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## SEATTLE SCHOLARSHIP ORGANIZATION, INC

### RULES AND REGULATIONS

This program is sponsored by the Seattle Scholarship Organization, Inc, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization formed for the purpose of sponsoring the Miss Seattle Scholarship Pageant. Miss Seattle, Miss Emerald City, Miss Seattle's Outstanding Teen, and Miss Emerald City's Outstanding Teen will be selected from a group of contestants according to the Miss America system of judging and results shall be declared by a Certified Public Accountant or equivalent at the conclusion of the pageant.

These rules and regulations enumerate both standards for entry into the competition as well as expectations for the selected titleholders. The Seattle Scholarship Organization, Inc.'s Board of Directors ("SSO Board") makes all final decisions regarding the rules of the competition, as well as rules and procedures that apply to the newly selected titleholders. It is very important that all contestants and responsible parents understand that whoever is crowned must abide by the SSO Board's decisions concerning the Year of Service. This includes, but is not limited to, the following: what you will wear, who your chaperone will be, the official activities in which you will, and other such responsibilities relating to your title. You or your parents DO NOT make these decisions. The SSO Board makes these decisions. Anything you do contrary to these rules could result in the loss of your title. All coaching sessions with any outside coaches/music teachers/interview preparation ***must*** be approved prior to the scheduled appointment - this is an official Miss America Organization rule.

You will make no appearance as a titleholder without prior approval from the SSO Board. An approved chaperone must accompany all appearances. This is for your safety and protection! This rule applies particularly to News/Media appearances and interviews. Your chaperone must be present for all media questions and answers.

The titleholders will be given a calendar with deadline dates with regard to wardrobe choices, purchases, and all relevant activities for preparation for the state pageant. Your choices **MUST BE APPROVED** by the SSO Board. **ALL** wardrobe purchases and alterations will be completed and approved prior to the state pageant. There will be **NO EXCEPTIONS** or changes without the express approval of the SSO Board once you arrive at the state pageant.



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**1. FILING OF APPLICATIONS:** Applications may be completed online by visiting [www.MissSeattle.org](http://www.MissSeattle.org) or [www.MissEmeraldCity.org](http://www.MissEmeraldCity.org).

**2. PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS:** The SSO Board will determine eligibility of applicants as related to residence, age, schooling and other general rules of the contest. Eligibility will comply with requirements set forth by the Miss America Organization and Miss America's Outstanding Teen Organization.

**3. TEEN COMPETITION ENTRY FEE:** Teen contestants must submit a \$100 competition entry fee to the pageant. This fee is due on the same date that the contestant paperwork is due. This entry fee is non-refundable except for situations outside of the contestant's control that would prevent her from competing. Examples of events which would permit a refund include, but are not necessarily limited to, the death of immediate family member, an injury preventing the contestant from competing, the contestant's hospitalization or serious illness requiring *immediate* medical attention, or receiving a title in another Miss America Organization local pageant.

**4. COMPLIANCE WITH RULES AND REGULATIONS:** The applicant's signature on the application will be considered as evidence that the applicant has read and agrees to abide by all the rules and regulations of the pageant, and that the applicant agrees to attend all announced meetings and rehearsals. You must understand that failure to follow these rules without just cause maybe cause of elimination from the pageant. **"JUST CAUSE"** absences must be cleared in advance by the SSO Board to be considered acceptable.

**5. CANNOT REPEAT:** Whoever is crowned as Miss Seattle, Miss Emerald City, Miss Seattle's Outstanding Teen, and Miss Emerald City's Outstanding Teen WILL NOT be allowed to compete in that particular title for the next two consecutive pageant seasons.

**6. AGE, SEX, AND SCHOOL STATUS:** All Miss America and Miss America's Outstanding Teen rules apply. The SSO Board will conduct an eligibility check to ensure that every contestant is competing in the correct category. Any unique situations will be confirmed with the Miss Washington/Miss Washington's Outstanding Teen executive directors to ensure compliance with all Miss America/Miss America's Outstanding Teen requirements.

**7. RESIDENCY:** Miss Seattle must live, work, or attend school as a full-time student in the Greater Seattle Area. Specific boundaries are determined by the SSO Board. Miss Emerald City must live, work, or attend school as a full-time student in the State of Washington. Miss Seattle's Outstanding Teen and Miss Emerald City's Outstanding Teen are both open to all eligible residents of the State of Washington. Specific eligibility must conform to the Miss America/Miss America's Outstanding Teen rules and regulations.



