

**MISS AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING TEEN, INC.**

Application and Contract for Participation in the **NATIONAL FINALS**  
of the Miss America's Outstanding Teen Competition

Contestant: \_\_\_\_\_

Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Outstanding Teen 20\_\_\_\_  
Name of State

**Section 1: Introduction**

- 1.1. The Miss America's Outstanding Teen Organization ("MAOTeen") is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the state of Delaware. MAOTeen has made substantial investments in, and has developed a valuable identity for, the unique symbols and elements of the Program that have achieved national and even international recognition and approval. These elements include, but are not limited to, (1) providing educational assistance in the form of scholarships to young women who have not yet begun to assume the responsibilities of family life and are interested in career and educational advancement; (2) recognizing and honoring the traits of honesty, good character, talent, poise, intellect, leadership and good judgment in the teens of America who enter the competition (the "Contestants"); and (3) enabling the Contestants to serve as role models for other teens with similar goals and personal characteristics.
- 1.2. MAOTeen will conduct an annual national competition for the title "Miss America's Outstanding Teen 2015," to be held in Orlando, Florida in July/August 20\_\_\_\_ (the "National Finals of the Miss America's Outstanding Teen Competition" or the "National Finals"). The National Finals are critically important and the single most visible and widely recognized element of the Program. MAOTeen conducts the National Finals every year in a fashion that is designed to combine a respect for the traditional and historic foundations of the Program with recognition of the perceived modern tastes and values of the American people.
- 1.3. The winner of the competition at the National Finals shall be designated "Miss America's Outstanding Teen 20\_\_\_\_," and shall be entitled to that title until her successor is named at the National Finals in August, 20\_\_\_\_. During this period (the "Year of Service"), Miss America's Outstanding Teen 20\_\_\_\_ shall be required to engage in travel and participate in personal appearances. These activities are designed, scheduled, arranged and supervised by MAOTeen in order to reflect the values and standards of the Program and to enhance its visibility and maintain its broad public acceptance. MAOTeen has also developed detailed procedures and requirements that govern the activities and conduct of Miss America's Outstanding Teen during her Year of Service. All of these procedures, standards and requirements are intended to protect and enhance the substantial public acceptance of the Program among the American people and to assure that the Program will continue to be able to operate for the benefit of the thousands of young women who will be seeking to participate in the Program in future years.
- 1.4. In seeking to participate in the National Finals, each Contestant must understand and accept the requirements of the Program, including the rules for the National Finals and the guidelines and limitations that will be applicable to her activities during her Year of Service if she is selected as Miss America's Outstanding Teen. In addition, each Contestant must understand and accept that MAOTeen's approval of the Contestant's participation in the National Finals and, if selected, service as Miss America's Outstanding Teen will be specifically based upon the representations and agreements in this Application and Contract and its attachments and the continued compliance with all of the regulations of the Program.
- 1.5. Therefore, by signing this Application and Contract and submitting it to MAOTeen for approval, the Contestant and her parents/guardians represent and agree that (1) all facts and representations contained in this Application and Contract and its attachments are true and accurate; (2) the Contestant agrees to abide by all rules and regulations of MAOTeen described in this Application and Contract and its attachments, in the period before and during the National Finals and, if selected as Miss America's Outstanding Teen, during the Year of Service; (3) the Contestant meets each requirement for eligibility set forth in Sections 2, 3 and 4 of this Contract; and (4) MAOTeen shall have the sole discretion to determine whether, in its judgment, the Contestant may continue to participate in the National Finals or to serve as Miss America's Outstanding Teen, in the event that MAOTeen determines that any statement or representation by the Contestant is not true and accurate or that any action by the Contestant, during the National Finals or the Year of Service, is inconsistent with the rules and regulations of the Program.

**Section 2: Eligibility of Contestant to Participate in National Finals**

- 2.1. **Selection as a National Finalist.** In order to be eligible to compete in the National Finals, I hereby certify that I have been selected by a state organization that is duly authorized by MAOTeen. I have been designated by that competition as Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Outstanding Teen 20\_\_\_\_. I have never competed in any National Finals of MAOTeen.
- 2.2. **Age.** I am currently \_\_\_\_\_ years of age. I was born on \_\_\_\_\_. I understand that, in order to be eligible to compete in the National Finals all of the following subsections apply. The contestant:
  - 2.2.1. Must be a minimum of thirteen (13) years of age on the first day of the State competition.
  - 2.2.2. May not have graduated from high school before the start of the MAOTeen National Finals, except for 16-year-olds (or younger) who graduated early.
  - 2.2.3. May not turn eighteen (18) years of age on or before July 31 of the year of the National Finals in which she will compete.
  - 2.2.4. Must **not** be eligible to compete in a Miss America Organization Local or State Pageant at any point during the current Pageant Year. (See Section 2.2., of the Miss America Contestant Contract.).

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- 2.3. **Residence.** I understand that, in order to be eligible to compete in the National Finals, I must reside in, be enrolled in, and attending classes on a full-time basis at an accredited public, private or home schooling program with passing scores (passing scores as determined by state accreditation score) in academic and citizenship grades.
- 2.3.1. If I am claiming eligibility to compete in the National Finals based upon my permanent residence in the state, the District of Columbia, or a U.S. territory in which I competed, I must have been a resident of that state for at least six (6) months prior to the first day of competition at the Local competition that I entered in that state. If I competed as an At Large contestant, I must have been a resident of that state for at least six (6) months prior to the first day of State Pageant competition. I currently reside at \_\_\_\_\_ in the City of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_. I have resided at this address since \_\_\_\_\_. I have included proof of this residency in the form of \_\_\_\_\_ (driver license, automobile registration, current lease, or other official document establishing residency).
- If my residency at this location was established within six (6) months preceding the Local or State competition in which I competed, my last previous residence was at \_\_\_\_\_ in the City of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_. I lived at that address from \_\_\_\_\_ (date) to \_\_\_\_\_. I agree to provide MAOTeen with any additional information or documents that may be required to determine my residency in the state in which I competed, if my residence is relevant to my eligibility.
- If I am claiming eligibility to compete in the National Finals based upon my status as a student at a school that is located in a state other than my permanent residence, prior to the first day of competition at this pageant, I must have successfully completed at least one semester as a full-time student and presently be enrolled and physically attending classes on a full-time basis at an accredited public or private school. For the purpose of this Section 2.3.1, I understand my physical attendance of classes in the state in which I competed is a requirement for eligibility to have competed based upon my status as a student. I am providing the following information with this Application and Contract for Participation: (1) proof of current enrollment; (2) proof that I successfully completed at least one semester as a full-time student before competing in the Local competition, or as applicable, the State competition (transcripts); and (3) proof that I physically attended classes in the state in which I competed.
- 2.3.2. I am currently enrolled at \_\_\_\_\_ School in the city of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_, where I am presently attending classes in accredited courses. I represent and warrant that I am considered a “full-time student” by the school that I attend. I have attached a copy of a registration form from the school that shows this enrollment. I physically attend classes in the state in which I currently hold the title.
- 2.3.3. I am currently home schooled in the state of \_\_\_\_\_. I am ranked in the \_\_\_\_\_ grade according to my home school certification. I have attached documentation showing my current grade ranking according to my home school certification and have also attached my state’s current requirements concerning home schooling.
- 2.4. **Citizenship.** I am a citizen of the United States of America.
- 2.5. **Language.** Most of the business that is conducted by Miss America’s Outstanding Teen is conducted in English; therefore, I understand that I am required to be fluent in English to perform my duties.
- 2.6. **Education.** In order to be eligible to compete in the National Finals, I must be enrolled in an accredited public, private or home schooling program with passing scores (passing score as determined by state accreditation score) in academic and citizenship grades.
- 2.7. **Personal Characteristics.** I understand that in order to be eligible to compete in the National Finals, I hereby certify to the Personal Characteristics set forth in this section:
- 2.7.1. **Gender.** I am female.
- 2.7.2. **Marital Status.** I am not now and have never been married.
- 2.7.3. **Parental Status.** I am not now pregnant and have never been pregnant. I am not the adoptive parent of any child.
- 2.7.4. **Good Character.** I am of good moral character, and I have not been involved at any time in any act of moral turpitude.
- 2.7.5. **Criminal Record.** Criminal Record. I have never been convicted of any criminal offense and there are no criminal charges or criminal investigations of any sort presently pending against me. I understand that I may make an appeal to MAOTeen if criminal offenses/charges for which I have been convicted are considered minor or petty offenses in my state or another state. The appeal must be presented to MAOTeen through legal counsel of my choice.
- 2.7.6. **Prior Conduct.** I have never and will not perform any act or engage in any activity or employment that is or could reasonably be characterized as dishonest, immoral, or indecent.
- 2.7.7. **Health.** I am in good health and can, to the best of my knowledge, participate fully in any Program activities without any outside assistance. I understand that I must participate in and be judged in all phases of competition, which includes Talent, Lifestyle and Fitness, Evening Wear/On-Stage Question, Private Interview, and Scholastic Achievement and agree that all decisions of the judges are final and binding.
- 2.7.8. **Substance Abuse.** I do not use or consume any illegal, controlled or dangerous substances or abuse the use of alcohol or other dangerous substances.

