

Miss Spokane

Official Preliminary to Miss Washington

2024 Guide Book



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Bing Crosby Theater

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Miss Spokane Mission Statement

The Miss Spokane Scholarship Organization is a nonprofit 501(C)(3) Organization in Spokane, Washington. The organization is completely organized and executed by volunteers who believe in the potential of our community's young women and are dedicated to providing them with unique opportunities for growth. Volunteers raise funds for scholarships, produce the competition, prepare the new titleholders for the state competitions, and facilitate involvement in the community. Miss Spokane has been an integral part of the Spokane area since 1912, and the teen program began in 2004! Each year, the titleholders participate in numerous local and civic events, visit numerous schools, raise funds, and donate countless hours to local charities, all while representing Spokane in the finest light.

Miss Washington Mission Statement

The Miss Washington Scholarship Organization, a not-for-profit corporation, is based in Puyallup, Washington. It is committed to providing the young women of Washington State with the opportunity to enhance their personal and vocational development through scholarship programs and community service. The Miss Washington Scholarship Organization conducts the Miss Washington Program, an official preliminary to the Miss America Program, as well as the Miss Washington's Teen Program, an official preliminary to the Miss America's Teen Program.

Miss America Mission Statement

Preparing great women for the world. Preparing the world for great women.

Contestant Qualifications

The following 2024 contestant qualifications have been set forth by the Miss America Organization:

- Must be born between 1996–2006 (ages 18–28).
- Must be a citizen of the United States of America.
- Must be a high school graduate or successfully completed G.E.D. by July 31, 2024.
- Must be a female, never married, not pregnant nor a parent or adoptive parent of any child.
- Must meet geographic eligibility (only ONE is required and must be maintained through the competition and year of service). A contestant does not have to fulfill all three of the following statuses, but she must fulfill at least one:
 - A. Residency Status: Reside east of the Cascades.
 - B. Student Status: Accepted and successfully registered to physically attend classes at an accredited college, university, or technical school east of the Cascades as a full-time student.
 - C. Employment Status: A full-time employee of a company located east of the Cascades.
- Is not a current contestant, participant, or titleholder in any other local, state, regional, national, or international competition similar in nature to the Miss America Program.

Additional Requirements:

- Must attend all rehearsals.
- Pay a \$39.99 (per year) Miss America registration fee.
- Pay a \$100 (early bird)/\$150 (regular) Miss Spokane's registration fee
- Pay \$35–\$42 (plus tax + Shipping) Rebel Athletic top

EARLY BIRD DEADLINE: JANUARY 1

ENTRY DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 9

Additional details and qualifications are listed on MissSpokane.org and the Miss America Local & State Contestant Contract. The Miss Spokane entry form is also listed on the website.

Schedule Overview - FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 - Entry Deadline - Fashion Show Entry Deadline	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 - Little Sister Deadline	17
18 - Rehearsal - Headshots - Fashion Show	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 - Paperwork Due	26	27	28	29 - Magazine Ads Due		

Schedule Overview - MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 - Talent Music Due
3 - Rehearsal - Optional Awards Due	4 - Peoples Choice Voting	5 - Peoples Choice Voting	6 - Peoples Choice Voting	7 - Peoples Choice Voting	8 - Peoples Choice Voting	9 - Private Interviews
10 - On Stage Competition	11 - New titleholder meeting (tentative)	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Schedule Details

January 1: Early Bird Entry Deadline

Entry fee must be paid on/before January 1 to qualify for discount.

February 9: Fashion Show Entry Deadline

Contestant must be registered on/before February 9 with fees paid to model in the 2024 Fashion Show.

February 9: Contestant Entry Deadline

February 18: Rehearsal, Headshots, Fashion Show

Standards of Conduct Contract must be signed at/before 10am on February 18 (or before first optional event participated in as a contestant).

