



Miss Pasco County/ Pasco County Fair
and Pasco's Outstanding Teen 2017
Scholarship Pageant Contestant
Application Packet
"Style, Service, Scholarship and Success"

Celebrating:

70 years
of

Sparkle

January 21, 2017

Dan Cannon Auditorium @ Pasco
County Fair Grounds
36722 State Road 52
Dade City, Florida 33525



**Miss Pasco County
Miss Pasco County Fair
Miss Pasco's Outstanding Teen
Application**

Contestants Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Current Address: _____ City, State, Zip _____

Cellular # _____ Home# _____ Email: _____

High School or College (presently attending): _____

If not attending school, please list your current occupation & work place:

Mother's Name: _____ Father's Name: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip _____

Home # _____ Cell #m: _____ Cell #d: _____

Email _____



Miss Pasco County is open to residents or students attending a school in these counties: Pasco, Hernando, Polk, Hillsborough, Pinellas, Sumter, Manatee, Lake, Orange and Citrus



Miss Pasco County Fair is open STATEWIDE



Miss Pasco's Outstanding Teen is open to the residents or students attending school in these counties: Pasco, Hernando, Hillsborough, and Pinellas.



To compete for the Miss Pasco's Outstanding Teen title, there is a \$250 nonrefundable entry fee. Please make check payable to the Pasco County Fair Association.

**** Please mail check and a copy of this application to:**

Aleda K. Budd
12051 Pilot Country Drive
Spring Hill, Florida 34610
In the memo please write Pasco's OT Fee



**Miss Pasco County
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Miss Pasco's Outstanding Teen
Contestant Fact Sheet**

Name:
Title:
Date of Birth:

Education:

Platform:

Scholastic/Career Ambition:

Talent:

Scholastic Honors:

Accomplishments:

Interesting Facts:

Employment:

What three words best describe you?

Why I should be Miss Pasco County/ Pasco County Fair/ Pasco's Outstanding Teen:

Talent Competition Guidelines and Requirements

- 👑 **Talent Time – Accompaniment CD.** The time limit for talent presentation at the Miss Pasco County/ Pasco County Fair/ Pasco's Outstanding Teen Pageant is ***Ninety Seconds (90 sec)***. Nothing longer will be accepted, and this will be strictly enforced! Please do not plan a performance that will exceed this limit. Judges will be informed immediately if a contestant runs over her allotted time of ninety seconds and instructed to adjust scores accordingly. **There will be absolutely no exceptions to this ruling.**
- 👑 **Accompanying Oneself with a Pre-recorded CD.** A contestant may pre-record herself as a back-up vocalist or instrumental accompanist and use that CD to accompany her live talent performance. However, it cannot be announced to the judges that the accompaniment CD contains any performance by the contestant. She will be judged solely on what she is doing live, and no exceptions will be made. A talent cannot be performed electronically (i.e. video tape) or with live accompaniment.
- 👑 **CD Enhancements.** Regardless of the talent performed, the background CD cannot have voices, instruments, or other noises, which mimic the talent of the contestant. **Example:** A vocalist may have background vocals with “oohs and aahs” or other background lyrics, but cannot have a CD with a voice singing the melody line for the contestant to sing along with. The same would be said for instrumentalists, dancers, and any other talent that could provide for an unfair advantage if a judge could not delineate from the talent on the CD versus the live performance of the contestant.
- 👑 **Double Talents.** If a contestant wishes to perform a double talent, i.e. singing and dancing, or singing and piano playing, she must do both **live on stage**. She will only receive points for what is done **live**. For example, if a contestant danced to a pre-recorded CD of herself singing, she would only be judged on her dancing. If she sang on stage and performed a dance segment with it, she would be judged on both singing and dancing.
- 👑 **Lyrics/Dialogue and Backup Lyrics on CD:** if you are singing or speaking, one (1) copy of your lyrics and/or dialogue is required – every word must be included, no matter how little. One (1) copy is also required for any background lyrics on your accompaniment CD. **Lyric changes are not permitted for any licensed song.**
- 👑 **Talent Introduction:** one (1) copy of your on-stage introduction that introduces you and your talent -- this introduction must be ten (10) seconds or less.

Additional Talent Guidelines

There can be no duplication of a talent act among the contestants. A contestant may not include in a vocal medley the same song another contestant is planning to sing as a solo or as part of a different medley. The same song, however, may be used in a different talent type, for example; played on a musical instrument or used as accompaniment for dance by another contestant.

