

Miss University of North Alabama

2023



Competition Date: January 21, 2023

OFFICIAL CONTESTANT PACKET

Thank you for your interest in the Miss University of North Alabama Competition! As an official preliminary Competition for the Miss Alabama/Miss America system, we are honored that you have chosen this competition to participate in. The Miss UNA Competition is a long-standing tradition at UNA, and we are excited about adding another great year to our history! The previous women who have competed and worn the crown of Miss UNA have always demonstrated grace, sophistication, poise, intelligence, and a commitment to excellence in all they do; and we expect nothing less from our 2023 contestants.

Please read through this packet of vital competition information. It includes all the necessary information you will need to become an official competitor in the 2023 Miss UNA Competition.

For questions not answered in this packet, please contact the Office of Student Engagement.
256-765-4248.

Instructions

Registration To Do List:

___ Packets are due by October 17th before the start of Candidate Orientation.

*The number of candidates will be limited to the first 21 women who turn in completed packets.
Candidates may turn in packets before then to the Student Engagement desk.*

___ Headshots (Contestants must get headshots at no charge on October 27 at Butler Studio)

Time slots are 15 minutes from 2pm-6:30pm. *(Times might change depending on number of candidates.)*

Please visit <https://calendly.com/missuna22/15min?month=2022-10> to make your appointment or call Student Engagement at 256-765-4248 if you need assistance.

___ Request an official copy of your Birth Certificate

___ Pay \$35 online to register for the program (by or at Orientation):

<https://members.missamerica.org/register>

___ Attend Candidate Orientation – October 17 at 6:00pm in the GUC Loft (MONDAY)

___ Attend Candidate Workshop – November 7 at 6:00pm in the GUC Loft (MONDAY)

Completed packets must include the following:

Please make the necessary copies and turn in packet as a whole.

A. Pages in this document:

Pages

() Signed Miss UNA Contract.....	3-4
() Introduction form.....	5
() Biography for Publicity.....	6
() Talent Request form.....	7
() Candidate Ads (Optional).....	10

B. Pages on the Miss Alabama Website

() Social Impact Initiative Essay (formerly the platform) (2 Copies)

Instructions and a sample can be downloaded from www.missalabama.com/how-to-enter

() Resume (2 copies)

Instructions and a sample can be downloaded from www.missalabama.com

C. Attachments:

() Copy of UNA transcript*.....(Print off)

() Official Copy of Birth Certificate(Get from your home county Health Dept.)

Note: Please write legibly.

The Following Items are Due at Candidate Workshop on November 7:

() Candidate Supplemental Sheet (AKA Candidate Statement of Eligibility)

This form can be downloaded from www.missalabama.com/how-to-enter

() Miss Alabama Local Candidate Contract

This is your document to keep, but it must be signed by each Miss America Local Pageant in which you compete.

() \$75 on your qualification report: <https://members.missamerica.org/>

() 90 second talent music (if applicable) on disk or emailed to missuna@una.edu

Miss University of North Alabama

Miss University of North Alabama Local Contract

STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

The Miss UNA Competition is organized as a nonprofit University event whose express purposes include:

1. The provision of scholarship funds.
2. The representation, with integrity and character, of the University of North Alabama, throughout the course of public appearances by Miss UNA.
3. The promotion of UNA for recruiting students and representing the University and other Miss UNA sponsors as directed by the Competition Director or University President.

DEFINITION OF RELATIONSHIPS

1. Miss UNA must realize and recognize the fact that for the year (a year is equivalent to the period of time extending from the 2023 to the 2024 Miss UNA Competition) of her reign she will and must be Miss UNA, rather than herself. She must maintain proper personal grooming whether on campus, going shopping, or on any personal errands. She is Miss UNA wherever she goes and must look the part. Miss UNA is, in a way, a celebrity, a name, and a public servant, all of which must supersede her personal life, desires and former commitments.
2. The Miss UNA Competition, through the Competition Director who serves as General Chairman of the Competition, has management control of Miss UNA for the entire year of her reign. This statement includes all appearances, on and off campus activities as Miss UNA, parties and/or anything concerning her whereabouts, which may include an introduction as Miss UNA.
3. Management coordination is most important to insure efficient management. To insure efficient management of Miss UNA in a harmonious manner, Miss UNA will:
 - a. Refer ALL appearance requests to the Competition Director.
 - b. Refer ALL press, radio, or TV requests to the Competition Director.
 - c. Refer ALL endorsement requests to the Competition Director.
 - d. Honor and fulfill all approved appearances scheduled by the Competition Director.
 - e. Properly prepare herself to meet the requirements of approved appearances adequately and successfully.
 - f. Meet biweekly with Competition Director during fall and spring semesters
4. Alternates and vacancies: The Miss UNA Competition selects a first, second, and third alternate. In the event Miss UNA becomes Miss Alabama or is no longer eligible to serve, the first alternate will take her place but be unable to compete in the next Miss UNA Competition. Within 2 days of the vacancy, the first alternate must decide if she will serve or cede the crown to the second alternate (second has the option to cede to third) if any would rather compete than hold the title. If the Miss UNA selected at competition is replaced by the first, second or third alternate, and the alternate can no longer serve, the title will remain unfilled until the next competition. (In other words, no more than 2 individuals can have the Miss UNA title during one competition cycle.

