

Miss Mt. Pleasant

CONTESTANT SCHEDULE

Wed, April 10 th	7:30pm	Signed Contract/Competition fee due, pick number at the City Hall.
Mon, April 15 th	5:30pm	Pictures(Location TBA)
Mon, April 22 nd	6:30pm	Resume/Platform Essay due
Wed, April 24 th	7pm	Mock Interviews at City Hall-come in interview wear
Mon, April 29 th	6:30pm	Production workshop at High School
Wed, May 1 st	6:30pm	Rehearsal at High School
Wed, May 8 th	6:30pm	Rehearsal at High School
Wed, May 15 th	6:30	Production/Fitness rehearsal at high school
Thur, May 16 th	6:30pm	Talent rehearsal at High School
Fri, May 17 th	7pm	Dress rehearsal at High School
Sat, April 28 th	2pm 7:00 pm	Interviews at City hall Pageant Starts-Be to High School no later than 6:30. Doors open for spectators at 6:00.

Instructions for Preparing Contestant Platform Statement

The judges will receive exactly what is submitted. Any items submitted that do not fit the established criteria will be returned for correction only once. Any items that do not meet the criteria or are submitted after the deadline will not be given to the judges. If your Platform Statement arrives on the day of the deadline, but does not meet the criteria, there will not be time to return it to you; **therefore, it will not be given to the judges.** The contestant may explain the lack of judging material during the interview, if she so chooses.

Contestants: Discuss your personal platform

(See Sample essay.)

1. Set margins for 1" on all four sides. The font style may not be any smaller than "10" and no larger than "12" point type using the Times New Roman font style.

2. With the justification set for left, type "**Name:**" in Bold. Following the colon(:), press the space bar twice. Then, type your name as you wish the judges to know it.

3. Double space down. Set your justification to "Center". Then type in **Bold and underline** the title of your Platform.

4. Double space down. Write what you feel is critical for the judge's to know about your platform and why it is necessary for you to have the position of Miss Mt. Pleasant to promote this platform. What you write will be what the judges know about your platform, your role in successfully dealing with this platform, and the role Miss Mt. Pleasant may play in your plan.

5. Remember to include in the platform Statement what **you** can do to get the message out and get more of your friends and other teens interested in the Miss Mt. Pleasant Program.

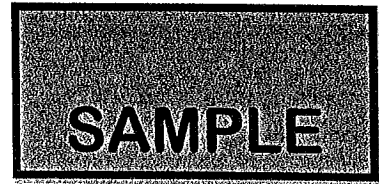
6. Remember to single space the text that you are typing.

7. This essay may include some of the following suggested items (this is not to be meant as an all-inclusive list)...remember, this is **your** platform statement:

- A clear definition of your platform and the specific issues you wish to address
- A plan on how you have or will create awareness of the platform
- The way in which you have or will change attitudes regarding the issue
- The way in which you have or will change behaviors related to this issue
- Any significant accomplishments you already have made in regard to your issue

8. At the bottom of the page, you MUST set the justification to the right. Type a line of 26 spaces. Below that line, you must type Signature/Date Once you have printed the document, you must sign and date this document.

Name: Deborah Smith



Celebrating Inclusivity

It is imperative that our nation face and embrace its cultural diversity. While many people have talked about this issue, I believe that most of them have only paid lip service to the true necessity of what needs to be addressed related to including all the family members at the table. There is a false truth in merely accepting and tolerating cultural diversity. I intend to prove that in order to accept and understand people of other cultures, we must be willing to step out of our own personal cultural comfort zones and identify the origin of their prejudice. I will specifically focus on three areas: Children, Communities, and Businesses.

Currently, the term "Cultural Diversity" is well known in the halls of institutions of higher learner and, perhaps, even in the public school classroom because of the need for educators and learners to be politically correct. But in order for us to make a true change in attitudes and behaviors of Americans, we must move beyond talk and into action and change in public policy.

I plan to continue motivating the media and to partner with the National Conference for Community and Justice. This organization has chapters in every major city in the nation and, in many cases, those chapters have community leaders involved who can, with encouragement and challenging, bring this issue out of hiding and into the public light in each of those communities.

Obviously the media and the NCCJ already exist. However, what is lacking is a lightning rod to draw attention to this issue. This is where I could step into the lead as Miss America's Outstanding Teen. What better role is there for a national titleholder than to be an agent of change in organizing our nation to accept our differences and to create an environment that values each person on individual characteristics rather than on stereotypes or assumptions?

