

Miss Birmingham

Statement of Understanding Between Miss Birmingham 2011 and the Miss Birmingham Director and Executive Board

Relationship:

The Miss Birmingham Scholarship Organization is a non-profit organization whose express purposes include:

1. The provision of scholarship funds
2. The representation of Miss Birmingham in the Miss Alabama Pageant
3. The representation of the sponsors of the Miss Birmingham Scholarship Organization
4. The promotion of the Miss Birmingham Pageant

As a result, there are several important premises which are basic to Miss Birmingham's Year of Service. Miss Birmingham must recognize that for her year of service she will represent the Miss Birmingham Scholarship Organization and its sponsors. It is important that she maintain immaculate personal grooming and proper attitude whether on campus, going shopping, or any public appearances.

Miss Birmingham 2011 represents the community and the pageant system at all times. Therefore, Miss Birmingham understands and will abide by the following:

- Will provide the Miss Birmingham Director and Executive Board with one color copy and one black and white copy of a professionally photographed headshot in electronic format wearing her crown **within 30 days of being crowned Miss Birmingham**. No publicity/press releases/autograph pads, etc. can be generated without this photo
- Will not smoke or drink alcohol in public
- Understands that her MySpace or Facebook account will be monitored for content by the director(s). This includes accepting the director as a "friend" on both of these accounts.
- Use of inappropriate / questionable photos in conjunction with the pageant title is *prohibited*. MySpace and Facebook are public forums and the reputation of the winner and the pageant is affected by this content
- Will provide own transportation to and from scheduled appearances unless the directors have made other arrangements
- Will provide own wardrobe for appearances and all phases of competition in the Miss Alabama Pageant. All wardrobe choices for the Miss Alabama Pageant must be approved by the Miss Birmingham Director and Executive Board. *Miss Birmingham will not purchase any item for state competition without prior approval.* Any changes to the approved wardrobe must be communicated to the Director and Board immediately
- Never have any type of coaching or outside help, advice, or influence in preparing for the Miss Alabama Pageant ***without express written approval from the Director and Executive Board.*** I understand that all decisions will be made between Miss Birmingham and the Director. The Miss Birmingham Executive Board will provide adequate preparation opportunities for the Miss Alabama Pageant. The titleholder must be willing and available to utilize these opportunities
- Establish an e-mail address that will be monitored every 48 hours at a minimum and will respond promptly to e-mails and phone calls from the Director and all Board members
- Will meet with the Director monthly (either by phone or in person) during her year of service as Miss Birmingham
- All photos (contestant line-up and ads) for the state program book must be approved by the Miss Birmingham Director and Executive Board *before* being submitted. In addition, all state required paperwork must be approved *before* submission
- All appearances must be cleared and approved by the Director. Under most circumstances, a member of the Miss Birmingham Board must accompany the title holder on any official appearances. Miss Birmingham will not book any appearance without first discussing it with the Director. She will keep a current calendar listing all appearances and submit a list to the Miss Birmingham Executive Board every three (3) months during the year of her reign. In addition, a list of appearances through May 1st of her year of service will be reviewed with the Miss Birmingham Executive Director *no later than April 1st* for submission to the Miss Alabama State Field Director. Miss Birmingham must prepare herself to successfully meet the requirements of the approved appearances

