

Miss Kentucky

CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK HOSPITALS

Candidate 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 nonprofit 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 Candidate

Each young woman interested in competing in the Miss America system must register online at www.MissAmericaforKids.org. Click on "New Contestant – CLICK HERE"

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 competitions in your state. Check the box next to the competition(s) for which you would like to register and click REGISTER.

Fundraising

Candidates competing in Miss Kentucky local competitions are required to raise a minimum of \$100 in donations for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals and the Miss America Scholarship Fund. 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 competition you attend, with a maximum cap of \$400. Once you have raised \$400 for local competitions, you may compete in as many local competitions for which you are eligible. Once you win a local competition, you must raise an additional \$250 to be eligible to compete in the Miss Kentucky State Scholarship Competition. An additional \$500 is required, if you win the title of Miss Kentucky, to be eligible to compete in the Miss America Competition.

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Registering for a Competition

When creating your account, you will need to register for at least one local competition. If you wish to compete in additional local competitions, you can log in to your profile at any time and click “Pageant Registration” on your candidate dashboard.

You will then choose from a list of possible local competitions 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 Miss Kentucky title. For example, a local competition occurring in October 2020 would lead to the 2021 Miss Kentucky State Competition and the 2022 Miss America 2.0 Competition. Therefore your local in October 2020 will be a part of the 2022 Crowning Year.

The pageant registration page includes a list of all the competitions available for registration in Kentucky. If your competition does not appear here, contact Brian Jeffries, brian@misskentucky.org.

Qualifying for a competition

In order to qualify to participate in a competition, you must raise the required minimum for that competition (\$100 for local competitions, \$250 for state competition, and \$500 for the national competition). 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 candidate dashboard.

Here you can view a list of the competitions for which you are registered and the remaining amount of funds you need to qualify, if any. Once you have qualified for a competition, its entry line on your qualification report will change from red to green.

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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 “Edit Donation Page” or “Update Personal Info” on your candidate dashboard.

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.

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.