

#### MISS MISSOURI'S TEEN & MISS MISSOURI COMPETITION

Wednesday, June 12, 2024 • 7:00 p.m. Thursday, June 13, 2024 • 7:00 p.m.

Friday, June 14, 2024 • 7:00 p.m.
Teen Finals and crowning of Miss Missouri's Teen 2024

Saturday, June 15, 2024 • 7:00 p.m.

Miss Finals and crowning of Miss Missouri 2024

## 7:00 p.m. Miss Missouri Finals

#### Welcome **Miss Missouri Candidates**

Every June when the Miss Missouri and Miss Missouri's Teen candidates hit Mexico, all eyes are on the crown each winner will wear.

However, thousands of dollars in scholarship money will also be handed out to candidates. \$10,000 is raised for the Miss Missouri Scholarship Foundation each year through the proceeds of the Miss Missouri Show-Me Stars program. Over \$82,000 in scholarships will be awarded to the Miss Missouri and Miss Missouri's Teen delegates. Every delegate who competes will receive a scholarship award, according to organizers.

Next week, candidates will be traveling to Mexico for a fun-filled week and depart with a lifetime of memories. The finals of the Miss Missouri's Teen will be held Friday, June 14, at 7:00 p.m.

The following evening at 7:00 p.m., the Miss Missouri finals will be held. Both competitions will be held at the Missouri Military Academy. This is the 54th year MMA has hosted Miss Missouri.

Miss Missouri's Teen 2024 and Miss Missouri 2024 will compete at the national competitions. The dates and location for those competitions will be announced at a later date.

Tickets for the preliminary Miss Missouri and Miss Missouri's teen competitions on June 12th and 13th as well as for the Finals on June 14th and 15th are available at the Mexico Area Chamber of Commerce 573-581-2765 or in the lobby of the MMA Gymatorium prior to the shows each evening.



**Hayley Leach** Miss Missouri 2023



Gracyn Rouse Miss Missouri's **Teen 2023** 

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# MISS MISSOURI 2024 DELEGATES



Miss Audrain Tabitha Crain



Miss Boone County Kate Czarny



Miss Brick City Natalya Knoke



Miss Clark County **Shelby Leeker** 



Miss Columbia Abby Plenge



Miss Heart of the Ozarks Hanah Schrader



Miss Heart of Southern MO **Emily Laskowski** 



Miss Kansas City **Ashley Berry** 



Miss Kansas City International Holly Enowski



Miss North Kansas City Courtney Rowe



Miss Northwest **Jaclyn Sexauer** 



**Miss Northwest Counties Amanda Kelley** 



Miss Show-Me State **Evan Jones** 



Miss Southern Missouri Deja Grissom



Miss Spirit of St. Louis Halie Hebron



Miss West County **Riley Obertino** 



Volunteers are the Backbone of the Miss Missouri Scholarship Organization

There is rich history of Volunteerism in the Miss America Organization as well as the Miss Missouri Scholarship Organization.

The Miss Missouri Organization has a completely volunteer Board of directors which works year-round to organize the competition each June, raise scholarship funds and help our State Titleholders prepare for their national competitions.

Before a Miss or Teen can compete at the State competition, she must win a Local Title. Each of those local competitions is run by volunteer boards who perform the same tasks as the State board at the local level. The local directors give up many hours of their time traveling to Mexico during the year for meetings before Miss Missouri as well as spending a week here in Mexico supporting their titleholders as they compete.

Once Miss Missouri Week arrives in June even more volunteers join into the mix. Many of these folks take vacation time to help out during competition week.

The list of volunteers include:

Hostesses - ladies who volunteer in the dressing rooms to help the Miss and the Teen get ready for each

phase of competition. They also act as surrogate moms backstage during the week to give hugs when disappointment comes and high 5's when excitement hap-

Script writers - Each competition night needs a script.... Making sure all the names are correct and the order of competition for that night is up to date is an ever- changing job.

