



## 2021 Miss Mid-South Fair Volunteer Pageant Paperwork

We would like to thank you for your interest in participating in the Miss Mid-South Fair Volunteer and Miss Mid-South Fair Teen Volunteer, proud preliminaries to the Tennessee Volunteer Pageants. You are about to embark on a very exciting experience filled with new friendships and new opportunities. Throughout your pageant experiences you will sharpen qualities of character and talent that you can use the rest of your life.

Within this packet you will find the official information regarding your wardrobe, competitions, and scholarships. Please read all of this information carefully as the rules may change at any time. It may seem like quite a lot but most people find it very helpful. You may want to keep all correspondence from the pageants in a three-ring binder. If additional mailings are sent to you, just add them to the binder.

If there is anything I can do or if there is any information that you do not understand, please do not hesitate to contact us. I am here to help you in any way that I can. I want to wish each of you the best of luck in your preparations for the pageant!

**\*Paperwork is due Wednesday, September 15\***

Sincerely,  
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*This information is being provided to assist interested contestants with the answers to the most commonly asked questions. This is not a finalized list of rules, regulations, and guidelines for the pageant.*

## CONTESTANT INFORMAITON

### What titles are available?

- Miss Mid-South Fair Age 18-25
- Miss Mid-South Fair Teen Volunteer Age 13-17
- Miss Mid-South Fair Iris Teen Age 13-19

### What categories do I compete in at the local pageant?

MISS (Age 18-25)	TEEN (Age 13-17)	IRIS TEEN (Age 13-19)
Interview	Interview	Interview
Swimsuit	Fitness	Fitness
Talent	Talent	No talent
Evening gown	Evening gown	Evening gown
Onstage Question	Onstage Question	No onstage question

### WHO IS A TENNESSEE VOLUNTEER LOCAL TITLEHOLDER?

She is a role model who cares about her role and other women's roles in society. She is an attractive and poised woman with a confident and commanding presence. She is talented and intelligent. She is an independent and eloquent communicator. A local titleholder is a leader by virtue of her experiences and takes pride in her health and physical fitness.

As a titleholder, you will represent Memphis, Shelby County, and surrounding area as an ambassador. You will gain through the rich personal experience of meeting and associating with many exciting people from Memphis and across Tennessee.

You will represent our program at the Miss Tennessee Volunteer Pageant held in Jackson during June 2022. Titleholders receive hundreds to thousands of dollars in scholarship money which will help you further your education.

Volunteer Teen and Iris Teen will represent the Mid-South Fair at Tennessee's Volunteer Teen Pageant which will be held in Jackson, TN in June 2022.

As a titleholder, you will continue to meet new and interesting people and your subsequent civic activities will add to your self-confidence and poise. You will serve as an ambassador for the city at social, civic, and community events. A chaperone will be designated and accompany you to personal appearances as needed.

Being a local titleholder is a great honor, responsibility, and experience. We are happy to extend to you this information which will answer your questions. We are part of the Miss Tennessee Volunteer Pageants which provides thousands of dollars in scholarship money to contestants throughout the state of Tennessee. In addition to the scholarships, we offer you the opportunity to sharpen qualities of character and talent that you can use the rest of your life.

Select members of the pageant committee will coordinate your preparation for the Tennessee Volunteer Pageants. You will work directly with the assigned committee to prepare you in all aspects for the upcoming state pageant.

As a titleholder you will be given various gifts by our sponsors. We takes great pride in finding you a host of sponsors who will make your state preparations flawless!

## **MISS QUALIFICATIONS**

- High school graduate or equivalent by June 25th, 2022
- Resident or student of Tennessee at least (6) months prior to the local pageant.
- No younger than 17 on the date of the local competition.
- No older than 25 by December 31, 2022
- Be a citizen of the United States of America.
- Is and has always been a female.
- Not be married, never have been married, never have had a marriage annulled, and/or never cohabitated.
- Not be pregnant and has never been pregnant nor have a child or be the adoptive parent of any child.
- Of good moral character and not been involved in any act of moral turpitude.
- Other than minor or petty offenses, never been convicted of any criminal offense and there are no criminal charges presently pending.
- Never performed any act or engaged in any activity or employment that is or could reasonably be characterized as dishonest, immoral, or indecent.
- In good health and can participate fully in any Program activities.
- Do not use or consume any illegal controlled dangerous substances or abuse the use of alcohol or other dangerous substances.
- Must have transportation to appearances and pageant preparations in the Memphis area.
- Be a resident of any county in Tennessee; or attend a college or university in any county in Tennessee; or be a full-time employee in any county in Tennessee.