**Contractual and Other Obligations**

- 2.8.1. **National Service Platform Requirement.** Miss America's Outstanding Teen, Inc. has entered into an agreement with Children's Miracle Network Hospitals as the Miss America's Outstanding Teen Organization's National Platform. As a contestant in the Miss America's Outstanding Teen Program, I am being requested to assist with raising money to support the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals, the Miss America's Outstanding Teen, Inc. Scholarship Fund, the Miss America Organization Scholarship Fund, and my local and state scholarship funds.

As a Miss America's Outstanding Teen State titleholder who will be competing at the Miss America's Outstanding Teen National Pageant, I understand that it is a requirement for me to continue to maintain my personal fundraising account at [www.MAOTeen4Kids.org](http://www.MAOTeen4Kids.org). This requirement will aid me in performing such other acts and deeds in accordance with the instructions and requirements of Miss America's Outstanding Teen, Inc. as the requirements of this Program may change from time to time.

- 2.8.2. **Prior Pageant Commitments**

A. At the time of my present participation in a MAOTeen Local or State competition of the current pageant year, I do not hold a local, state, national, or international title of a pageant or competition that is of a similar nature of MAOTeen. *This may include any competition that has any of the following elements: interview, fitness, talent, scholarships, community service, crown, and/or sash.*

B. If I have competed in other pageants and won a title, I understand that I must give up that title by midnight of the day prior to the first day of the MAOTeen competition. ("Competition" includes rehearsals. Example: *If the pageant final is on a Saturday night and rehearsals began on any day prior to the finals, you must resign before the rehearsals begin.*) I will provide written confirmation (before I will be allowed to compete) from an official of the organization with which I have won a title. This document must state they have accepted my resignation and I am under no obligation from their organization.

- 2.8.3. **Prior Contractual Commitments.** At the time of my first MAOTeen competition in the first local or state competition in which I competed this pageant year and since that participation:

A. I have not authorized any person, firm or corporation to use my name, photograph, picture, or present or future title that I hold or may hold, in connection with an endorsement to advertise any commercial product.

B. I am not a party to any contract with any person, firm or corporation in respect to any present title that I hold or may hold, nor have I made any commitments for the future regarding any such titles.

C. I do not have any legal obligations that would prevent or limit my participation and appearances in the Miss America's Outstanding Teen Pageant or, if selected Miss America's Outstanding Teen, in the Year of Service, or my compliance with the rules and regulations and conditions of the program.

- 2.8.4. **Other Competitions.** If I am selected as Miss America's Outstanding Teen at the National Finals, I will continue to hold the title of Miss America's Outstanding Teen until my successor is selected or appointed. I agree that during my service in that role and until at least thirty (30) days after the scheduled completion of the full term of the position of Miss America's Outstanding Teen for which I was selected, I will not associate in any way with, promote, or become a contestant or participant in any other local, state, national or international competition or preliminary competition of a similar nature to the National Finals. I also represent that, since I entered the preliminary rounds of the competition for the title of Miss America's Outstanding Teen, I have not been a contestant or participant in any other national or international competition or preliminary competition of a similar nature to the National Finals. "Similar Nature" is defined as any competition with any of the following competition elements (either combined or singular): interview, fitness, talent, scholastic achievement, evening wear, crown and/or sash.

- 2.8.5. **Use of MAOTeen Titles, Words and Symbols.** After the conclusion of my Year of Service, if I am advised by MAOTeen that, in its sole and exclusive judgment, my use of any of the titles, words or symbols associated with MAOTeen and the Program has caused or is reasonably likely to cause harm to MAOTeen, I agree to discontinue any such use immediately. I understand and agree that the judgment of MAOTeen shall be final and binding.

- 2.8.6. **Attorney Review of Application and Contract.** I have been given sufficient opportunity to review this Application and Contract and its attachments, including the Rules for the National Finals (Attachment A); the Scholarship Rules and Regulations (Attachment B); and the Guidelines for Miss America's Outstanding Teen's Year of Service (Attachment C). I have also had the opportunity to consult with an attorney of my own choosing to give me legal advice with regard to this Application and Contract. (  ) I have consulted an attorney about this Application and Contract. (  ) I have decided that I do not need to consult an attorney **(check applicable choice)**. I understand that this Application and Contract is a legal document and that if I sign and submit it to MAOTeen and it is accepted, it will create legal obligations that will be binding on me. I agree to be bound by this Application and Contract and its attachments.

- 2.8.7. **Changes in Circumstances.** I understand and agree that if, at any time after I file this Application and Contract with MAOTeen, whether before or during the National Finals or, if I am selected as Miss America's Outstanding Teen, during my Year of Service, any of the facts stated in this Application and Contract or its attachments should change, I have the obligation to report any such change in writing immediately to MAOTeen. I also understand that if I fail to do so, MAOTeen may, in its sole discretion, determine to limit or prevent my participation in the National Finals or to terminate my Year of Service as Miss America's Outstanding Teen.

**Section 3: Personal and Professional Background Information**

**3.1 Medical Information**

3.1.1. Current Medical Condition. (place a check at the beginning of all applicable lines) **ANY MEDICAL CONDITION, INCLUDING ILLNESS, DISEASE, PHYSICAL IMPAIRMENT, OR ACTIVITY LIMITATION, MUST BE LISTED AND EXPLAINED IN THE MEDICAL/PHYSICAL INFORMATION SECTION OF FORM 3 - EMERGENCY CONTACT AND MEDICAL INFORMATION. IF ADEQUATE SPACE DOES NOT EXIST IN FORM 3, ATTACH A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER WITH THE ADDITIONAL EXPLANATION.**

I DO NOT presently have any illness, disease, physical impairment, or activity limitation that could limit my participation in the required responsibilities and obligations of MAOTeen, including during the National Finals, or if selected as Miss America's Outstanding Teen.

I DO HAVE an illness, disease, physical impairment, or activity limitation that could affect my full participation in any phase of the competition or the required responsibilities and obligations of MAOTeen, including during the National Finals, or if selected as Miss America's Outstanding Teen. I have provided full disclosure of all relevant information regarding this illness, disease, physical impairment, or activity limitation in Form 3 - Emergency Contact and Medical Information. If adequate space does not exist in Form 3, attach a separate sheet of paper with the additional explanation. I understand and agree that the information I am providing in Form 3 - Emergency Contact and Medical Information, may disclose information which could jeopardize my ability to compete in the National Finals of the Miss America's Outstanding Teen Program. I agree that MAOTeen has the right to accept or deny this Application and Contract and I understand that the decision of MAOTeen is final and binding.

My illness, disease, physical impairment, or activity limitation does not require the assistance of any special equipment or personnel.

My illness, disease, physical impairment, or activity limitation will not interfere with my ability to carry out the required responsibilities and obligations of Miss America's Outstanding Teen, including during the National Finals, or if selected as Miss America's Outstanding Teen.

