



FORMER MISS ARKANSAS ASSOCIATION ARKANSAS- QUALITY OF LIFE AWARD!

The 2016 Miss Arkansas Quality of Life Award is available to the contestants competing for the title of Miss Arkansas. We were thrilled to announce in 2013 the creation of the Former Miss Arkansas Association. At that time, we also announced the beginning of the new scholarship that rewards platform development and encourages community service, the Arkansas Quality of Life Award. This scholarship is our stamp on the Miss Arkansas Organization while encouraging contestants to use their crown to get involved in their community. As former Miss Arkansas titleholders, we want to recognize those contestants who are dedicated to community service.

This scholarship resembles the Miss America Quality of Life scholarship MAO presents each year. We will ask the local contestants to complete two copies of their application for the Miss America Community Service State Scholarship (MAO 2016 CSFA State Application), which requires an essay and two recommendation letters. We will use this application to also choose the Arkansas Quality of Life winner to lessen the load of paperwork. This is not a mandatory application, but one that we will strongly encourage.

Read the information on the award application. Find the application on www.missarkansas.org in the State Forms Tab in Section 6 titled: **MAO 2016 CSFA State Application.** **This form needs the signature of Jessie Ward Bennett, Miss Arkansas Executive Director.**

- **Bring two copies of the application to the May 22, 2016 Miss Arkansas Brunch/Spring Meeting.**
- **Jessie will sign both copies.**
- **You will take the MAO 2016 CSFA State Application Scholarship Application with you at that time and mail to Miss America as directed.**
- **You will leave a copy at the May 22, 2016 meeting to be given to Kristen Glover Belew, Former Miss Arkansas Association President as your application for Arkansas Quality of Life Award. This application cannot be edited after you turn in your Arkansas QOL application.**

If you apply remember:

1. Describe your personal platform or community service project
(Your descriptions should be approximately 500 words on the combined projects. Be sure to label each page with your name and address.)
2. What motivated your initial interest in this area?
3. Did you develop this program?
4. What has been your involvement, and explain the time frame in which you have been involved.
5. What have been the effects of your service or project upon your community?
6. What are the long-term results?
7. How have you personally benefited from participation in this project?

Two letters of recommendation are required from individuals who are in a position to evaluate your community service project. Both letters should include the writer's name, address and telephone number.

- One letter should be from a coordinator, supervisor or civic leader who can evaluate your contribution to and involvement in community service.
- The second letter should be from an individual or organization that has benefited from your community service project.

The panel of judges to determine the Arkansas Quality of Life winner will be predominately made of former Miss Arkansas titleholders. They will review the applications and select the top 5 applications. The top 5 finalists will be announced at the Arrival Ceremony on **Sunday, June 3, 2016**. Then, the finalists will be given a 10 minute private interview focused only on their platform by the panel of judges. The winner will be announced on **Saturday night, July 9, 2016**.

The 2016 Arkansas Quality of Life winner will be awarded a \$1000 scholarship. We hope to inspire more contestants to leave an impact of service!

For any questions or comments, please contact Miss Arkansas 2011 Kristen Glover at k10glover@gmail.com.