## **VOLUNTEER TEEN AND IRIS TEEN QUALIFICATIONS**

- Resident or student of Tennessee at least (6) months prior to the local pageant.
- Citizen of the United States of America.
- Is and has always been a female.
- Has never been married.
- Is not pregnant and has never been pregnant nor the adoptive parent of any child.
- Of good moral character and not been involved in any act of moral turpitude.
- Other than minor or petty offenses, never been convicted of any criminal offense and there are no criminal charges presently pending.
- Never performed any act or engaged in any activity or employment that is or could reasonably be characterized as dishonest, immoral, or indecent.
- In good health and can participate fully in any Program activities.
- Do not use or consume any illegal controlled dangerous substances or abuse the use of alcohol or other dangerous substances.
- Be enrolled in an accredited public, private or homeschooling program with passing scores (passing score as determined by state accreditation score) in academic and citizenship grades.

### **Volunteer Teen:**

- In order to be a contestant in the State Teen Pageant, a contestant must be at least 13 years of age by March 2022 and must not be older than 18 years of age as of December 31st in the calendar year of the State Pageant in which she competes (December 31, 2022).
- Volunteer Teens will compete in: Interview, Onstage Question, Fitness, Talent, and Evening Gown.

### **Iris Teen:**

- In order to be a contestant in the State Iris Teen Pageant, a contestant must be at least 13 years of age, and no older than 20 years of age by March 2022.
- Iris Teens will compete in: Interview, Onstage Question, Fitness, and Evening Gown.
- Iris Teens will not compete in talent.

## **PAGEANT DAY**

Our pageant will be held on Saturday, September 25 at the Mid-South Fair (Landers Center) at 7:00 PM CST.

### **Desoto Family Theater**

4560 Venture Drive  
Southaven, MS 38671

## **INTERVIEWS**

Interviews will be held Saturday, September 25 at the Mid-South Fair. Interview times will be assigned one week prior to the pageant.

## **REHEARSALS**

Talent rehearsal and production rehearsal schedules will be sent out one week prior to the pageant.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS & PRIZES**

**MISS:** We will award educational scholarships to the winner and alternates for unpaid college debts. These are awarded 6-8 weeks after the pageant competition and are applied to the semester of your choice.

**TEEN:** We will pay entry fee to the upcoming state competition (value \$300). Additional awards may be presented at the pageant.

All winners will receive an official Tennessee Volunteer preliminary crown, sash, and flowers

All winners will receive prizes and gift packages including assistance with competition wardrobe, numerous gifts from area businesses, and gift certificates from various businesses.

All scholarships, awards, prizes, and gifts are subject to final confirmation and will be officially announced during the pageant.

## **HEADSHOTS**

You will need to provide a good quality digital professional photograph (5x7 or larger) to be used on social media and for the judges

Headshots can be emailed directly to [lizmcarroll92@gmail.com](mailto:lizmcarroll92@gmail.com)

## **PLATFORM**

Each contestant is to have a platform or issue that she feels strongly about. It is best to choose a platform in which the contestant has a strong personal commitment, involvement and conviction.

## **ENTRY FEE (TEEN & PRE-TEEN ONLY)**

There is a \$100 entry fee to compete in the Teens and Iris Teen division due no later than September 15.

There is no entry fee for Miss Contestants.

## **Opening Number & Intro**

Opening number dress is a short cocktail in black, gold or silver or a mix of all 3. You can have any earrings or shoes you wish.

### **Intro needs to include...**

- Name
- Age
- Where you are from
- Contestant number (you will receive one week before the pageant)

**Example: A 16 year old from Germantown, I am contestant number 1, Liz Carroll!**

## **Fitness/Swimsuit**

- **Iris Teen or Teen Volunteer** will not do fitness choreo. You will just model. You will have 3 points to stop and poise while using your own personality. Ladies this is where you can show your personality.

Fitness outfit for everyone may be any color sport top and any color bottom. It can be shorts, skort, skirt, capri or pant. It cannot have bling or metallic fabric on it. This applies for shoes as well.

- **Miss** will compete in swimsuit. One piece or two piece- your choice.

## **Talent (Miss and Volunteer Teen)**

- All talent performances must adhere to the time limit of 90 seconds. There will be no exceptions.
- Please submit the included talent request form with your paperwork by September 15.
- Please email talent tracks to [austingcarroll83@gmail.com](mailto:austingcarroll83@gmail.com) by September 15. Please copy me ([lizmcarroll92@gmail.com](mailto:lizmcarroll92@gmail.com)) on the email to Austin.