- Time: 10am-1:30pm (rehearsal); 2pm (Fashion Show)
- Location: The Women's Club of Spokane – 1428 W 9th Ave, Spokane, WA 99204
- To Bring:
 - Shoes/heels/jewelry etc. needed for Fashion Show
 - Shoes/heels needed for walking rehearsal
 - Water bottle
 - Anything the contestant would like us to help her with or look at (paperwork, wardrobe, talent music, etc.)
- To Wear: Headshot outfit (see headshot requirements)
- Parents, friends, family, etc. are not permitted to attend rehearsal/headshots. However, they are encouraged to attend the 2024 Fashion Show (see Fashion Show information page for additional details).

February 25: Paperwork Due

- Production & Talent Form
- Resume
- Social Impact Initiative Statement

February 29: Magazine Ads Due

March 2: Talent Music Due

March 3: Rehearsal & Miss America Contract Due

Contestants will practice all choreography and walking patterns, perform their talents, practice an on stage question, and complete a practice interview with practice judges. Contestant numbers will be selected.

- Time: 10am-3:30pm
- Location: The Hive – 2904 E Sprague Ave, Spokane, WA 99202
- To Bring:
 - All shoes
 - Lunch/snacks
 - Water bottle
 - Talent props (if applicable)
 - Miss America Contract & Attachments (printed)
- To Wear: Athletic Outfit & Tennis Shoes
- Parents, friends, family, etc. are not permitted to attend rehearsal.

March 3: Optional Awards Submissions Due

March 4-8: People's Choice Voting

March 9: Private Interviews

- Time: Individual times will be given based on contestant number chosen at rehearsal.
 - Contestants will be given a "ready by" time and an "interview" time. The contestant must

be at the interview location, ready to go, on or before her “ready by” time.

- If a contestant is not present at her assigned interview time, she will receive a score of zero for the interview phase of competition.
- Contestants will interview in number order, no exceptions.
- Location: The Hive – 2904 E Sprague Ave, Spokane, WA 99202
 - Each contestant is allowed to have 1 adult wait for them in the lobby of the building.

March 10: On Stage Competition

- Time: All Day (the following schedule may be adjusted based on final number of contestants)
 - 9am-10am: Dressing Room Move In | *Contestants are allowed to move their belongings in at any time during this time frame and must be fully moved in and in their opening number outfit by 10am. Contestants may NOT be at/in the venue earlier than 9am. Parents/helpers may bring luggage to the theater door but may not enter the theater, no exceptions. The backstage theater door will be marked with a Miss Spokane sign.*
 - 9am-10am: Free Stage Time | *Contestants will be able to practice their walking patterns and talents on stage (first come, first serve - theater sound system and microphones are not be accessible at this time; please plan accordingly and bring a phone to play your background track, if applicable).*
 - 10am-1pm: Dress Rehearsal | *Contestants will only be allowed to run their talent once, unless production decides to allow one additional semi or full rehearsal due to technical error (not due to contestant error).*
 - 3pm: Showtime

- Location: Bing Crosby Theater – 901 W Sprague Ave, Spokane, WA 99201
- A light dinner and water bottles will be provided for contestants. Contestants are welcome to bring their own food as the organization may not be able to cater to all food allergies.
- Contestants are not permitted to leave the theater at any time after they arrive until the conclusion of the competition.
- Parents, friends, family, hairstylist, etc. are not allowed into the theater or dressing rooms at any time before or after the event. If a contestant would like her hair/makeup professionally done, this will need to be done prior to arrival at the theater.
- Audience members are welcome to bring signs, lights, or cheering accessories. No glitter is allowed. Audience members with signs, lights, or other cheering accessories must be courteous of those sitting behind them. If cheering items become an issue, they will be removed and returned after the event.
- Only immediate family of the newly crowned titleholder will be allowed on stage for photos following the competition.
- No professional photography or videography is allowed in the theater.

March 11: New Titleholder Meeting (Tentative)

- Time: To Be Announced
- Location: To Be Announced
- Parent(s)/guardian(s) are welcome to attend. Please, no other friends or family.

