

# Miss Johnston County Miss Cleveland

Dear *Potential Candidate*,

It is time again for our Miss Johnston County/Miss Cleveland and Miss Johnston County/Cleveland Outstanding 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, four first runners up in the Outstanding Teen Pageant 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 Outstanding Teen.

We would love for you to join us and participate in our 2023 competition that will be held on January 28, 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 \$500 scholarship to pay for competition at Miss NCOT. Our 1st place runners up will receive a \$200 cash scholarship and our 2nd runners will receive a \$100 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](mailto:info@missjoco.org)

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

Instagram: [@missjohnstoncountyorg](https://www.instagram.com/missjohnstoncountyorg)

Facebook: Miss Johnston County & Miss Cleveland Organization

*Sincerely,*

*The Miss Johnston County/Miss Cleveland Committee*

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### **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 along with a \$35 registration fee.

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

### **Local Competition information (Eligibility & Fees: Miss and OT 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

Outstanding Teen candidates DO NOT require any residency eligibility

Miss Candidates are required to pay \$75 to compete in local preliminary competitions, the fee is paid via the Miss America Registration process.

Outstanding Teen Candidates are required to pay a \$150 fee to the Miss Johnston/Miss Cleveland Organization to compete. Please submit the \$150 competition fee to our organization at our first paperwork meeting, we can accept cash/check. (Make checks payable to Miss Johnston County Scholarship Organization.)

*(Outstanding Teens are NOT required to pay the \$75 fee on the Miss American registration form, please use code 'TEENLOCAL' to avoid being charged the \$75 fee).*

## **[Carolina Princess Program at a glance](#)**

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

The Carolina Princess Program is a mentoring program for young girls from the ages of 6-12. The princesses are mentored by the local Miss and Teen contestants throughout their year of reign. They are encouraged to join their mentor in as many of their appearances, volunteer opportunities and other events as possible. The main goal is to give the princess insight to what the Miss North Carolina Pageant and the Miss America program is all about.

All candidates are required to have a Carolina Princess for our competition. If you need to be paired with a Carolina Princess please let us know via the [Google Form](#) ASAP so that we can work to pair you with someone.

All Carolina Princesses must submit a \$100 fee to participate, the fee can be paid via Cash/Check and submitted at any of our paperwork submission sessions listed on our website (under events)

All Carolina Princesses will have the opportunity to participate in our annual Carolina Princess showcase on January 28, 2023 at 2:00 prior to the competition! This is the perfect opportunity for family and friends to watch the Princesses 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: \$10.00.

## **Important Dates to Remember**

**December 28, 2022 & January 15, 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 princesses must submit their paperwork **in person**.

### **Mandatory Rehearsal Dates:**

**January 21, 2023** - MANDATORY Rehearsal ALL Candidates and Carolina Princesses at Alicia's School of Performing Arts, Benson

9:00 - 10:30 - Carolina Princess Rehearsal ONLY

10:30 - 12:00 - All Candidates plus Carolina Princess - rehearse Finale

12:00 - Carolina Princesses Depart

12:00 - 3:30 - Miss & Teen Candidates ONLY

**January 27, 2023:** 5:00 Dress rehearsal at Cleveland High School. ALL Candidates and Carolina Princesses

**January 28, 2023** - Miss and Outstanding Teen Interviews held at Cleveland High School, time to be announced at a later date.

**January 28, 2023** - Carolina Princess Production at 2:00 held at Cleveland High School

**January 28, 2023** - Miss Johnston & Miss Cleveland Competition at 5:00 held at Cleveland High School.

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

- Alicia's School of Performing Arts - January 8th Rehearsal Location  
310 S Market St, Benson, NC 27504
- Cleveland High School - Paperwork Meeting, Competition & Interview Location  
1892 Polenta Rd, Clayton, NC 27527

## Eligibility Requirements:

### Age & Education

- Candidate (1) must be at least nineteen (19) years of age as of December 31st in the calendar year of the State Competition in which she competes; (2) Must not be older than twenty-six (26) years of age as of December 31st of the year of the State Competition in which she competes.
- For the avoidance of doubt, a candidate cannot turn twenty-seven (27) years of age at any time during the calendar year in which she will compete at state.
- Grandfather Exemption: For 2022 State and Local Agreements ONLY: Since age eligibility was revised after the start of the 2022 state & local competition season, Candidates who are eighteen (18) years of age on or after July 31, 2022 (the year of the State Competition) are eligible to compete in the Miss program, as long as the Candidate is also a high school graduate or equivalent by July 31, 2022. Please note, this exemption will not be in effect for the 2023 State & Local Competition season.

