

## 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 Little Sister program. Nearly \$90,000 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 funfilled week and depart with a lifetime of memories. The finals of the Miss Missouri's Teen will be held Friday, June 16, 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 53rd year MMA has hosted Miss Missouri.

Miss Missouri's Teen 2023 and Miss Missouri 2023 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 14th and 15th as well as for the Finals on June 16th and 17th 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.



Claire Marie Kuebler Miss Missouri 2022



Mallory Sublett Miss Missouri's Outstanding Teen 2022

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#### **MISS MISSOURI 2023**

# Miss Missouri 2023 Delgates



**Miss Audrain Melissa** Gomes



**Miss Boone County Grayson Barnes** 



**Miss** Columbia **Abby Turner** 



Miss Branson Holly Enowski



**Miss Gateway Halie Hebron** 





**Miss Heartland Callie Compton** 



**Miss Clark County** Valerie Shinn



Miss Heart of Souther Mo. Hanah Schrader



**Miss Northwest Courtney Rowe** 



**Donna Gilbert** 





**Miss Kansas City** Georgia Barge



**Miss Northwest Counties Emily Laskowski** 





Miss Kansas City Int. **Christina Beard** 



**Miss Saint Charles County Aubrey Gatica** 



**Miss Maryville** 

**Jaclyn Sexauer** 

**Miss Show-Me State** Marissa Jarnagin



**Miss Northeast Shelby Leeker** 



**Miss Southern Missouri** Haley Leach





Miss Spirit of St. Louis

#### 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 happens.

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 make shift "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 them!

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.



Pages and Dorm Mom

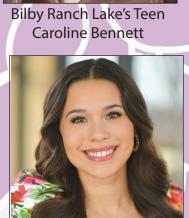




Clark County's Teen **Maggie Weaver** 

Heartland's Teen

**Bryiar Callaway** 



Columbia's Teen Christina Cox



Gateway's Teen Greta Clark



Heart of Southern MO's Teen - Anna Hall



Lewis and Clark's Teen **Evan Jones** 



Northeast's Teen **Avery Trower** 



Mid Missouri's Teen **Josephine Kespohl** 

Kansas City Intl Teen.

Allie Yoder



Kirkwood's Teen Lilly Stockard





Nodaway Lake's Teen Ella Foy



Maryville's Teen

Hannah Whatley-Blaine

Northwest's Teen **Kyleigh McCourt** 



Northwest Counties' Teen **Kampbel James** 



Mozingo Lake's Teen

Allie Hutchinson

Show-Me State's Teen Sade Bull



Southern Missouri's Teen **Gracyn Rouse** 



Spirit of St. Louis' Teen **Olivia Carrow** 



Springfield - Rt. 66's Teen St. Charles Counties Teen **Brylee Welch** 



**Clara Alford** 

St. Louis Counties Teen **Gianna Westlund** 



Wentzville's Teen **Romy Taylor** 

#### Show- Me Little Sisters

The Show- Me Little Sisters 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 Little Sister will appear on stage with her Big Sister during the Evening Wear phase of competition. They also will be part of a Show-Me Little Sister production number on both Friday and Saturday nights. The Little Sisters 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 61 Little Sisters who will be experiencing the excitement of Miss Missouri Week and making lifetime friends and memories.



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## 2022 Highlights