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- Never take advantage of the Hosts' hospitality at an appearance. She must never give the impression that she is sick, tired, or bored. She must maintain interest, enthusiasm, and sparkle during the entire appearance event
- Talent selection for Miss Alabama must be approved by the Miss Birmingham Director. To do this, Miss Birmingham must perform her selection for and obtain the Director's approval *prior* to Miss Alabama Contestant Orientation in March
- Community Service notebook must be shown to the Director and Executive Board at least *two weeks* prior to submission. Miss Birmingham understands she is ultimately responsible for the preparation of the Community Service notebook
- Must be gracious to the public and the Miss Birmingham sponsors at all times. Thank-you notes will be written within 24 hours of an appearance and within 24 hours of receiving any donations from sponsors or gifts from supporters. Thank you notes must also be sent for gifts received during Miss Alabama week. *There will be no exception to this rule*
- Will not cancel any appearance for any reason other than illness or school requirements. The Miss Birmingham Director must be informed immediately if a conflict in scheduling arises. Miss Birmingham will write a letter of regret and offer to reschedule immediately if any appearance must be rescheduled or canceled. Under no circumstances may she cancel any of the following:
 - Make a Difference Day
 - Annual Christmas Card Drive for Children's Hospital of Birmingham
 - Annual Miss Birmingham Fundraiser
 - Annual Miss Birmingham CMN Fundraiser
 - Annual Nursing Home Visits (2)
 - Birmingham Christmas Parade
 - Helena Christmas Parade
 - July 4th Appearance as Miss Birmingham
 - Miss Birmingham's Outstanding Teen Best Wishes Reception
 - Miss Alabama's Outstanding Teen Introduction
 - Asian Cultural Festival
 - Local Clothes Check
 - Best Wishes Reception
 - Miss Alabama Contestant Orientation
 - Miss Alabama Contestant Workshop
 - Miss Alabama 2010
 - Miss Alabama Top Ten Fashion Show (if in Top 10)
 - Miss Birmingham 2011
- Arrive neatly groomed and dressed appropriately at least 15 minutes prior to any engagement. Tardiness is not acceptable
- When shopping for Miss Alabama wardrobe, Miss Birmingham will properly groom each item and return it to the sales floor or sales representative. No clothing will be left in the dressing room. Any accounts opened with sponsors must be paid promptly and not be declared past due
- Meet all deadlines set forth by the Miss Alabama Pageant for all state materials, including but not limited to paperwork, community service scrapbook, transcript, talent CD, and contracts. If any information submitted to either Miss Birmingham or Miss Alabama is determined to be untrue, the title, the right to compete in Miss Alabama, and all prizes will be forfeited; any scholarship funds and prizes will be returned to the Miss Birmingham Scholarship Organization
- I understand that any photos submitted to the Miss Birmingham organization will not be returned to me and become the property of Miss Birmingham
- I am solely responsible for claiming any scholarship money awarded. I understand that not meeting a scholarship deadline will result in the scholarship not being awarded
- I understand that any regression from the rules set forth in this contract and the state contract I have already signed can result in the title and the right to compete in Miss Alabama being forfeited

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Miss Birmingham Contestant will:

- By submission of the application agree that the contestant lives, works, or attends school in the state of Alabama
- Be no greater than age 24 on December 31, 2011
- Provide a \$50 check to the Miss Birmingham Pageant in a good faith effort to secure her spot as a contestant. I am aware that the \$50 check will be refunded to me the day of the pageant. I understand that if I am unable to compete, I must notify the Director of my decision not to compete at least 72 hours before the day of the preliminary. The contestant must provide an excuse from a doctor in order to receive the no-show deposit if cancellation occurs within 72 hours of the Miss Birmingham Pageant
- Be required to have \$100 in her www.missamerica4kids.org website account before the Miss Birmingham competition begins, and will provide proof of monies raised for the Miss America National Platform – Children’s Miracle Network. I also agree to raise \$250 for the National Platform in order to compete in the state pageant. I understand that this money must be in my website account before the Miss Alabama competition begins in June 2010
- Claim all scholarship monies as indicated by the Scholarships Rules and that any scholarship monies awarded not claimed according to the Scholarship Rules will be forfeited by the contestant
- Allow the Miss Birmingham Pageant to post photographs and biographical information on the Miss Birmingham website

The Miss Birmingham Scholarship Organization Executive Board will strive to help me represent the community to the best of my ability. I will let the Director know immediately if I feel uncomfortable with any appearance, wardrobe, talent selection, etc. so that we may come to a satisfactory solution for all parties involved.

I, _____, a Miss Birmingham contestant, have read the agreement and contract, and understand all conditions, rules, and regulations set forth in the Miss Birmingham Local Contract. I understand that if found in violation of any part of this contract, the Director has the authority to pull the title of Miss Birmingham 2011 and a successor will be named to compete in the Miss Alabama Pageant as Miss Birmingham 2011. In addition, all awards, scholarships, and prerequisites pertaining thereto will be returned and passed on to the successor, who will receive all of the benefits to which I would have been otherwise entitled.

Signature of Local Contestant

Dated _____

Signature of Parent (if contestant is under the age of 18)

Dated _____

Signature and Seal of Notary Public

Dated _____