

Miss Greater Des Moines'
— Outstanding —
TEEN

Qualifications & Fact Sheet for Parents/Candidates

The Miss Greater Des Moines Program is part of the Miss America Scholarship Program, which is the largest scholarship program for young woman in the world. The judging for these programs will be similar to that of the Miss America Program where talent and the ability to communicate in an interview carry the highest percentage of points.

The program will be held Saturday, January 7, 2023. The winner of Miss Greater Des Moines and Miss Metro's Outstanding Teen will compete for Miss Iowa's Outstanding Teen with the chance to go to Orlando, Florida and compete for the title of Miss America's Outstanding Teen.

Miss Greater Des Moines/Miss Metro's Outstanding Teen candidates must not be older than seventeen (17) years of age as of July 31, of the year of the State Competition in which she competes (unless she is eighteen (18) years old and has not graduated from high school as of July 31, of the year of the State Competition in which she competes).

For the avoidance of doubt: 13-17-year-old high school graduates, as well as 18-year-old non-graduates, as of July 31st (State Competition Year), must compete at the Miss Greater Des Moines' Outstanding Teen level.

Applications: The Candidate should first fill out the Candidate Information Form and return it to us ASAP. Please remember that this form is not judged and will not be seen by the judges. It is for our information purposes only and holds your spot in the local competition.

The entry fee for Miss Greater Des Moines/Miss Metro is \$125, if paid in full by December 3rd, 2022 and \$175 if paid after December 3rd. This one entry fee gives you a chance to win either of our two titles. We encourage you to look for sponsors to help you with all or part of your fee.

In accordance with Miss America Guidelines every candidate competing for Miss Greater Des Moines' Outstanding Teen must first register with [Miss America](#). And pay a \$35 Miss America Organization Registration Fee.

“You're always going to miss your chance, if you never take a chance”

We look forward to hearing from you soon -
Miss Greater Des Moines/Miss Metro Scholarship Program Board

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Resume

Local candidates are required to prepare a resume format is your choice, but you are limited to one page, single-sided. Resume contains information about her education, academic and career goals, scholastic achievement, leadership roles, and her responses to the resume questions. This document, along with the Social Impact Initiative Statement, is provided to the judges in advance of the interview phase of competition.

Social Impact Initiative

The candidate should select a social impact initiative that has relevance in her community or society and about which she cares. She should research this subject and seek out at least one community service project and one not-for-profit organization with whom she could work to address or make an impact on this issue. She will write a one-page essay about this issue, the reason she chose it, how she has been involved in making an impact on the issue and how it has changes or improved her community. This essay must be prepared according to the MAOTeen criteria and restrictions for the social impact initiative essay, and it must be signed and dated. The candidate's resume and essay together are the candidate's competition paperwork presented to the judges.

Phases of Competition

Interview

The Local Program will hold an 8-minute interview (interview at State will be 10 minutes) with the candidate standing behind a podium before the panel of judges. There is no opening and no closing. The judges will evaluate her ability to communicate clearly, express her views, speak on age-appropriate current events, and her passion and commitment to her Social Impact Initiative. Attire for interview is candidate's choice. Options may include but are not limited to a dress, skirt/shirt, or pantsuit of the candidate's choosing. The candidate should look and dress like a teen.

The interview accounts for 30% of the candidate's total score.

Talent

The talent phase is the candidate's opportunity to showcase here personal talent through the performance of a vocal, instrumental, drama, art, dance, baton, acrobatics, or other talent performance (the above list is NOT exclusive). The talent performance must be limited to a maximum of 90 seconds. The entertainment value factors in the score along with skill, interpretive ability, degree of difficulty, and stage presence.

Talent accounts for 40% of the candidate's total score.

Lifestyle and Wellness

The attire for the physical fitness competition is selected by the Local Program. Candidates should wear tennis shoes with no show socks, and black yoga pants. A T-shirt will be provided by the Miss Greater Des Moines/Miss Metro program. There will be a short aerobic routine during this phase of competition. The candidate will be evaluated on physical health, her energy, and on-stage personality.

This accounts for 10% of her total score.

Evening Wear and On-Stage Question

In this phase of competition, the candidate will model evening wear that fits her personality, and it must be age-appropriate. The attire/gown is not judged. The judges will consider the candidate's confidence, stage presence, style, and grace. The candidate is also asked one question which may be social impact-based (for all candidates) or address teen issues, general knowledge, or current events (for all candidates). The nature of the questions will be determined by the Local Program. She will be evaluated on her ability to answer the questions, think on her feet, her charisma, and personal expression.

This phase accounts for 20% of the candidate's score.

Eligibility

A Teen candidate:

- Must be at least thirteen (13) years of age on the first day of the State Competition in which she competes. For example, if Private Interview is the first competition phase at State, then the candidate must be a minimum of 13 years of age by the date of the Private Interview phase; and
- Must not be older than seventeen (17) years of age as of July 31st in the calendar year of the State Competition in which she competes, unless she is 18 years old and has not graduated from high school as of July 31st in the calendar year of the State Competition in which she competes.

For the avoidance of doubt, 13 to 17 year old high-school graduates, as well as 18 year old non-graduates as of July 31st, must compete at MAOTeen level.

All candidates competing in Local Programs and in the State Teen Competitions:

- Must be a resident of Iowa or attending class full-time in Iowa
- Must be a United States citizen
- May not compete or hold a title for any other Miss Iowa Local Outstanding Teen competition, festival, county fair or other competition.