Phases of Competition

Private Interview - 30% of total score

This is the first phase of competition to take place. Each contestant interviews for 10 minutes, seated at a board table with panel of 5-7 judges. The contestant will have a 30 second opening, 9 minute interview, and a 30 second wrap up/closing statement. Wardrobe is the contestant's choice - fashionable interview attire. Contestants are questioned on their background as presented on their resume, their community service initiative (or CSI), educational and career goals, opinions on current events/social issues, interests, hobbies extracurricular activities, etc.

Talent - 20% of total score

Each contestant performs a routine of up to 90 seconds of her own choosing, in her choice of wardrobe. Talent must be approved by the Miss Spokane Scholarship Organization and listed on the "Approved Performance Arts Talent List" created by the Miss America Organization. The talent must be performed solo on stage.

Health & Fitness - 20% of total score

Each contestant appears on stage in a fitness outfit (not swim suite). This phase of competition is where the delegate showcases her commitment to health and fitness initiatives. A contestant's discipline and commitment to being physically healthy is a key to success in all other areas of life, and representing the Miss America program.

Evening Wear - 20% of total score

Each contestant appears on stage in an outfit of her own choosing, representative of what she would wear to a formal "after five" social event. Neither the gown itself nor the estimated cost of the gown will be considered in scoring.

On Stage Question - 10% of total score

This question is asked following the opening number in her Private Interview attire. This is the first phase of the on stage competition. Contestants will respond to one on stage question. Questions may touch on an aspect of Miss America's Teen brand, mission statement, or the four points (Style, Service, Scholarship, Success) of the foundation. Responses should not be longer than 20 seconds.

Wardrobe Requirements

Opening Number

Allsolidblack! Can be a dress, jumpsuit, pant/top, skirt/top, etc. Contestant must be able to dance and raise her arms. No strapless, no floor length gowns, no crop tops, no midriff. Black heels or black flats. Accessories may be black, silver, gold, or bronze. No bracelets. Any belts must be black (can have silver, gold, or bronze buckle). Any shorts must have minimum 5" inseam.

Private Interview

Dresses, pants, skirts, etc. Be fun and fashionable (no old school suits!). Not casual (no jeans) and not formal (no cocktail/gowns). Contestant must be able to sit in it.

Talent

Appropriate for the contestant's talent – show personality!

Evening Wear

Representative of what the contestant would wear to a formal, black tie event (such as a gala or prom).

On-Stage Question

The contestant will wear her private interview outfit (no changes).

Health & Fitness

The Miss America Organization requires all local contestants to wear a Rebel Athletic top at the local level for the fitness competition. Miss Spokane and Miss Spokane's Teen contestants may choose between the Rebel Tank in red, Longline Sports Bra in red, Longline Racerback Sports Bra in red, or V Neck Sports Bra in red. It is the contestant's responsibility to order her fitness top, making sure that it arrives on time and fits properly prior to the competition. Contestants will pair the top with white tennis shoes and solid black athletic bottoms of their choice (biker/compression shorts, running shorts, golf/tennis skirt, or yoga pants - these do not need to be ordered from Rebel).

Tips:

- *Double check the fit – nothing too large, too small, too long, too short, or too revealing.*
- *Represent your personality.*
- *Double check that nothing is see-through in lights.*

Wardrobe Do's & Do Not's

Private Interview & On Stage Question



Opening Number



Wardrobe Do's & Do Not's

Talent



Evening Wear



Theater Packing Checklist

Allowed Items:

- Up to 2 garment bags (if needed, place smaller bags inside of larger bag and use rubber band to secure multiple hangers together)
- 1 suitcase
- 1 small bag (purse, tote, makeup case, etc.)
- Snacks and water
- No more than one backup outfit per phase of competition

Not Allowed:

- Cell phone (must be put away during rehearsal and competition)
- Scented body lotions and perfumes
- Garment rack
- Large/full body mirrors
- Large or commercial size steamers

All competition wardrobe, shoes, accessories, undergarments (including any backups)

Hair products, hair styling tools

Makeup, makeup brushes, makeup wipes

Static cling spray, lint roller, sewing kit, body tape

Robe and slippers/flip flops

Deodorant, breath mints

Please have all wardrobe pressed/steamed prior to arrival.

