

# Miss Minnesota

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## Mound woman crowned Miss Minnesota 2023

*Angelina Américo, Miss West Central, will advance to annual Miss America competition*

(Welch, Minn.) June 24, 2023 - Angelina Américo, a 22-year-old student at Minnesota State University Moorhead, was crowned Miss Minnesota 2023 at the annual competition held June 21-23, 2023 at Treasure Island Resort & Casino. She is the recipient of a \$10,000 educational scholarship and will represent Minnesota at the 2024 Miss America competition.

The Miss Minnesota competition featured 25 contestants ages 18-28 competing in Private Interview, On Stage Question, Health & Fitness, Performance Talent, and Evening Gown.

Top five finalists include:

1st runner up - Miss Coon Rapids - Emily Schumacher

2nd runner up - Miss Northwest - Whitney McClain

3rd runner up - Miss Mankato - Sage Hovet

4th runner up - Miss South Central - Jasmin Kotek

More than \$20,000 in scholarships were awarded to finalists and additional award winners.

Américo's community service initiative, which she will promote during her year of service, is "One Bottle, One Straw, One Bag at a Time." The initiative focuses on reducing the use of one-time-use plastics, protecting our oceans, lakes, and rivers, creating a more sustainable world and working towards a circular economy.

"Protecting our oceans, lakes, and rivers while living in Minnesota is possible. Each of us can collectively change the ways we use day-to-day items," said Américo. "It all starts with three simple steps. We can form new habits, share information, and encourage others to join us. As Miss Minnesota, my goal is to make this topic alive to reach larger audiences while making an impact one bottle, one straw, and one bag at a time."

For the talent portion of the competition, Amérigo performed a Broadway dance routine to “You Haven’t Seen the Last of Me.”

Friday’s competition also welcomed special guest, BeBe Shopp, Miss Minnesota and Miss America 1948, who celebrated the 75th anniversary of her crowning. Minnesota has had three Miss Americas: BeBe Shopp (1948), Dorothy Benham (1977) and Gretchen Carlson (1989).

For more information, visit the Miss Minnesota [website](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#). Follow Amérigo’s year of service on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

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### **About Miss Minnesota**

The Miss Minnesota Scholarship Organization is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization which awards educational scholarships to outstanding young women to help them academically and professionally. The Miss Minnesota Scholarship Organization is an official preliminary of the Miss America Competition, the nation's leading achievement program and the world's largest provider of scholarship assistance to young women.