Talent music is reserved for contestants on a first-come, first-serve basis. MFP cannot reserve more than one music request per contestant or place music reserves on hold.

PROPS

- ✦ No mood setters or background enhancers
- ✦ No props that imitate those used in a Broadway or screen version of your music
- ✦ No props that require excessively large stage areas and complicated setting up
- ✦ No use of motion pictures, slides or projection of any kind
- ✦ No live animals
- ✦ No props involving safety hazards, such as fire batons, sword and/or knife twirling, bow and arrow skills

Talent Introduction. This is a ten-second introduction you write to introduce yourself and your talent. Here are some examples; *Pop legend Phil Collins is now taking his career in a new direction with the Broadway success of his music adapted from the Disney animated film "Tarzan." Singing Collins' "You'll be In My Heart" is Contestant Number 4, Lauren Nelson. Or Performing a Ballet en Pointe to young piano star William Joseph's "Within" is your Contestant Number Six, Jennifer Berry.*

**** We will add your contestant number to your introductions once contestants have been finalized and numbers have been assigned**



**Miss Pasco County
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Contestant Talent Request**

Name:

Address:

Telephone

Cellular

E-Mail:

Please indicate Type of Talent you will perform at Pageant:

i.e. Dance (Tap, Jazz, Ballet, Pointe, etc) Vocal (Pop, Classical, Opera, etc) Instrument
(Piano, Flute, etc) Other (Baton, Monologue. etc)

Full title of music used in Talent presentation. 90-SECOND LIMIT.

(Special Note: If performing a medley, you may not use more than two songs from the same Broadway Show or Motion Picture. The talent selection is determined on a first-come, first-serve basis. The first one to register the Talent with Pageant Headquarters will have preference.)

FORM MUST BE SIGNED BY CONTESTANT

Contestant's Signature:

Date:

NOTE: Talent Requests may be registered by envelope's Postmark or date of request received via email. ** Any questions concerning your talent should be directed to: queeniebudd91@gmail.com or misspascoqueens@gmail.com

Email must contain the scanned form with signature



***Miss Pasco County
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Miss Pasco's Outstanding Teen
Talent Introduction***

Contestant's Name: _____

Please write a brief introduction for your talent performance below:



*Miss Pasco County
Miss Pasco County Fair
Miss Pasco's Outstanding Teen
Emcee Form (Swimwear and Evening Gown)*

Contestant's Name: _____

PLEASE TELL US YOUR EDUCATION PLANS AND YOUR GOALS FOR THE FUTURE AND ONE OR TWO OF YOUR MOST RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS: (Read during evening gown competition)

WHEN THIS PAGEANT IS OVER AND YOU CAN EAT AGAIN, TELL US YOUR FAVORITE PIG OUT FOOD AND HOW MUCH YOU ARE GOING TO EAT OF IT TONIGHT. ALSO TELL US YOUR HOBBIES/WHAT YOU LIKE TO DO FOR FUN: (Read during the swimsuit competition)



**Miss Pasco County
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Volunteer Hours Report**

Information provided on this form will assist in determining the Community Service Award and is reported to Miss America.

Contestant Name:

NUMBER OF PROJECTS.....

List some of the projects you have been involved in.

NUMBER OF HOURS WORKING ON YOUR PLATFORM.....

(Number of hours spent working on these projects).

TOTAL DOLLARS RAISED FOR YOUR PLATFORM.....

NUMBER OF HOURS WORKING ON CMN.....

TOTAL DOLLARS RAISED FOR CMN.....

Please provide a brief description of the community service you have been involved in.

Instructions for Typing the 2017 Platform Statement

This is your opportunity to explain to the judges what your chosen platform is and why it is important for the Miss America Organization to embrace this platform. In addition, it should explain how your platform will further the Miss America Organization "brand" to the public.

This **ONE (1) page, single-spaced** document combined with the Contestant's Resume, will comprise your entire application for this job. The judges will receive exactly what is submitted. Any items submitted that do not fit the established criteria will be returned for correction only once. Any item that does not meet the criteria or submitted after the deadline will not be given to the judges. If your Platform Statement arrives on the day of the deadline and does not meet the criteria, there will not be time to return it to you; therefore, it will not be given to the judges. If she chooses, a contestant may explain the lack of judging materials during her interview.