At the present time, I am receiving treatment or medication for the condition(s) described in Form 3 - Emergency Contact and Medical Information.

I am not currently receiving treatment or medication for an illness, disease, physical impairment, or activity limitation or any condition.

I  do  do not expect to be taking medication or to be receiving treatment for this illness, disease, physical impairment, or activity limitation or any condition during the competition or, if selected as Miss America's Outstanding Teen, during my Year of Service as Miss America's Outstanding Teen.

3.1.2. **Current Medication.** (place a check at the beginning of all applicable lines)

I am not currently taking regular medication other than over-the-counter medication. (Any over-the-counter medication must be listed on Form 3 - Emergency Contact and Medical Information).

I am currently taking medication on a regular basis as prescribed by my doctor. (Listed on Form 3 - Emergency Contact and Medical Information).

I take vitamins and/or supplements. (Listed on Form 3 - Emergency and Medical Information).

**Section 4: Participation in the National Finals**

4.1. **Participation in National Finals.** I agree to participate in the series of events and appearances leading up to the final selection of Miss America's Outstanding Teen at the National Finals. These events shall commence and be scheduled on dates to be determined by MAOTeen. I will be bound by the rules and regulations governing the National Finals described in Attachment A and the procedures for the awarding and supervision of all scholarships described in Attachment B. My participation in the National Finals shall include all public appearances required of me by MAOTeen including, but not limited to, television and radio broadcasts, personal appearances, interviews, still photo sessions, and video and audio taping or filming of all or any part of the events associated with the National Finals.

4.2. **Conduct of National Finals.** I understand and agree that MAOTeen shall determine the manner and method of conducting the National Finals in its sole discretion. I further understand and agree that MAOTeen shall also determine the time, method and manner of judging the National Finals and the awarding and supervision of all scholarships in its sole discretion. The decision of the persons designated by MAOTeen to judge the various events in any and all matters pertaining to the selection of the winners shall be final in all respects.

4.3. **Televising and Sponsorship of National Finals.** I understand that MAOTeen makes no representations to me that the National Finals will be televised or broadcast on either a live or tape-delay basis, or that the National Finals will be sponsored by one or more sponsors, or that I will be personally or individually involved in any specific appearance in any broadcast.

- 4.4. **Permanent License of Publication Rights.** I hereby authorize MAOTeen and anyone duly licensed or authorized by MAOTeen to (1) televise, photograph, broadcast and/or make radio, television, video and audio tapes or motion picture recordings of me individually or in a group; (2) use or re-use such photographs, recordings, video tapes, audio tapes and/or motion picture films in all media throughout the world in perpetuity; and (3) use my name, likeness and/or physical depiction for any purpose in perpetuity, in an unedited or edited manner or fashion as MAOTeen, in its sole discretion, shall determine. This authorization shall also include the use of all such photographs, recordings, videotapes, audiotapes and/or motion picture films made during my Year of Service, if I am selected as Miss America's Outstanding Teen.
- 4.5. **MAOTeen Ownership of Rights.** I understand and agree that all photographs, tapes and films made of me for trade, advertising and any other purpose or purposes as a participant in the National Finals, and any use of my name, likeness and/or physical depiction when identified with the Program, shall be the sole and exclusive property of MAOTeen. I understand and agree that I shall have no claim or right to those photographs, tapes and films, not only during the period between and during the National Finals and, if I am selected as Miss America's Outstanding Teen, during my Year of Service, but in perpetuity thereafter. I understand and agree that this provision refers to and includes all photographs, tapes and films from any activities relating to the National Finals, including but not limited to interviews, rehearsals and publicity events, either individually or as a member of a group.
- 4.6. **Selection as Runner-Up.** If I am selected at the National Finals as a runner-up for the title of Miss America's Outstanding Teen, I agree to remain available to assume all of the rights, obligations and commitments of the Year of Service, as described in Section 5 of this Application and Contract, in the event that MAOTeen appoints me to do so by reason of the inability or ineligibility, during the Year of Service, of any Contestant who was selected as Miss America's Outstanding Teen or as another runner-up.
- 4.7. **Change in Circumstances.** I understand that if, at any time between the date of this Application and Contract and the completion of the National Finals, any facts concerning my eligibility to participate in the National Finals should change, including, without limitation, my citizenship, marital or parental status, good character and reputation or, if relevant to my eligibility, my residence, employment or educational status, MAOTeen shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to determine that I am not eligible to participate in the National Finals.

**Section 5: Commitment for Service as Miss America's Outstanding Teen**

- 5.1. **Full-time Service as Miss America's Outstanding Teen.** If I am selected as "Miss America's Outstanding Teen" at the National Finals, I will serve as Miss America's Outstanding Teen during the Year of Service and until my successor is selected or appointed. I agree that I will dedicate my efforts and energy during my Year of Service to the fulfillment of these duties and obligations, and that I will engage in no other business, personal projects, or other activities, other than school, that will in any way interfere with the duties and obligations of my Year of Service. I will engage in no fundraising or promotion of projects/products other than CMNH and those approved by MAOTeen, Inc.
- 5.2. **Availability for Appearances and Events.** I agree to make myself available for such personal appearances, interviews, testimonials, endorsements, filming, tapings, photographic and recording sessions and other various commitments and events related to my Year of Service that MAOTeen has made and will make for me in its sole discretion.
- 5.3. **Independent Contractor Status.** I understand and agree that I am and will remain an independent contractor with respect to MAOTeen. I am not and will not become an employee of MAOTeen during my Year of Service. The authority granted by this Application and Contract to MAOTeen to act on my behalf is intended for the mutual convenience of MAOTeen and me and in order to provide an effective means of organizing my activities during my Year of Service.
- 5.4. **Development of National Platform.** (Children's Miracle Network Hospitals, known as "CMNH") I understand and agree that an important element of the Program is the development of a central theme with national impact and importance that can form the basis of my appearances and presentations. I agree to work with MAOTeen and the CMNH to develop and gain knowledge of the CMNH organization which will enable me, MAOTeen, and CMNH to maximize the impact of my Year of Service and further the goals of these Programs by creating good will and recognition throughout the United States.
- 5.5. **Appointment of MAOTeen as Exclusive Agent and Representative.** Commencing with my selection as Miss America's Outstanding Teen and throughout my Year of Service and until my successor is selected or appointed, I irrevocably constitute and appoint MAOTeen as my sole and exclusive agent, representative and attorney-in-fact with the authority to:
- 5.5.1. act for me and in my interests throughout the world for the making of all press releases or other public statements to the media;
  - 5.5.2. sign, make, execute and deliver all contracts in my name in connection with any business or other affairs as Miss America's Outstanding Teen during my Year of Service, whether they be contracts for my performance at theatrical, artistic or commercial engagements or other personal appearances, and undertake commitments in my name for the satisfaction of my obligations pursuant to those contracts;
  - 5.5.3. sign, make, execute and deliver all contracts in my name in connection with any appearances or other obligations which are related to my service as Miss America's Outstanding Teen which are to be fulfilled after the completion of my Year of Service, provided that I have consented in writing to the terms of such contracts;
  - 5.5.4. determine the appropriate compensation that I shall receive for appearances or other activities related to my Year of Service;
  - 5.5.5. collect and receive for and on my behalf all proceeds, monies or other compensation that is due or to become due to me by reason of any performance, service, appearance, engagement or contract;
  - 5.5.6. choose and designate my Tour Manager/Traveling Companion.
  - 5.5.7. select the appropriate modes of public or private transportation for me and my tour managers, including the determination of the appropriate levels of travel service.