## **MISS SCORING CRITERIA**

40% Interview

20% Fitness and Wellness

20% Talent

20% Evening Gown / On stage Question

All competitions scored on a scale of 1.0 - 10.0 using whole numbers only. The scores from these competitions will be tallied. This determines the Top 5 list.

There will be a TOP 5 Ballot where the top five contestants will be ranked by the judges. These scores stand alone. This determines the winner of the pageant

### **Categories of Competition**

**Interview:** The Private Interview provides the Official Panel of Judges the chance to get to know the Contestant on a personal level. The Contestant will be able to share her personality, achievements, aspirations and explain why they are the best person for the job for which they are applying. This will also provide the Contestant with the opportunity to share her passion for and experience with her platform issue. The Private Interview will be conducted in a panel-style format and will be twelve minutes in duration. The Judges will take into consideration the Contestant's communication skills, ability to command the room, and potential to fulfill the job responsibilities of the titleholder. Scoring will not be based on a Contestant's opinion on a subject discussed in Private Interview, but, rather, the Contestant's ability to share her opinion and understanding of the issue.

**Talent:** The talent performance provides the Official Panel of Judges the opportunity to experience the Contestant's talent in the style and format of her choosing. The talent competition includes but is not limited to the performing arts and can include demonstrations of: Dance Performance, Comedy, Operatic performance, Illusion performance, Ventriloquism, Athletic skill, Vocal Performance, Monologue, Instrumental Performance, Career interest, Performance art, i.e. Speed painting, Baton Twirling, Avocation

Every talent performance has the option to have musical accompaniment and must be 90 seconds or less. No other person may be on stage during a Contestant's talent performance. Props that will be incorporated into any talent performance are permissible and must be provided by the Contestant. The Official Panel of Judges will take into consideration the quality of the performance, the Contestant's stage presence, ability to entertain a variety of audiences and should showcase their personality.

**Fitness and Wellness:** The Fitness and Wellness competition is designed to demonstrate the Contestant's healthy lifestyle. The Official Panel of Judges will take into consideration the Contestant's confidence on stage, display of charisma and dedication to mind-body balance. The focus of the competition is not on a Contestant's size or shape, but, rather, the ability of a Contestant to challenge herself to achieve higher levels of health, energy, wellness and purpose to integrate all aspects of body, mind and spirit.

**Evening Gown:** The Evening Gown competition is designed to feature the young woman wearing the dress, rather than the dress itself. The Official Panel of Judges will take into consideration the Contestant's composure, poise and stage presence during this phase of competition. The focus will be on the appropriateness of the gown and, most importantly, on the Contestant's personality and confidence.

## TEEN VOLUNTEER SCORING CRITERIA

40% Interview

20% Fitness and Wellness

20% Talent

20% Evening Gown

All competitions scored on a scale of 1.0 - 10.0 using whole numbers only. The scores from these competitions will be tallied. If applicable, there will be a TOP 5 Ballot where the top five contestants will be ranked by the judges. This determines the winner of the pageant

### **Categories of Competition**

**Interview:** The Private Interview provides the Official Panel of Judges the chance to get to know the Contestant on a personal level. The Contestant will be able to share her personality, achievements, aspirations and explain why they are the best person for the job for which they are applying. This will also provide the Contestant with the opportunity to share her passion for and experience with her platform issue. The Private Interview will be conducted in a panel-style format and will be eight minutes in duration. The Judges will take into consideration the Contestant's communication skills, ability to command the room, and potential to fulfill the job responsibilities of the titleholder. Scoring will not be based on a Contestant's opinion on a subject discussed in Private Interview, but, rather, the Contestant's ability to share her opinion and understanding of the issue.

**Talent:** The talent performance provides the Official Panel of Judges the opportunity to experience the Contestant's talent in the style and format of her choosing. The talent competition includes but is not limited to the performing arts and can include demonstrations of: Dance Performance, Comedy, Operatic performance, Illusion performance, Ventriloquism, Athletic skill, Vocal Performance, Monologue, Instrumental Performance, Career interest, Performance art, i.e. Speed painting, Baton Twirling, and Avocation.

Every talent performance has the option to have musical accompaniment and must be 90 seconds or less. No other person may be on stage during a Contestant's talent performance. Props that will be incorporated into any talent performance are permissible and must be provided by the Contestant. The Official Panel of Judges will take into consideration the quality of the performance, the Contestant's stage presence, ability to entertain a variety of audiences and should showcase their personality.