THE MISS UNA COMPETITION WILL:

1. Confirm all appearances and requirements pertaining thereto.
2. Ascertain that all prizes, scholarships, and gifts are presented to Miss UNA.
3. Screen all appearance requests and protect Miss UNA from undesirable appearances.
4. Maintain Miss UNA's calendar and notify her with adequate notice of each appearance.
5. Provide for adequate training, coaching, rehearsal, etc., for the role as Miss UNA.
6. Arrange for and execute press coverage for appearances when appropriate.
7. Assist in the provision and approval of an evening gown up to \$1500 for the Miss Alabama Competition.

MISS UNA MUST:

Character/Image

1. Present a warm, friendly attitude and welcoming presence during her appearances and in public, as she can always be identified or introduced as Miss UNA.
2. Present herself in all public matters and forums with respect, decorum, and class. Miss UNA must present herself (appearances, media interviews, social networking sites, etc.) in a manner that does not draw negative attention to her words or image. She will refrain from using slang and curse words, public gossiping, and will refrain from posting or allowing controversial pictures of herself to be taken/posted by others.
3. Provide her own wardrobe requirements over and above those provided by the University and sponsor wardrobe allowance.
4. Maintain her wardrobe in a cleaned and pressed condition.
6. Agree that her services are extraordinary and unique. Therefore, in the event of such a breach or attempted or threatened breach, the Miss UNA Competition will be entitled to equitable relief by terminating her right to the title of Miss UNA.

REQUIRED DUTIES:

1. Represent, with integrity and character, the University of North Alabama throughout the course of public appearances.
2. Promote UNA through recruiting students and representing the University and other Miss UNA sponsors as directed by the Competition Director or University President.
3. Emcee for University Program Council's events including Step Sing, Homecoming Pep Rally, & other events as assigned.
4. Attend Freshman and Transfer Orientation (SOAR).
5. Attend Preview Day.
6. Attend all contestant interest meetings for the Miss UNA Competition.
7. Responsible for the selection of the Theme for the following Miss UNA Competition.
8. Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50 and full-time status throughout the Miss UNA reign.
9. Maintain 2 office hours in the Student Engagement Center each week during Fall and Spring Semester
10. Manage the awards table on-stage at the University Awards Gala
11. Maintain an active social media presence by posting on Facebook and Instagram at least once a week.

**First Runner Up Note: The university and Miss UNA sponsors are not required to provide the exact original scholarships and prizes to the First Runner-up if they are asked to fulfill the duties of Miss UNA.*

I, _____, a Miss UNA contestant, have read the contents of this agreement and understand all conditions, rules and regulations set forth by the Miss UNA Competition, and further commit to abide by these rules both as a contestant and in the event I should win the title of Miss UNA.

Signature of Contestant

Signature of Parents for Contestants under age 19





2023 Introduction Form

Information for Introduction:

Name _____ Age: (On Jan, 21 2023) _____ Candidate # _____

Major _____

Parents' names _____

Parents' city and state _____

Platform _____

****if acronym, please write out all words for meaning.**

Information for Talent Introduction

Please describe your talent as you want it read on competition night. For any performance piece, please include the composer and/or author, and reference any book, film, or play the piece originated from if applicable. If selecting dance, specify type (ballet, jazz, etc):

(example: Jayne Doe will perform a dance interpretation of Dolly Parton's "9 to 5" made famous by the Movie and the Popular Broadway Musical "9 to 5")

Information for Red Carpet Glam Introduction:

Personal Impact Statement (Must be under 10 seconds)



BIOGRAPHY FOR PUBLICITY

FULL NAME _____ AGE (Jan. 21, 2023) _____

HOMETOWN _____

PARENTS' NAME _____

PARENTS' ADDRESS _____

CLASSIFICATION _____

MAJOR(S) _____ MINOR(S) _____

TALENT _____ TALENT AUTHOR/COMPOSER _____

TALENT TITLE _____

PLATFORM _____

PLATFORM SUMMARY _____

COLLEGE HONORS OR AWARDS _____

CAMPUS ACTIVITIES AND/OR ORGANIZATIONS _____

PAGEANT EXPERIENCE _____

HOBBIES _____

CAREER GOALS _____



TALENT REQUEST FORM – For Technical Director

FULL NAME _____
Last First Middle Preferred

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____
Home School/Cell Work

DATE OF BIRTH _____

TALENT _____

NAME OF SELECTION _____

COMPOSER OR AUTHOR _____

Check all that Apply:

I WILL USE DIGITAL MUSICAL ACCOMPANIEMENT _____

I WILL USE PROPS _____

I WILL WEAR TALENT COSTUME OTHER THAN AN EVENING GOWN? _____

*In order to secure talent, this form must be turned in with all other documentation by orientation. Talent is first come first serve based on who turned in all their documentation. If both turn in talent at orientation, there will be a coin flip.



2023 MISS UNA CANDIDATE AD

Promote your favorite Business or Student Organization, or let your family and friends tell everyone how proud they are!

