

2017 State Contestant Contract

These MAO contracts are the only contracts recognized, approved, and binding for contestants competing in the Miss America program and cannot be altered in any way. Each contestant's eligibility must be confirmed and their contract signed before competing for each level of competition. State and Local Organizations may provide titleholders with a "code of conduct" or "year of service guidelines" similar to Attachments C & E in the National Contestant Contract, but such an attachment cannot contradict the MAO contract or MAO policies.

The 2018 Local Contestant and 2018 Miss America Contestant Contracts will be available by the end of the month. Listed below are the revisions for the 2017 State Contestant Contract:

2.6.9 Even though family members of a contestant may not judge, the contestant contract includes the following language:

2.6.9. Family Members. Any immediate family member who has served in any capacity on the state or local board of the licensed state or the national organization or as a volunteer, contestant prep coach, or competition judge, must have formally resigned at least six (6) months prior to the time that I am eligible to compete in my first local competition or, if locals are not held in the state where I competed, the state competition that I entered this year and at the present time. This also includes the participation of a contestant's immediate family in the "Outstanding Teen" or "Princess" or "Princess-like" programs in the licensed state. Immediate Family is defined as parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and siblings, whether by whole or half blood, or by marriage, including step-children, adoption, or natural relation. However, I am eligible to enter in a state organization and a licensed state's local organization if an immediate family member serves in any capacity in a different licensed state organization, other than a judge.

2.7.1. National Service Platform Requirement. The Miss America Organization has entered into an agreement with Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. The agreement, among other things, establishes Children's Miracle Network Hospitals as the Miss America Organization's National Platform. As a contestant in the Miss America program, I understand that I am required to raise money to support Children's Miracle Network Hospitals and the Miss America Scholarship Fund:

2.7.1.3. As the State titleholder, Miss ARKANSAS, I understand that I am required to raise a minimum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), no later than thirty (30) days prior to the National Finals