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**8. PERSONAL STATUS:** Applicant must be single, never having been married, or never have had a marriage annulled. Applicants must never have birthed a child. Applicants must not be considered a legal guardian for any other person. Applicants must have been born female and must be a United States Citizen. Upon conclusion of the Pageant, since marriage or pregnancy could interfere with the fulfilling of a contestant's responsibility to the Miss Seattle Scholarship Pageant, any member of the court who marries or becomes pregnant will automatically forfeit their position. She will also return her crown to the Executive Board. In such cases, the Board of Directors will determine the course of action to be followed.

**9. GOOD MORAL CHARACTER:** Each applicant or contestant must be of good moral character and must not have been convicted of a crime, minor traffic infractions excluded.

**10. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE TITLEHOLDER AND HER COURT:** After final selection of the titleholders and their court, each member shall portray good conduct, morals, and good manners. They should conduct themselves with dignity and at all times be a credit to the organization and to the community she represents. Failure to follow these rules will be considered cause for dismissal from the position she holds.

**11. TITLEHOLDERS FUTURE RESPONSIBILITIES:** Following her selection as a titleholder, she will be required to make future appearances on behalf of her title as well as a representative of the city of Seattle. Any exceptions to such requested appearances must be approved by the Board of Directors. If the following appearances and responsibilities occur and an appearance request is made, then items listed below are considered mandatory for the titleholder(s):

- Miss Washington Pageant, Miss Washington's Outstanding Teen Pageant and all related activities
- All sponsor events/appearances and requests.
- Send-Off Celebration for the Miss Washington and Miss Washington's Outstanding Teen pageants
- Pike Place Market Appearance/Photoshoot
- Emerald Downs
- Torchlight Parade
- Various Seafair Activities
- Bite of Seattle
- Westlake Tree Lighting Celebration
- Salvation Army Celebrity Bell Ringing
- Following year's fundraiser and autograph signing
- Following year's orientation meeting
- Following year's rehearsals and pageant



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**12. TITLEHOLDER WILL SEND THANK-YOU NOTES TO SPONSORS.** Titleholders will send handwritten thank-you notes to all pageant sponsors within two weeks of her crowning. Titleholders will send handwritten thank-you notes to state sponsors within two weeks of the state pageant. Titleholders will send handwritten thank-you notes to appearance contacts within two weeks of each appearance. The SSO Board will provide a list of names and addresses to the titleholder.

**13. TITLEHOLDER WILL HAVE PROFESSIONAL AUTOGRAPH PICTURES MADE FOR APPEARANCES.** The specifications shall come from the Executive Director.

**14. TITLEHOLDER WILL MAKE A MINIMUM OF TEN (10) PUBLIC APPEARANCES DURING THE YEAR.** There may also be other events that the Board may need the titleholder to attend. Missed appearances could result in the loss of your title.

**15. CLOTHING CHOICES FOR APPEARANCES:** All clothing will be approved by the executive director or assigned board member before any and all appearances.

**16. COMPETITION ATTIRE CHOICES:** All clothing will be approved by the executive director or assigned board member before going to the state competition. Last minute changes not approved by the Board of Directors may result in forfeit of title and the Board of Directors will inform the State Director of these unapproved changes.

**17. TITLEHOLDERS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR ALL PHOTO SESSIONS.**

**18. TITLEHOLDERS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR ANY AND ALL FUND-RAISERS FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR**

**19. ALL PAGEANT SPONSORS AND NEW CONTACTS REMAIN WITH THE ORGANIZATION AND MAY ONLY BE CONTACTED WITH BOARD APPROVAL.** Current sponsors may not be approached without the Executive Director.

**20. ABDICATION OR DISQUALIFICATION:** In the event the titleholder should abdicate or be disqualified, the first runner-up may become the recognized titleholder until the next titleholder is crowned the following year.

**21. RESTRICTED ACTIVITIES:** Once the application is accepted to participate in the competition, the contestant agrees not to participate in any other pageant or activity which conflicts with the Miss Seattle Scholarship Pageant. Failure to follow this rule will be considered cause for elimination from this pageant. In the event a contestant does not adhere to this rule the Board of



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Directors shall determine the course of action to be taken. Also, please note that failure to follow this rule could result in making you ineligible to compete in other local Miss Washington preliminary pageants. At their discretion, the Board of Directors may approve certain specific conflicts on a case by case basis.

**22. CONSENT OF PARENTS OR GUARDIANS:** An applicant under eighteen (18) years of age must have the written permission of her parents or legal guardians to participate in the pageant. The notarized signature of the parents or legal guardians on the application shall be considered as their consent.

**23. MANAGEMENT CONTRACT OF ENDORSEMENTS:** By signing this application, each applicant agrees that if she is selected as the titleholder in the Pageant she will not sign a management contract with any individual, business, or corporation; that she will not give any verbal or written endorsements of any mercantile commodity or any commercial organization; nor will she permit any service not associated with the organization without the express written permission from the SSO Board.

**24. JUDGING PROCEDURE:** Announced decision of the judges will be final. Documents pertaining to those decisions will be destroyed.

**25. DRESSING ROOM TO BE CLOSED:** During the course of the dress rehearsal and the pageant competition, the dressing room will be closed to everyone except contestants, pageant officials and official pageant assistants. **THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS.**

**26. PAGEANT DAY AND NIGHT:** All contestants will report to the interview location (TBA) thirty (30) minutes prior to their assigned interview time. You will be expected to be **COMPLETELY DRESSED AND WAITING 30 MINUTES BEFORE THE TIME YOU ARE GIVEN.** It is crucial that you are **ON TIME.** Food and beverage may be provided at the theater. Everything you will need for the full pageant must accompany you to the theatre. **YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE THEATRE FOR ANY REASON.** All contestants will remain sequestered backstage until the conclusion of the pageant. **NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!!!** You may bring some comfortable clothes to lounge in for rehearsal. Throughout the pageant, you are expected to move with utmost haste, to always be alert for cues, and ready to do your performance. You are **ALWAYS** expected to be prepared and on time for your cue.

**27. TIMELY COMMUNICATION:** All contestants must timely respond to communications with the local and state Board of Directors. Timely communication is considered within 24-hours of a phone call, text message, e-mail, or written notice.



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**28. SOCIAL MEDIA:** If requested by any board member, any post to social media must be immediately removed including photographs, posts, articles, status updates, etc. As a titleholder, you must use only the official titleholder social media account to promote any pageant related activities. This includes, but is not limited to: Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram. Contestants must not set-up any official accounts. Use of Snapchat as a titleholder in an official capacity is strictly prohibited by the Miss America Organization.

**29. EXPECTATIONS FOR BEHAVIOR OF TITLEHOLDERS:** As a representative of the SSO and a participant in the Miss America Organization/Miss America's Outstanding Teen Organization, a high level of maturity and personal decorum is expected. This extends beyond public appearances to the personal relationships between the titleholder, her sister queens and their families, volunteers at the local, state, and national level, and all other individuals involved. Conduct that is unbecoming of a titleholder, in a public or private setting, is not to be tolerated. If conduct is an issue, the SSO Board may revoke privileges, cancel appearances, and, if necessary and appropriate, may remove an individual's title.



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These are the Rules and Regulations of the Miss Seattle, Miss Emerald City, Miss Seattle's Outstanding Teen, and Miss Emerald City's Outstanding Teen Scholarship Pageant. Please complete your contestant folder using the checklist and return your folder to the Executive Directors no later than January 17, 2019. **You must submit all of your completed paperwork and submit competition entry fees by the deadline. You must mail or hand deliver the paperwork packet. If mailing, postmark deadline is January 14, 2019. If paperwork is not received before January 17, 2019, you may not be accepted as a contestant in the 2019 competition.**

**Paperwork may be mailed to:**

Ross Amkraut do Porto  
1215 Seneca Street, #501  
Seattle, Washington 98101

OR

Ross Amkraut do Porto  
C/O Amazon  
202 Westlake Avenue North  
Seattle, Washington 98109

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Contestant Printed Name

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Contestant Signature

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Date

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Parent/Guardian of Contestant Printed Name (Teen and Miss under 18)

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Parent/Guardian of Contestant Signature (Teen and Miss under 18)

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Date