



Miss Clatsop County and Miss Clatsop County's Teen

Important Information for the 2025 Competition

February 22, 2025, at the Seaside Convention Center in Seaside, Oregon

Eligibility

1. All participants must be U.S. citizens and a) be a resident of, b) work in, or c) attend school in Clatsop, Tillamook, or Columbia County for a minimum of six months prior to the local pageant.
 2. Participants must be female, single, and have no legal dependents.
 3. Teen participants must be 14 years old by June 25, 2025, and no more than 18 years of age by the same date. Miss participants must be a 18 years old by June 25, 2025 and no older than 27 by the same date.
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Titles Available

The Miss Clatsop County Scholarship Program will award a minimum of 2 titles: Miss Clatsop County 2025 and Miss Clatsop County's Teen 2025 assuming there are 3 participants registered to compete in each age category.

Areas of Competition

Private INTERVIEW - 30%

(10 minutes for Miss / 7 minutes for Teen which includes a 30 second opening & optional 30 second closing)

- Ability to fulfill the qualifications, responsibilities, duties, and term of the titleholder.
- Personal qualities and attributes relevant to the titleholder position.
- Commitment to her Community Service Initiative (CSI).
- Ability to express her own beliefs in an authentic and relatable manner.
- Sense of accomplishment and goals above and beyond the Fact Sheet.
- Spontaneity, intelligence, sense of humor, charm and charisma.
- Authenticity and ability to answer questions in a conversational, unrehearsed manner.
- Ability to serve as a role model and see if she is reflective of her generation.
- Well informed on local, state, national & international current affairs.

Talent/HERStory - 20%

(A 90 second artistic presentation. Talent performances must comply with Miss America rules (www.mao.com)).

- Preparatory, performance and/or storytelling skills.

- Overall presentation skills and ability to deliver a captivating presentation.
- Interpretative ability and entertainment value relative to the category of performance art.
- Stage presence, on-stage personality, and personal connection to her story.
- Allows a look at the totality of the performance elements of on-stage presentation.
- Ability to capture the attention of an audience while performing on the stage.

Health & Fitness - 20%

(Modeling in Rebel Athletic Wear & tennis shoes)

- The contestant's comfort and confidence level on stage.
- The contestant's overall impression of health and fitness commitment.
- On-stage presentation and energy, comfort in front of an audience, confidence.
- The ability to gauge the audience's impression of the contestant.
- The delegate's spontaneity, and lack of "robotic" stage presence.
- Ability to determine if the delegate could serve as a national health/fitness ambassador.

Evening Gown - 20%

(Inner beauty that shines through.)

- Ability to capture attention on stage, and individual stage presence.
- Comfort, confidence and composure.
- Overall impression of ability to represent the Miss America or Miss America's Teen Organization at a high-profile event.
- Note: Scoring is based on how the delegate carries herself/performs in this phase of competition, not on the actual gown she is wearing or the perceived cost of that gown.

On Stage Conversation - 10%

(Focus is on a contestant's public speaking skills)

- Commitment to the Service point of the crown.
- Unique perspective on community service and its local impact.
- Desire to create interest in her community service initiatives.
- This phase of competition brings the interview to the stage in an interactive, engaging way to showcase each delegate.
- Highlights intelligence, personality, charisma, and aptitude for the titleholder opportunity.
- Allows a look at the sense of composure in presenting ideas on-stage.
- Allows a look at interactivity with the panelist and the audience.
- Knowledge of the Miss America Opportunity.

Required Dates & Paperwork

Orientation: All NEW Participants must attend one orientation or make special arrangements with Director. Returners are welcome to attend as well

Orientations

Oct 19 (Sat) 12n – 2pm **Contestants – Clatsop Co**
Oct 27 (Sun) 2pm – 3pm **Shining Stars – ALL Counties**
Nov 9 (Sat) 12n – 2pm **Contestants – Columbia Co**
Nov 10 (Sun) 1pm – 3pm **Contestants – Clatsop Co**
Nov 17 (Sat) 11am – 1pm **Contestants – Tillamook Co**

