

Scholarship Rules and Regulations

Scholarship Usage: Scholarship funds may be applied to tuition, textbooks, supplies, academic fees and other appropriate educational expenses. Incidental expenses such as room, travel, research, clerical help and equipment and other resources not required for enrollment, attendance or for an instructional course may not be considered related expenses. A contestant should consult a tax advisor to determine if the scholarship payments received are taxable.

Payment of approved expenditures will be made directly to the college, university or other accredited institution. Reimbursement of payment for qualified educational expenses will also be issued if the contestant produces copies of paid receipts and/or copies of canceled checks.

Requesting Scholarship: Scholarship will be issued upon receipt of the contestant's scholarship form (signed by local director), cover letter, and copy of school bill, canceled check or student loan bill. State scholarships will be awarded only after a contestant has used all of her local scholarship.

Requests for computer or musical equipment will be accepted only if the college or school states in writing that it is a mandatory requirement in order for the contestant to complete the coursework. The contestants may be reimbursed for this expense provided the contestant submits either a letter from the school stating the mandatory requirements or a list of course requirements. There is a \$2,000 (two thousand dollar) cap on computer/musical equipment.

Reimbursement Guidelines: Contestant must maintain at least 12 credit hours as a full time student or 9 credit hours as a part-time student to qualify.

Student Loans: Scholarship may be used for outstanding student loan obligations provided the contestant has satisfactorily completed the coursework for which the loan was obtained. Requests must include a current bill from the lender showing a current address, a copy of the promissory note showing the contestant is either the primary or secondary obligator of the note, and an official transcript showing the completion of the coursework. These payments will be made directly to the lender.

Scholarship Timeframe: Contestant is eligible to receive her scholarship within two (2) years of competing at the state level. A contestant may request, in writing, an extension for the usage of the scholarship past the initial two (2) years. If a contestant doesn't submit a written request for an extension to the state organization, her right to the scholarship award is forfeited. If a contestant forfeits her scholarship award at any level, her award at the next level(s) of competition will automatically be forfeited.

A contestant who begins use of her scholarship within the designated time listed above will then be required to show continuous activity in her scholarship endeavors up to a limit of six (6) years following the date of her award. If there occurs a continuous, uninterrupted two (2) year period in which there is no activity in an account, then the balance of that account will be forfeited.

Forfeiting Scholarship: A contestant is eligible to receive her scholarship after she has successfully completed her year of service. Should a contestant give up her title or have her title taken away prior to crowning her successor, she will be forfeiting her scholarship.

I have read the above guidelines and understand how to obtain the scholarship that I am awarded while participating in the Miss Minnesota Scholarship Pageant. The issuing of scholarship funds it at the sole discretion of the Miss Minnesota Executive Board of Directors.

Contestant Name /Title

Contestant Signature/Date