

Dear Candidates,

Thank you for your interest in joining us!

The 2024 Miss Leeds Area competition will be held on **July 9, 2023**, at Leeds High School (1500 Greenwave Drive). Arrival time will be announced later. We will be limiting the number of candidates, so please get your paperwork in by July 3, 2023.

A detailed itinerary will be sent a week prior to the competition.

AGE ELIGIBILITY

When delegates are considering their eligibility to compete for a local or state competition, the determining factor will be the delegate's BIRTH YEAR.

Miss: 1996 (28Y) - 2006* (18Y)

Teen: 2006* (18Y) – 2010(13Y)

*Those delegates born in 2006 may choose either to compete in the Miss division or the Teen division.

Please email all necessary items to missleedsarea@gmail.com including Talent Music in MP3 format (must bring back up on competition day) and this Signed local contract (statement of understanding).

We will not have a rising star program- If you are the winner, you are free to choose your own rising star(s) but they will be responsible for paying their fess to Miss Alabama Organization.

DEADLINE FOR ALL PAPERWORK IS JULY 3, 2023. We will be accepting a limited number of contestants so be sure and get your paperwork in early!

Instructions for entering local preliminaries are listed on the Miss Alabama website. Refer to the website to ensure you have submitted all needed paperwork.

<https://www.missalabama.com/how-to-enter-miss-alabama/>

MISS LEEDS AREA

Statement of Understanding and Requirements

As a Candidate in the Miss Leeds Area Competition, I realize that I will have certain responsibilities and obligations if I am selected to serve as Miss Leeds Area. I agree to the following terms:

Eligibility

- I attest that I am a citizen of the United States and that I am a resident of the state of Alabama according to residence, school attendance, or employment that satisfy the eligibility requirements of the Miss Alabama program.
- Miss Candidate Birth Year must be 1996-2006
- Teen Candidate Birth Year must be 2006-2010

I agree to provide a \$50 no-show agreement check to the Miss Leeds Area organization in good faith to secure my spot as a Candidate. I understand that if I am present the day of the competition, then I will receive my \$50 no-show fee back upon completion of the competition. I understand that if I am unable to compete, I must notify the Directors of my decision not to compete at least 72 hours before the day of the preliminary Competition. I understand that I must provide a doctor's excuse in order to receive the no-show deposit if cancellation occurs within 72 hours of the Miss Leeds Area. I understand this fee will be returned should I win a competition prior to Miss Leeds Area on July 30th.

Image Release

I understand that all photos submitted to the Miss Leeds Area will not be returned and will become the property of the Miss Leeds Area. All photographs, videotapes, motion picture films, or other recordings or reproductions made of me as a Candidate in the 2024 Miss Leeds Area, either individually or as a member of a group, in connection with the 2024 Competition, shall become the sole property of the Miss Leeds Area, and the same may be used and reused by them, or anyone designated by them, for publicity, advertising or any other proper use. As a Candidate in the Miss Leeds Area, I agree to allow the Miss Leeds Area to post photographs and biographical information on the Miss Leeds Area website or other social media site. I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to obtain copyright permission for the photo to be used and the Miss Leeds Area and its sponsors will not be held liable for any infringement.

IF SELECTED AS MISS LEEDS AREA,

I agree to the following terms:

- I understand if I am selected as Miss Leeds Area that my conduct must reflect moral standards in order to be an appropriate role model as Miss Leeds Area. I agree to represent the title of Miss Leeds Area, the Leeds Area Competition, and the Miss Leeds Area Competition committee with professionalism, honor, integrity and dignity.
- I understand that the Director of the Miss Leeds Area must approve any appearance I may make as Miss Leeds 2024. I will refer all requests for appearances to the Competition Director. This includes all requests made by civic groups, school organizations, other Competition directors, former directors, and other preliminary winners. I understand that any requests to speak with the media (print and electronic) will be forwarded to the Director.
- I understand that I am only allowed to wear my crown in public or in pictures with my director's permission.
- As Miss Leeds Area, I will dress appropriately and professionally for appearances, and exercise good taste in wardrobe selection. No tattoos or body piercings (other than one pair of earrings) should be visible to the public.
- I understand that I am "Miss Leeds Area" at all times. I will dress appropriately when in the community and be properly groomed with make-up, proper clothing, and hair and nails properly groomed.
- Miss Leeds Area is responsible for her own transportation to and from personal appearances.
- I understand that if I have a boyfriend during my year of service, he is not permitted to accompany me to appearances; he is not to show public displays of affection to me under ANY circumstances while I am making an appearance as Miss Leeds Area and/or wearing my crown.
- I agree to be PROMPT for all appearances, knowing that there is never an excuse for being late to an appointment. I will arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the appointed time as set forth by the Miss Leeds Area director(s).
- At all appearances, I will show kindness and appreciation to the sponsor/host. I will not take advantage of the host's hospitality. I will never give the impression that I am sick, tired or bored while at an appearance. I will maintain interest and an enthusiastic attitude during the entire event.
- Hand-written thank you notes for all appearances must be made within 24 hours of the event. I understand that I must display a behavior that is always beyond reproach. I will NOT smoke or drink alcoholic beverages at ANY public appearance and will not be photographed with these items in my hand(s) or in my mouth. I

will not wear inappropriate clothing or be seen in businesses that leave the impression of poor moral judgment.

