

# MISS UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE AT MARTIN MISS TENNESSEE SOYBEAN FESTIVAL MISS TENNESSEE CROSSROADS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Thank you for inquiring about being a contestant in the Miss UT Martin / Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival / Miss Tennessee Crossroads Scholarship Pageant. Perhaps you would like to participate in the upcoming pageants because of your outstanding leadership, talent and communication abilities, or for your quest of educational scholarship funds.

We hope you will find the official information from the Miss UT Martin/ Miss Tennessee Soybean Scholarship Pageant regarding your wardrobe, competitions, and scholarships beneficial. Please read all of this information carefully as the rules may change at any time. It may seem like quite a lot but most people find it very helpful.

If there is anything I can do or if there is any information that you do not understand, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am here to help you in any way that we can.

***2012 will be the 49th year for the Miss University of Tennessee at Martin Scholarship Pageant, the 13<sup>th</sup> year of the Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival Scholarship Pageant and the 1<sup>st</sup> year for the Miss Tennessee Crossroads Scholarship Pageant..***

I want to wish each of you the best of luck in your preparations.

Sincerely,



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## **QUALIFICATIONS**

To enter the Miss UT Martin / Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival Scholarship Pageant, or any other Miss America local preliminary, contestants must meet certain basic requirements and agree to abide by all the rules of the local, state, and national Miss America Pageants now in effect or as announced hereafter. To be a contestant you must:

### **For Miss University of Tennessee at Martin:**

- Be a female
- High school graduate or equivalent by June 30th, 2012.
- Resident of Tennessee six months prior to the local pageant.
- No younger than 17 on January 28, 2012.
- No older than 24 by December 31, 2012.
- Be a citizen of the United States of America.
- Be of good moral character.
- Be enrolled at the University of Tennessee at Martin
- Not be married, never have been married, never have had a marriage annulled, never cohabitated or have had a child.
- Be available for public appearances during the 2012 pageant year as Miss UT Martin.

### **For Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival & Miss Tennessee Crossroads:**

- Be a female
- High school graduate or equivalent by June 30th, 2012.
- Resident of Tennessee six months prior to the local pageant.
- No younger than 17 on January 28, 2012.
- No older than 24 by Decembers 31, 2012.
- Be a citizen of the United States of America.
- Be of good moral character.
- Registered as a full-time student for at least six months OR employed full time (minimum 32 hours per week) OR employed part-time (minimum 16 hours per week) and attend school part-time (minimum 6 hours per week) for at least six months prior to the local competition date
- Not be married, never have been married, never have had a marriage annulled, never cohabitated or have had a child.
- Be available for public appearances during the 2012 pageant year as Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival.

## COMPETITION

The Miss UT Martin / Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival Scholarship Pageant will be held **Saturday, January 28, 2012** at 7:00 p.m. at the Student Life Center on the University of Tennessee at Martin campus in Martin. **Application deadline is January 13, 2012.**

The two titles are named during the same pageant. UT Martin students are eligible for either crown. Non-UT Martin students are **ONLY** eligible for the Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival title.

The Miss UT Martin / Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival Scholarship Pageant is divided into five phases of competition, including private interview, swimsuit, talent, evening wear, and on-stage questions. Each contestant is scored individually from one to ten in each category.

## SCHOLARSHIP & AWARDS

### **Scholarship and Awards**

The Miss UT Martin / Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival Scholarship Pageant will award educational scholarships to the winner and alternates. Miss UT Martin scholarship's are for the University of Tennessee at Martin ONLY. Both winners receive the official Miss America preliminary crown and sash and gift package. All scholarships, awards, prizes, and gifts are subject to final confirmation and will be officially announced during the pageant.

#### **Miss UT Martin Scholarships:**

\$1500 Miss UT Martin  
\$500 First Runner-Up  
\$200 Second Runner-Up

#### **Scholarships:**

\$1500 Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival  
\$500 First Runner-Up  
\$200 Second Runners-Up

TBD Miss TN Crossroads

## ENTRY FEES

There is **no** entry fee for contestants. However, contestants are required to raise \$100 for the Children's Miracle Network (see information below).

