



*Mentoring Washington's Young Women to
Become Leaders of Tomorrow!*

Our history:

The Miss America Organization (MAO) was founded in 1921 by the Chamber of Commerce in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Their goal was to extend the tourist season by one week. And now 85 years later, the Miss America Organization has become the largest provider of scholarship dollars for women in the world...45 million! And what is even more exciting is that you don't have to win a title to earn scholarship dollars. The Miss Washington Scholarship Organization is an official preliminary of Miss America. You can find more detailed information at www.missamerica.org.

There has been a long standing desire among many of the states to see a similar program established for younger ladies ages 13 to 17. With a lot of hard work, we conducted our first national Miss America's Outstanding Teen Pageant in August of 2005 in Orlando, Florida. 52 young ladies from every state, the District of Columbia and the U.S. Virgin Islands met for a fun filled week which culminated in the crowning of Meghan Miller from Texas. This August, the Miss America's Outstanding Teen Pageant will happen and our new Miss Washington's Outstanding Teen will represent us with Washington Style! Will it be you, or a young woman you know? You can find more detailed information at www.MWOTeen.org.

For Washington, this will be our 14th Teen Pageant. Our original title was "Miss Teen Washington", at that time; the national pageant had not been formed. Like our parent organization, we wanted to expand our program and provide achievement opportunities through scholarship and personal growth and development for young ladies through pageant workshops and healthy

competition. Our program is about building self-esteem, and recognizing young ladies for their individual accomplishments. Whatever your career goals, the Miss Washington's Outstanding Teen Program will provide you real life skills that will serve you well after your pageant experience.

What ages are the Outstanding Teen Representatives?

You must be 13 years of age on or before the date of your first pageant competition (local or state). You cannot be 18 years of age or older by July 31st of the competition year to compete in our program or any local program.

What is a Teen Forum?

Your journey begins at our Teen Forum. This is a special time where you can make new friends, hear excellent speakers covering great topics all to help you be the best you that you can be. You will learn to enhance your personal platform, interview skills, secrets to walking gracefully, learn helpful etiquette tips and other important life skills from our team of experts, our former titleholders, and other special guest presenters and speakers. For parents, this is a time to learn more about our organization, find out what to expect during pageant week, and participate with your young lady in her journey. You will also learn what will happen at Nationals if/should your daughter become the next Miss Washington's Outstanding Teen.

You'll need to turn in your completed registration packet and all participation fees at check in!

What's involved with the Miss Washington's Outstanding Teen Pageant Weekend?

Pageant weekend will be a busy time with check-in, rehearsals, events, interviews, and preliminary competition in preparation for the pageant. The private interview will take place prior to the on stage competition then it's on to the Competition and the coronation of Miss Washington's Outstanding Teen.

Where will the Miss Washington's Outstanding Teen Pageant be held?

The pageant will be held at the Highline Performing Arts Center in Burien, WA 401 S 152nd St, Burien Wa 98148.

When will the MWAOTeen Pageant be held?

The pageant will be held May 25-26, 2019. Visit www.MWOTeen.org for more details.

What do I have to do in this pageant?

Each contestant must prepare a **Resume and Platform Essay**. These documents are what the judges' use during your 8 minute Private Interview. **Academic achievement** is judged by a separate panel of judges before pageant weekend. Contestants are scored based on their school transcripts and leadership skills. The next phase is the on-stage preliminary competition where you will be judged in **Talent, Evening Wear and On-Stage Question and Lifestyle and Fitness in Sportswear**. Upon the conclusion of competition of the final pageant, our new Miss Washington's Outstanding Teen and Runners-Up are announced.

Platform Issue Essay–

Each contestant must have a Platform or Community Service Initiative. Our program provides a forum for all our contestants where they can raise awareness and affect change for their important Platform Issue. Your Platform Issue essay is a **community service project** or **social issue** that you have been active in or feel strongly about. This issue should be one that you would like to advocate for during your year of service, as Miss Washington's Outstanding Teen.

Contestant Resume-

Each contestant prepares a contestant resume listing their scholastic and career ambitions; scholastic honors; leadership roles; accomplishments and interesting facts. In your resume you will state your marketing plan which is your plan to promote your platform and promote your role as Miss Washington's Outstanding Teen. You will also list your legacy which is detailing what you will want the public and the volunteers to remember about your year of service. And last but not least, stating why you want to be Miss Washington's Outstanding Teen. You must use the Resume Form posted on the MWAOTeen website.