- As Miss Leeds Area, I will not compete in any local, state, or regional Competitions whether they lead to state and/or national finals, without express approval by the Director.

Social Media

I agree to make all social media sites (including, but not limited to Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat, TicToc) available to my Director for random checks. I will not post photos on these sites that will in any way publicly embarrass the title of Miss Leeds Area. The Director has the right to have offensive materials removed from these sites. I also understand lewd or offensive social media posts could result in the revocation of the title of Miss Leeds Area.

Required Appearances Include:

I understand that my attendance at the following events is mandatory, and it is my responsibility to clear my calendar and resolve any potential conflict from my schedule to attend the following events:

- Miss Alabama Competition Candidate Orientation (date set by Miss Alabama Board)
- Miss Alabama Competition Candidate Workshop (date set by Miss Alabama Board)
- Miss Alabama's Teen Competition and Miss Alabama Candidate Introductions
- Miss Leeds Area's Teen send-off reception prior to the Miss Alabama's Teen Pageant
- Miss Leeds Area send-off reception prior to the Miss Alabama Competition
- Miss Alabama Gala and Miss Alabama Candidate Introductions
- Miss Alabama Top Ten Fashion Show (if selected Top Ten finalist)
- Leeds Chamber of Commerce Creekbank Festival (April)
- Minimum of two speaking engagements
- Minimum of two platform appearances

An appearance may only count as one of the required appearances. For example, if an appearance could qualify as a speaking engagement and a platform appearance, it would only count as one required appearance — either a speaking engagement or a platform appearance. All required appearances must be honored unless excused by the Miss Leeds Area Director.

Recommended Appearances

- Appearances that support American Heart Association
- Salvation Army Christmas Registration and/or Angel Tree
- Ronald McDonald House of Alabama Family Activity Night
- Boys and Girls Club Mentor
- Appearances that support your personal platform
- Interviews with local newspapers and radio stations
- City of Leeds Christmas parade and surrounding areas, such as Moody, Chelsea, Trussville, and Vestavia Hills.

Miss Alabama Preparation

- I agree that I will maintain my physical appearance through exercise and diet.
- I agree to stay up to date on current events and news topics.
- I agree to participate in mock interview sessions, platform development, talent rehearsals, and on-stage practice with my Director and committee in preparation for the Miss Alabama Competition and during my year of service.
- I agree to practice my talent on a regular basis. This includes being prepared to entertain at appearances related to the title of Miss Leeds Area.
- I understand that my Miss Alabama competition wardrobe, talent selection, and photos must be approved by the Miss Leeds Area Director at least two weeks prior to the Miss Alabama workshop. I know that this is done to help me be the most prepared that I can be for the Miss Alabama competition. Also, I understand that my approved wardrobe must be worn for the specific approved event/segment of competition.
- I understand that I will provide my own wardrobe for appearances and all phases of competition in the Miss Alabama Competition.
- I agree to show evidence of working diligently and consistently on my platform.
- I understand that the Miss Leeds Director will assist me with my Community Service Scrapbook, and I agree to have my scrap book completed at least one week prior to the deadline set by the Miss Alabama Competition.
- I also agree that the Miss Leeds Area Director have approval rights of the talent selection for the 2024 Miss Alabama Competition.
- It is the responsibility of Miss Leeds Area 2024 To contact the Miss Leeds Area Director to obtain the required approval(s). For approval to be granted and for the director to sign the Miss Alabama wardrobe approval card, the director must see the clothing and witness the talent performance in person. Photographs and/or videos will not suffice.

Outside coaching is prohibited. I understand and agree that I will not have any type of coaching or outside help, advice, or influences in preparing for the Miss Alabama Competition without the approval of the Director(s) of the Miss Leeds Area Competition. Failure to abide by this rule will result in forfeiture of the title of Miss Leeds Area 2024 and all scholarships and prizes awarded to me as Miss Leeds Area 2024, and I understand I will not be able to compete as Miss Leeds in the Miss Alabama Competition in June 2024. I understand that all decisions, including wardrobe and talent, will be made between me and the Miss Leeds Area director(s) concerning the Miss Alabama Competition. Parents and/or friends are to provide support but will not participate in the decision-making process in preparing for the Miss Alabama Competition.

Succession Clause

If Miss Leeds Area 2024 is named Miss Alabama, no successor will be named. If the winner resigns from the position of Miss Leeds Area prior to her appearance in the Miss Alabama Competition, she will forfeit any scholarship winnings to which she would have been otherwise entitled.

Loss of Title

If any of the representations and warranties made by me are false, or if during my year of service, I engage in any of the prohibited acts or activities described in any paragraph contained in this Local Contract and/or Scholarship Rules, or if I otherwise fail to conduct myself in a manner which, in the opinion of the Miss Leeds Area and/or the Miss Alabama Competition, does not uphold and maintain the dignity and honor of the title of "Miss Leeds Area 2024," or if I suffer any disability which, in the sole and exclusive judgment of the Director of the Miss Leeds Area Competition, may impair my ability to perform the duties expected of me as Miss Leeds Area, I understand and agree that the Miss Leeds Area Competition may at its exclusive option terminate my right to participate in the 2024 Miss Alabama Competition. My right to the title of Miss Leeds Area 2024, and all awards, scholarships, and prerequisites pertaining thereto will be terminated. My successor will receive all the benefits to which I would otherwise have been entitled.

Signature and date