



MISS GREAT LAKES – MISS SOUTH BEND CONTRACT

You are asked to read this document and then sign that you have read it and that you understand it completely before committing to enter the competition to take place on August 28, 2021.

In addition to the general rules and eligibility guidelines of the Miss America Organization, we have additional requirements for the Miss Great Lakes, Miss South Bend and Outstanding Teen local titleholder. (hereafter referred to as MGLSB) Therefore, we ask that you consider the following questions:

1. Do you really want the job of Miss Great Lakes - Miss South Bend – Miss Great Lakes' Outstanding Teen – Miss South Bend's Outstanding Teen?

We take the job as a community advocate and role-model very seriously and need for our titleholders to be willing to commit their 'year of service' to just that—service.

2. Do you understand what that job entails? (see Expectations section)

Our organization has become extremely community-oriented and as a result, there are numerous opportunities for appearances at community events, fundraisers, ribbon cuttings, parades, etc. throughout the year. Our titleholders will need to be available to participate in many of these events and represent our organization with professionalism and grace.

3. And, most importantly are you manageable, flexible, cooperative, and willing to work with our volunteer staff and sponsors in preparing for Miss Indiana?

We, as a volunteer staff, want you to know that our mission is not only to bring you the opportunity to win scholarships, but we also want it to be a wonderful experience and a step to the rest of your life's journey toward excellence. To make this a wonderful experience for everyone involved, you will need to work well with others, be very open to suggestions, and be courteous to our volunteer staff and sponsors.

EXPECTATIONS:

- **EVENTS**

- **Local Events:** Most of your job description is being an ambassador to the Michiana/Northwest Indiana area. If you attend school or live in a location where attending some events in the area will not at all be possible, we ask that you please reconsider competing for these local titles. However, we will be realistic with the number of community events our titleholders are expected to attend on an individual basis because this is, after all, a scholarship program and we know school ultimately comes first. We will give you plenty of notice so that you can put these events on your calendar. A few of the annual events Miss Great Lakes – Miss South Bend titleholders participate in are various parades and festivals throughout the year, the South Bend tree lighting ceremony in December, and attending the following year's MGLSB competition to crown your successor.
- **Miss Indiana Scheduled Events:** Also, you must be prepared and available to attend certain pre-scheduled annual events including, but not limited to, attending the mandatory Miss Indiana Kick-off meeting and annual fundraising event in late April/early May, competing in the week-long Miss Indiana state competition in June. The Miss Indiana organization may invite local titleholders to local events in Zionsville throughout the year. Your participation is optional but strongly encouraged.

If you are committed to other major events that interfere with these events, please reconsider competing for this local title.

- **PREPERATION for MISS INDIANA and MISS INDIANA'S OUTSTANDING TEEN**

- As we prepare together for competing at the Miss Indiana competition, here are some examples of what to expect:
- Several mock interviews that will be videotaped, viewed and critiqued by both the reigning titleholder and staff
- A hair and makeup consultation by people and salon of record – even if you already have a personal favorite
- Nutrition and exercise program consultation and follow-through
- Walking coaches with on-stage question practice
- Wardrobe shopping with everything approved by directors
- Talent consultation and coaching as needed; Miss Indiana talent presentation will need to be viewed on at least three occasions by staff

All of these preparations will ultimately help you to be the best prepared you can be at the state competition.

- **FUNDRAISING**

- We, as a volunteer staff, will do everything we can to obtain sponsorships/discounts to help with items you may need for the Miss Indiana competition. However, you need to be prepared to do personal fundraising to cover the preparation, competition, and wardrobe expenses. We will work within the budget you determine to help you choose the best wardrobe possible.

- **PUBLIC IMAGE**

- The MGLSB reigning titleholders should exemplify the qualities of a young woman who holds high ideals of morality and loves meeting people. She is personable and wants to share herself and her platform with the community. She is courteous, professional, friendly, helpful, she sets a good example and understands that she will be in the public eye and looked up to by younger children. She understands that she is representing not only herself, but her local competition organization.

- **FUN**

- As a volunteer staff we are involved in this program because we believe in it and because we enjoy working with you young women! Be prepared for lots of laughs, fun times, encouragements, memories to last a lifetime, new friendships, and overall, a wonderful and memorable experience!

As a matter of formality, should you earn a title and are not fulfilling your duties or eligibility requirements as outlined in this contract or the Miss America Organization rules, your title can be revoked.

I have read and understand the above material and agree that I would like to compete for the MFWNE title(s)

Candidate Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Signature (if under 18): _____

Date: _____

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