

# Miss Kentucky **OUTSTANDING TEEN**

## SEATING A JUDGES PANEL

- i. The Miss America Scholarship Organization has very specific requirements concerning local competition judges.
  1. All Judges must be approved prior to the competition. Please submit your list of PROSPECTIVE judges, to the State Field Director, not later than two weeks prior to your competition.
  2. The minimum number of judges required for a local preliminary is five, with a maximum of seven. It is advisable to err on the side of caution and invite six or seven judges in the event that a judge has an emergency and cannot attend.
  3. At local preliminary competitions, judges may participate in the judging of the Miss and Teen divisions only and are not permitted to judge other age groups (e.g., pre-teen, little miss, junior miss, etc.).
  4. Judges may not be paid, but may receive meals, small gift bags, etc. as a token of appreciation.
  5. Consider the following when seating a panel of judges:
    - a. One novice judge
      - i. Novice = no prior Miss America judging experience
    - b. Two judges from the Miss Kentucky Certified Judges List 2.0
    - c. At least 21 years of age
    - d. Judges should NOT be:
      - i. Relative of any candidate
      - ii. Individual with personal relationship with any candidate
      - iii. Relative of the local director
      - iv. Business Associate of the local director
      - v. "Coach" of any candidate
      - vi. Related to another judge by blood or marriage
      - vii. Romantically involved with another judge
      - viii. Business associate of another judge
      - ix. Roommate of another judge

- x. Competition sponsor or donor
- xi. Director of another Kentucky local competition
- xii. Kentucky state board member or state committee member

e. Judges may NOT:

- i. Judge more than two Kentucky local competitions in a year
- ii. Judge the same competition two consecutive years

f. Former candidates (and their family members), may not judge until one year after they are no longer eligible to compete

g. State titleholders may not judge sooner than five years after giving up their title

**6.** The State Executive Director and State Field Director reserve the right to disqualify judges if a conflict of interest is perceived.