### **Children's Miracle Network Obligation** (instructions at [www.utm.edu/missutm](http://www.utm.edu/missutm))

The Miss America Organization is proud to support the Children's Miracle Network. Locally, our CMN hospital is Le Bonheur Children's Medical Center. All local contestants are required to raise \$100. This is done through a cool web site and by e-mail. All funds must be raised before the start of the pageant.

All contestants must register at [www.MissAmerica4Kids.org](http://www.MissAmerica4Kids.org). This easy to use web site will allow you to upload a photo and input the e-mail addresses of your family and friends. E-mails will automatically be sent to your e-mail list asking for contributions. You can monitor the results, and send out additional e-mails as needed. All monies raised are by credit card contributions directly to the Children's Miracle Network. For additional information on this process, see the CMN Registration Process document found on our website.

Donations, in excess of the minimum amount required for each pageant, collected by a contestant, may be rolled-over for use in multiple Local pageants to State & National pageants within a pageant cycle.

## **CONTESTANT PHOTOGRAPH**

You will need to provide a good quality, professional photograph (Size 5 x 7) to be used for the judges and program book. We prefer high-resolution digital files be emailed directly to [hhholt@utm.edu](mailto:hhholt@utm.edu).

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE PLATFORM**

As with the Miss America Pageant, each contestant is to have a community service platform or issue that she feels strongly about. It is best to choose a platform in which the contestant has a strong personal commitment, involvement, and conviction.

Contestants must submit a one-page, single-spaced, typewritten essay on the platform of their choice. An example essay is available at [www.utm.edu/missutm](http://www.utm.edu/missutm).

## **REHEARSAL**

Group production rehearsals and private talent rehearsals will be held prior to the pageant, on the day of the pageant. **Attendance at all rehearsals is mandatory. Rehearsals are closed to the general public, but parents are invited!**

## **Wardrobe**

### **Interview**

Interview outfit, what you would wear to a job interview. Show your style but be professional!

### **Rehearsals/Workshops**

Rehearsal clothes are casual, comfortable.

### **Opening Production Number**

Royal blue top of your choice with jeans and heels. Accessory with silver jewelry.

### **Swimsuit**

A one-piece or a two-piece swimsuit of any color.

### **Talent**

Contestants can wear any type of outfit that would be appropriate for the presentation of their talent.

### **Evening Wear**

Long evening gown dress for this competition.

### **On Stage Interview**

Same evening gown dress.

### **Finale**

Same evening gown dress

**To Enter the Miss UT Martin / Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival Scholarship Pageant:**

1. Email the Executive Director, Hollie Holt at [hholt@utm.edu](mailto:hholt@utm.edu) to express your interest in entering the pageant.
2. Complete the following and check them off once they are completed:
  - The completed Miss UT Martin / Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival / Miss TN Crossroads application (You may download this Word document, save it on your computer, then save it again under a different name and delete everything but the application part, complete the application, and e-mail it.
  - Community Service Platform Essay
  - A good quality, black & white, professional photograph (preferably 5 x 7). Color is acceptable. You can send a high resolution digital file via e-mail.
  - Program book contestant salute page information
  - Talent Introduction
  - CMN \$100 donation (see directions on website)

3. **DEADLINE is Friday, January 13, 2012.**

4. Mail or email all required documents to:

**Miss UT Martin/Miss Tennessee Soybean/Miss TN Crossrads**

Hollie Holt  
204 Larkin Dr.  
Martin, TN 38237

Or

**hholt@utm.edu**

5. You will be notified by email that your application was received.

## **PAGEANT DAY, January 28, 2012** (tentative schedule)

Interviews:	11:45 a.m.-2:45 p.m. Contestants will be provided a scheduled time. Contestants <b>MUST</b> be at the designated location at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to their scheduled interview time.
Talent Rehearsal:	10:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Contestants will be provided a scheduled time. Talent should not exceed 90 seconds. Each contestant will be given ten (10) minutes to rehearse with music. Doors will be closed to the public. Contestants may have a coach, friend, or family member available to assist. Please make sure this person is not tardy as we will begin at the scheduled start time. <i>Contestants will have the opportunity to load in their pageant attire after their scheduled talent rehearsal.</i>
Final Production Rehearsal:	3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Contestants <b>MUST</b> be present and on time.
Wardrobe Load In:	4:00- 5:45 p.m. Contestants may have one (1) FEMALE assistant to help with load in. <b>No</b> assistants, friends, nor family members are allowed to remain in the dressing rooms after load in has been completed. <b>Again NO ONE IS ALLOWED BACKSTAGE after 6!</b> The pageant will provide assistants to help you dress. All contestants must be backstage by 6:00 p.m.
Location:	UT Martin Student Life Center 199 Moody Street (corner of University St. & Moody St.) Martin, TN 38237

