

Miss Johnston County Miss Cleveland

Dear *Potential Candidate*,

It is time again for our Miss Johnston County/Miss Cleveland and Miss Johnston County/Cleveland/Smithfield Teen competition. In the past several years we have been very fortunate to have produced top fifteen and top ten finalists, top five finalists, Evening Gown and On Stage Question winners, Overall Non-Finalist Talent and Interview award winners, Health Science Scholarship winner, Quality of Life finalist, five first runners up in the Teen Pageant, **1 Miss North Carolina's Teen and 2 Miss North Carolina's!** Who knows what is next? Maybe you will be the next Miss North Carolina or Miss North Carolina's Teen.

We would love for you to join us and participate in our 2024 competition that will be held on December 9, 2023 at Cleveland High School {1892 Polenta Rd, Clayton, NC 27520} at 5:00 pm. The Miss winners will receive a \$1000 scholarship and several in-kind scholarships to area universities. The Teen winners will receive an opportunity for in-kind scholarships at two local universities as well as a \$400 scholarship to pay for competition at Miss NCTeen. Our 1st place runners up will receive a \$200 cash scholarship. We will be awarding a \$150 cash prize to our top ad and ticket sales winner. All winners will also receive numerous gifts from our local sponsors and donors.

Please don't let the paperwork of competing overwhelm you, we hope our welcome packet will help ease the load of the registration process and you must complete this [Google Form](#) to request the contract. This will help alleviate the amount of paperwork you receive at once as well. You can find any supporting documents available on our website at any time.

If you have any questions you may call Cora Godwin {Executive Director} 919-427-5740 or Ana Moore (Marketing Director) 980-229-1994 or contact us at info@missjoco.org

Find us on Social Media: We post lots of updates and critical information during the upcoming weeks of competition!

Instagram: @missjohnstoncountyorg

Facebook: Miss Johnston County & Miss Cleveland Organization

Sincerely,

The Miss Johnston County/Miss Cleveland/Miss Smithfield Teen Committee

Important Registration Information

All Miss and Outstanding Teen Candidates are required to register with the Miss America Organization prior to competing in preliminary competitions. Below we will outline the steps to ensure you are properly registered.

Step 1: Follow this link <https://bit.ly/3mKHCwR> to complete the registration

Step 2: Submit the registration form.

Step 3: Each candidate will receive a welcome email with further instructions including a form to

Local Competition information (Eligibility & Fees: Miss and Teen Candidates Only)

To compete for Miss Johnston County title you must reside in the following NC counties; Harnett, Johnston, Wake, Sampson, Pitt, Wayne, Cumberland, Durham, Orange, Wilson, Robeson, Nash, Lenior, Duplin, Scotland, Richmond, Anson, Union, Chatham, Onslow, Brunswick, Pender, Bladen, New Hanover and Greene.

Miss Cleveland Candidates can reside in any of the 100 North Carolina Counties

Teen candidates DO NOT require any residency eligibility

Miss and Teen are required to pay \$100 to compete in local preliminary competitions, This fee is to be paid when local paperwork is submitted on Nov. 12 at Cleveland High School 4-6 pm. This will accept cash or check. Make checks payable to Miss Johnston County Organization.

[Carolina Star Program at a glance](#)

(you can find more information about the Carolina Star Program on our website)

The Carolina Star Program is a mentoring program for young girls from the ages of 5-12. The Stars are mentored by our Miss and Teen Queens throughout the year. The goal is to give the Stars insight to what the Miss North Carolina Pageant and the Miss America program is all about.

All Carolina Star must submit a \$100 fee to participate, the fee can be paid via Cash/Check and submitted at our paperwork submission session on Nov. 12 at Cleveland High School from 4-6 pm.

All Carolina Stars will have the opportunity to participate in our annual Carolina Star showcase on December 9, 2023 at 2:00 prior to the competition! This is the perfect opportunity for family and friends to watch the Stars present their Production routine and have the opportunity to showcase their individual talents.

This is a ticket event and tickets will be available at the door for \$10.00.

[Important Dates to Remember](#)

November 12, 2023: Floating Paperwork Submission Sessions

Plan to turn in all paperwork at our paperwork meeting which will be held at Cleveland High School from **4-6pm**. All candidates and Carolina Stars must submit their paperwork **in person**.

Mandatory Rehearsal Dates:

December 2, 2023 - MANDATORY Rehearsal Miss and Teen Candidates at Alicia's School of Performing Arts, Benson.

1-4 pm Miss and Teen Candidates rehearsal with Carli Batson, Miss NC 2022.

December 3, 2023 - MANDATORY Rehearsal Carolina Stars at Alicia's School of Performing Arts, Benson.

2-4 pm - Carolina Stars Rehearsal with Miss North Carolina's Teen Hanley House.

4:30 until - ICE CREAM SOCIAL at SISTER'S II Market Street, Benson. Come make Taylor Swift friendship bracelets with our contestants, Stars, and Hanley House, Miss North Carolina's Teen.

December 8, 2023: *Bring your wardrobe for a full dress rehearsal*

5:30 pm Dress rehearsal at Cleveland High for Carolina Stars.

6 pm - Dress rehearsal at Cleveland High for all contestants.

December 9, 2023 - Miss and Teen Interviews held at Cleveland High School, TBD.

December 9, 2023 - Carolina Stars Production at 2:00 pm held at Cleveland High School Auditorium.

December 9, 2023 - Miss Johnston & Miss Cleveland Competition at 5:00 pm held at Cleveland High School.

Key Addresses/Locations for Rehearsals/Meeting/Competition listed below.

