

Miss Minnesota

Contestant Code of Ethics and Conduct Rules for the Miss Minnesota Scholarship Organization State Organization Week

UPLOAD SIGNATURE PAGE ONLY WITH STATE CONTRACT
Due April 6, 2024

Miss Minnesota Scholarship Organization (MMSO) Contestants will conduct themselves with the professionalism and sportsmanship, which exemplify the integrity of today's American woman as detailed in each of the following statements:

1. A Contestant upon signing the Application to compete in the State finals week, is bound by the terms and provisions contained in said Application and must observe all Organization rules until her departure from the site of the State finals week.
2. Noncompliance with any of the rules, terms and provisions contained in said Application will result in disciplinary action as determined by MMSO, which can include the elimination of the Contestant from the State finals week.
3. A Contestant must stay at the accommodation provided by the Miss Minnesota Scholarship Organization during state competition week.
4. A Contestant may not participate in any interview, photo, or any other type of publicity unless approved by MMSO through established procedures.
5. A Contestant will not have any private or personal meetings with any family, friends, or local representatives, interview/preparatory coaches, personal trainers, sponsors, talent instructors, etc. during State finals week, without permission from the state executive director.
6. A Contestant will not attend parties, meetings, conventions, social events or make any public appearances during State finals week without the approval of MMSO.
7. A Contestant must be always accompanied during State finals week. She will always be escorted by an official MMSO representative unless otherwise directed.
8. A Contestant shall not be in the company of or communicate with a Miss Minnesota Organization Judge except at regularly scheduled events stipulated by MMSO.
9. There will be no consumption of alcohol during State finals week.
10. There will be no participation in any of the establishments bars and/or casino games during state finals week.
11. No Contestant may wear her state crown during the competition or Organization-related activities unless authorized by MMSO.
12. A Contestant shall not promote or lobby for any personal causes or issues unless MMSO gives approval during state Organization week.

13. A Contestant is not allowed to visit anyone in any room in the host hotel or any other location during State finals week, other than with another contestant or MMSO representative according to the rules and guidelines. The buddy system will always be in effect on your hotel floor, unless accompanied by a MMSO representative or directed otherwise. Visitation during preliminary competition is only time you may meet with family/friends.
14. Visitors, including Local Representatives, Local Board Members, sponsors, consultants, and coaches of any kind, parents, family members and friends, are not permitted to visit a Contestant's room, nor may the contestant visit their room at any time. MMSO approved hostesses are the only exception. Exception is moving into or checking out of hotel room.
15. Reporters are not allowed to enter a Contestant's hotel floor, or contestant's room(s) for any reason.
16. No one, other than the Contestant, is permitted to take pictures of her own room. These pictures, photos, etc. or any other pictures, photos, etc. cannot be distributed, sent, or posted electronically to anyone.
17. Portable radios, cellular phones, laptop computers, cameras, video or recording devices are not permitted in rehearsal areas, interview rooms, the theater, changing areas or dressing room. A CD or other music player is permitted if it does not also function as a cellular phone or other item listed above. Unauthorized items and items used in an unauthorized manner or discovered in an unauthorized location will be confiscated and may be held until the completion of the State finals week.
18. Medical personnel are on call if their services are needed. A Contestant requiring medication and/or injections (i.e., insulin, allergy medication, etc.) must provide MMSO with a medical doctor's note on letterhead describing the name of the medication, symptoms treated, possible side effects, required dosage, dosage frequency, where applicable that the contestant has been properly instructed on administering self injections and any other pertinent medical information at least 30 days prior to arriving at the State finals week. Contestants requiring injections or special medical oversight must notify the executive director and lead hostess upon arrival at the site of the State finals week.
19. Medical and/or dental expenses incurred during the State finals week or other related activities are the responsibility of the Contestant.
20. If a medical emergency arises during Miss Minnesota week, the state executive director in conjunction with on-site contestant hostess may or may not require a doctor's note for contestant to be allowed back into Organization. The executive director has the right to refuse re-admittance of said contestant if there is a concern about the safety and well-being of the contestant, a production or facility liability concern, or if it is reasonably expected that the contestant would not be able to complete any phase during the Organization. The decision of the state board is final.
21. Organization wardrobe changes are not permitted after Sunday contestant check-in prior to the start of the preliminary competition, unless written permission is requested by the contestant's Executive Director explaining the extenuating circumstance(s) prior to such changes and are approved by MMSO in its sole discretion. The decision of the state board is final.

If a Contestant's conduct is deemed unsatisfactory, the image and good name of MMSO and/or the Organization's integrity of the State finals week are deemed jeopardized, the following procedure may be followed:

1. The Executive Director of MMSO may cause the contestant to forfeit her title and terminate her eligibility to participate in the State finals week.
2. If, by the sole exclusive judgment of the Executive Director of MMSO, the infraction is not deemed serious enough for immediate disqualification in the State finals week and for the forfeiture of the contestant's title:
 - An authorized MMSO official will issue a written warning notice to the Contestant in the presence of a witness and the Contestant's Local Executive Director will be notified immediately. The written warning notice must be signed by the Contestant if she is to continue her participation in the State finals week.
 - If the Contestant corrects the conduct that caused this warning and does not engage in any other violations or unsatisfactory acts of conduct, then no further action will be taken.
 - If the conduct is not corrected or if it is repeated, or if another rule is violated by the same Contestant, the Executive Director of MMSO will be notified immediately. The determination of the Executive Director of MMSO as to the appropriate action shall be final and binding and can include forfeiture of the Contestant's Title and/or termination of the Contestant's eligibility to compete or continue to compete in the State finals week.

MMSO reserves the right to amend and/or modify the foregoing rules at any time without notice.

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MISS MINNESOTA SCHOLARSHIP ORGANIZATION CONTESTANT CODE OF ETHICS SIGNATURE PAGE

**Must be digitally signed by Contestant AND Local Director
and submitted online – DUE APRIL 6, 2024**

I have received a copy of the foregoing "Contestant Code of Ethics." I have read and I understand the foregoing Contestant Code of Ethics Rules for the Miss Minnesota Scholarship Organization State finals week, and I agree to abide by the same.

Signature of Contestant

Date

Local Organization Title

By signing my name below, I have reviewed the Miss Minnesota Scholarship Contestant Code of Ethics with above named contestant.

Signature of Local Organization Director

Date

If under 18 years of age:

Signature of Contestant Parent/Guardian

Date