- 5.6. **MAOTeen Agency Fees.** I understand and agree that MAOTeen shall be entitled to receive a booking fee for each personal appearance that I make during my Year of Service, together with an appearance fee (to be individually determined according to the particular event). I understand that all fees received by MAOTeen constitute reimbursement for the costs and expenses incurred by MAOTeen in providing the services described in Section 5.5 of this Application and Contract.
- 5.7. **Sponsorship Fees and Payments to MAOTeen.** I understand and agree that, in addition to the payments that MAOTeen, as my exclusive agent and representative, negotiates and approves on my behalf for my compensation for my appearances and services, MAOTeen may also contract for and receive sponsorship fees and other payments related to my appearances that will be paid directly to MAOTeen. I understand and agree that I shall not be entitled to receive any portion of these fees or payments nor have the discretion to refuse any sponsor arrangements negotiated by MAOTeen.
- 5.8. **Number of Appearances.** I understand and agree that MAOTeen has made and makes no representations to me as to the number or nature of the appearances that I may be asked to make or the amount of compensation that I will receive during my Year of Service.
- 5.9. **Prior Contracts.** I understand that, prior to the National Finals, MAOTeen will be required to enter into contracts and commitments for the appearances and services of the Contestant who will be selected at the National Finals as Miss America's Outstanding Teen. I agree that such contracts will be binding on me to the same extent as if MAOTeen had entered into them on my behalf after the commencement of my Year of Service.
- 5.10. **Membership in Unions.** If and when requested by MAOTeen, I agree to become a member of such unions or guilds as may be necessary in order to appear as a variety artist or for fashion purposes in any film, taped or recorded radio or television products, commercials, motion pictures, photographic sessions or personal appearances.
- 5.11. **Prohibition of Endorsement of Competing Products and Services.** I acknowledge that MAOTeen has contracted in the past, and will contract in the future, for the financial support of commercial companies and organizations, whose advertising commitments and other sponsorships are an important element of the financial stability of the Program. I agree that I will not in any way endorse or permit my name or likeness to be used in connection with the endorsement or advertisement of any products or services competitive to the products or services of an advertiser, sponsor or licensee of MAOTeen, either during my Year of Service or for a period of five (5) years thereafter, unless MAOTeen approves such an endorsement or advertisement in writing. I understand that MAOTeen is under no obligation to approve or consent to any such endorsement or advertisement after the end of my Year of Service.
- 5.12. **Appearances after Year of Service.** After the conclusion of my Year of Service, I will not wear the crown of Miss America's Outstanding Teen, nor appear as Miss America's Outstanding Teen for the purposes of advertising or endorsing any product, person, cause or service, unless I have received in advance the written approval of MAOTeen. I understand that MAOTeen shall not be obligated to approve any such appearance or use of the Miss America's Outstanding Teen crown.
- 5.13. **Use of MAOTeen Titles, Words and Symbols after Year of Service.** After the conclusion of my Year of Service, if I am advised by MAOTeen that, in its sole and exclusive judgment, my use of any of the titles, words or symbols associated with MAOTeen and the Program has caused or is reasonably likely to cause harm to MAOTeen, I agree to discontinue any such use immediately. I understand and agree that the judgment of MAOTeen on this question shall be final and binding.
- 5.14. **Permanence of Restrictions.** I understand and agree that the provisions of Sections 5.12 and 5.13 of this Application and Contract shall specifically survive the termination of this Application and Contract and shall be enforceable by MAOTeen and binding on me in perpetuity.
- 5.15. **Change in Circumstances.** I understand that if, at any time between the National Finals at which I am selected as Miss America's Outstanding Teen and the completion of my Year of Service, any facts concerning my eligibility to participate in the Program should change, including, without limitation, my citizenship, marital or parental status, good character and reputation, or if I should become, in the sole judgment of MAOTeen, physically unable to perform the duties and obligations relating to my Year of Service, MAOTeen shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to determine that I am not eligible to continue to serve as Miss America's Outstanding Teen. In that event, MAOTeen may, at its option, forfeit my title and all prizes, awards and perquisites of the position of Miss America's Outstanding Teen, or both or either, subject to the provisions of Section 6.7 of this Application and Contract.

## **Section 6: Legal Obligations and Agreements**

- 6.1. **Unauthorized Use of MAOTeen Titles.** I acknowledge and agree that the title "Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Outstanding Teen" that I presently hold; the title "Miss America's Outstanding Teen;" and the name and designation "Miss America's Outstanding Teen Competition" and "Miss America's Outstanding Teen Organization" are the property of MAOTeen. I agree never to use, or to authorize anyone else to use, the words "Miss America's Outstanding Teen" or "Miss America's Outstanding Teen Competition" or "Miss America's Outstanding Teen Organization," or any similar or related phrase, in association with me or my name or likeness in any way without the prior written approval of MAOTeen.
- 6.2. **Authorization of Publication.** I authorize the use of my name, likeness, photographs, pictures, physical depiction, endorsement rights, and my title(s) by MAOTeen and by such persons, firms or corporations as may be approved and selected by MAOTeen in its sole discretion. I will abide by the provisions of any agreement between MAOTeen and such persons, firms or corporations regarding my services for advertising and promotional uses.

- 6.3. **Registration and Use of Domain Name.** I authorize MAOTeen or its licensee to register a domain name (“Internet Domain Name”) in such version of my name as MAOTeen or its licensee may deem appropriate, in the form myname.com or any comparable variation thereof. During my tenure as Miss Outstanding Teen and, if I am selected as Miss America’s Outstanding Teen, during my Year of Service MAOTeen or its licensee shall have full authority to use my Internet Domain Name for all purposes. Thereafter, I understand that MAOTeen or its licensee shall retain all rights to register and use my Internet Domain Name. During the period that MAOTeen or its licensee is authorized to register and use my Internet Domain Name, I shall not register or use, nor permit anyone else to register or use, my name or title in any form in an Internet Domain Name.
- 6.4. **Permanent Ownership of Rights by MAOTeen.** All photographs, video tapes, audio tapes, motion picture films, or other recordings or reproductions made of me, whether “still” or “live,” and my name, likeness, photographs, pictures, physical depiction, title and endorsement rights (a) as a Contestant in the National Finals or as a participant in the events leading up to the selection of Miss America’s Outstanding Teen; or (b) while representing MAOTeen or participating in any MAOTeen-sponsored events whether before, during or after the National Finals or, if I am selected as Miss America’s Outstanding Teen, during or after my Year of Service, including, but not limited to, events such as press interviews, judges interviews, rehearsals and publicity events, either individually or as a member of a group, as applicable (the “Rights”), are and shall be, become and remain the property of MAOTeen in perpetuity. The Rights may be used and re-used by MAOTeen, or anyone designated and licensed by MAOTeen, for publicity, advertising or any other use in any medium, all as deemed appropriate by MAOTeen in its sole discretion. I will ensure that all rights that any photographer may have in any publicity photographs of me that are supplied to me by MAOTeen are released by that photographer in favor of MAOTeen, and that any such photographer shall provide a written release of such rights to MAOTeen in a form acceptable to MAOTeen. I understand and agree that the provisions of this section shall specifically survive the termination of this Application and Contract.
- 6.5. **Scholarship Grants and Forfeitures.** I understand and agree that the grant of scholarships by MAOTeen is subject to the terms and conditions of the Scholarship Rules and Regulations (Attachment B). By signing this Contract, I agree to be bound by those rules and regulations. I understand that all scholarships that I may be awarded will be non-forfeitable in the event that I breach this Contract or fail to perform any duties that I may have as a Contestant in the National Finals or, if I am selected, as Miss America’s Outstanding Teen. *I also understand and agree, however, that such scholarships may be forfeited if I have made any misrepresentations as to my eligibility to compete in the National Finals or if I have not complied with the rules and regulations for scholarships as outlined in Attachment B.*
- 6.6. **Scholarship Payments by the National Office of the Miss America’s Outstanding Teen Organization.** Miss America’s Outstanding Teen, Inc. has specific scholarship payment and reimbursement rules and regulations for payments made by the National Office of the Miss America’s Outstanding Teen Organization. Due to Internal Revenue Service regulations, I understand and agree that if I am a recipient of a scholarship from the National Office of the Miss America’s Outstanding Teen Organization, among other scholarship requirements, scholarships will not be paid to me if my tuition statement shows a zero balance for the current semester.