- Alicia's School of Performing Arts - December 2nd/3rd Rehearsal Location
310 S Market St, Benson, NC 27504

- Cleveland High School - Paperwork Meeting, Competition & Interview Location
1892 Polenta Rd, Clayton, NC 27527

Opening Production Wardrobe Requirements

The Miss Johnston County & Miss Cleveland enjoys a great production, we always have some inspiration behind the music we choose and accompanying wardrobe requirements. Our 39th Competition is inspired by Taylor Swift's Eras Tour! All choreography/walking patterns will be taught at our December 2, 2023 rehearsals.

Our opening number wardrobe requirements are:

- ★ Miss Candidates & Teen Candidates: What would you wear to the Era's Tour Concert - highly encourage cocktail dresses or jumpsuits.
- ★ Carolina Stars: Outfit of choice that you would wear to Era's Tour, can be anything from dresses to leggings or skirts. This outfit will be worn during their separate CS production routine. Carolina Stars are also required to wear a white dress for crowning (more information in the Carolina Stars packet)

Eligibility Requirements:

Age & Education

If your birth year is 1996 to 2006, you are in the Miss program. If your birth year is 2006 to 2010, you are in the Teen program. If You Are Born In 2006 You May Choose Either Teen Or Miss.

Residency

- Must fulfill one of the following:
 - Must reside in North Carolina (*reside in eligible county/address for at least 30 days*)
 - To compete for Miss Johnston County title you must reside in the following NC counties; Harnett, Johnston, Wake, Sampson, Pitt, Wayne, Cumberland, Durham, Orange, Wilson, Robeson, Nash, Lenoir, Duplin, Scotland, Richmond, Anson, Union, Chatham, Onslow, Brunswick, Pender, Bladen, New Hanover and Greene.
 - Miss Cleveland Candidates can reside in any of the 100 North Carolina Counties
 - Miss Candidates must declare what title they will compete for on the [Google form](#). (*Please refer to eligibility requirements on proof of residency*)
 - Be enrolled in and physically attending classes on a full-time basis at an accredited college or university;
 - Or be employed on a full-time basis in the state in which she intends to compete.
 - Must be a citizen of the United States of America
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- The winner of the Miss Johnston County/Miss Cleveland competition must attend a mandatory work weekend March 8-10, 2024 in Cary, NC and be willing to compete in the Miss North Carolina Competition, the week of June 24-29, 2024 in High Point, NC
 - *The winner of the Miss Johnston County/Miss Cleveland competition must be willing to apply for the Miss North Carolina Azalea Festival Queens Court, if you are selected the event takes place in early April in Wilmington, NC*

Teen Candidates:

Age:

- Must be at least thirteen (13) years of age on the first day of the State Competition in which she competes;
- Must not be older than eighteen (18) years of age as of December 31st in the calendar year of the State Competition in which she could compete.
 - To further clarify, Candidate cannot turn nineteen (19) years of age at any time during the calendar year in which she could compete at the State MAOTeen Competition.

Residency

- Must fulfill one of the following:
 - Must reside in the state of competition
 - Be successfully enrolled in and physically attending classes on a full-time basis at an accredited public or private school, or home schooled within the state of competition.

Citizenship

- Must be a citizen of the United States of America
- Must not be eligible to compete in the Miss America Competition (see Miss America Program Eligibility requirements above).
- Candidates must meet all additional requirements pursuant to the Miss America's Outstanding Teen State and Local Application & Agreement

The winner of the Miss Johnston County/Miss Cleveland/ Miss Smithfield Teen competition must attend a mandatory work weekend on March 8-10 2024 in Cary, NC

and be willing to compete in the Miss North Carolina's Teen Competition on June 24-29 2024 in High Point, NC.

Teen candidates may reside in any county and compete for both Miss Johnston County & Miss Cleveland Teen & Miss Smithfield Teen Titles.

Competition Breakdown

HER Story:

90 seconds. There can be no duplication of a talent act among candidates. Only the candidate will be permitted on stage during her performance. No props will be permitted unless they are functional to the performance.

No background music enhancements will be allowed! The background tape cannot have voices, instruments, or other noises which mimic the talent of the candidate. (Singers may not have vocals in the background that mimic the melody sung by the candidate. Dancers cannot have sounds in their music that mimic tap or clogging. Instrumentalists – if they use a CD cannot have the same instrument they are playing mimic the melody)

Fitness:

All contestants will wear REBEL Red attire for fitness. Please visit rebelathletic.com to purchase your fitness wear and follow the instructions on the attached PDF for discount codes and how to give 8% back to the Miss NC program.

Instructions to shop [Here](#)

Discount Code [Here](#)

Interview:

- All interviews will be 10 minutes. Each candidate will begin their interview with a 10 second introduction to their Community Service Initiative then move straight into the interview questions. After 9 ½ minutes of questions you will be given a chance to give a closing statement for 30 seconds. You will be interrupted at the end of the 10 minutes. There is no scoring consideration if a candidate makes additional comments or not.

Evening Wear:

Evening attire of your choice.

On-Stage Question & CSI (Community Service Initiative) Statement:

You will be asked an on-stage question which may come from your interview. It may also be a current event in nature. *Miss* Candidates will answer their question in your Opening Number outfit. *Teens* will answer their questions in their Evening Gown. You will be asked to give a 10 second introduction of your CSI prior to answering your question.

Competition Scoring Breakdown

Miss and Teen Candidates

- Private Interview - 30%
- On-Stage Conversation - 10%
- H.E.R Story/Talent - 20%
- Evening Wear- 20%
- Fitness - 20%