### **Ticket Information**

Tickets will be available at the door. The auditorium doors open at 6:15 p.m. for seating.

**We do not accept credit cards.**

## **Miss America Scoring System**

This is the official information as presented to the judges who will judge you in your local pageant. This is the updated official Miss America Organization's scoring system.

All competitions scored on a scale of 1.0 - 10.0 using whole numbers only with each contestant's high and low score dropped from each phase of competition.

### **MISS SCORING**

Interview	25%
On-stage Question	5%
Lifestyle and Fitness in Swimsuit	15%
Talent (90-second time Limit)	35%
Evening Wear	20%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

### **SCORING IN PRIVATE INTERVIEW**

The Private Interview phase of competition is an opportunity to learn as much as possible about the contestant – her personal qualities and attributes to be Miss Local/State; her level of communication skills; her opinions and aspirations; her sense of accomplishment, poise, and presence as well as her ability to fulfill the job responsibilities of the position you have been requested to fill.

You will enter the room and stand behind a podium. Questions will begin immediately. At the end of the 9 minute/30 second time limit, you may have an opportunity to make a final closing statement or clarify any information from your interview. Your final closing statement must be less than 30 seconds.

CRITERIA FOR SCORING PRIVATE INTERVIEW: Overall "first impression"; exceptional communication skills with a commanding presence; personality, personal appearance and beauty; validated opinions and responses; ability to fulfill job responsibilities; sense of accomplishment; and knowledge and understanding of her platform issue.

### **SCORING IN LIFESTYLE & FITNESS IN SWIMSUIT**

The Lifestyle and Fitness in swimsuit is designed to see how well the contestant maintains a lifestyle of good physical health, whether she meets the public expectation of a titleholder, and whether or not she has the confidence needed to be a titleholder. The contestant's drive, energy, and presence are to be likewise considered.

CRITERIA FOR SCORING LIFESTYLE & FITNESS IN SWIMSUIT: Overall "first impression;" physical fitness; physical beauty; sense of confidence and composure; display of drive, energy and charisma; and does she meet the public expectation of a titleholder?

### **SCORING IN TALENT**

The Talent phase of competition provides an insight into the woman's preparatory and performance skills. Talent performance must be limited to 90 seconds. Consideration is given to whether the contestant's talent selection fits these skills and her personality. The Talent competition

acknowledges the quality of the talent being presented, the technical skill level, and the stage presence of the contestant.

CRITERIA FOR SCORING TALENT: Overall "first impression", technical skill level; entertainment value; stage presence; and will you be proud you selected this young woman when she performs her talent if she is selected as the titleholder?

### **SCORING IN EVENING WEAR**

The Evening Wear phase of competition is designed for the judge to assess the contestant's beauty, poise, grace, and commanding stage presence. The contestant's total look is considered. Her evening wear (not the value of the evening wear) should complement the contestant's individuality.

CRITERIA FOR SCORING EVENING WEAR: Overall "first impression"; beauty; sense of confidence; personality and stage presence; walk, carriage and grace; sense of style and appropriateness of the evening wear; and does she take command of the stage by simply walking onto it?

### **SCORING IN ON-STAGE QUESTIONS**

The On-Stage Interview phase of competition is designed for the contestant to make an on-stage statement of her interests, opinions and aspirations. One or two questions may be asked and the judge is to only consider the answer (s) to the question(s).

CRITERIA FOR SCORING ON-STAGE QUESTIONS: Overall "first impression"; charisma and stage presence to be a spokeswoman for the state/local organization; give special attention to whether or not the contestant answered the question in context and in the time allotted; did she answer the question and did she have the commanding presence to make the audience want to listen to her?