

Requirements of Miss Tuscaloosa

Statement of Understanding Between: Miss Tuscaloosa 2026 and the Miss Tuscaloosa Competition

I attest that I am a citizen of The United States of America, I will be no older than 28 on September 30, 2026 AND no younger than 18 on September 1, 2026, and I meet the requirements to enter the pageant based on ONE of the following. Only ONE of the following is required to meet the pageant requirements.

- A legal resident residing in (County Name) _____ in the state of Alabama
- A full-time, registered student in good standing at _____
_____ High School, College, or University
- A full-time employee at (Company Name) _____
located in (City, Zip) _____

1. Relationship:

The Miss Tuscaloosa Competition is organized as a nonprofit organization whose express purposes include:

1. The provision of scholarship funds.
2. The representation of Tuscaloosa in the Miss Alabama Competition
3. The representation of the sponsors of the Miss Tuscaloosa Competition.
4. The promotion of the Miss Tuscaloosa Competition.

As a result, there are several important premises, which are basic to Miss Tuscaloosa's Year of Service. I agree the Director and the Board of Directors of the Miss Tuscaloosa Competition have absolute management control of Miss Tuscaloosa for her year of service. Miss Tuscaloosa must recognize that for her year of service she will represent Tuscaloosa, the Miss Tuscaloosa Competition, and its sponsors. It is important that she maintains immaculate personal grooming whether on campus, going shopping, or any public appearances. _____(Initial)

2. Rules and regulations. I agree to participate in the series of events leading up to the final selection of Miss Tuscaloosa 2026 and abide by and am bound by the rules and regulations governing scholarships and other prizes. _____(Initial)

3. Agree to hold harmless. I agree that neither Miss Tuscaloosa officials, nor the sponsors of Miss Tuscaloosa, nor anyone working for or with this pageant should be held liable should any accident occur during any rehearsals or during the pageant activities. I agree that neither Miss Tuscaloosa officials, nor the sponsors, nor anyone working for or with this pageant shall be held liable should any theft or destruction of my individual property occur during any rehearsals or during the pageant activities, except for the perpetrator of said theft or destruction.
_____(Initial)

4. Local representation. I recognize that during my year of service as Miss Tuscaloosa, I will represent the Tuscaloosa area, the Miss Tuscaloosa Competition, and its sponsors. I agree that I will maintain immaculate personal grooming whether on campus, going shopping, or any public appearance. _____(Initial)

5. Mandatory events. If I am selected as Miss Tuscaloosa 2026, I agree to make myself available for public appearances required of me by the pageant officials. I understand that I am only allowed to wear my crown in public with my director's permission. I will refer all requests for appearances to the Director(s). All appearances must be approved by the Director. Under most circumstances, a Member of the Miss Tuscaloosa Board must accompany the title holder on any official appearances; however, should a board member not be available for the event a chaperone approved by the director may accompany her. Miss Tuscaloosa will not book any appearances without first discussing it with the director. She will keep a current calendar listing all appearances and submit a list to the Miss Tuscaloosa Executive Board every three (3) months during the year of her reign. In addition, a list of appearances through May 1st of the year of service will be reviewed with the Miss Tuscaloosa Director no later than April 1st for submission to the Miss Alabama State Field Director. _____(Initial)

A. The following is a list of events that will be attended by Miss Tuscaloosa 2026:

Recommended

- The University of Alabama Homecoming Parade
- Tuscaloosa Christmas Parade
- Miss Alabama Top Thirteen Fashion Show

Required

- Appearances to be determined by the Director
- Miss Alabama Top Thirteen Fashion Show (if selected Top Thirteen finalist)
- Miss Alabama Candidates Orientation
- Miss Alabama's Outstanding Teen Pageant – Introduction of Miss Alabama Candidates
- Miss Alabama Candidates Workshop
- Miss Alabama Gala
- Miss Alabama Competition Week
- Minimum of TWO (2) CSI appearances

Show grace, poise, and appreciation at all appearances, never take advantage of any host's hospitality; and never give the impression when appearing as Miss Tuscaloosa of being sick, bored, tired, annoyed, angry, upset, anxious or disinterested. _____(Initial)

6. Healthy lifestyle. As Miss Tuscaloosa, I agree to maintain the weight agreed upon between me and the pageant director, to abide by an exercise program and healthy eating plan to maintain my physical appearance. _____(Initial)

7. Information. I understand the importance of the interview portion of competition, and I agree to maintain a reading program to stay informed on current events, public issues and world affairs. I also agree that I will regularly watch local, state, and national news programs to stay informed on current events, public issues, and world affairs. I will attend all mock interviews held by the Miss Tuscaloosa Board of Directors. _____(Initial)

8. Miss Tuscaloosa Competition process. I agree that the manner and method of conducting the Miss Tuscaloosa Competition shall be at the sole discretion of the Miss Tuscaloosa