Phases of Competition-

- Private Interview 25% - Talent 35% - Evening Wear & On-Stage Question 20% - Lifestyle & Fitness in Sportswear 10% - Scholastic Achievement 10%

What clothing will I need to participate?

(Please see website for more details on Competition Wardrobe)

Interview Outfit- A “teen stylish outfit” is the preferred look for your interview. Dress as if you were giving a speech to your student body, interviewing for a job at a trendy boutique, or being introduced as the new class president. Your attire should reflect your personality, vibrancy and enthusiasm! MAKE A STATEMENT!

Talent Outfit- Talent dress or costume must be appropriate for the talent being performed. The dress or costume should reflect and enhance the talent performance and not be 100% dominant. The contestant must provide all props or items required for the Talent competition.

Evening Wear or Evening Gown- Your evening gown should be a formal gown which is appropriate attire for an elegant black-tie event or a very formal prom. Your gown must be floor length; however, modest slits in the dress or tiered lengths are also fine. It is important to remember that gowns should be age appropriate. All slits must be approved by the Teen Executive Director.

Back-up Evening Gown- You will want to bring a back up evening gown, just in case. The same consideration should be used when selecting your back up gown as with your primary evening gown.

·Lifestyle and Fitness in Sportswear- You may receive an outfit that a Sponsor has provided or...An announcement will be made at or before Teen Forum about the specific top and bottom style that will be worn. All contestants will wear similar workout attire- an athletic top, black yoga capris and solid white tennis shoes (no stripes or colored logos are allowed).

·Rehearsal Clothes- You will be given a t-shirt at check-in to wear for rehearsal the first day. Nice casual clothes will be appropriate attire for rehearsals. Tops should be full length (please no midriff showing!), comfortable shorts or yoga capris and comfortable shoes or tennis shoes. Shoes will be worn at all times. **NO JEANS!!** Remember, you will be on your feet a lot and will need to be comfortable. Also include a sweater in case it is chilly.

What is the Pinecone Princess Program? The Pinecone Princess program is a mentorship program, designed to benefit young ladies 7 to 11 years of age. The Princess program allows these young ladies to be exposed to the magical world of “Miss America” and “Miss Washington” before they are of competition age. Our program goal is to provide each Pinecone Princesses the opportunity to develop life skills including: manners, etiquette, poise and self-confidence. Each Princess is paired with one of our Outstanding Teen Mentors, giving our teens the chance to be a positive role model while encouraging and inspiring their Princess. Through the Pinecone Princess Program, these mentoring relationships often develop into lasting friendships. ***Must I mentor a Pinecone Princess?*** Our program supports mentorship, if you do not know a Princess you would like to mentor, we can assist you in finding one. This can be a great opportunity for you to experience mentoring and a wonderful opportunity to develop your leadership skills. It can also be a great support system as you go through the Miss Washington’s Outstanding Teen Competition, to have a Princess and her family cheering you on!

How do I find a Pinecone Princess? There are a few ways this can be initiated: You can contact a potential princess that you know through your school, church, baby sitting jobs, youth programs, etc...and ask if she would like to participate in the Pinecone Princess Program.

A princess candidate can contact a Teen Representative and ask the Teen Representative to be her mentor.

We have Princesses who contact our program on their own and request to be paired with one of our Teen Mentors. If you do not have a Princess in mind, we can assist you in finding one. What are the costs? Participation fee for first time contestants is \$725 and for a returning contestant the fee is \$625. You will receive a local title and official MWAOTeen sash. Your participation fee includes entry into Miss Washington's Outstanding Teen Pageant, MWAOTeen official sash, complimentary participation in all

Teen Forum Workshops, personal photo shoot at Teen Forum, tickets to the Pinecone Princess Tea and the Miss Washington's Outstanding Teen Awards Ball. The official MWAOTeen local crowns are optional. You may order one for an additional fee by indicating it on your registration paperwork.

- Parents and/or local pageant directors are responsible for accommodations, meals and transportation of their daughters.
- Optional ~ Photogenic competition
- Production Fee ~ this will announced before Teen Forum.
- Program Book Ad Information Program book ads give our contestants an opportunity to learn about promotion and marketing. We require each Teen to submit at least two ad pages for the Keepsake Program Book and each Princess to submit at least one - 1/2 ad page. Advertising information can be found online on our website. We will have a prize for the most ads sold for Teen and Princess! Have fun and be creative!
- Please contact us with any additional questions. Miss Washington's Outstanding Teen Executive Director Lonagraves03@gmail.com