Office Workers - There is a makeshift "office" in the back of gymnatorium. Volunteer workers run errands make copies and do whatever needs to be done as the week moves along.

**Pages** - These are young ladies who volunteer to live in the dorm with the Miss candidates and are the "worker bees" all week. They do whatever needs to be done to help the Miss during the week, help keep the dorm clean and deal with whatever jobs crop up during the week.

Stage Crew - This group works all week during rehearsal and each night during competition. They set microphones, move musical instruments and props, and make sure each girl has all she needs when she steps on stage to perform. The show would not go on with out

Judges - Miss America requires a diverse panel of judges at each State Competition. Most of them travel from out of state and take a week out of their lives to judge the young women who are competing. Once they arrive in Mexico, the Miss Missouri Organization houses and feeds them during the week, but their travel expenses and time are totally donated.

Local merchants - Our local merchants step up in so many ways to make Miss Missouri Week happen. Food is donated. Flowers are provided. Scholarship dollars are donated to fund the many scholarships that are awarded each year. Without the support of our local businesses and the City of Mexico putting on Miss Missouri each year would simply not be possible.

The Miss Missouri Scholarship Organization is very grateful to all the many who volunteer and give so generously. This organization touches the lives of so many young women through scholarships, the opportunity to serve, and the life long friendships that are made. Each volunteer makes a difference and allows this program to grow and thrive.



**Local directors** 



Miss Missouri board

### MISS MISSOURI'S TEEN 2024 DELEGATES



Miss Audrain Teen Caroline Moots



Miss Boone County Teen Ella Foy



Miss Brick City Teen Addie Wood



Miss Central Missouri Teen Celia Medeiros



Miss Clark County Teen Kampbel James



Miss College Town Teen Lilly Stockard



Miss Columbia Teen Bridget Caldwell



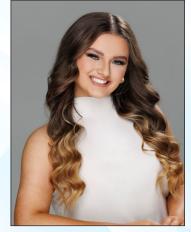
Miss Gateway Teen Legacy Jackson



Miss Heart of Southern Missouri Teen Sadie Bull



Miss Heart of the Ozarks Teen Autumn Daras



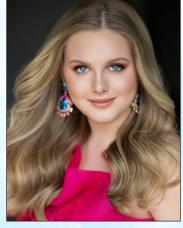
Miss Heartland Teen Eden Jeffries



Miss Kansas International Teen Ava Powers



Miss Kansas City Teen Christina Cox



Miss Lewis & Clark Teen Anastasia Jones



Miss Mid-Missouri Teen Alana Lemon



Miss North Kansas City Teen Anna Hall



Miss Northeast Teen Emma Pitford



Miss Northwest County Teen
Olivia Bullinger



Miss Northwest Teen Mariah Turner



Miss Show-Me State Teen Vegas Turner



Miss Southern Missouri Teen
Olivia Carrow



Miss Spirit of St. Louis Teen Cyan Kelley



Miss St. Charles County Teen Greta Clark



Miss Texas County Teen Brylee Welch



Miss West County Teen Avery Trower



#### **Missouri Show-Me Stars**

The Missouri Show-Me Stars program is an opportunity for girls ages 5-12 to be partnered with either a Miss or Teen "Big Sister." It is a mentoring program with the Miss Missouri Scholarship Organization. Each Show-Me Star will appear on stage with her Big Sister during the Evening Wear phase of competition. They also will be part of a Missouri Show-Me Stars production number on both Friday and Saturday nights. Show-Me Stars enjoy a special luncheon with their Big Sisters one afternoon and will be with their "bigs" for Saturday on the Square.

The purpose of the program is for the Big Sisters to serve as role models for their Little Sisters. Through the years long standing relationships have developed with the Little Sisters and their Big Sisters.

This year there are 52 Show-Me Stars who will be experiencing the excitement of Miss Missouri Week and making lifetime friends and memories.



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