Miss America's Outstanding Teen should not be seen as just another pretty face. Yes, she should be attractive, and yes, she should attract the leaders of the future to pay attention to her. Our country's ethnic make-up is changing rapidly and our citizen's fear of terrorism can explode already existing, but deeply hidden prejudices. I want to be the leader that our country needs to continue tackling this issue.

Signature/Date

Instructions for Preparing Contestant Resume

Remember this is your opportunity to demonstrate to the judges why they should consider you for the position of Miss Mt. Pleasant. You may list as many or as few items under each category as you desire. The judges will receive your resume exactly as it is submitted. Do not put your age on the Resume!

1. Set margins for 1" on all four sides. The font style may not be any smaller than "10" and no larger than "12" point type, using the Times Roman font style.
2. With justification set left, type "**Name:**" in **bold**. Following the colon (:), press the tab key two or three times. Then, type your name as you wish the judges to know it.
3. Double, space down. Type "**Platform Issue:**" in **bold**. Following the colon (:), press the tab key two or three times. Then type the title of your platform, making sure it lines up with the other information above it. Do not type anything other than the platform title.
4. Double, space down. Type "**Scholastic/Career Ambition:**" in **bold**. Following the colon (:), press the tab key two or three times. Then type the type of degree/education you would ultimately like to achieve, make sure it lines up with the other information above it. Beneath that, list your career ambition.
5. Double, space down. Type "**Talent:**" in **bold**. Following the colon (:), press the tab key two or three times. Type the type of talent you will perform and specific selection, making sure it lines up with the information above it. (e.g., Pop Vocal-"Gold", Tap Dance-"Stayign Alive", ect.)
6. Double, Space down. Type "**Scholastic Honors:**" in **bold**. Following the colon (:), press the space bar twice. Type your scholastic honors. Each item should be separated by a semi-colon (;).
7. Double, space down. Type "**Leadership roles:**" in **bold**. Following the colon (:), press the space bar twice. Each item should be separated by a semi-colon (;).
8. Double, space down. Type "**Accomplishments:**" in **bold**. Following the colon (:), press the space bar twice. Each item should be separated by a semi-colon (;).
9. Double, space down. Type "**Interesting Facts:**" in **bold**. Following the colon (:), press the space bar twice. Each item should be separated by a semi-colon (;).
10. Double, space down. Type "**Why I should be Miss Mount Pleasat.**" in **bold**. Following the colon (:), press the space bar twice. This should be typed in sentence form. Explain to the judging panel why you should be selected Miss Mount Pleasant.

Important Information Regarding the Contestant Resume

Please remember that the entire form MUST FIT ON ONE PAGE using the Times Roman font style.

You must leave a 1" margin on all four sides of the page. Use your best judgement on what is most important for the judges to know about you. Use your space wisely. Below is an example of what the resume format looks like. Any variations from this format will be returned to you and will not be accepted. Your materials will not be retyped. The judges will receive your original work.

CHECK SPELLING AND GRAMMAR!!

This resume, your platform statement, will be the only documents the judges will receive about you. By submitting these forms to the Miss Mt. Pleasant organization, you certify that everything on your form is true and accurate. If it is proven that any information on these forms are not true, correct, and factual, you risk losing your title and your scholarship.

Some spacing issues may arise. Simply follow the example provided. Depending upon the set up of your document, you may need to press the "tab key" fewer or more times than indicated above.

Do not attempt to change margins, font, size options, or deviate from the requested criteria as set forth in this document.

Use plain white paper for the document. Do not use paper with logos, crowns, names, decorations, or other embellishments. It will not be accepted if it is printed on anything other than plain white 8 1/2" x 11" paper.

Miss Mount Pleasant
Contestant Resume
Contestant # 1

Name: Deborah Smith

Platform Issue: Celebrating Inclusivity

Scholastic/Career Ambition: Juris Doctor Degree (J.D.)
Attorney specializing in entertainment law

Talent: Tap Dance: "I Gotta Feeling" by the Black Eyed Peas

Scholastic Honors: Straight A Student; Advanced Math Award; Honor Society

Leadership Roles: Member of Girls Scouts for eight years; Student Body Representative; Freshman Class President; Middle School Student Body President

Accomplishments: Perfect Attendance K-Present; Recipient of the River Valley Achievement Award; Performer, Grand Ole Opry in Nashville

Interesting Facts: The oldest of eight children; Member of Family Vocal Group; members of our household are from 8 months old to 76 years of age

Why I should be Miss Mount Pleasant 2019: I would be a good choice for Miss Mount Pleasant because I possess the speaking skills, talent, confidence and poise that it takes to be a title holder. Also, I would love to have the opportunity to utilize the title of Miss Mount Pleasant to promote my platform of "Celebrating Inclusivity" throughout the town.