Wardrobe Packing Checklist

Phase	Outfit	Undergarments	Shoes	Accessories
Interview				
Interview Backup				
Opening				
Opening Backup				
Talent				
Talent Backup				
Red Carpet				
Red Carpet Backup				

Personal Introduction

At the beginning of the competition, each contestant will individually introduce herself to the audience.

The introduction should be brief and must include:

- Name (first & last)
- Age
- Grade/school/degree
- Career/career goal (optional)

The introduction should not include:

- Contestant number
- Social Impact Initiative

Examples:

- Currently a 19-year-old freshman attending Gonzaga University pursuing a degree in Communications, I am Sally Sue.
- Currently a 23-year-old graduate of Gonzaga University, working as a real estate broker helping people achieve home ownership – I am Sally Sue.

Health & Fitness Choreography

All contestants will perform a simple posing routine, individually on stage.

Ticket Sales

Tickets will be sold through Tickets West. Seating will be open (no reserved seats – unless a contestant wins the ticket sales competition!) Tickets purchased in advance will be \$20 (plus processing fees) for all ages – children under the age of 1 are free. Tickets sold at the door may be at a higher price. Parents/family do not receive free or discounted tickets. Ticket sales are part of how we fundraise. Thank you for understanding.

People's Choice

People's choice is a free, online voting competition through social media. Contestant headshots will be uploaded to Miss Spokane Scholarship Organization social media account(s). 1 Like = 1 Vote. The People's Choice competition has no bearing on the outcome of the Miss Spokane Competition.

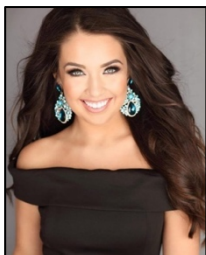
Prize: The contestant with the most votes will receive a cash prize.

Headshots

Contestant headshots will be taken by a professional photographer on February 18. These photographs will be published on the website, social media, competition opening video, program book, and given to the competition judges.

Wardrobe Requirements: Solid color **BLACK** shirt/top/dress; no crowns/headpieces; no revealing cleavage; no showing bra straps. Colored jewelry is allowed.

Examples:



Awards

The Miss Spokane Scholarship Organization is a 501(C)(3) scholarship program run completely by volunteers. Each year, the amount of scholarship awarded on stage is determined by the final number of contestants as well as the amount raised that year. This money is raised through sponsors/donations, magazine sales, show tickets, etc. A list of awards typically given each year can be found on the website.

Fashion Show

Date: Sunday, February 18

Location: The Women's Club of Spokane – 1428 W 9th Ave, Spokane, WA 99204

Time: Approximately 2pm (doors open at 1:30pm)

Seating: Open seating

Tickets: \$15 all ages if purchased in advance (lap infants under the age of 1 are free); if tickets are available at the door, they may be at a higher price. The link to purchase tickets will be announced on social media and emailed out to participants. Contestants do not need a ticket for the event. Parents/family do not receive free or discounted tickets. Ticket sales are part of how we fundraise. Thank you for understanding.

Additional Information:

- Contestants are responsible for doing their own hair and makeup prior to arrival.
- There is a contestant rehearsal prior to the Fashion Show (see schedule); contestant headshots will also be taken during rehearsal (see headshot requirements).
- Fittings will take place between February 10–15 (tentative) on a sign up basis.
- Contestants are to wear nude/beige colored undergarments to her fitting(s) and will treat the vendor's clothing delicately and with the utmost respect
- Contestant outfit(s) for the fashion show will be chosen for her by a vendor who is graciously donating his or her time and clothing to be worn during the fashion show – contestants are not to debate with vendors regarding chosen outfits.

Program Book Magazines

All contestants must sell a minimum ½ page of advertisements.

Prices: \$100 half page, \$150 full page

See Magazine Ad Order Form document for detailed information.

Examples: Companies, contestant features, friends & family, good luck pages.

Helpful Hints:

- Ask early! Do not wait until the last minute!
- Go in person, don't just call or send an email.
- Show examples – we have copies of previous magazines available for pickup that you can use as an example when approaching potential purchasers.
- Ask local businesses, family members, and friends.
- Make sure they know that ALL the money raised goes towards the nonprofit scholarship program, primarily the scholarships awarded.
- Let them know that Miss Spokane Scholarship Organization is a non-profit 501(C)(3) organization.

Ad Sales Competition:

- **Prize:** The contestant who raises the highest dollar amount of advertisements will get:
 - To choose her contestant number.
 - VIP reserved seating for her cheering section (a designated number of reserved seats, not free tickets)
- In the case of a highest dollar amount tie, the tie breaker will be highest total number of ads sold. If still a tie, the next tie breaker will be whoever had all ads turned in and paid for at the earliest date.
- All advertisements must be turned in and paid for on time.
- Please DO NOT approach any current Miss Spokane Scholarship Organization sponsors – a list of current sponsors can be found on the website.

Program magazines will be sold at the competition for \$10 each, cash preferred – credit card processing fees will apply.

Miss Spokane Qualities & Attributes

- Highly articulate, attractive and talented
- Ready and willing to commit to a year of service to the job of Miss Spokane with a strong work ethic
- Ready to commit to preparing for the Miss Washington state competition
- Possess the confidence, maturity, presence, and patience to captivate, engage and maintain the attention of people of all ages
- Ready to promote and fundraise for the Miss Spokane Scholarship Organization and other fundraisers throughout the year and her social impact initiative at local and state levels
- "Face and Voice" of the Miss Spokane Scholarship Organization and its volunteers, contestants and sponsors
- Be creative innovative and possess a good sense of judgment in participating and representing the title of Miss Spokane on social media
- Trustworthy with a true sense of self
- Potential commercial spokesperson for sponsors
- Non-programmed, fresh and approachable
- Charismatic, dynamic and humble
- Mature enough to handle the job, all of its responsibilities and the expectations of a local titleholder
- Manageable, punctual, flexible, gracious, coachable, and willing to listen; disciplined
- Dynamic and energetic – that "it" quality that is hard to define
- In good health with the stamina to work long days when needed
- Will dedicate her year to being all of the above and becoming her very best self with potential to become the state titleholder
- Purpose, personality, people skills, and professional

Little Sister Program

The Little Sister Program exists to provide young girls with the opportunity to become acquainted with the Miss America Organization. This program helps girls gain confidence and poise, which, in turn, enhances their self-esteem. This is not a competition.

Qualifications:

- Age 5-11 on March 10, 2024.
- Resident of Eastern Washington or North Idaho.

What They Do:

- Participate in the Fashion Show Fundraiser.
- Participate on stage in a dance production.
- Are crowned on stage by a titleholder.
- Are invited to any appearances deemed appropriate throughout the year (parades, festivals, events, etc.)

What They Receive:

- A Little Sister party.
- An official Miss America Organization Princess Tiara.
- Production dance accessories.
- An official Miss Spokane Scholarship Organization T-Shirt.

What Is Required:

- Attend two rehearsals.
- Provide their own pants, tank, and tennis shoes for the on stage dance production.
- Provide their own party dress for crowning.

ENTRY DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 16

*Additional information and entry forms are available at
MissSpokane.org > Little Sister Program*

Notes

My contestant number: _____

My interview "ready by" time: _____

*This is the time I must be at the interview location, ready to go for my private interview.

My interview start time: _____

*This is the time my private interview with the judges will begin.

Miss Washington 2024 Spring Forum:

May 3-5 in Olympia, WA

Miss Washington 2024 Competition:

June 30th - July 6th in Olympia, WA

Notes