If I am a recipient of a scholarship from the National Office of the Miss America’s Outstanding Teen Organization, I understand that requests for scholarship disbursements must begin within one year of high school graduation. I understand that the request must be made using the official Application for Disbursement of MAOTeen Scholarship Funds form and I must furnish the applicable supporting documentation as required in the official scholarship disbursement rules published by the Miss America’s Outstanding Teen Organization at the time I was awarded the scholarship. I also understand that since high school graduation dates vary across the country, the Miss America’s Outstanding Teen Organization uses the universal date of May 31 of the year in which I graduate from high school to begin calculating the one year time frame. I understand that all of my scholarships that have been awarded by the National Office of the Miss America’s Outstanding Teen Organization will be forfeited if the first request for scholarship disbursement is not **received** by the National Office within the one year time frame. Requests for scholarship disbursements **must** be sent via U.S. Post Office Registered Mail, FedEx, or some other traceable and verifiable source and not through regular U.S. Post Office mail.

I understand that if there are extenuating circumstances that are delaying the usage of scholarships that have been awarded to me by the National Office of the Miss America’s Outstanding Teen Organization, I may submit a written request for an extension of one year with an explanation of why the request is being made. The extension request must be received by the National Office of the Miss America’s Outstanding Teen Organization within the one year time frame from May 31 of the year in which I graduate from high school. I understand that scholarship extensions are not automatically granted, but are reviewed by the Miss America’s Outstanding Teen Organization Scholarship Committee whose decision on granting an extension is final. If the extension request is received by the National Office of the Miss America’s Outstanding Teen Organization past the one year deadline, I understand that the extension request will be automatically denied and all scholarships awarded will be forfeited. Scholarship extension requests will not be accepted via e-mail, fax, telephone, or regular U.S. Post Office mail. Requests for scholarship extensions are required to be sent via U.S. Post Office Registered Mail, FedEx, or some other traceable and verifiable source. I acknowledge that a scholarship extension is only valid if I receive a written confirmation from a member of the Miss America’s Outstanding Teen Organization Scholarship Committee that my request for a scholarship extension has been granted.

- 6.7. **Documents and Information; Cooperation with Inquiries.** I agree to provide MAOTeen, at its request, with any documents or information necessary to determine any question with regard to my initial or continuing eligibility to compete in the National Finals or, if I am selected as Miss America’s Outstanding Teen, to complete my Year of Service. I also agree to cooperate fully with any inquiry undertaken by MAOTeen in connection with my initial or continuing eligibility, and to provide sworn statements and any relevant documents if requested to do so by MAOTeen.
- 6.8. **Termination of Eligibility.** I understand and agree that MAOTeen shall have the right, in its sole and exclusive judgment, to determine that I am not eligible to participate or continue to participate in the National Finals or, if appropriate, to complete my Year of Service, if:
- 6.8.1. any of the representations or statements made by me in this Application and Contract or any of its attachments is determined by MAOTeen to be false;

- 6.8.2. there is a change of circumstances that would affect my eligibility to participate in the National Finals or, if I am selected as Miss America's Outstanding Teen, to complete my Year of Service, including, without limitation, changes in my citizenship, marital or parental status, good character and reputation or, if relevant to my eligibility to participate in the National Finals, my residence, employment or educational status;
- 6.8.3. I fail to conduct myself in a manner which, in the sole and exclusive judgment of MAOTeen, is consistent with the standards and dignity of the Program; or
- 6.8.4. I have any disability which, in the sole and exclusive judgment of MAOTeen, impairs my ability to perform the duties expected of me as a Contestant in the National Finals or, if I am selected, as Miss America's Outstanding Teen, and that such disability cannot be reasonably accommodated without substantially altering or interfering with the duties and obligations contemplated herein.
- 6.8.5. In the event it has been determined I am not eligible to participate or continue to participate in the National Finals, or, if appropriate, as Miss America's Outstanding Teen, then all titles, awards, and perquisites of my position as a Contestant in the National Finals or as Miss America's Outstanding Teen, shall be terminated and forfeited, subject to the provisions of Section 6.5 (Scholarship Grants and Forfeitures) of this Application and Contract.
- 6.9. **Public Release of Information.** I understand that some elements of the Program, and in particular the National Finals and the public appearances of Miss America's Outstanding Teen during the Year of Service, are frequently the subject of intense media and public interest and scrutiny. I further understand that it is very important for MAOTeen to maintain a high level of public trust in and acceptance of the integrity of, and manner of conducting, the National Finals and the qualifications and conduct of Contestants and of Miss America's Outstanding Teen. Accordingly, I authorize MAOTeen, in the exercise of its sole and exclusive discretion, to release and to comment publicly upon any truthful information concerning my eligibility or continued eligibility to participate in the National Finals or, if I am selected as Miss America's Outstanding Teen, to complete my Year of Service.
- 6.10. **Uniqueness of Contract and Services; Injunctions.** I understand and agree that the services and obligations described in this Application and Contract are unique and extraordinary and that there is no adequate remedy at law for any breach of this Application and Contract by me. Therefore, in the event of any such breach, or in the event of such a breach that is attempted or threatened, I agree that MAOTeen shall be entitled to equitable relief by way of injunction or otherwise to prevent or repair such breach or attempted or threatened breach.
- 6.11. **Release, Indemnity and Hold Harmless Agreement.** I release Miss America's Outstanding Teen, Inc., their Officers, Directors, Trustees, Judges, Employees and any others person, firm, individual or corporation charged or chargeable with responsibility or liability, their heirs, administrators, executors, successors and assigns from and against and any and all claims, lawsuits, demands, damages, loss of service, actions and causes of action based upon, arising out of, or in any way related to any honors, rights, or awards sought by me as a contestant in the 20\_\_\_\_ Miss America's Outstanding Teen Pageant, the conduct of business thereat, the ownership and possession of any honors, rights, or awards thereby, any negligent act, act of misfeasance or nonfeasance by the referenced pageant, or any of their agents, contractors, servants, employees or licensees, in conjunction with any honors or awards bestowed at said pageant or organization listed above from any and all claims of any kind or type whatsoever, whether currently known or unknown, and I further agree to exonerate, hold harmless and indemnify such pageant or organization listed above from any and all claims that I or my representative may have against such honors, rights, and awards. Such indemnification to include any and all fees (including reasonable attorney's fees), costs and other expenses reasonably incurred by or on behalf of MAOTeen as a result of any such claims, lawsuits, demands, damages, loss of service, actions and causes of actions.
- 6.12. **Applicability of Delaware Law.** This Application and Contract and its attachments shall be construed and interpreted under the laws of the state of Delaware.
- 6.13. **Entire Agreement; Enforceability.** When signed and approved by MAOTeen, this Application and Contract, together with its attachments, shall solely and exclusively determine my rights, privileges and responsibilities to MAOTeen. No oral or other written statement that is in any way inconsistent with the provisions of this Application and Contract shall be binding upon me or upon MAOTeen. If any provision of this Application and Contract should be declared void or unenforceable, such provision shall be deemed omitted from this Application and Contract. In that event, the remainder of this Application and Contract shall remain in full force and effect.
- 6.14. **Arbitration of Disputes.** Any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this Application and Contract or any breach thereof shall be submitted to arbitration in the state of Delaware in accordance with the Rules of the American Arbitration Association. Judgment upon any award rendered by the arbitrator(s) may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof. This Section shall not in any way affect the rights of MAOTeen to (1) seek injunctive relief as provided in Section 6.10 of this Application and Contract, or (2) take any action permitted by this Application and Contract to enforce the eligibility standards of the Program in the event that time does not permit the completion of an arbitration process before action must be taken.

