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The Former Miss America Discretionary Scholarship

funded by The Miss America Foundation, Inc.

Founded in 1921, the Miss America Organization, along with The Miss America Foundation, Inc., is the nation's leading advocate for women's education and the largest provider of scholarship assistance to young women in the United States, awarding millions annually in cash awards and in-kind tuition waivers.

Benefits of MAO's Scholarship Program

Generosity MAO offers a generous timeline of up to 10 years for accessing national scholarship funds.

Flexibility MAO not only provides generous scholarship amounts and usage timelines, but also allows extensions and appeals if the original timelines would prevent a participant from using her scholarship.

"When Miss America 2017 is crowned this September in Atlantic City, she will receive a \$50,000 scholarship to further her education for the decade ahead," said Sam Haskell, MAO's Executive Chairman. "However, many of our Miss Americas wish to further their educational goals after their 10-year scholarship window has expired. Today, we are proud to announce the creation of The Former Miss America Discretionary Scholarship that will allow these incredible women to have this opportunity."

Today more than ever, women from all generations are returning to pursue their education, and this includes our Former Miss Americas. The Former Miss America Discretionary Scholarship, which is being funded by The Miss America Foundation, Inc., will provide eligible Former Miss Americas with the opportunity to apply for up to \$10,000 in scholarships after her 10-year scholarship window has expired. The Miss America Foundation, Inc., will allocate up to \$10,000 per year to fund the scholarship. The inaugural \$10,000 is being funded by a generous gift from Sam and Mary Haskell.

Guidelines & Eligibility

Following their 10-year scholarship window and the expiration of their national scholarship funds, Miss Americas may apply for a personal lifetime limit of up to \$10,000 per each eligible Miss America. To be eligible for consideration, the Miss America must be currently enrolled in an accredited academic institution, as recognized by the IRS and the US Department of Education, with a current and owing tuition statement. The scholarship must address a current need, and all funds must be paid directly to the academic institution.

The Miss America Foundation's Scholarship Committee will annually oversee the application and award process, as well as the amount and frequency of scholarships awarded. Consideration will be based upon eligibility, current enrollment, intended use, number of applicants, and past awards received (pursuant to the personal lifetime limit).

"The Miss America Organization understands that the challenges of paying for a higher education are becoming increasingly difficult, and we are taking our program one step further to enable Former Miss Americas to continue their educational endeavors long after they pass the torch," said Josh Randle, MAO's COO.

For more information, visit www.MissAmericaFoundation.org.



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The Award

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Instructions

All Applications MUST be typed or computer-generated for consideration.

Applications must be received by July 30, 2016 in order to be considered.

Please make sure you have all your information before you apply. We cannot accept an incomplete application under any circumstance. Applications received after the July 30th deadline will not be considered, and a new application must be submitted after January 1st of the following year.

Applicants will be notified by the end of August whether they have been selected as a scholarship recipient. Scholarship recipients will receive a letter in regards to potential tax implications of this award. Scholarship winners are encouraged to discuss inclusion of the scholarship in their income with their tax preparer.

Disbursement of funds will follow the Scholarship Rules & Regulations of The Miss America Foundation.

Please email Jamillah Hamilton at jamillah@missamerica.org if you have any questions.



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APPLICATION

FULL NAME: _____

CURRENT ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: _____

PARENTS/SPOUSE OCCUPATION: _____

NAMES, AGES AND CURRENT
EDUCATIONAL STATUS OF
YOUR SIBLINGS/CHILDREN: _____

Please list all Competitions in the Miss America system in which you competed, and the result (winner, runner-up, not in Top Ten, etc.):

	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAGEANT NAME</u>	<u>RESULT</u>
<u>NATIONAL</u>			
<u>STATE</u>			
<u>LOCAL</u>			



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EDUCATION

HIGH SCHOOL:

Name of High School: _____

Years Attended _____

Grade Point Average _____

List Clubs/Sports/Extracurricular Activities:

Honors:

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY:

Name of College/University: _____

Major field of study: _____

Years attended: _____

Did you graduate? Yes: _____ No: _____

If so, list diploma or degree: _____

Cumulative Grade Point Average: _____

What is your major? _____

What is your minor? _____



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In what courses are presently enrolled?

List Clubs/Sports/Extracurricular Activities:

Honors:

UNDERGRADUATE/GRADUATE SCHOOL:

Name of Undergraduate/Graduate School:

Years attended:

Did you graduate? Yes: _____ No: _____

If so, list diploma or degree:

What degree are you pursuing?



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TUITION INFORMATION**

1. Based upon the school you plan to attend, list below the approximate expenses:

- a. Annual tuition _____
- b. Room and Board (if applicable) _____
- c. Books and supplies _____
- d. Total annual cost _____

2. List below the sources of income you anticipate to meet these expenses:

- a. Savings and cash-on-hand _____
- b. Other scholarships _____
- c. Other assistance _____

CERTIFICATION OF APPLICANT

I certify that the foregoing facts set forth in this application are true and complete. I understand that if any statements contained herein are false, I will not be considered for a scholarship or, if such a scholarship has been granted, that it is subject to forfeiture. I further authorize and give permission to the Miss America Organization, the scholarship committee or their duly authorized representatives to investigate the statements contained in this application, to contact any person or institution named herein, and to request any information it desires with respect thereto.

Applicant

Date

Witness

Date



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Please attach the following and submit to The Miss America Foundation:

The Miss America Foundation
P.O. Box 1919
Atlantic City, NJ 08404-1919
Attention: Jamillah Hamilton

1. Completed typed or computer-generated application.
2. Transcript from your College/University through the most recent semester you completed showing your grade point average.
3. High School transcript and letter of acceptance from University if you have applied, been accepted, but are not yet attending.
4. An essay of not more than 500 words discussing why you wish to continue your education and how the Former Miss America Discretionary Scholarship can help you to attain this goal.
5. Tuition Information sheet. The information requested will help the Scholarship Committee determine your current financial need.
6. You may also provide a copy of the most recent financial aid application filed on your behalf with the university/college or graduate school.
7. Please attach two (2) letters of reference including names, addresses, and telephone numbers from non-relatives who are familiar with your goals and ambitions.

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