1. Go to the word processing program of your computer.
2. Start a "new" document.
3. Set margins for 1" on all four sides. The font style may not be any smaller than "10" and no larger than "12" point type using the Times New Roman font style.
4. With the justification set for left, type **"Name:" in bold**. Following the colon (:), hit the space bar twice. Then, type your name.
5. Then, move to the next line and type **"Title:" in bold**. Following the colon (:), hit the space bar twice. Then, type the title you are competing for.
6. Double space down. Set your justification to "center". Then type in **bold and underline** the title of your Platform.
7. Double space down. Write what you feel is critical for the judge's to know about your platform and why it is necessary for you to have the job of Miss America to promote this issue. What you write will be what the judges know about your platform, your role in successfully dealing with this issue, and the role the Miss America Organization may play in your plan.
8. This essay **may** include some of the following items (this is not to be meant as an exhaustive list):
 - A clear definition of the platform and the specific issues you wish to address
 - A plan on how you have or will create awareness of the platform
 - The way in which you have or will change attitudes regarding the issue
 - The way in which you have or will change behaviors related to this issue
 - The way in which your platform issue will move the Miss America Organization forward
 - Your media plans
 - Your marketing strategy
 - How you propose to fund your ideas/plans
 - Any significant accomplishments you have made in regard to your issue
9. At the bottom of the page, you **MUST** set the justification to the right. Type a line of 26 spaces. Below that line, you must type Signature/Date and after printing **sign and date the document**.

Once you have printed the document, it is important that you SIGN and DATE the document as shown in the attached SAMPLE

Name: Jane Smith

Title: Miss Local ← (put the title you are competing for; For Miss it should say “Pasco County/ Pasco County Fair” and for Teen it should say “Pasco’s Outstanding Teen”)

Celebrating Cultural Diversity and Inclusiveness

It is imperative that this nation face and embrace its cultural diversity. While many people have talked about this issue, I believe that most of them have only paid lip service to the true necessity of what needs to be addressed related to this issue. There is a false truth in merely accepting and tolerating cultural diversity. I intend to prove that in order to accept and understand people of other cultures; one must be willing to step out of a personal cultural comfort zone and identify the origin of their prejudice. I will specifically focus on three areas: Children, Communities, and Businesses.

The title of Miss America, combined with the national media already looking at the surface of this issue, will allow me to create the national awareness that must exist. Currently, the term “Cultural Diversity” is well known in the halls of institutions of higher learning and, perhaps, even in the public school classroom because of the need for some to be politically correct. But, in order for us to make a true change in attitudes and behaviors of Americans, we must move beyond talk and into action and policy changes.

My plan is to motivate the media and to partner with the National Conference for Community and Justice. This organization has chapters in every major city in the nation and, in many cases, those chapters have community leaders involved who can, with encouragement and challenging, bring this issue out of hiding and into the public light in each of those communities.

Obviously, the media and the NCCJ already exist. However, what is lacking is a lightning rod to draw attention to this issue. This is where the Miss America Organization steps into the lead. What better role is there for Miss America than to be an agent of change in organizing our nation to accept our differences and to create an environment that values each person on individual characteristics rather than on stereotypes or assumptions?

For years, Miss America was seen as a young woman who cut ribbons and appeared in parades. It is time for “Miss America” to step out of the convertible and *lead the parade*. Our country’s ethnic make-up is changing rapidly and our citizen’s fear of terrorism can explode already existing, but deeply hidden prejudices. I want to be the leader that this nation needs.

This nation needs this issue addressed now and through the already existing NCCJ and its local and state organizations combined with the power of Miss America, we can make a concrete difference now, which will change the direction and the future of our nation

Signature/Date

Instructions for Completing the 2017 Contestant's Resume

This is your opportunity to demonstrate to the judges why they should consider you for the job of Miss Pasco County/ Pasco County Fair/ Pasco's Outstanding Teen. You may list as many or as few items under each category as you desire. Your only restriction is that it must follow the established format and it must fit on one (1) page. This page, combined with the Platform Statement, will comprise your entire application for this job. The judges will receive exactly what is submitted.

