



Precepts of Conduct for Teen Contestants

The Precepts of Conduct for contestants are the foundation upon which the image and reputation of the Miss New York's Outstanding Teen has been built and will continue to be the basis for its operation.

1. Miss New York's Outstanding Teen Contestants will conduct themselves at all times with dignity, grace, and the good manners of young women who exemplify the integrity of American youth.
2. A Contestant must observe all Rules and Regulations from the time of her arrival at Miss New York's Outstanding Teen pageant until her departure.
3. Contestants are not permitted to leave their designated area unless accompanied by a Hostess or Security during rehearsal, competition, public appearances, etc. NO EXCEPTIONS!
4. A Contestant will not participate in any interview, picture, press contact, or any type of publicity unless a member of the Miss New York's Outstanding Teen Committee is present.
5. A Contestant will not smoke or imbibe in any alcoholic beverage or illegal substance.
6. A Contestant will not be in the company of, or speak to, a judge except at regularly scheduled events.
7. Parents are not allowed to enter the backstage area of the Theater except in an emergency or if requested by a board member of the Miss New York Scholarship Pageant, Inc. and/or the pageant's producer.
8. Cell phones are NOT permitted backstage at the Theater, during rehearsals, competition, pageant functions and appearances. . The hostesses will be in contact with pageant officials at all times. Upon check-in, pageant officials will verify that a parent/state pageant official's cell number is on file in the event of an emergency.
9. Contestants will show respect at all times to pageant officials, hostesses, production team, fellow contestants and all individuals associated with the Miss New York's Outstanding Teen Pageant.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE.

Signature of Contestant

Date

Signature of Parent

Date



Official Rules and Regulations

The Contestant Must:

- * Be at least thirteen (13) years of age and be no older than seventeen (17) years of age and not eligible to compete in the “Miss America Pageant”. **(See Contest Contract)**
- * Be no more than a rising senior and still attending high school by the time of the national competition
- * Be and always been female.
- * Be a United States citizen.
- * Have been a resident of the state in which she is competing for at least six (6) months prior to the first local or state competition.
- * Must reside in, be enrolled in, and attending classes on a full-time basis at an accredited public, private, or home-schooling program, in the state which she intends to represent in the National Finals.
- * Be single, never married, nor have been the parent of any natural or adopted child.
- * Never have been convicted of a crime, does not have any criminal charges pending against her, and must be of good moral character.
- * Be in reasonable good health (to the best of her knowledge) and able to participate fully and without limitation in any program activity.
- * Not use or consume alcohol or any illegal controlled dangerous substances.
- * Be able to meet the time commitment and job responsibilities as set forth by Miss America’s Outstanding Teen.
- * Be judged in all phases of competition, which includes talent, active wear, eveningwear and personal interview.
- * Agree that all decisions of the judges are final and binding.

I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND, AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS.

SIGNATURE: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Parent: _____

Date: _____