On the basis of all of these statements and agreements, I request MAOTeen to accept my application to participate as a Contestant in the National Finals. If MAOTeen accepts this application, I agree to comply with all of the terms and conditions of this Application and Contract, together with its attachments.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Contestant \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

State of \_\_\_\_\_:

: ss  
County of: \_\_\_\_\_

Affidavit of Truthfulness

\_\_\_\_\_, the Contestant making this Application, being duly sworn according to law, upon her oath deposes and says:

I do hereby swear that the statements made in this Application and Contract and its attachments are true, and subscribed to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

Contestant \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Notary Public of \_\_\_\_\_

**Certification of State Organization**

I do hereby certify that the Contestant was determined to be eligible to compete in the Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Outstanding Teen Competition under MAOTeen eligibility standards, and that the Contestant is eligible to compete in the National Finals.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

State Executive Director/Authorized Representative's Name \_\_\_\_\_

State Executive Director/Authorized Representative's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Approval of Application for Participation in National Finals**

MAOTeen hereby APPROVES this Application and Contract and accepts appointment as the agent of the Contestant on the terms provided in this Application and Contract. The Contestant may compete in the National Finals pursuant to the terms of this Application and Contract and its attachments.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
President or Chairman of the Board – Miss America's Outstanding Teen, Inc.

**Affidavit of Parent or Guardian**

(To be completed by the Parent(s) or Guardian(s) on the date of this Application and Contract)

I, the undersigned parent or guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, who is the Contestant named in this Application and Contract, of qualified age and being duly sworn according to law, upon my oath depose and say:

1. I have read and I understand the provisions of this Application and Contract and its attachments. To the best of my knowledge, information and belief, all of the factual statements made in this Application and Contract by the Contestant are true.
2. I have been given the opportunity to consult with an attorney of my choosing to seek legal advice regarding this Application and Contract.
3. I consent to the execution of this Application and Contract by the Contestant.
4. On behalf of the Contestant, I agree to the terms and conditions of this Application and Contract and its attachments.
5. I have not previously authorized any person, firm, or corporation to use the name, photograph, picture or any present or future title of the Contestant in connection with any endorsement or advertisement of any commercial product for or on behalf of the Contestant, nor has any other person ever been authorized to do so, other than a co-signer of this affidavit.
6. I shall not authorize any person, firm, or corporation to use the name, photograph, picture or any present or future title of the Contestant in connection with any endorsement or advertisement of any commercial product for or on behalf of the Contestant other than in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Application and Contract and its attachments.

I do hereby swear that the statements made in this affidavit are true

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_, who is personally known to me or who produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTARY PUBLIC

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

## Attachment A

### Rules for the Miss America's Outstanding Teen National Finals

1. Miss America's Outstanding Teen Contestants will conduct themselves with the professionalism and sportsmanship, which exemplify the integrity, ideals and mission of the Miss America's Outstanding Teen Organization.
2. A Contestant, upon signing the Application to compete in the National Finals, is bound by the terms and provisions contained in said Application and must observe all competition rules until her departure from Orlando.
3. A Contestant must stay at the hotel assigned to her by the Miss America's Outstanding Teen Organization. Only the Contestant (or Contestants) may occupy the room. Contestants must stay in their assigned rooms after "lights out."
4. A Contestant must be accompanied at all times during the National Finals. She must always be escorted by an official MAOTeen representative unless otherwise directed.
5. A Contestant may not participate in any interview, photo, or any other type of publicity unless a member of the National Hostess Committee is present. Exceptions will be determined solely by the Hostess Chairman of MAOTeen. No reporters are allowed to enter a Contestant's room(s) for any reason.
6. A Contestant will not attend parties, meetings, conventions, and social events or make any public appearances during the National Finals without the approval of MAOTeen.
7. A Contestant shall not be in the company of or communicate with a Miss America's Outstanding Teen Competition Judge except at regularly scheduled events as planned by the organization.
8. No Contestant may wear her state crown during the pageant or pageant-related activities unless permission is granted by the MAOTeen national office.
9. A Contestant shall not promote or lobby for any personal causes or issues other than the Contestant's personal platform.
10. A contestant shall refrain from any religious or political proselytizing.
11. **No visitors** are allowed in the hotel room of any MAOTeen Contestant without the prior approval of MAOTeen; other than official hostesses, hotel maintenance staff and room service personnel.
12. Visitors, including State/Local Directors, sponsors, State/Local board members or volunteers, consultants and coaches of any kind, parents/guardians, family members and friends are not permitted to visit a Contestant's room, nor may a Contestant visit their room at any time.
13. Contestants will not be allowed any cell phones, camera phones (or any other device that can transmit a photo), video cameras (or any similar video recording devices), Blackberry type devices, PDA's, laptops, computers, iPads, or likewise electronics once they have checked in at the National Finals competition. **An iPod Shuffle is the only acceptable audio device.** Hotel phones will be available for in-house use only. Any of the types of devices listed above that are found will be held by the hostesses and returned the morning after the National Finals competition and may be cause for disqualification from the National Finals. MAOTeen suggests the use of phone cards for long-distance purposes.
14. No cameras will be allowed backstage under any circumstances. If you want to have your camera for visitation following each night of competition, please ask your parents or State Director to keep it for you on those nights until you see them after the competition. Contestants are allowed to have cameras at other times and will be instructed by security and hostesses as to when it is appropriate to use them and the pageant policies regarding their use.
15. Physicians, medical specialists, and dentists are available if their services are needed. A Contestant requiring injections (e.g., insulin, allergy medication, etc.) must register with the medical personnel upon arrival in Orlando. MAOTeen is not responsible for the administration of any medication. If medication is needed, the parent or guardian will be called for assistance.
16. Medical and dental expenses incurred during the pageant week or other related activities are the responsibility of the Contestant's parent or guardian.
17. All medications (prescribed, over-the-counter, and/or vitamins and supplements) must be registered with the medical personnel upon check-in.
18. A Contestant must be judged in all phases of competition which include Talent, Lifestyle and Fitness, Evening Wear/On-Stage Question, Scholastic Achievement, and Private Interview. I agree that all decisions of the judges are final and binding.
19. Non-compliance with any of the rules, terms, and provisions contained in said application will result in disciplinary action as determined by MAOTeen, which can include elimination of the Contestant from the National Finals.
20. A Contestant will not have any private or personal meetings with any family, friends, state or local representatives, interview/preparatory coaches, personal trainers, sponsors, talent instructors, etc., during the National Finals without the prior approval of MAOTeen.

**Attachment A (cont'd)**

**Rules for the Miss America's Outstanding Teen National Finals**

21. If a Contestant's conduct is deemed unsatisfactory, and the image and good name of MAOTeen and or the fair competition or integrity of the National Finals are deemed jeopardized, the following procedure may be followed:
- a. The Chairman of the Board of MAOTeen may cause the Contestant to forfeit her eligibility to participate or continue to participate in the National Finals.
  - b. If, by the sole exclusive judgment of the Chairman of the Board of MAOTeen, the infraction is not deemed serious enough for immediate disqualification in the National Finals:
    - (1) An authorized MAOTeen official will issue a written warning notice to the applicable Contestant in the presence of a witness and the Contestant's State Director will be notified immediately. The written warning notice acknowledging she has received this written warning must be signed by the Contestant if she is to continue her participation in the National Finals.
    - (2) If the Contestant corrects the conduct that caused this warning, and does not engage in any other violations or other unsatisfactory acts of conduct, then no further action will be taken.
    - (3) If the conduct is not corrected, or if it is repeated, or if another rule is violated by the same Contestant, the Chairman of the Board of MAOTeen will be notified immediately. The determination by the Chairman of the Board of MAOTeen as to the appropriate action shall be final and binding and can include termination of the Contestant's eligibility to compete or continue to compete in the National Finals.
22. If the Contestant is disqualified:
- a. The Contestant's Parents/Legal Guardian and State Director will be notified immediately.
  - b. The judges will be notified that the Contestant is not eligible to win any award, but is being allowed to participate for the experience only.
  - c. In the event that it is necessary to disqualify a Contestant, all entry fees, tickets, badge fees, and event fees are non-refundable.
  - d. Any disqualified Contestant will forfeit all available scholarships from the Miss America's Outstanding Teen, Inc. Organization.