1. Create a "New" document with your computer's Word program.
2. Set margins for 1" on all four sides. The font style may not be any smaller than "10" and no larger than "12" point type, using the Times New Roman font style. Please refer to the attached sample to verify you are following the requested format.
3. With the justification set for left, type "**Name:**" in bold. Following the colon (:), hit the space bar twice. Then, type your name as you wish the judges to know it. (If your name is LaCricia Deborah Smith and you want to be known as "Deborah Smith", please type "Deborah Smith").
4. Then, move to the next line and type "**Title:**" in bold. Following the colon (:), hit the space bar twice. Then, type your state title.
5. Then, move to the next line and type "**Hometown:**" in bold. Following the colon (:), hit the space bar once. Then, type your hometown including the city and the state.
6. Move to the next line. Now set your justification to the right. Type "**Date of Birth:**" in bold. Hit the space bar two (2) times, and type the month, day, and year of your birth. (Ex. October 10, 1989)
7. Move Justification to the left. Double space down and type "**Education:**" in bold. Hit the tab bar three times and then type your most recent school first. If it is grad school, indicate it as such. List degree seeking (all on the same line as the name of the school), move to the line underneath that to list your undergraduate school and degree sought/achieved, and below that list your high school.
8. Double space down. Hit the tab bar once. Type "**Platform Issue:**" in bold. Hit the tab bar three times. Type the TITLE of your platform, MAKE SURE IT LINES UP WITH THE INFORMATION ABOVE IT. DO NOT TYPE ANYTHING OTHER THAN THE TITLE.
9. Double space down. Hit the tab bar once. Type "**Scholastic/Career Ambition:**" in bold. Hit the Tab bar once, MAKE SURE IT LINES UP WITH THE OTHERS ABOVE IT. Then type the type of degree/education you would ultimately like to achieve and beneath that, list your career ambition.
10. Double space down. Hit the tab bar once. Type "**Talent:**" in bold. Hit the tab bar three times. Type the type of talent and specific selection. MAKE SURE IT LINES UP WITH THE INFORMATION ABOVE IT. (i.e. Pop Vocal - "Crying", Tap Dance - "Staying Alive", etc.)
11. Double space down. Type "**Scholastic Honors:**" in bold. Hit the space bar twice. Each item should be separated by a semi-colon (;).
12. Double space down. Type "**Leadership Roles:**" in bold. Hit the space bar twice. Each item should be separated by a semi-colon (;).

13. Double space down. Type **“Accomplishments:” in bold**. Hit the space bar twice. Each item should be separated by a semi-colon (;).
14. Double space down. Type **“Interesting Facts:” in bold**. Hit the space bar twice. Each item should be separated by a semi-colon (;).
15. Double space down. Type **“Employment:” in bold**. Hit the space bar twice. Each item should be separated by a semi-colon (;).
16. Double space down. Type **“How has the world you come from shaped your dreams and aspirations?” in bold**. Hit the space bar twice. Please answer the question in sentence form.
17. Double space down. Type **“Of all the ways you could succeed in your life, why have you chosen to succeed in the Miss Florida America Pageant?” in bold**. Hit the space bar twice. Please answer the question in sentence form.
18. Double Space down. Type **“What social issue, other than your platform, will have the greatest impact on your generation and why?” in bold**. Hit the space bar twice. Please answer the question in sentence form.

The entire form MUST FIT ON ONE (1) PAGE using the Times New Roman font style. You must leave a 1" margin on all four sides of the page. If spacing issues arise, simply follow the example provided.

This form is given to the judges with your platform statement. You will notice there is a **REQUIRED SIGNATURE LINE** at the bottom of the Platform Statement. When these two pages are put together, they will create your entire application. Your signature covers the materials listed **ON BOTH PAGES**. Your signature verifies that everything on your forms is true and accurate. If it is proven that any information on these forms is not true, correct and factual, you risk disqualification from competing in the national competition and losing your local/state title.

SAMPLE ----- SAMPLE ----- SAMPLE ----- SAMPLE ----- SAMPLE -----

Name: Jane Smith
Title: Miss State
Hometown: Anytown, America

Date of Birth: December 29, 1989

Education: University of State – sophomore – Bachelor of Science, Liberal Arts
Frederick Douglass High School

Platform Issue: Celebrating Cultural Diversity and Inclusiveness

Scholastic/Career Ambition: Obtain a Masters of Business Administration

Talent: Pop Vocal / “Fallen”

Scholastic Honors: Recipient of National Coca-Cola Scholarship; Recipient of the Metropolitan Urban League National Scholarship; Dean’s List; Member of the President’s Leadership Council at the University

Leadership Roles: Created and implemented a comprehensive Cultural Diversity Education Curriculum for grades K-12 in twelve Public Schools; University Student Body Senator; H.S. Sr. Class Pres.; College Sorority President.