CONTESTANTS - Important Dates & Deadlines

Sept 15 (Sat) Applications Open
Dec 1 (Fri) MC Application / MAO Registration & Fee
Dec 15 (Sun) Talent Req / Resume & CSI Draft
Jan 1 (Wed) Contract / Talent Music
Jan 11 (Sat) Official Headshots
Jan 15 (Wed) Final Resume & CSI
Jan 20 (Mon) Shining Stars Party
Feb 9 (Sun) Build Your Own Scholarship Form / Ad Due
Feb 16 (Sun) Auction Item Theme / Pix / Form Due
Feb 21 (Fri) Auction Item Due

Dress Rehearsal / CSI Speeches – Friday, February 21, 2025

~ Additional meeting / practice dates will be scheduled nearly every weekend starting in December ~

Required Wardrobe

- 1. Interview:** Something you would wear to a job interview or professional meeting.
- 2. Fitness:** REBEL wear as determined by Miss Oregon / MAO & white tennis shoes.
- 3. Talent Outfit:** Appropriate attire for your chosen talent.
- 4. Evening Wear:** Age-appropriate Formal Attire (pageant, prom-style dress).
- 5. Opening Number / Production Outfit:** Black Pants, Neon Top & 80's accessories
- 6. CSI Presentation:** Smart Business / Cocktail

Awards

All awards are given in the form of scholarship certificates. These can be applied to any accredited school of the candidate's choice – university, trade school, community college. No cash awards will be offered. All scholarships come from the Miss Oregon Scholarship Foundation.

Titleholders

If you win a title, Titleholders compete in the Miss Oregon Scholarship Pageant in Seaside June 23rd – June 29th, 2025 with a chance to move on to Miss America and Miss America's Teen (location TBD). They must attend Miss Oregon Workshop (Date / Time TBD) & appear at special events throughout the county and state as directed by the Miss Clatsop County Board during their year of service. They must comply with the guidelines and contract as outlined and signed. Financial assistance is given to participate at the State level.

For additional information or questions please email director.clatsopcounty@missoregon.org



The Four Points of the Crown

The public perception of Miss America program is often that it's a one-night event, but it's so much more. This unique opportunity is a year-round program of "Service, Style, Scholarship and Success" – representing the four points of the Miss America and Miss America's Teen crown. Participants acquire lifelong skills, meet other like-minded women, cultivate their own personal style, and engage within their communities.

Service

In the 80s, Miss America Organization officially made community service a pillar of the program, helping to raise awareness, and millions of dollars, for worthy causes. Each participant must select a community service initiative which they will present to the judges and to their community. This is the way to ensure that those participating in our program are service oriented individuals who want to make a difference in our world. In Nov 2023 Miss America, the iconic 100+ year brand, and Miss America's Scholarship Foundation, announced a 3-year commitment supporting American Heart Association's women's initiative, Go Red for Women® raising awareness of women's heart health and bringing fitness initiatives back to the national competition stage.

It is not "queen for a day" but "service for a year."

Style

The competition's inception in 1920 as a "bathing beauty review" was an act of rebellion during a time when women weren't permitted to wear swimsuits in public. Today, we are looking for a real woman. Not one who has been overly trained in pageants with the perfect walk, the perfect talk, the perfect smile, the perfect hair and the perfect wave! The judges will be looking for someone who is relatable to everyone, young and old including her peers and is a good role model for her community. She needs to be well-rounded and strong in all categories, not just one.

True beauty comes from the inside and will shine through.

Scholarship

In 1945, the Miss America organization started awarding scholarships to the winner instead of prize money, making Miss America one of the first organizations in the United States to offer college scholarships to women. The Miss Clatsop County Scholarship Program is an opportunity for local young women to receive money to further their educational goals. We are a preliminary to the Miss Oregon and Miss America pageants. The Miss America Organization is the leading scholarship provider for women in the entire world. At our local level in 2024 we made available over \$5000 to contestants in scholarships.

Loans are repaid, grants are given, and scholarships are earned.

Success

Miss America is more than a title, it's a movement of empowering young women everywhere to dream big, to insist that their voices be heard and to inspire change in the world around them. In addition to becoming knowledgeable and involved with pertinent issues today, contestants have a chance to learn public speaking and interviewing skills. This experience is invaluable.

Not everyone can walk away with the crown, but everyone can walk away a changed individual.

Interested in participating?

Please complete the online application (MAO registration & payment is also required)

Deadline to enter is December 1, 2024