I have read this Attachment A "Rules for the Miss America's Outstanding Teen National Finals" concerning the week of competition. I fully understand these rules and will abide by all rules and regulations as set forth by Miss America's Outstanding Teen, Inc. and its representatives. I also understand that failure to comply can result in my disqualification from participating in the National Finals competition. MAOTeen reserves the right to amend and/or modify the foregoing rules at any time without notice.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Contestant \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

## Attachment B

### Scholarship Rules and Regulations

#### 1. Scholarship Usage:

- a. Scholarships may be expended for **current college/university tuition, on-campus room and board, and course books purchased in the school bookstore**, only.
- b. Parking fines, bus passes, ID cards, library fines, health insurance or other non-tuition related items are **NOT** covered.
- c. Meal plans are covered if the student is: living on campus, board is covered, and she is enrolled as a full-time student. Full time student is 12 hours of course work or more, per semester.
- d. Other "post high school" tuition **may be** considered upon written request from the student. (e.g., technical schools, performing arts schools). These requests are paid upon the full examination and vote of the MAOTeen Scholarship Committee.

#### 2. Requesting Usage:

- a. The "**Application for Disbursement of MAOTeen Scholarship Funds**" (known as the "Application") must be fully completed and all required documentation must be attached. Additional copies can be downloaded at [www.maoteen.org](http://www.maoteen.org).
- b. Unless prior permission is granted, all original documentation must be sent via U.S. Post Office Registered Mail, FedEx, or some other traceable and verifiable means (not faxed or e-mailed) to the address listed on the "Application."
- c. Requests for scholarships are processed upon receipt if ALL required documentation as described in the "Application."
- d. Scholarships **cannot** be paid for a tuition statement that shows a "zero" balance for the current semester.

#### 3. Additional Scholarship Payment Guidelines:

- a. **ON-CAMPUS** room and board is payable for full-time students only. This does not include key fees or deposits. Utilities (electric, gas, cable, landline phone, etc.) are not covered unless they are included in the rental fee.
- b. All scholarship payments must be for **CURRENT** expenses only. (Current expenses are defined as those falling within the current semester.)
- c. Contestant must maintain at least 12 credit hours per semester as a full-time student.
- d. Part-time students must maintain 9 credit hours per semester.
- e. Graduate students must maintain 9 credit hours per semester.
- f. A letter of potential tax implications will be sent to the recipient if total cash disbursements exceed \$600 per calendar year.
- g. Please contact your personal tax consultant for any questions regarding your possible tax liability. MAOTeen is not responsible for the dissemination of IRS rules and regulations.

#### 4. Usage and Forfeiture:

- a. Contestants receiving scholarships at the national level must use the scholarships won at the state and local level prior to applying for the funds held in trust at the national level.
- b. Verification must be submitted, in writing, from the State Teen Director, that all state and local money has been exhausted.
- c. National Scholarship usage must begin within **ONE** year of high school graduation. (Since high school graduation dates vary across the country, MAOTeen uses the universal date of May 31 of the contestant's graduation year.) **ALL SCHOLARSHIP MONIES WILL BE FORFEITED IF REQUEST IS NOT RECEIVED WITHIN THIS TIME FRAME.**
- d. If there are extenuating circumstances that are delaying the usage of a contestant's scholarship monies, she may submit a written request for an extension of one year. This request must be received **PRIOR** to the end of the one year period following May 31st of the year of graduation in order to be considered. If the request is received past the one year deadline, it will be denied and the money will be forfeited.
- e. **If the extension process has begun**, MAOTeen will accept requests for scholarship extensions for a total of four (4) years following the original graduation date. At the end of four (4) years, (using the May 31st cutoff date), all unused scholarship monies will be forfeited.

**Attachment B (cont'd)**

**Scholarship Rules and Regulations**

- f. Once a contestant begins usage of her scholarship funds, if there occurs a continuous, uninterrupted one (1) year period in which there is no activity in her account, then the balance of that account will be forfeited.
  - g. Extension requests will **NOT** be accepted via e-mail or fax. ALL extension requests must be sent via U.S. Post Office Registered Mail, FedEx, or some other traceable and verifiable means. Extensions are only valid if the potential recipient receives a written confirmation that the extension has been granted by the MAOTeen Scholarship Committee. Do not assume that you have received an extension unless you have received a written approval confirmation from a member of the MAOTeen Scholarship Committee.
  - h. It is the responsibility of the contestant to maintain contact with the national organization regarding all scholarship payments. **MAOTeen IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING A CALENDAR OF GRADUATION DATES FOR OUR PARTICIPANTS.**
5. **Disputes:**
- a. All disputes must be sent, in writing, to the MAOTeen Scholarship Committee.
  - b. All disputes will be fairly examined by the MAOTeen Scholarship Committee. Every effort will be made to fairly resolve any issue that may arise regarding scholarship payments.
  - c. The decision of the Scholarship Committee shall be final and binding.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read and understand the Miss America's Outstanding Teen, Inc. Scholarship Rules and Regulations.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Contestant

## Attachment C

### Guidelines for Miss America's Outstanding Teen's Year of Service

#### Appearances - Booking

All appearances of Miss America's Outstanding Teen are arranged and handled solely by and through the MAOTeen national office and the Tour Manager (TM), as the sole and exclusive agent for Miss America's Outstanding Teen. The parents/guardians, state and/or local pageant committees are not part of this process. Any individual or organization wishing to inquire or book Miss America's Outstanding Teen for an appearance must contact the MAOTeen national office or the TM.

#### Appearances - Preparation and Conduct

Miss America's Outstanding Teen will be provided media training and professional assistance during the Year of Service.

Miss America's Outstanding Teen shall be responsible for doing the necessary preparation for each appearance, including writing her own speeches and specifically targeting them towards the audiences that she will address, as well as reviewing all the appearance/background material that is provided for her information and preparation.

Miss America's Outstanding Teen shall be responsible for having a substantial and appropriate repertoire for talent performances for all of her appearances.

Miss America's Outstanding Teen shall be responsible for follow-up correspondence to each client acknowledging the sponsorship of her appearance. (For example: Thank you notes.)

Miss America's Outstanding Teen will receive fan mail that MAOTeen shall review and forward to Miss America's Outstanding Teen for response, as appropriate. Depending upon the volume of letters, Miss America's Outstanding Teen may need to designate an individual who can respond to the correspondence on her behalf.

#### Provided Services and Wardrobe

Miss America's Outstanding Teen shall be well-groomed and dress appropriately for all occasions.

The wardrobe to be worn by Miss America's Outstanding Teen during the possible telecast in which her successor is selected shall be approved and provided by MAOTeen after consultation with the Miss America's Outstanding Teen titleholder and her parents/guardians. Miss America's Outstanding Teen may provide her own wardrobe during the preliminary competitions in which her successor is selected, subject to MAOTeen approval. At the request of Miss America's Outstanding Teen, MAOTeen shall assist her in providing appropriate preliminary competition wardrobe.

While MAOTeen will do its best to provide Miss America's Outstanding Teen with appearance attire, it is Miss America's Outstanding Teen's responsibility to supplement her attire with whatever other items she needs to complete her appearance wardrobe.

Keep in mind that MAOTeen develops sponsorship relationships with a variety of vendors. When choosing wardrobe needs, we will be utilizing our sponsors whenever possible.

### Guidelines for Miss America's Outstanding Teen's Year of Service

#### Travel, Lodging and Transportation

Family, friends and others are not permitted to travel with Miss America's Outstanding Teen during the Year of Service, to stay overnight in her room, or to accompany her at any appearances, unless previously approved by MAOTeen.

Miss America's Outstanding Teen shall stay overnight in the hotel designated and provided for by MAOTeen for each appearance, whether the appearance is in Miss America's Outstanding Teen's hometown or anywhere else. Any exception to this provision must be previously approved by MAOTeen. MAOTeen shall provide for meals. All incidental expenses, including hotel telephone toll charges and charges related to internet access are the responsibility of Miss America's Outstanding Teen herself.

Miss America's Outstanding Teen will accrue frequent flier miles during the Year of Service, which will be used for her personal travel time during the year. Frequent flier miles will remain Miss America's Outstanding Teen's for use after her Year of Service.