**Fitness and Wellness:** The Fitness and Wellness competition is designed to demonstrate the Contestant's healthy lifestyle. The Official Panel of Judges will take into consideration the Contestant's confidence on stage, display of charisma and dedication to mind-body balance. The focus of the competition is not on a Contestant's size or shape, but, rather, the ability of a Contestant to challenge herself to achieve higher levels of health, energy, wellness and purpose to integrate all aspects of body, mind and spirit.

**Evening Gown:** The Evening Gown competition is designed to feature the young woman wearing the dress, rather than the dress itself. The Official Panel of Judges will take into consideration the Contestant's composure, poise and stage presence during this phase of competition. The focus will be on the appropriateness of the gown and, most importantly, on the Contestant's personality and confidence.

## IRIS TEEN SCORING CRITERIA

20% Interview	25% Fitness and Wellness
35% Evening Gown	20% Beauty or Overall Impression

All competitions scored on a scale of 1.0 - 10.0 using whole numbers only. The scores from these competitions will be tallied. This determines the Top 5 list if applicable.

### **Categories of Competition**

**Interview:** The Private Interview provides the Official Panel of Judges the chance to get to know the Contestant on a personal level. The Contestant will be able to share her personality, achievements, aspirations and explain why they are the best person for the job for which they are applying. This will also provide the Contestant with the opportunity to share her passion for and experience with her platform issue. The Private Interview will be conducted in a panel-style format and will be five minutes in duration. The Judges will take into consideration the Contestant's communication skills, ability to command the room, and potential to fulfill the job responsibilities of the titleholder. Scoring will not be based on a Contestant's opinion on a subject discussed in Private Interview, but, rather, the Contestant's ability to share her opinion and understanding of the issue.

**Fitness and Wellness:** The Fitness and Wellness competition is designed to demonstrate the Contestant's healthy lifestyle. The Official Panel of Judges will take into consideration the Contestant's confidence on stage, display of charisma and dedication to mind-body balance. The focus of the competition is not on a Contestant's size or shape, but, rather, the ability of a Contestant to challenge herself to achieve higher levels of health, energy, wellness and purpose to integrate all aspects of body, mind and spirit.

**Evening Gown:** The Evening Gown competition is designed to feature the young woman wearing the dress, rather than the dress itself. The Official Panel of Judges will take into consideration the Contestant's composure, poise and stage presence during this phase of competition. The focus will be on the appropriateness of the gown and, most importantly, on the Contestant's personality and confidence.



## **Application Process**

If you would like to enter the pageant, please follow the steps below. If this is your first time in entering, don't worry. We will be glad to assist you step-by-step. Many of our contestants are first time entrants.

Be sure to email and express your interest in entering the program. Please note your name, age, grade in school, and talent type. This is required. Email to: [lizmcarroll92@gmail.com](mailto:lizmcarroll92@gmail.com) as soon as possible.

### **Complete/Compile the following:**

#### **September 15:**

- Local Contestant Application
- Contestant Profile
- Talent Request Form (Miss and Teen Volunteer)
- Teen/Iris Entry Fee (\$100)

#### **September 22:**

- Birth Certificate
- Proof of Residency
- Education Information
- Scholarship Rules and Regulations

#### **After Pageant (Must be submitted no later than 6 weeks after pageant date)**

- Scholarship Request Form

### **Included in this packet:**

- Local Contestant Application
- Talent Request Form
- Proof of Residency
- Education Information
- Scholarship Rules and Regulations
- Scholarship Request Form
- Teen Volunteer Contestant Profile Template
- Miss Contestant Profile Template

Email forms to: [lizmcarroll92@gmail.com](mailto:lizmcarroll92@gmail.com)



**Local Contestant Application (ALL CONTESTANTS)**

**Local Pageant: Mid-South Fair**

**Name:**

**Email:**

**Cell:**

**Date of Birth:**

**Mailing address:**

**City, State, Zip:**

**School:**

**How did you learn about the pageant?**

**TALENT REQUEST FORM (MISS AND VOLUNTEER TEEN ONLY)**

Please type.

All talent performances must now be 90 seconds or less.

Name:

Phonetic Spelling of your name:

Please indicate type of talent:

Dance  Vocal  Drama  Other (explain)

Title of Music:

Composer:

Publisher:

Will You Use a Tape/CD Accompaniment?  Yes  No

If Your Talent is a Reading, Monologue or Theatrical Presentation, give the name of the book, play or writing you will use:

I will need...

Microphone?  Wireless Mic  Body Mic  N/A

What Other Technical Requirements Does Your Talent Require?

