 23, 2018.
3. In the case you must resign from and or/ relinquish your title, you must forfeit your sash, crown, and any other awarded prizes and scholarships, as a result of not fulfilling your responsibilities as our Local Titleholder.
4. You must perform at the 2019 Miss Butler County Scholarship Pageant in order to “give up” your crown, to be held in 2018 or 2019. As such, until you pass on your title, you must be granted permission to compete in any other pageant by the Miss Butler County Scholarship Pageant Directors. If a titleholder competes in any other pageant without permission from the Directors, she will automatically forfeit their title in accordance with the Miss Pennsylvania Scholarship Pageant State Contestant Contract.

In the case that any contestant and/or parent, (and/or Local Titleholder) breaks one of these rules, the Miss Butler County Scholarship Organization reserves the right to expel the contestant or associated contestant from the competition (or relinquish title). This also includes any additional rules that are announced during pageant weekend and all restrictions as stated in the Local Contestant Contract (and State Contestant Contract, as applicable).

Contestant Name, Signature, and Date:

Parent/Legal Guardian Name, Signature, and Date:

Local Director Name, Signature, and Date:
