Pageant Date: January 26, 2019

OFFICIAL CONTESTANT PACKET

Thank you for your interest in the Miss University of North Alabama Pageant! As an official preliminary pageant for the Miss Alabama/Miss America system, we are honored that you have chosen this pageant to participate in. The Miss UNA Pageant 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 2019 contestants.

Please read through this packet of vital pageant information. It includes all the necessary information you will need to become an official competitor in the 2019 Miss UNA Pageant.

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

**Packets are due by Wednesday, October 24 by 4:00 pm to the Student Engagement Desk.**
The number of contestants will be limited to the first 21 women who turn in completed packets. **Contestant Orientation is November 8, 2018 at 5:15pm in the Student Engagement Center** (An optional Interview Prep Workshop will immediately follow)

Please make the necessary copies and turn in packet as a whole. Individual sheets will not be accepted.

**Completed packets must include:**

- Signed Miss UNA Contract ................................................................. 3-4
- Miss Alabama “Statement of Eligibility (Must be notarized) ..................5-10
- Introduction form .................................................................................. 11
- Biography for Publicity ........................................................................... 12
- Talent Request form ................................................................................ 13
- Platform Statement (2 Copies)
  - Instructions .......................................................................................... 14
  - Sample .................................................................................................... 15
- Resume (2 copies)
  - Instructions .......................................................................................... 16
  - Sample .................................................................................................... 17
- Copy of UNA transcript* ..............................................................(Print off)
- Official Copy of Birth Certificate ….(Get from your home county Health Dept.)
- Headshot (Contestants must get headshots at no charge on October 25 at Butler Studio. Please visit [https://calendly.com/missuna/15-minute-photo-shoot](https://calendly.com/missuna/15-minute-photo-shoot) to make your appointment or call Student Engagement at 256-765-4248 if you need assistance.

**The Following Items are Due at Contestant Orientation:**

- Miss UNA Rising Star Contact & Bio Form ............................................. 19
- $100 on your UNA missamericaforkids.org CMN qualification report...22
- 2 copies of CD of 90 second talent music …(you may make minor edits through Dec.)
- Contestant Ads (Optional)

*Freshmen must turn this in separate from original packet by January 14th 2019 to reflect one full semester of completed coursework with a 2.5 or higher GPA at UNA.*
STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

The Miss UNA Pageant 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 Pageant Director or University President.

DEFINITION OF RELATIONSHIP

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 2019 to 2020 Miss UNA Pageant) of her reign she will and must be Miss UNA, rather than herself. She must maintain immaculate 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 Pageant, through the Pageant Director who serves as General Chairman of the Pageant, has absolute 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 Pageant Director.
   b. Refer ALL press, radio, or TV requests to the Pageant Director.
   c. Refer ALL endorsement requests to the Pageant Director.
   d. Honor and fulfill all approved appearances scheduled by the Pageant Director.
   e. Properly prepare herself to adequately and successfully meet the requirements of approved appearances.
   f. Meet weekly with Pageant Director during fall and spring semesters

THE Miss UNA PAGEANT 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 all press coverage for all appearances.
7. Assist in the provision and approval of an ample wardrobe for the Miss Alabama Pageant.

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 allowing/posing/posting of controversial pictures of herself.

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.

5. Maintain her body as to be free from visible tattoos and body piercing (except ears) and to maintain personal fitness.

6. Agree that her services are extraordinary and unique and there is no adequate remedy at law for a breach of this agreement, and in the event of such a breach or attempted or threatened breach, the Miss UNA Pageant will be entitled to equitable relief by terminating her right to the title of Miss UNA and therefore relinquishing all scholarships and prizes awarded.

Requirements:

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 Pageant Director or University President.

3. Emcee for University Program Council’s Step Sing

4. Attend Freshman and Transfer Orientation Express (SOAR). If Miss UNA is not able to attend, she must contact the first runner up to cover her appearances during sessions.