SELL AN AD in the MISS UNA PROGRAM BOOK!

Complete this form along with ad and a check for the Miss UNA Foundation. All materials must be submitted by November 21st. Forms can be turned in to the Office of Student Engagement or included with your registration packet.

Name of Candidate: _____

Name of Sponsor: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone# _____

Contact E-mail: _____

- Ads are \$50.00 each for ½ page black and white.
- You may custom design your ad
Dimensions: 4.75 in. x 3.25 in.
- Submit ads electronically to
 - To: missuna@una.edu
 - Subject: Miss UNA Ad
- Ads and Checks are due November 21, 2022
- If no electronic ad is received by Nov. 21 you will have a default ad as pictured to the right.
- Full page ads are \$100 in black and white
- Top seller receives 2 free tickets to Miss Alabama Crowning Night in June
(Top seller must sell at least 4)

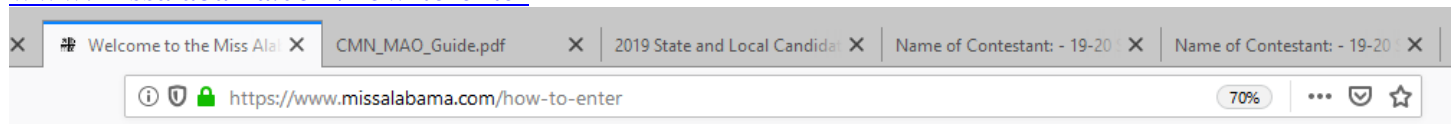
Good Luck!	
Your Logo, Name, and/or Message	Contestant Pic Here
(Default Ad)	

All artwork for advertisements are due with this form. Please send artwork electronically if possible.

All Materials must be received by November 21, 2022.

Important Documents and the Miss Alabama Webpage

www.missalabama.com/how-to-enter



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How to Enter Miss Alabama

2019- 2020 Miss Alabama Requirements and Forms

Each contestant must raise a minimum of \$100 for the Children's Miracle Network to compete in a Miss Alabama local competition. If you compete in more than one local competition, you must raise a minimum of \$100 for each local competition you enter up to a total of \$400. Once you have raised a total of \$400, you are not required to raise more money and can enter as many local competitions for which you qualify in the current competition year. However, the \$300 is just a minimum; you may raise more money for CMN if you wish to do so.

To administer the CMN fundraising, each candidate must do the following:

1. Create your personal web page on the CMN web site (see the CMN MAO Guide.pdf below for details).
2. Raise the required funds for CMN.
3. Print out proof of money raised to bring with you to the local competition, or mail it in with your other paperwork. Your minimum CMN funds need to be posted to your CMN personal fundraising page before the day of the competition. Checks should be made out to CMN (not the local pageant). Please try to avoid bringing a check with you the day of the competition.

To enter a Miss Alabama Local Competition the following items are required:

1. Candidate Resume
2. Candidate Social Impact Initiative Essay
3. Local Contract (contact each local competition for their local contract)
4. Photo (contact each local competition for their photo requirements)
5. Proof of Children's Miracle Network fundraising (see Contract Acknowledgement)
6. Candidate Supplemental Sheet

Click on the links below to access the forms. Adobe Reader is needed to complete some of these forms. Please note that you cannot save the forms in Adobe Reader; any changes must be made at the time of completing the form. After completing the forms, print them, make copies, and use them to enter the local competitions. **Please send six copies of the Candidate Resume and Candidate Social Impact Initiative Essay to the individual competitions you enter.**

[Candidate Supplemental Sheet](#)

[Instructions for Candidate Resume](#)

[Sample Candidate Resume](#)

[Instructions for Candidate Social Impact Initiative Essay](#)

[Sample Social Impact Initiative Essay](#)

[CMN MAO Guide](#)

[Contract \(Fillable\)](#)

[Contract \(Non Fillable\)](#)

We wish you all the best on your journey toward becoming Miss America! There are many rewards awaiting you. Whether or not you ever win a title or wear a crown, the opportunities and possibilities along the way are endless!



DATES TO NOTE

- Q&A with Miss UNA: Wednesday, September 7th from 11am – 1pm in the GUC Atrium
- Interest Meeting: Monday, September 26th @ 6pm in Student Engagement
- Platform Workshop: October 11th @ 5pm in the GUC Banquet Hall A
- Orientation Meeting: Monday, October 17th @ 6pm in the GUC Loft
- Contestant Workshop: Monday, November 7 @ 6pm in the GUC Loft
- Headshots: October 27th @ Butler Studio
 - Sign up here: <https://calendly.com/missuna22/15min?month=2022-10>
- Ring Design: Details Pending
- Opening Number Rehearsal: Friday, November 18th @ 4pm in the SRC Aerobic Room
- Interview Workshop: January - Details Pending
- Rehearsal Days:
 - Wednesday, January 18th @ 5pm - Talent & Social Impact Pitch
 - Thursday, January 19th @ 5pm - Red Carpet & Interview
 - Friday, January 20th @ 5pm – Dress Rehearsal
- Miss UNA Competition: Saturday, January 21, 2023