

What is it really like?

Information for potential contestants

THE BASICS

*A one-day competition in the Miss SC Organization, held at May River High School, January 7, 2023.

*Begins with a morning stage rehearsal (not judged): opening number / walking patterns/ sound check / talent rehearsal / Teen fitness routine

*Continues after lunch with a private interview with a panel of 5 judges

*Down-time until curtain call (Dressing rooms are available for use all day; dinner or snacks provided.)

*Competition in the evening / 4 winners announced

*The following day: meet with the directors; learn about the activities and expectations for the upcoming 6 months.

*Attend Workshop Weekend in Columbia, March 15-17, at the Convention Center.

*Prepare to compete at the state competition in Columbia, June 16-24, 2023.

THE DETAILS

*Preparing your essay and your resume are part of the application packet. (There are resources to help with this part.)

*As a titleholder, you would work with a team of directors who guide your experience until the state competition, and afterward.

* Making appearances in the Lowcountry between January and June are fun opportunities for community service hours and working in your local area; they provide training for being at state.

*Competing on a budget is entirely possible: rent, borrow, purchase on sale; hold a fundraiser, ask for sponsors.

*Your highest costs will be lodging in Columbia during WSW and the state competition.

*There is the opportunity to mentor little girls through the Princess Program.

THE ESSENTIALS

Wardrobe

1. Interview outfit (business-professional look, pants or skirt/dress)
2. Talent costume / outfit / gown
3. Evening Gown
4. Teens only: athletic wear for a fitness routine
5. Appropriate shoes for the above

Headshot

A clear photo of you, from the shoulders up, with a natural, professional look (not "glam").

Talent

Traditional talent in the performing arts, or non-traditional routines, such as martial arts, speed-painting, athletic feats, etc.

Social Impact Initiative

A cause or platform that you are involved in or passionate about, that you want to bring awareness to and promote to others, that you can speak and write about.

THE REWARDS

Local Prize Package

2 \$500 academic scholarships for 2 Miss winners

For Teen and Miss: other cash prizes; paid entrance fees to the state competition; gift cards, luxury gifts, and discounts to local and state-wide retailers and service providers.

Scholarships across the state

Success in the Miss SC Organization provides scholarships and savings bonds on the local and state levels: [\\$1000s of dollars in scholarships are awarded each year for:](#) essays, talents, social impact initiatives, Top 15 placement, Top 10 placement, Top 5 placement.

Miss South Carolina 2021 was awarded \$74,000 in scholarships in her winning year.

OTHER REWARDS: Growth, skill development, exposure, & connections.