Competition, the Miss Alabama Competition and the Miss America Competition and I further agree that the time, method, and manner of judging the Miss Tuscaloosa Competition, the award and distribution and of the scholarships and prizes shall be with the sole discretion of the director of the Miss Tuscaloosa Competition. The decision of the persons designated to judge the various events in all matters pertaining to the selection of the winners shall be final. I agree that I will not publicly criticize or question the results of the pageant, the method and manner of judging, the decisions, or opinions of the Executive Director, and further that I will not make any statement publicly which a reasonable person could construe as criticism or doubt of the same, or as reflection of negativity toward the Miss Tuscaloosa Competition or its Executive Director or Board Members. _____(Initial)

9. Miss Alabama Competition approvals. I agree and consent to have my entire and complete wardrobe, costumes, gowns, athletic wear, dresses, shoes, accessories, make up, hair products, hairstyles and clothing items which I will wear and/or use during all events and all phases of competition at the Miss Alabama Competition at which I am appearing as Miss Tuscaloosa prepared for viewing by the Miss Tuscaloosa Executive Director and Board Members by the deadlines which the Executive Director will set at the beginning of my reign. I further agree and consent that I must obtain the prior approval of the Executive Director regarding my complete wardrobe, costumes, gowns, athletic wear, dresses, shoes, accessories, make-up, hair styles hair products and clothing items which I will wear and/or use during all events and all phases of competition at the Miss Alabama Competition at which I am appearing as Miss Tuscaloosa. I understand that the Executive Director has the final decision- making authority on each of the above-listed issues. I further understand that I must preview my talent selection for the Executive Director by the deadline which the Executive Director will set at the beginning of my reign. The Executive Director has the final decision- making authority regarding all aspects related to my talent selection and the performance thereof. **It is the responsibility of Miss Tuscaloosa to contact the Executive Director of Miss Tuscaloosa to obtain said approval. For approval to be granted the Executive Director must see the clothes and witness the talent performance in person – photographs and/or videos will not suffice.** I will have all documents, photos, CSI scrapbook, and mandatory requirements of Miss Alabama Competition prepared by the deadline set forth by the Miss Alabama Competition. _____(Initial)

10. Outside Coaching/Consulting Prohibited. Miss Tuscaloosa is strictly prohibited from receiving any coaching, training, consultation, or advice from anyone other than the Executive Director (unless the Executive Director otherwise approves). Miss Tuscaloosa is strictly prohibited from consulting with any pageant coach/advisor which she has used in the past (unless the Executive Director otherwise approves). In some instances, the Executive Director will require Miss Tuscaloosa to sever all ties with certain pageant “coaches.”

I agree and understand that I shall not in any way seek, request, accept obtain and/or receive any advice, coaching, training, consulting, or feedback of any sort or type whatsoever regarding anything related in any way to my performances as a pageant contestant from any individual, person, coach, consultant, judge, advisor, paid or voluntary, other than the Executive Director unless the Executive Director expressly gives prior approval. Then, I may only act in this regard as specifically directed by the Executive Director. Failure to abide by this rule will result in the forfeiture of the title of Miss Tuscaloosa and all scholarships and prizes awarded to me, as Miss Tuscaloosa. I understand I will not be able to compete as Miss Tuscaloosa in the Miss Alabama Competition. I understand that all decisions will be made between the Director of Miss Tuscaloosa and me concerning the Miss Alabama Competition. Parents and friends are to provide support but

will not play a part in the decision-making process in preparing for the Miss Alabama Pageant.
_____(Initial)

11. Contestant fee. A **\$100** nonrefundable contestant fee check payable to Miss Tuscaloosa is required for registration. _____(Initial)

12. Social Media Profile Pages. Ensure that, at all times any of my social media profile pages, websites, and/or Internet domain, as well as those of any individual, designated thereon as a member of my family or with whom I am in a relationship, do not contain any word, phrase, sentence, discussion, image, symbol, photograph, recording, video or representation which may be construed by a reasonable person in the sole discretion of the Executive Director as obscene, immoral, illegal, unlawful, sinister, racist, sexist, hateful, mean spirited, homophobic, slanderous, false surreptitious, demeaning, religiously or political insensitive or disrespectful, dishonorable, inappropriate, inhumane, divisive, or in any manner or form tends to negatively reflect on Miss Tuscaloosa or Miss Tuscaloosa Competition as determined in the sole discretion of the Executive Director, and I will immediately remove anything thereon as is requested by the Executive Director. _____(Initial)

13. Will accept the “friend requests” of the Executive Director and Miss Tuscaloosa Board and allow the access necessary to efficiently and consistently monitor Miss Tuscaloosa’s social media profile pages, websites, and/or Internet domains. _____(Initial)

14. Refrain from the public display of affection of any individual with whom I am in any sort of romantic relationship whatsoever while appearing as Miss Tuscaloosa including on any social media profile pages, websites, and/or Internet domains, _____(Initial)

15. Refrain from speaking negatively in public about any other candidates in any preliminary competition to the Miss Alabama Competition or any other candidates in the Miss Alabama Competition, or her family, friends, or director(s); and refrain from speaking negatively in public about any member of the Board of Directors of the Miss Alabama Competition or any local preliminary director. _____(Initial)

16. Succession clause. In the event Miss Tuscaloosa is selected as Miss Alabama, there will not be a successor named. _____(Initial)