### 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, 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
- 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.
- Citizenship
- Must be a citizen of the United States of America

### **Additional Eligibility Requirements:**

- No candidate may have previously been a state finalist who competed in the national competition for the title of Miss America.
- A candidate must be single and never have been married nor had her marriage annulled.
- A candidate must not be and never have been pregnant.
- A candidate must be of good character and must not have been involved at any time in any act of moral turpitude. She must not have been convicted of any crime nor have any criminal charges pending against her. She may not have been involved in any activity that is or could be characterized as dishonest, immoral, indecent, or in bad taste.
- A candidate must be in reasonably good health and can to the best of her knowledge participate fully and without limitation in any pageant activities.
- A candidate must possess poise, personality, intelligence, charm and beauty of the face and figure, and must possess and display talent.
- Every Miss candidate must present a school transcript.
- Every Miss candidate must be able to provide two or more of the following items to determine eligibility: (OT eligibility by parents.) (1) Valid and current driver's license or Government issued Identification Card, (2) Automobile registration, (3) Lease of housing with valid dates, (4) Utility bills, (5) Federal income tax return (may delete amounts), (6) Voter's registration , (7) Birth Certificate, (8) Official College or Graduate School Transcript, (9) Official Transcript of College or Graduate School Registration for Current Classes, (10) Copy of College or Graduate School Degree, (11) Employer W-2 Form, (12) Income Tax Filing.
- The winner of the Miss Johnston County/Miss Cleveland competition must attend a mandatory work weekend March 17 - 19, 2023 and be willing to compete in the Miss North Carolina Competition, the week of June 19-25, 2023.
- *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*



## **Outstanding 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 Outstanding Teen competition must attend a mandatory work weekend on March 17 -19, 2023 in Raleigh, NC and be willing to compete in the Miss North Carolina's Outstanding Teen Competition on June 19- 25, 2023 in High Point, NC.

Outstanding Teen candidates may reside in any county and compete for both Miss Johnston County & Miss Cleveland Outstanding Teen Titles. The winners of each title will be determined based on your zip code and your distance to Johnston County. For example - If a winner resides in Johnston County, they will be awarded the Miss Johnston County Outstanding Teen Title. If our second winner resides in any surrounding counties (Sampson, Orange, Wake etc) they will be awarded the Miss Cleveland Outstanding Teen Title. *(Please refer to eligibility requirements on proof of residency)*

## **Competition Breakdown**

### **Talent:**

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)

### **Outstanding Teen Fitness:**

Black athletic leggings, your choice of fitness top (please keep in mind you will be doing jumping jacks, push ups and other various exercises that may expose your torso)  
Please wear athletic shoes.

### **Interview:**

- Miss interviews will be 10 minutes. 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.
- Outstanding Teen Interviews are 8 minutes with no closing statements.

### **Red Carpet Attire:**

Attire that represents what you would wear if you were walking the red carpet.  
(Traditionally known as Evening Gown Competition)

**Outstanding Teen Evening Gown:**

Evening Gown of your choice.

**On-Stage Question:**

You will be asked an on-stage question which may or may not come from your interview. It may also be a current event in nature. *Miss* Candidates will answer their question in your Opening Number outfit. *Outstanding Teens* will answer their question in their Evening Gown.

**On-Stage Social Impact Initiative:**

( *MISS ONLY*) Each candidate will state their statement, directly after the On-stage Question in your opening number outfit.

## **Competition Scoring**

### **Miss Candidates**

- Private Interview - 25%
- On - Stage Question - 15%
- Talent - 40%
- Evening Gown/ Social Impact Statement - 20%

### **Outstanding Teen Candidates:**

- Private Interview - 25%
- Lifestyle & Fitness - 15%
- Talent - 35%
- Evening Gown/ On-stage Question - 25%