5. Attend Preview Day. If Miss UNA is not able to attend, she must contact the first runner up to cover her appearance.

6. Attend all contestant interest meetings for the Miss UNA Pageant.

7. Responsible for planning and implementing a fundraiser for the Miss UNA Pageant.

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

*First Runner Up Note: In the event the First Runner-up to Miss UNA is asked to fulfill the role and duties as Miss UNA, the First Runner-up will be entitled to all unused scholarship monies and prizes that were given to the originally crowned Miss UNA. 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 the attached agreement and understand all conditions, rules and regulations set forth by the Miss UNA Pageant, and further commit to abide by these said 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
MISS ALABAMA LOCAL CONTESTANT CONTRACT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING AND STATEMENT OF ELIGIBILITY FOR 2018-2019

Name of Contestant: ________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

E-Mail Address: ________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Telephone: ___________________________ Cell Phone: ________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Address: ________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

City: ___________________________ State: ______ Zip: ________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

College/School: ________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

College Major: ________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Hometown: ________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

SECTION A: ELIGIBILITY

Age. I am currently ____ years of age. I was born on (date) ___________________________ 19_____. I understand that, in order to be eligible to compete, I must be:
(1) at least eighteen (18) years of age as of July 31, 2019
(2) a high school graduate or equivalent by July 31, 2019
(3) no older than twenty-five (25) years of age as of December 31, 2019

I will be ____ years of age on December 31, 2019 and confirm that I will not be older than the twenty-five (25) year age requirement. A certified copy of my birth certificate is included. For avoidance of doubt, I will NOT turn 26 years of age at any time during the calendar year in which I will compete at state.

Choose ONE of three from the boxes below (See Section 2.3 of the complete contract).

☐ I have been a resident of the State of Alabama for at least six (6) months (copy of driver’s license or lease must be enclosed) OR

☐ I am claiming student status. I have successfully completed at least one semester as a full-time undergraduate student (at least 12 hours) or graduate student in the State of Alabama (copy of recent transcript must be enclosed) OR

☐ I am employed on a full-time basis in the State of Alabama and have been for at least six months (see Section 2.3.3 of the complete contract) (Employer contact information must be enclosed - including phone numbers, address, and employment dates.)

SECTION B: CHILDREN’S MIRACLE NETWORK

Note: To compete this year, you must register on the CMN web site in the 2020 Pageant Cycle.

# of hours you have worked for CMN: ___________________________ Amount of money you raised for CMN: ___________________________

I have created my CMN profile on www.missamerica4kids.org for this local pageant in the 2020 pageant cycle. I understand that if I compete in more than one local pageant, I must update my CMN profile each time I compete in a different local pageant so that it reflects the current local pageant in which I am competing.

Initial: ___________________________
SECTION C: COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT (if different from CMN)

Name of Community Service Project: _______________________________________________________

# of hours worked on Community Service Project: ____________ Amount of money raised: ____________

SECTION D: TALENT PRESENTATION

Type of Talent (vocal, dance, piano, etc): ___________________________________________________

Name of Talent Selection: ______________________________________________________________

Type of microphone preferred (if available): □ Cordless □ Microphone with stand □ Lavaliere

Will you be using props? □ Yes □ No If yes, please describe: ________________________________

Please write a short 2-3 sentence introduction for your talent presentation:

 Contestant checklist of items to enclose with this page:
 □ Certified copy of birth certificate
 □ Six (6) copies of platform essay for judges’ books
 □ Six (6) copies of resume for judges’ books
 □ Six (6) black & white photocopies of 5x7 photo on 8.5x11 paper
 □ Email your resume, platform and photograph to the director to forward to judges
 □ Photo (contact local pageant for additional photo requirements)
 □ CMN Verification Sheet (proof of the $100 minimum CMN requirement)

In addition to the above, enclose ONE of the following:
 □ Driver’s license or Lease Agreement (ONLY if claiming eligibility to compete as an Alabama resident)
 □ Copy of current transcript (ONLY if claiming eligibility to compete as an undergraduate or graduate student in Alabama)
 □ Proof of Employment (ONLY if claiming eligibility to compete as a full-time employee in Alabama)
On the basis of all of these statements and agreements, I request the Miss Alabama Scholarship Organization to accept my application to participate as a Contestant in this Miss Alabama Local Preliminary Competition. If the Miss Alabama Local Preliminary Organization accepts this application, I agree to comply with all of the terms and conditions of this Application and Contract, together with its attachments.

Date ________________________________  Contestant Signature

State of ________________________________  : ss  Affidavit of Truthfulness
County of ________________________________

_______________________________ ________________________________, the Contestant making this Application, of full age and being duly sworn according to law, upon her oath deposes and says:

I do hereby swear that the statements made in this Application and Contract and its attachments are true.

Sworn and subscribed to before me
this __________ day of ____________________, 20____.  Contestant Signature

_______________________________
Notary Public of ________________________________

Approval of Application for Participation

The Miss ________________________________ Organization hereby APPROVES this Application and Contract and accepts appointment as the agent of the Contestant on the terms provided in this Application and Contract. The Contestant may compete in the competition pursuant to the terms of this Application and Contract and its attachments.

Date: ________________________________  Signed: ________________________________

Local Executive Director

Print Name: ________________________________
State of ______________________
County of _____________________

I, the undersigned parent or guardian of ___________________________, who is the Contestant named in this Application and Contract, of full age and being duly sworn according to law, upon my oath depose and say:

1. I have read and I understand the provisions of this Application and Contract and its attachments. To the best of my knowledge, information and belief, all of the factual statements made in this Application and Contract by the Contestant are true.

2. I have been given the opportunity to consult with an attorney of my choosing to seek legal advice regarding this Application and Contract.

3. I consent to the execution of this Application and Contract by the Contestant.

4. On behalf of the Contestant, I agree to the terms and conditions of this Application and Contract and its attachments.

5. I have not previously authorized any person, firm, or corporation to use the name, photograph, picture or any present or future title of the Contestant in connection with any endorsement or advertisement of any commercial product for or on behalf of the Contestant, nor has any other person ever been authorized to do so, other than a co-signer of this affidavit.

6. I shall not authorize any person, firm, or corporation to use the name, photograph, picture or any present or future title of the Contestant in connection with any endorsement or advertisement of any commercial product for or on behalf of the Contestant other than in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Application and Contract and its attachments.

_________________________________________  ______________________________________
Print Parent/Guardian Name                     Parent/Guardian Signature

Sworn and subscribed to before me

this __________ day of _________________, 20 ____. 

_________________________________________
Notary Public of __________________________
2019 Local Contestant Coaching Disclosure

Include interview prep, talent or choreography coaches, as well as anyone involved in a coaching business.

Adherence to the rules and guidelines detailed in the Miss America Local Contestant Contract is critical to our program's success. The clause below is a significant part of that contract and demonstrates one aspect of the contestant’s commitment to service.

Section 5: Commitment for Service as a Miss Alabama Local Scholarship Preliminary 2019

5.5.8. determine the best method of preparing me for the next level of competition. I understand that the Miss America Organization does not endorse nor promote the use of individuals nor businesses who act as pageant coaches, etc., whether they are paid or offer services at no charge. However, the use of a coach may transpire as long as the Local Director agrees and collaborates on such arrangement in order to prepare me for the next level of competition. If my Local and/or State Executive Director does approve the hiring or utilizing a pageant coach, then a signed Coaching Disclosure Form must be presented to the Local and State Organization no less than seven (7) days before the Local Competition.

I understand that coaching relationships that are not properly disclosed will not be tolerated in the Miss America Organization. Non-Disclosure Agreements (NDA's) or any other legally binding contract designed to conceal a coaching/contestant relationship is expressly prohibited. Any and all other contracts are superseded by the MAO State Organization Agreement and Contestant Contracts.

This Coaching Disclosure Form is to be completed and signed and then approved by the Local Executive Director. Failure to provide complete information on any current coaches or coaching businesses that a contestant has engaged to work as a prep person or team, up to and during the 2019 National Finals, carries serious consequences.

Contestant Statement

I am currently working with the following coach, coaches or coaching business:

Contestant Name: ____________________________________________
Local Title: ________________________________________________
Coach’s Name: _____________________________________________
Location: City __________________________ State ________________
Coaching Business: __________________________________________
Location: City __________________________ State ________________

Contestant Affirmation: I have read and understand the Commitment for Service as Miss Alabama Local Preliminary 2019. I am currently not working with a coach or a coaching business, other than as disclosed herein, and will not engage any coach, coaching business or prep team unless approved by my Local Executive Director. I have not signed a coaching contract or non-disclosure agreement with any coach or coaching business, other than as disclosed herein. I understand the consequences if I am not forthright in my disclosure statement.

Contestant’s Signature: ______________________________________
Local Executive Director: ____________________________________
Local Executive Director’s Signature: ____________________________
Date: ___________________________________________________

Note: If you are working with more than one coach or coaching business, a separate form must be completed for each.
2019 Local Contestant Statement of Understanding

Other Competitions

Adherence to the rules and guidelines detailed in the Miss America Local Contestant Contract is critical to our program's success. The following clause details the rules regarding other competition/pageant systems. This is to confirm that you do not currently hold a title or are associated in any way with another competition system. Once you have read the full clause, please sign the affirmation of understanding statement below.

2.7. Contractual and Other Obligations.

2.7.3. Other Competitions. If I win, I will continue to hold the title of this Miss Alabama Local Preliminary until my successor is selected or appointed. I agree that, during my service in that role and until after the scheduled completion of the full term of the position of this Miss Alabama Local Preliminary for which I was selected, I will not associate in any way with, promote, perform, judge or become a contestant or participant in any other regional, national or international competition or preliminary competition of a similar nature to the National Finals, including but not limited to the National Sweetheart Pageant/Competition in Hoopeston, Illinois. I also represent that I am not a contestant, participant or titleholder in any other regional, national or international competition or local or state preliminary competition of a similar nature to the National Finals.

This Other Competitions Form is to be completed, signed and approved by the Local Executive Director. I understand that failure to observe and fully comply with the contestant contract, including but not limited to, Other Competitions, is a violation of this agreement.

Contestant Statement

Contestant Name: ____________________________________________

Contestant Affirmation: I have read and understand the Other Competitions clause. I affirm that I do not hold a title with any other competition/pageant system and that I will not enter or associate in any way with, promote, perform judge or become contestant or participant in any other program’s local, state, regional, national or international competition or preliminary competition of a similar nature to the National Finals, including but not limited to the National Sweetheart Pageant /Competition in Hoopeston, Illinois. I understand the consequences if I am not forthright in my disclosure statement.

Contestant’s Signature: ____________________________________________

Local Executive Director: ____________________________________________

Local Executive Director’s Signature: ____________________________________________

Date: ____________________________________________

Miss UNA Scholarship Pageant
2018 Introduction Form

Information for Swimsuit Introduction:

Name ____________________________     Age: (ON Jan. 26, 2019) ______         Contestant#____

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 pageant 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 Evening Gown Introduction:

Activities/Hobbies______________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________

Organizations__________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________

Future Plans___________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________

Contestant Number _______
BIOGRAPHY FOR PUBLICITY

FULL NAME_____________________________________________ AGE (Jan. 27, 2018) ______

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 ACCOMPANIMENT _______

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 the deadline of October 25, 2017 at 4pm.
Instructions for Typing the National Contestant’s Platform Statement

Please remember. This is your opportunity to explain to the judges what your chosen platform is and why it is important for the Miss America Organization to embrace this platform. In addition, it should explain how your platform will further the Miss America Organization “brand” to the public. 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 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.

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 New Roman font style.

4. With the justification set for left, type “Name:” in bold. Following the colon (:), hit the space bar twice. Then, type your name.

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. Double space down. Set your justification to “center”. Then type in bold and underline the title of your Platform.

7. Double space down. Write what you feel is critical for the judge’s to know about your platform and why it is necessary for you to have the job of Miss America to promote this issue. What you write will be what the judges know about your platform, your role in successfully dealing with this issue, and the role the Miss America Organization may play in your plan.

8. This essay may include some of the following items (this is not to be meant as an exhaustive list):
   - A clear definition of the platform and the specific issues you wish to address
   - A plan on how you have or will create awareness of the platform
   - The way in which you have or will change attitudes regarding the issue
   - The way in which you have or will change behaviors related to this issue
   - The way in which your platform issue will move the Miss America Organization forward
   - Your media plans
   - Your marketing strategy
   - How you propose to fund your ideas/plans
   - Any significant accomplishments you have made in regard to your issue

9. At the bottom of the page, you MUST set the justification to the right. Type a line of 26 spaces. Below that line, you must type Signature/Date and after printing sign and date the document.

Once you have printed the document, it is important that you SIGN and DATE the document as shown in the attached SAMPLE.
**Name:** Jane Smith  
**Title:** Miss State

**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 learning 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 lightening 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.

__________________________
Signature/Date
Instructions for Completing the National 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. You may list as many or as few items under each category as you desire. Your only restriction is that it must follow the established format and it must fit on one page. This page, combined with the Platform Statement, 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, which do not meet the criteria or are submitted after the deadline, will not be given to the judges. If your resume 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.

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 New 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 LaCricia 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 once. Then, type your hometown including the city and the state.

7. Move to the next line. Now set your justification to the right. Type “Date of Birth:” in bold. Hit the space bar two (2) times, and type the month, day, and year of your birth. (Ex. October 10, 1989)

8. Move Justification to the left. Double space down and type “Education:” in bold. Hit the tab bar three times and then type your most recent school first. If it is grad school, indicate it as such. List degree seeking (all on the same line as the name of the school), move to the line underneath that to list your undergraduate school and degree sought/achieved, and below that list your high school.

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. 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. (i.e. Pop Vocal - “Crying”, Tap Dance - “Staying Alive”, etc.)
12. Double space down. Type “**Scholastic Honors:**” in **bold**. Hit the space bar twice. Each item should be separated by a semi-colon (;).

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

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

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

16. Double space down. Type “**Employment:**” in **bold**. Hit the space bar twice. Each item should be separated by a semi-colon (;).

17. Double space down. Type “**How has the world you come from shaped your dreams and aspirations?**” in **bold**. Hit the space bar twice. Please answer the question in sentence form.

18. Double space down. Type “**Of all the ways you could succeed in your life, why have you chosen to succeed in the Miss America Pageant?**” in **bold**. Hit the space bar twice. Please answer the question in sentence form.

19. Double space down. Type “**What social issue, other than your platform, will have the greatest impact on your generation and why?**” in **bold**. Hit the space bar twice. Please answer the question in sentence form.

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**The entire form MUST FIT ON ONE PAGE using the Times New Roman font style. You must leave a 1” margin on all four sides of the page.**

Use your best judgment on what is most important for the judges to know about you. Use your space wisely. Attached you will see an example of what it should look like.

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This form will be given to the judges along with your platform statement. You will notice there is a **REQUIRED SIGNATURE LINE** at the bottom of the Platform Statement. When these two pages are put together, they will create your entire application. Your signature will cover the materials listed **ON BOTH PAGES**. Your signature verifies that everything on your forms is true and accurate. If it is proven that any information on these forms is not true, correct, and factual, you risk losing your local/state title.

**Some spacing issues may arise. Simply follow the example provided.**

**DUE IN NATIONAL OFFICE FOUR WEEKS AFTER YOUR STATE PAGEANT**
Name: Jane Smith
Title: Miss State
Hometown: Anytown, America
Date of Birth: December 29, 1998

Education:
University of State – sophomore – Bachelor of Science, Liberal Arts
Frederick Douglass High School

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; Dean’s List; Member of the President’s Leadership Council at the UCF

Leadership Roles:
Created and implemented a comprehensive Cultural Diversity Education Curriculum for grades K-12 in twelve Public Schools; University Student Body Senator; H.S. Sr. Class Pres.; College Sorority 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; Piano Performance scholarship at State University.

Interesting Facts:
First person on either side of my family to attend college; 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.

Employment:
Internship with a Law Firm; Internship with local ABC television affiliate; Student Assistant at State University.

How has the world you come from shaped your dreams and aspirations?
I come from a loving, supportive family that has always taught me to work hard for the things I want to achieve. Growing up, my parents always encouraged us to get involved with our local community and help those who were less fortunate than us. They tried to instill good values in us and to always guide us on the right path. I think it is because of these lessons my parents taught me that I want to make a difference in today’s world. I aspire to be a woman of great influence, preferably working in the non-profit sector, where I can apply my talents for the greater good and help to change people’s lives. One person truly can make a difference, and I am on my way to proving that cliché. I also dream to one day have a loving family of my own, with beautiful children in whom I can instill the same core values that my parents gave to me.

Of all the ways you could succeed in your life, why have you chosen to succeed in the Miss America Pageant?
Along with providing the financial assistance for young women to fulfill our educational goals, the Miss America Organization gives us the opportunity to bring national attention to a cause dear to our hearts. If I were to become Miss America, I know that my voice would be heard as a spokesperson for my personal platform, as well as the national platform. Raising awareness of important social and political issues has always been important to me, and Miss America provides the perfect arena for that.

What social issue, other than your platform, will have the greatest impact on your generation and why?
Although I’m not sure I would consider it a social issue, I think technological advancements will have the greatest social impact on my generation. Technology is changing everything – the way we communicate, our lifestyles, access to information – it’s all right at your fingertips! That can be a double-edged sword. I believe we run the risk of losing both interpersonal and language skills due to the ease and speed of communicating electronically. I believe our educators should address this issue immediately, or it may, unfortunately, have the greatest impact on my generation and every generation to follow.
Miss University of North Alabama
Rising Star Program

An opportunity for young ladies in the Shoals Area to be mentored by Miss UNA contestants in order to become the stars of tomorrow!

Requirements of Rising Star
- Must be female, age 7-11 (by June 2019).
- Must be willing to attend a rehearsal on Friday, January 25, 2019 from 5pm through the completion of the pageant at UNA’s Norton Auditorium.
- Must be present for the Miss UNA pageant on Saturday, January 26, 2019 from 4pm through the completion of pageant at UNA’s Norton Auditorium.
- The Rising Star of the new Miss UNA 2019 must be willing to participate in the Rising Star program at the Miss Alabama Pageant in June 2019 (exact dates TBA) at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama. *(The Rising Star will only be required to be in attendance one of those days.)*

Requirements of Miss UNA Contestant
- Meet with your rising star at least ONCE before the Miss UNA Pageant
- You may want to leave something for your Rising Star on the gift table the night of the pageant. You might leave a card, an inexpensive gift, a flower, a bag of candy; the gift need not be expensive.
- If you need assistance finding a girl for your Rising Star please contact Ms. Lisa Darnell at lvdarnell@una.edu, on Facebook, or in Communications Building 120C by October 25, 2019.

Benefits
- Picture and bio. information in program book
- Picture with mentor and Miss UNA 2018
- On-stage introduction with mentor, flower presentation
- Etiquette tea with mentor
- Entrance to pageant & front of house seating
- Program book
- THE RISING STAR OF THE NEW MISS UNA 2019 WILL ATTEND THE MISS ALABAMA PAGEANT AS MISS UNA’S RISING STAR (the Miss UNA Pageant will pay the Miss Alabama Rising Star fee) AND WILL RECEIVE ADDITIONAL BENEFITS ON THE STATE LEVEL AS THE LOCAL LEVEL.

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**Friday, Jan. 25, 2019**
4:45-9pm   Mandatory Dress Rehearsal, Norton Auditorium (must bring dress & shoes)
**A Parent meeting will be held during the Dress Rehearsal**

**Saturday, January 26, 2019**
3:30pm   Etiquette Tea Party, GUC Banquet Hall A (be dressed for Pageant)
4pm   Norton for Pageant
5pm   Miss UNA Pageant
Contestant Number _______

Rising Star CONTACT & BIO INFORMATION

NAME
___________________________________________________________________________________

AGE ON JANUARY 26th 2019_______________ DATE OF BIRTH________________________

T-SHIRT SIZE___________________

PARENT OR GUARDIAN NAME(S)
______________________________________________________________

ADDRESS
_________________________________________________________________________________

PHONE NUMBER _____________________ EMAIL _____________________________

SCHOOL ___________________________________________ GRADE LEVEL _____

MENTOR
__________________________________________________________________________________

HOBBIES
__________________________________________________________________________________

*ATTACH AND EMAIL TO TTTHOMPSON@UNA.EDU ONE CURRENT PHOTO
(Head Shot Only- Recent School Photo is Ideal)

*$65 PARTICIPATION FEE (Make checks payable to UNA; Fee includes a Miss UNA T-shirt)

STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

I understand that by signing this agreement that my child, __________________, will be a participant in the Miss University of North Alabama Rising Star Program. I agree to provide all necessary information required on this document and ensure my child’s attendance at the rehearsal and the pageant activities. I also understand that if my child’s mentor is selected as Miss UNA 2019 that my child must attend the Miss Alabama Pageant in June 2019 as Miss UNA’s Rising Star.

_________________________________________        ______________
Signature                                      Date

QUESTIONS? Contact:  Lisa Darnell at lvdarnell@una.edu  or 256.765.4596
**2019 Miss UNA Contestant Ad**

**Promote your favorite Business or Student Organization!**

**Let your family and friends tell everyone how proud they are!**

**Don’t miss your chance!**

**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 1st. Forms can be turned in to the Office of Student Engagement or included with your registration packet.

Name of Contestant ____________________________________________________________

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: ttthompson@una.edu
  - Subject: Miss UNA Ad
- Ads and Checks are due November 8, 2018 by 4pm
- If no electronic ad is received by Nov. 9, you will have a default ad as pictured to the right.
- Full page ads are $100
- Top seller receives 2 free tickets to Miss Alabama Crowning Night in June
  - (Top seller must sell at least 4)

All artwork for advertisements are due with this form. Please send artwork electronically if possible. **All Materials must be received by November 8, 2018.**
Children’s Miracle Network Contestant Registration
Instructions

Congratulations on becoming involved with the largest provider of scholarship assistance in the world. Last year, the Miss America Organization and its state and local organizations made available more than $43 million in scholarship assistance to young women across the country.

In 2007, the Miss America Organization partnered with Children’s Miracle Network – an alliance of children’s hospitals – to develop a National Platform. Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals is a non-profit organization dedicated to saving and improving the lives of children by raising funds for children’s hospitals across North America. The 170 Children’s Miracle Network hospitals provide the finest medical care, life-saving research and preventative education to help over 17 million kids each year overcome diseases and injuries of every kind. **Registering as a Contestant**

Each young woman interested in competing in the Miss America system must register online at www.MissAmericaforKids.org. To register as a contestant, go to the home page and click on the following pink button: Fill out the mandatory fields (marked by an asterisk *) and click REGISTER at the bottom of the page. Once you have completed the registration form, you will be taken to a list of upcoming pageants in your state. Check the box next to the pageant(s) for which you would like to register and click REGISTER.

**Fundraising**

Contestants competing in Miss America-sponsored local pageants are required to raise a minimum of $100 in donations for Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals and the Miss America Scholarship Fund. It’s not an entry fee, but rather a community service requirement. Your fundraising goal will automatically be set at $100 when you register. You may increase your goal at any time by logging in to your account and clicking “Update Profile.” No matter where you set your goal, you must raise at least the minimum amount required to be eligible to compete.

An additional $100 is required for each additional local pageant you attend, with a maximum cap of $400. Once you have raised $400 for local competitions, you may compete in as many local pageants within your state for which you are eligible (**Michigan contestants are required to raise $100 for each and every local pageant in which they compete**). Once a contestant has won a local competition, she must raise an additional $250 to be eligible to compete in her state pageant, and an additional $500 is required of our state titleholders to be eligible to compete in the Miss America Pageant.
Registering for a Pageant
When creating your account, you will need to register for at least one pageant. If you wish to compete in additional local pageants, you can log in to your profile at any time and click “Pageant Registration” on your contestant dashboard.

You will then choose from a list of possible local pageants remaining in the current “Crowning Year.” Crowning Year is determined by the year you would compete to become Miss America if you were to win the local and state pageants leading up to it. For example, a local pageant occurring in October 2012 would lead to the 2013 State pageant and the 2014 Miss America Pageant, held in January ‘14. Therefore your local in October 2012 will be a part of the 2014 Crowning Year.

The pageant registration page includes a list of all the pageants available for registration in your state. If your pageant does not appear here, contact your state director. Contact information is available at http://missamerica.org/organization-info/state-contact-info.aspx.

Qualifying for a pageant
In order to qualify to participate in a pageant, you must raise the required minimum for that pageant ($100 for local pageants, $250 for state pageants, and $500 for the national pageant). In order to help you reach your fundraising goal, you can use the MissAmericaforkids.org website to send emails to your friends and family. When you are logged in to your account, click on “Send Emails” on your dashboard. Here you may enter the email addresses of friends, family, and colleagues who you think would be willing to support you in your efforts.

Tip: You may also send one email to yourself that you can then personalize and forward to your entire contact list from your own email account. You will easily raise $100 for these two organizations by getting just five (5) friends to donate $20, ten (10) friends to donate $10, or twenty (20) friends to donate just $5 each – you get the picture! It’s just that simple.

You can check your progress and your qualification status at any time by clicking “Qualification Report” on your contestant dashboard. Here you can view a list of the pageants for which you are registered and the remaining amount of funds you need to qualify, if any. Once you have qualified for a pageant, its entry line on your qualification report will change from red to green.

Editing Your Profile
Once you have created an account on the MissAmericaforkids.org website, you will use that same account profile throughout your years of competing in the Miss America system. You can edit your information at any time by clicking either of the following two links on your contestant dashboard:

Edit Donation Page
In the “Edit Donation Page” section, you may increase your fundraising goal, set a custom URL to make your donation page easier to find, change your personal message on your donation page, and update your photo.

Update Personal Info
In the “Update Personal Info” section, you may change the email address that is associated with your account or update your contact phone number and/or address. You cannot change your competition state, however. If you are eligible and wish to compete in two different states at any time while competing in the Miss America system, you must create a new profile for the second state in which you choose to compete. Qualification monies raised cannot be transferred to another state or to a future Crowning Year.

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!