17. Scholarship Award. I understand that I must claim all scholarships, awards and prizes offered to me as Miss Tuscaloosa, as an award winner of Miss Tuscaloosa, or otherwise offered to me about my participation in the Miss Tuscaloosa Competition within six (6) months after the date of the Miss Tuscaloosa Competition in which such was awarded to me, and I further understand and agree that if I do not claim the same within, the time specified herein the same will be forfeited forever. I understand and agree that scholarships should only be used to pay expenses related to tuition, room and board, fees, books, student loan debt and other expenses directly related to my education. I agree that I am required to provide the Executive Director with the name of the educational institution to which scholarship money should be delivered, along with the address for the institution’s student financial affairs division and my student number before scholarship money will be paid on my behalf. If I am not enrolled in school or have outstanding loans or debt for which payment can be made, then the Executive Director shall within her sole discretion determine the method and manner of payment of scholarship money and how said money may be utilized and applied by the recipient. Further, if I am named as an

alternate to the title of Miss Tuscaloosa, as the Talent Award winner, or if I am awarded any scholarship, award or prize in connection with my participation in the Miss Tuscaloosa Competition which is sponsored by a business, individual or organization, then I agree to write a respectable and suitable thank you note to the designated sponsor within thirty (30) days of announcement of the same, and I will ensure delivery of the thank you note upon its delivery to the sponsor. The winner's scholarship award(s) will be dispersed on the following schedule upon receipt of the acceptance letter **AND** receipt of the enrollment verification from the winner's college or university: **100% immediately following the end of the winners SPRING semester in school, unless other arrangements are agreed upon with the Executive Director.** _____(Initial)

18. Loss of title. If any of the representations and warranties made by me are false, or if I engage in any of the prohibited acts or activities described in any paragraph above during the year of my service, or if I otherwise fail to conduct myself in a manner which, in the opinion of the Miss Tuscaloosa Competition and/or the Miss Alabama Competition, does not uphold and maintain the dignity and honor of the title "Miss Tuscaloosa" or if I suffer any disability which, in the sole and exclusive judgment of the Director of the Miss Tuscaloosa Competition, may impair my ability to perform the duties expected of me as "Miss Tuscaloosa", I understand and agree that the Miss Tuscaloosa Competition may at its exclusive option terminate my right to participate in the Miss Alabama Competition. My right to the title of Miss Tuscaloosa, and all awards, scholarships and prerequisites pertaining thereto will be terminated. My successor will receive all the benefits to which I would otherwise have been entitled. _____(Initial)

19. Image release. All photographs, videotapes, motion picture films, or other recordings of reproductions made of me as a contestant in the Miss Tuscaloosa Competition, either individually or as a member of a group, about the Pageant, shall become the property of the Miss Tuscaloosa Competition, the Miss Alabama Pageant, and the Miss America Competition, and the same may be used and reused by them, or anyone designated by them, for publicity, advertising or any other proper use. I hereby release the Miss Tuscaloosa Competition to post my photographs and biographical information on the Miss Tuscaloosa website. I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to obtain copyright permission for the photo to be used and the Miss Tuscaloosa Competition and its sponsors will not be held liable for any infringement. _____(Initial)

20. Responsibility. I understand that I am solely responsible for all aspects of my role as Miss Tuscaloosa. I realize that all preparation for participation in the Miss Alabama Competition, including community service, is to be completed by me personally. I will have all documents, photos, and mandatory requirements of Miss Alabama Competition prepared by the deadline set forth by the Miss Alabama Competition. I also understand that I am to maintain regular communication with the director of the Miss Tuscaloosa Competition. Establish an email address that will be monitored every 8 hours at a minimum and will respond promptly to emails and phone calls from the Director and all Board members. _____(Initial)

21. Sponsors. I recognize that during my year of service as Miss Tuscaloosa, I am required to represent the sponsors of the Miss Tuscaloosa Competition; this includes utilizing the services and products awarded to Miss Tuscaloosa from the sponsors. Failure to utilize the services and products donated by the sponsors shall result in the forfeiture of all or some of the scholarship winnings awarded to me as Miss Tuscaloosa. _____(Initial)

22. Compliance. I am otherwise eligible for the title of Miss Tuscaloosa by complying with all requirements of the State & Local Candidate Contract set forth by the Miss America Organization including those that pertain to gender, marital status, parental status, good character, criminal record & prior conduct. _____(Initial)

23. Candidate Agreement. I _____, a Miss Tuscaloosa contestant, have read the agreement and understand all rules, conditions, and regulations set forth by the Miss Tuscaloosa Competition and if selected Miss Tuscaloosa will be able to follow and fulfill all rules, conditions, and regulations set forth in the Requirements of Miss Tuscaloosa. I understand that if found in violation of any part of this contract, the Director has the authority to terminate my right to participate in the Miss Alabama pageant. My right to the title of Miss Tuscaloosa, and all awards, scholarships and prerequisites pertaining thereto will be terminated. My successor will receive all the benefits to which I would otherwise have been entitled. _____(Initial)

Signature of Contestant

Date

Signature of Miss Tuscaloosa Executive Director

Date