Accomplishments: Recipient of the J.C. Penney Golden Rule Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service to Community; Recipient of the National Conference for Community and Justice Humanitarian Award; Performer, Grand Ole Opry in Nashville; Piano Performance scholarship at State University.

Interesting Facts: First person on either side of my family to attend college; Youngest of five children with a 13-year gap between me and my next oldest sister and an almost 20-year gap between the oldest and myself.

Employment: Internship with a Law Firm; Internship with local ABC television affiliate; Student Assistant at State University.

How has the world you come from shaped your dreams and aspirations?

I come from a loving, supportive family that has always taught me to work hard for the things I want to achieve. Growing up, my parents always encouraged us to get involved with our local community and help those who were less fortunate than us. They tried to instill good values in us and to always guide us on the right path. I think it is because of these lessons my parents taught me that I want to make a difference in today’s world. I aspire to be a woman of great influence, preferably working in the non-profit sector, where I can apply my talents for the greater good and help to change people’s lives. One person truly can make a difference, and I am on my way to proving that cliché. I also dream to one day have a loving family of my own, with beautiful children in whom I can instill the same core values that my parents gave to me.

Why have you chosen to compete in the Miss Florida America Pageant?

Along with providing the financial assistance for young women to fulfill our educational goals, the Miss America Organization gives us the opportunity to bring national attention to a cause dear to our hearts. If I were to become Miss Florida, I know that my voice would be heard as a spokesperson for my personal platform. Raising awareness of important social and political issues has always been important to me, and the Miss Florida Program provides the perfect arena for that.

What social issue, other than your platform, will have the greatest impact on your generation and why?

Although I’m not sure I would consider it a social issue, I think technological advancements will have the greatest social impact on my generation. Technology is changing everything – the way we communicate, our lifestyles, access to information – it’s all right at your fingertips! That can be a double-edged sword. I believe we run the risk of losing both interpersonal and language skills due to the ease and speed of communicating electronically. I believe our educators should address this issue immediately, or it may, unfortunately, have the greatest impact on my generation and every generation to follow.



**Miss Pasco County
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Contestant Check List**

1. Contestant's Application + Contestant Fact Sheet
- Due 1/7/17
2. Contestant Contract (Found at www.missflorida.org) - Including:
copy of government ID (driver's license/ passport,) proof of residence, medical insurance card (front and back,) birth certificate, and attachments A-C
- Due 1/7/17
3. Contestant Resume - **Please submit electronically**
- Due 1/7/17
4. Platform Statement - **Please submit electronically**
- Due 1/7/17
5. Headshot (Vertical) - **Please submit electronically**
- Due 1/7/17
6. Talent Form - **Please submit electronically**
- Due 1/7/17
7. Talent intro and emcee sheet (evening gown/swimwear intro) - **Please submit electronically**
- Due 1/7/17
8. People's Choice Container - This is a fundraising opportunity for pageant scholarships and for the contestant to win an award. The container should be about the size of a coffee can, have a lid with a slot, not be transparent and be decorated in a manner that displays your personality. It should have your name and/or photograph included in the décor.
- **Bring day of pageant**
10. Wardrobe → Swimsuit, Evening Gown, Opening Number Outfit, Talent, Interview Suit/Dress
- **Bring day of pageant**
11. Talent Music - 2 copies on CD that is labeled with your name
- Due 1/7/17
12. Sealed Original Transcript - Sorry, no computer/ e transcripts
- If you have graduated from college already, please submit a scanned copy of your diploma
- Due 1/7/17
13. CMN \$100 donation qualification report - **please submit electronically** (print from www.missamerica4kids.org)
- **Must have in hand on 1/16/16 before you walk into interview**
14. Volunteer Hours Report - **Please submit electronically**
- Due 1/7/17

**** Please make all electronic submissions to queeniebudd91@yahoo.com and cc misspascoqueens@gmail.com**

**** Please mail all hard copies to:
Aleda K. Budd
12051 Pilot Country Drive
Spring Hill, FL 34610**

Thank you - We're looking forward to welcoming you to Team Pasco 2017!



Miss Pasco County Fair
Lauren Nielsen



Miss Pasco County Fair's Outstanding Teen
Courtney Graham



Miss Pasco County
Olivia Butler