

CANDIDATE TALENT INTRODUCTION

Candidate Number: _____ (LEAVE BLANK)

Candidate City/Age/ Name: _____

Type of Talent: _____

Title of Selection:

Talent Introduction: _____ (No More Than 20 Words)

This is your opportunity to explain to the judges what your chosen platform is and why it is important for the *Miss America Organization* to embrace this platform. In addition, it should explain how your platform will further the *Miss America Organization* “brand” to the public.

It is important that these instructions are followed. Any items incorrectly submitted that do not meet the criteria may be submitted to the judges without an opportunity to correct.

1. Go to the word processing program of your computer.
2. Start a “new” document.
3. 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.
4. With the justification set for left, type “Name:” in bold. Following the colon (:), hit the space bar twice. Then, type your name.
5. Then, move to the next line and type “Title:” in bold. Following the colon (:), hit the space bar twice. Then, type your state title.
6. Double space down. Set your justification to “center”. Then type in bold and underline the title of your platform.
7. 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 job of Miss America to promote this issue. What you write will be what the judges know about your platform, your role in successfully dealing with this issue, and the role the Miss America Organization may play in your plan.
8. This essay may include some of the following items (this is not to be meant as an exhaustive list):
 - A clear definition of the 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
 - The way in which your platform issue will move the *Miss America Organization* forward
 - Your media plans
 - Your marketing strategy
 - How you propose to fund your ideas/plans
 - Any significant accomplishments you have made in regard to your issue
9. At the bottom of the page, set the justification to the right. Type a line of 26 spaces. Below that line, type signature/Date and after printing sign and date the document. If you forget to sign and date, we will need to return the document to you as it cannot be accepted without your signature. Thank you.

Name:
Title:

(Type Platform Title)

SAMPLE

Signature/Date

Candidate Resume Instructions

This is your opportunity to demonstrate to the judges why they should consider you for the job of Miss Local/Miss California/Miss America. You may list as many or as few items under each category as you desire. Your only restriction is that it must follow the established format and it must fit on one (1) page. This page, combined with the Platform Statement, will comprise your entire application for this job. The judges will receive exactly what is submitted. Any item incorrectly submitted that does not fit the established criteria may be submitted to the judges without an opportunity to correct.

It is important that these instructions are followed:

1. Create a “New” document with your computer’s Word program.
2. 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. Please refer to the attached sample to verify you are following the requested format.
3. With the justification set for left, type “Name:” in bold. Following the colon (:), hit the space bar twice. Then, type your name as you wish the judges to know it. (If your name is Linda Deborah Smith and you want to be known as “Deborah Smith”, please type “Deborah Smith”).
4. Then, move to the next line and type “Title:” in bold. Following the colon (:), hit the space bar twice. Then, type your state title.
5. Then, move to the next line and type “Hometown:” in bold. Following the colon (:), hit the space bar once. Then, type your hometown including the city and the state.
6. Move to the next line. Now set your justification to the right. Type “Date of Birth:” in bold. Hit the space bar two (2) times, and type the month, day, and year of your birth. (Ex. October 10, 1989)
7. Move Justification to the left. Double space down and type “Education:” in bold. Hit the tab bar three times and then type your most recent school first. If it is grad school, indicate it as such. List degree seeking (all on the same line as the name of the school), move to the line underneath that to list your undergraduate school and degree sought/achieved, and below that list your high school.
8. Double space down. Hit the tab bar once. Type “Platform Issue:” in bold. Hit the tab bar three times. Type the TITLE of your platform, MAKE SURE IT LINES UP WITH THE INFORMATION ABOVE IT. DO NOT TYPE ANYTHING OTHER THAN THE TITLE.
9. Double space down. Hit the tab bar once. Type “Scholastic/Career Ambition:” in bold. Hit the Tab bar once, MAKE SURE IT LINES UP WITH THE OTHERS ABOVE IT. Then type the type of degree/education you would ultimately like to achieve and beneath that, list your career ambition.
10. Double space down. Hit the tab bar once. Type “Talent:” in bold. Hit the tab bar three times. Type the type of talent and specific selection. MAKE SURE IT LINES UP WITH THE INFORMATION ABOVE IT. (i.e. Pop Vocal - “Crying”, Tap Dance - “Staying Alive”, etc.)

11. Double space down. Type “Scholastic Honors:” in bold. Hit the space bar twice. Each item should be separated by a semi-colon (;).
12. Double space down. Type “Leadership Roles:” in bold. Hit the space bar twice. Each item should be separated by a semi-colon (;).
13. Double space down. Type “Accomplishments:” in bold. Hit the space bar twice. Each item should be separated by a semi-colon (;).
14. Double space down. Type “Interesting Facts:” in bold. Hit the space bar twice. Each item should be separated by a semi-colon (;).
15. Double space down. Type “Employment:” in bold. Hit the space bar twice. Each item should be separated by a semi-colon (;).
16. Double space down. Type “How has the world you come from shaped your dreams and aspirations?” in bold. Hit the space bar twice. Please answer the question in sentence form.
17. Double space down. Type “Of all the ways you could succeed in your life, why have you chosen to succeed as Miss America?” in bold. Hit the space bar twice. Please answer the question in sentence form.
18. Double Space down. Type “What social issue, other than your platform, will have the greatest impact on your generation and why?” in bold. Hit the space bar twice. Please answer the question in sentence form.
19. Use your best judgment on what is most important for the judges to know about you. Use the space wisely. Attached is a resume example you can use as a guide.
20. The entire form must fit on one (1) page using the Times New Roman font style. You must leave a 1” margin on all four sides of the page. If spacing issues arise, simply follow the example provided.

This form is given to the judges with your platform statement. You will notice there is a REQUIRED SIGNATURE LINE at the bottom of the Platform Statement. When these two pages are put together, they will create your entire application. Your signature covers the materials listed ON BOTH PAGES. Your signature verifies that everything on the forms you submit is true and accurate. If it is proven that any information on these forms are not true, correct and factual, you risk disqualification from participating in the National Program and losing your state/local title.

Name:

Title:

Hometown:

DOB:

Education:

Platform Issue:

Scholastic/Career Ambition:

Talent:

Scholastic Honors:

Leadership Roles:

Accomplishments:

Interesting Facts:

Employment:

How has the world you come from shaped your dreams and aspirations?

Of all the ways you could succeed in your life, why have you chosen to succeed in the Miss America Program?

What social issue, other than your platform, will have the greatest impact on your generation and why?

(Please note: the questions listed above are sample questions and subject to change)