MAOTeen shall select suitable Tour Managers/Traveling Companions (TM/TC) for Miss America's Outstanding Teen, who are to be considered business assistants. The "TM/TC" responsibilities include advising Miss America's Outstanding Teen of the necessary details of her appearances, and assisting her with wardrobe selection for each appearance. The "TM/TC" will act as Miss America's Outstanding Teen's liaison with MAOTeen in regard to her appearance and travel schedule. In addition, the "TM/TC" will attend each appearance with Miss America's Outstanding Teen to take care of all details of the appearance.

Due to liability issues regarding travel/appearances *of a minor* in the care of MAOTeen during her Year of Service, Miss America's Outstanding Teen must be accompanied by an official approved by MAOTeen at all times.

As a parent/guardian of a contestant in the National Finals of the Miss America's Outstanding Teen Program, I understand that it is an honor, privilege, and a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for our child if she becomes Miss America's Outstanding Teen. I also understand that most of the expenses and costs for Miss America's Outstanding Teen's appearances and travel will be covered by MAOTeen or sponsors. At the same time, I also understand there will be certain minimal expenses that will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian, and I accept the responsibility for covering these types of expenses. These types of expenses could include, but are not limited to, vehicle travel to and from an airport or an interview, makeup, hair, other wardrobe needs or accessories, etc.

I have read, I understand, and I accept the Guidelines for Miss America's Outstanding Teen's Year of Service.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Contestant

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian

**Attachment D**

**Participant Waiver**

I agree to hold harmless, the directors, staff and location from liabilities due to accidents and injury resulting from my activities and participation in this event.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Participant

\_\_\_\_\_  
By Parent or Guardian if the participant is under 18

## Attachment E

### MAOTeen, Inc. Contestant Social Media Policies

The MAOTeen Contract is very clear regarding inappropriate behavior of ANY type, wherever it is found. This document specifically addresses social media. *Once you make the decision to participate in our program, your past and present is a determining factor in your eligibility.* If inappropriate language, photos, videos, or any other form of communication are discovered, your eligibility is at the sole discretion of the MAOTeen organization. This is a zero-tolerance policy that will be enforced.

If you have questions regarding the appropriateness of your social media posts, language, photos, videos, etc., ask yourself these questions: *“Can I stand on stage in front of the MAOTeen judges and show them my social media posts? Can I repeat the language that I have used?”* If the answer is “no,” this organization is not for you.

Please refer to the following clauses in our contract regarding this issue:

- 1.1.(2) recognizing and honoring the traits of honesty, good character, talent, poise, intellect, leadership and good judgment in the teens of America who enter the competition (the “Contestants”); and (3) enabling the Contestants to serve as role models for other teens with similar goals and personal characteristics.
- 2.7. Personal Characteristics. I understand that in order to be eligible to compete in the National Finals, I hereby certify to the Personal Characteristics set forth in this section:
  - 2.7.4. Good Character. I am of good moral character and I have not been involved at any time in any act of moral turpitude.
  - 2.7.6. Prior Conduct. I have never performed any act or engaged in any activity or employment that is or could reasonably be characterized as dishonest, immoral, or indecent.
- 6.8. Termination of Eligibility. I understand and agree that if:
  - 6.8.3. I fail to conduct myself in a manner, which, in the sole and exclusive judgment of MAOTeen, is consistent with the standards and dignity of the Program. *(I will be disqualified.)*

The following are the official guidelines for participating in social media for any participant in a Local, State, or National MAOTeen, Inc. competition. If you are creating or contributing to blogs, wikis, social networks, virtual worlds, or any other kind of social media, these guidelines are for you.

As a member of the MAOTeen community, you are representing the organization when you are participating in social computing. Posting as a representative of the MAOTeen family is not a right, but an opportunity, so please treat it seriously and with respect.

### Disclose

1. Your honesty—or dishonesty—will be quickly noticed in the social media environment. Please represent MAOTeen, Inc. ethically and with integrity.
  - a. Be transparent: Use your real name, identify that you are associated with MAOTeen, and be clear about your role.
  - b. Be truthful: If you have a vested interest in something you are discussing, be the first to point it out and be specific about what it is.
  - c. Be yourself: Stick to your area of expertise; write what you know. If you publish to a website outside MAOTeen, please use a disclaimer something like this: “The postings on this site are my own and don’t necessarily represent MAOTeen’s positions, strategies, or opinions.”
  - d. Be conscientious: Keep in mind that what you write is your responsibility and failure to abide by these guidelines could put your relationship with MAOTeen, Inc. at risk.

There is no clear line between your association with MAOTeen and your personal life. Always be honest and respectful in both capacities. With the ease of tracing authors back from their posts and the amount of information online, finding the actual identity of a poster from a few posts and a screen name is not impossible. This creates an avenue for outside parties to link your personal writings to those you’ve done as a MAOTeen representative. Always write as if everyone knows you. Never write anything you wouldn’t say out loud to all parties involved.

### Protect

Remember, if you’re online, you’re on the record—everything on the Internet is public and searchable. What you post is ultimately your responsibility.

Don’t slam the competition (or MAOTeen): Play nice. Anything you publish must be true and not misleading, and all claims regarding MAOTeen must be substantiated and approved.

Don’t over share: Be careful out there—once you hit “share,” you usually can’t get it back. Plus being judicious will help make your content more crisp and audience-relevant.

Did you mess up? If you make a mistake, admit it. Be upfront and be quick with your correction. If you're posting to a blog, you may choose to modify an earlier post—just make it clear that you have done so.

Avoid hazardous materials.

*Do not post or link to any materials that are defamatory, harassing, or indecent!*

Don't promote other brands with our brand.

Do not promote personal projects or endorse brands, causes or opinions when posting as a representative of MAOTeen unless you have received approval from your Executive Director or the MAOTeen national office.

Always trackback.

When reposting or referencing a post on one of MAOTeen's online sites, provide a link to the original post or story.

### **Use Common Sense**

Perception is reality.

In online social networks, the lines between public and private/personal are blurred. Just by identifying yourself as a MAOTeen representative, you are creating perceptions about your expertise and about MAOTeen. Do us all proud.

The Internet is not anonymous, nor does it forget.

Everything written on the Web can be traced back to its author one way or another and very easily. Information is backed up often and repeatedly, and posts in one forum are usually replicated in others through trackbacks and reposts or references.

Do not return fire.

If a negative post or comment is found online about MAOTeen or yourself, do not counter with another negative post. Instead, publicly offer to remedy the situation through positive action. Seek help from your parents/guardians, your Local/State Executive Director, or the MAOTeen office in defusing these types of situations.

### **REMEMBER!**

**Everything you post on any form of social media is public information, whether you like it or not. It is a permanent record of your character, personality, moral beliefs, behavior, and reputation. If you have ANY doubt that what you are about to post may come back to haunt you, DON'T POST IT!**

**Attachment F**

**MAOTeen, Inc. Contestant Social Media Agreement**

MAOTeen, Inc., in recognizing and honoring the traits of honesty, good character, talent, poise, intellect, leadership and good judgment in teens who participate in our program, has developed Social Media Policies for the purpose of enabling our participants to wisely participate in social media. These policies are included in this contract as Attachment D.

Please list ALL social websites in which you participate. (Ex: Blogs, Facebook, Instagram, Vine, etc.) Also list your screen names.

Website:

Screen Name:

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I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Name), \_\_\_\_\_ (Title), understand that inappropriate social media behavior will not be tolerated by the Miss America's Outstanding Teen Organization or any of its subsidiaries. I am attesting, by my signature and that of my parent/guardian, on this form that I have not posted on any type of social media either photos, videos, inappropriate language, or any other actions that would be considered inappropriate behavior in polite society. I understand that if any such materials are brought to the attention of the Miss America Organization, Miss America's Outstanding Teen, Inc, or my State/Local MAOTeen pageant, I am in danger of losing my title, immediately. I agree that it is at the sole discretion of the Miss America's Outstanding Teen Organization to determine the consequences of any such actions.

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(Contestant Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Guardian Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Executive Director)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)