



FORMER MISS ARKANSAS ASSOCIATION ARKANSAS - QUALITY OF LIFE AWARD

The 2017 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 2017 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 2017 CSFA State Application.** This form needs the signature of Jessie Ward Bennett, Miss Arkansas Executive Director.

- **Once you decide to apply, email CJ (cjwilson1852@sbcglobal.net) and ask for a digital copy of the signed form by Jessie.**
- **Complete paperwork and mail to Scholarship Management Services. Postmark must be on or before May 2, 2017**

**Miss America Scholarship Program
c/o Scholarship Management Services
One Scholarship Way
Saint Peter, MN 56082**

Miss Arkansas

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- **Mail or email a second copy 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. No financial info needed on this application.**

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Suggestions on writing your essay:

1. Describe your personal platform and CMN involvement (You only have 500 words to describe both, so I suggest spending 75% on personal platform and 25% on CMN. 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? What has been your involvement, and explain the time frame in which you have been involved.
4. Explain the short and long term effects of your service project upon your community?
5. 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. Then, the finalists will be given a 8-minute private interview focused only on their platform by the panel of judges. The winner will be announced **Saturday night during the final competition.**

The 2017 Arkansas Quality of Life winner will be awarded at least a \$2,000 scholarship, with the four finalists winning at least a \$250 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 Belew at k10glover@gmail.com or 870-674-4136.