

## The Miss California Organization

An Official Preliminary To Miss America

### SCHOLARSHIP RULES AND POLICIES FOR GRANTS AWARDED AT THE MISS CALIFORNIA PAGEANTS

- I. Scholarships will be expended on behalf of full-time students (minimum of 12 units) who are enrolled in an accredited college or university...**OR** part-time students (minimum of 6 units) **IF** the recipient is employed 20 or more hours per week and provides proof of employment. Funds are to be used for tuition, fees, and books only. **The check will be made payable to the institution in all cases** (to satisfy IRS tax-exempt rules). When the institution will not bill us, and/or requires the student to pay her fees first before they will certify her registration, an authorization to reimburse her will be sent with the check. The check (made out to the institution) will always be sent to the student for her to hand-deliver to the institution.
- II. Requests for scholarships are processed within 30 days **after** the following four items are received from the contestant:
  1. "Request for Disbursement of Scholarship Award" form - filled out completely
  2. Original receipts or bill statements from the school
  3. Registration certification from the school
  4. Letter or E-Mail from local pageant Executive Director verifying completion of local scholarship.
- III. Funding of a request for other than accredited academic university or college will be contingent upon the Miss California Pageant Scholarship Committee review and approval. Requests for vocational or special training will be considered, **IF** (a) this instruction is undertaken in conjunction with an academic program consisting of 6 or more units, and (b) this vocational or special training was clearly identified on the contestant's application form as an intended vocation. Scholarship funds authorized for vocational training **WILL NOT** pay for:
  - ⇒ More than 25% of the total scholarship awarded
  - ⇒ Private lessons, or additional expenses other than tuition for the school
  - ⇒ More than one vocational school
- IV. Contestants must use the scholarships won at the local level prior to applying for their state scholarship. Contestants must submit a letter from the local pageant chairman that verifies the completion of the local award.
- V. Scholarship checks will be made payable to the college or university (IRS rules) **NO EXCEPTIONS, so don't even ask!** The educational institution receiving these funds will be advised that if any scholarships are to be refunded by the institution for any reason, those amounts will be refunded to the Miss California Pageant and **NOT** to the scholarship recipient.

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- VI.** Contestants may submit invoices for payment directly to the provider of education, or may submit a bill receipt and request reimbursement from the provider (as described in paragraph "I"). All invoices and receipts must be originals. Contestants may not request payment or reimbursement for expenses that are or have been covered through any other financial aid source. Contestants may not request funds for prior obligations.
- VII.** A contestant must begin use of her scholarship within one year of the date of the award. A maximum of **ONE-YEAR EXTENSION** may be granted upon e-mail or written postmarked prior to the expiration of the initial year. If a contestant has no activity in her scholarship account during this one or two-year period, the funds in her account will be forfeited.
- VIII.** A contestant who begins use of her scholarship within the time designated above will then be required to show continuous activity in her scholarship endeavors up to a limit of two years (three years for Miss California) following the date of the first payment. If there occurs a nine-month period in which there is no activity in an account, then the balance of that account will be forfeited.
- IX.** Forfeited scholarships will remain in the scholarship account for future awards.

**THESE FORMS CAN ALSO BE DOWNLOADED FROM THE INTERNET  
AND FILLED OUT ON THE COMPUTER. VISIT US ON THE WEB AT  
[www.misscalifornia.org](http://www.misscalifornia.org)**

**Forms can be found in the "Contestant Information" Section**

**ALL CORRESPONDENCE CONCERNING SCHOLARSHIPS MUST BE SENT TO  
Coleen Rockey, MISS CALIFORNIA SCHOLARSHIPS  
4190 La Fayette Place, Culver City, CA 90232  
E-Mail: [c.rockey@att.net](mailto:c.rockey@att.net) Telephone: (310) 837-4793**

E-Mail messages are preferred. If leaving a phone message, please leave a complete message.  
Immediate "call-backs" should not be expected.

**The Miss California Organization reserves the right to amend and or modify the foregoing  
Scholarship Rules and Policies at any time without notice.**

**I (Contestant) have read and understood the 2011 Miss California Organization Scholarship Rules and  
Policies.**

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**Print Name**

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**Signature**

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**Date**