Describe Any Props or Sets You Will Use in Your Talent Presentation.

Give Your Background of Talent Training or Professional Experience:

Talent Introduction Suggestion Please type. We reserve the right to edit as necessary.

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Please email MP3s (no M4a files please) to [lizmcarroll92@gmail.com](mailto:lizmcarroll92@gmail.com) with this form.

**PROOF OF RESIDENCE (ALL CONTESTANTS)**

Please attach your proof of residence to this page. You are welcome to send a copy via mail or scan and email the file to [lizmcarroll92@gmail.com](mailto:lizmcarroll92@gmail.com)

Contestant Name (Please Print):

I understand that, in order to compete in the local or state pageant that I must reside in; be enrolled in and attending classes on a full-time basis at an accredited high school, college, or university in; or (Miss) be employed in on a full-time basis, the state in which I intend to represent:

If I am claiming eligibility to compete in the Tennessee Volunteer Organization based upon my residence in the state in which I competed, I must have been a resident of that state for at least six (6) months prior to the first local or state competition that I entered in that state.

I currently reside at \_\_\_\_\_ in the city of \_\_\_\_\_,  
State of \_\_\_\_\_. I have resided at this address since \_\_\_\_\_.

I have included proof of this residency in the form of \_\_\_\_\_ (driver license, automobile registration, current lease, or other official document establishing residency).

**EDUCATION**

Please attach to this page.

**TEEN & PRE-TEEN:** Most Recent Report Card or Transcript

**MISS:** College Transcript / College Registration for Current Classes / College Degree / Graduate School  
Registration for Current Classes / Graduate School Degree

**SCHOLARSHIP RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**\*Parental signature required regardless of the age of the contestant.**

Please initial after reading each section.

Scholarship winners shall submit to the local Tennessee Volunteer Pageant, a Scholarship Request Form within six weeks after the pageant or it will revert back to the scholarship fund for the following year. Please be sure to include all contact data including school bursar address, student identification number, and any additional information necessary to make your payment.

I have read and fully understand the above section. \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarships shall be executed for tuition, on-campus room and board, and supplies. All monies will be paid by check to the individual college, university, or school and must bear said college, university or school's endorsement. Request for scholarship funds will be paid only as expenses are incurred.

I have read and fully understand the above section. \_\_\_\_\_

All cancelled, unrequested or unused portions of scholarships will revert to the local Tennessee Volunteer Organization for redistribution.

I have read and fully understand the above section. \_\_\_\_\_

By completing below, I accept and understand these rules and regulations.

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Contestant Date

\_\_\_\_\_

\*Signature of Parent Date

## MISS SCHOLARSHIP REQUEST FORM

**THIS MAY BE SUBMITTED AFTER THE PAGEANT VIA EMAIL TO**  
[lizmcarroll92@gmail.com](mailto:lizmcarroll92@gmail.com)

You must submit this within six weeks of the date of the pageant! Do not send after six weeks have passed.

Name:

Award(s) Won:  
(PLEASE LIST ALL AWARDS ON ONE SHEET.)

Title(s) Competed For:

### **For payment to school:**

School Name:

Mailing Address:

City State Zip:

Student ID Number or Social Security Number:

Amount won \$

To what semester/quarter should request be applied?

Is there a due date for this request? Yes No If yes, date?

Cell phone number \_\_\_\_\_

### **For payment going to Loan Agency:**

Lending Agency

Mailing Address

City State Zip

Account Number

PAYMENTS WILL BEGIN BEING SENT OUT DURING DECEMBER AFTER YOUR FORM HAS BEEN RECEIVED. AFTER TEN (10) WEEKS FROM THE PAGEANT DATE, UNUSED MONEY WILL DEFAULT BACK TO THE PAGEANT ACCOUNT.



**Name:**

**Instagram Handle: @**

**Age:**

**Platform Title:**

**Talent:**

**Education:**



**Education & Professional Objective:**

**Honors & Achievements:**

**Leadership Positions:**

**Employment Experience:**

**Special Skills & Activities:**

**What can you do during your Tenure of Service as a Titleholder to impact your community?**

**What has been your involvement with your platform?**

**What inspired you to first become involved in your platform?**

**If you are selected as the winner, how would you mobilize and market your platform nationally?**

**How would you utilize social media in order to positively further your position as a titleholder if you are selected as the winner?**





**Name:**

**Instagram Handle: @**

**Age:**

**Platform Title:**

**Talent:**

**Education:**

**Professional Objective:**

**Honors & Achievements:**

**Leadership Positions:**

**Employment Experience:**

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