

# SCHOLARSHIP RULES AND REGULATIONS

## MISS SANTA CLARA COMPETITION

### EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2009

1. Scholarships will be expended for tuition and related expenses; i.e. room/board and other educational expenses as approved by the Miss Santa Clara Scholarship Committee.
  2. Requests for scholarships are processed (usually within 30 days) upon receipt of statements from colleges and schools (or for other educational expenses). All statements and invoices must be accompanied by a cover letter from the Contestant and the enclosed Certificate of Registration from the school. Requests for payment for other educational expenses (e.g. private instructors) must be pre-approved by the Miss Santa Clara Scholarship Committee.
  3. Contestants must use scholarships won at the local level prior to applying for their state scholarship. Contestants must submit a letter from the local pageant chair, which verifies the above.
  4. Contestants must use scholarships won at the local and state level prior to entering the 2009 Miss Santa Clara Competition before applying for their 2009 Miss Santa Clara scholarship. Contestants must submit a letter from the previous local pageant chair and/or state pageant chair, which verifies the above.
  5. Scholarships may be used for **current** educational expenses. Contestants may submit invoices for payment directly from the provider of the educational service. The educational institution receiving these funds will be advised that **if any scholarships are to be refunded by the institution for any reason, those amounts will be refunded to the Miss Santa Clara Pageant, and not the scholarship recipient.**
- OR, contestants may submit a receipted bill (showing payment made by contestant) and request reimbursement. All invoices and receipts must be originals. Contestants may not request payment or reimbursement for expenses, which are or have been covered through any other financial aid source (other than student loans, which meet the provisions of paragraph #5 below).
6. For scholarship recipients who have already graduated from a four-year university, scholarships may be used for outstanding student loan obligations provided the loan is not in default and provided the student has satisfactorily completed the coursework for which the loan was obtained. Contestants must submit documentation from the school or lender, which shows that the Contestant is either the primary or the secondary payer of the loan obligation. If the time required for processing the invoice extends beyond the due date, the Contestant may submit proof of payment and request reimbursement.
  7. Scholarships may be used for future education expenses. Contestants must use their scholarships by **December 1, 2009.** If a Contestant has no activity in her scholarship account

during this period, the funds in her account will be forfeited. Similarly, any balance remaining in a Contestant's account after December 1, 2009 will be forfeited.

- An exception to the time limits described above may be made if the Contestant, prior to the expiration date, makes a written appeal to the Miss Santa Clara Scholarship Committee citing compelling reasons why the time period should be extended. The Scholarship Committee will review the request and determine whether or not an extended time period is warranted. A maximum extension of one year may be granted. The decision of the Scholarship Committee shall be final and binding.

8. Scholarships that have been forfeited will remain in the scholarship account for future awards.

9. Awards in lieu of scholarships:

Contestants who are college graduates (bachelor's degree or higher) and who do not intend to continue their education, may elect to receive an award in lieu of a scholarship. The value of this award will be set each year by the Miss Santa Clara Pageant. For contestants in the 2009 Miss Santa Clara Pageant finals, this award shall be 50% of the scholarship value. The award will be a U.S. Savings Bond with the purchase price equal to the value of the award. It is understood that a Contestant who qualifies for and accepts this award waives her right to any scholarships she may have won in the 2009 Miss Santa Clara Pageant. Such scholarship monies will be forfeited and distributed as outlined above.

- Contestants who wish to apply for the award listed above must do so in writing to the pageant office by 60 days following the date of the award.

10. The Miss Santa Clara Pageant Scholarship Committee will consider funding tuition requests for vocational or special training, IF (a) this instruction is undertaken in conjunction with an academic program consisting of six (6) or more units, and (b) this vocation or special training was clearly identified on the contestant's application form as an intended vocation. Scholarship funds authorized for vocational training will NOT pay for:

- more than 25% of the total scholarship awarded
- private lessons
- additional expenses other than tuition for the vocational school
- more than one vocational school

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Please mail scholarship requests to:

Joni Cronin, Scholarship Chairperson  
2042 Laurelei Avenue  
San Jose, CA 95128  
(408) 244-5609

**REGISTRATION CERTIFICATION REQUEST**

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

This is to certify that \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_ AND

Student ID#: \_\_\_\_\_ has actually registered for classes

At \_\_\_\_\_

(Name of Institution)

We have received and understand the rules concerning the scholarship award made possible to her by the MISS SANTA CLARA PAGEANT, including Rule #4 concerning the refund policy.

The amount being requested at the present time on behalf of the above student is \$ \_\_\_\_\_, in the form of an attached bill OR the student is sending original receipts under separate cover.

The official of our institution to whom scholarship check should be mailed is:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

(Name)

(Title)

(Use this space for stamp or seal)

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(INSTITUTION)

Please mail requests to: Miss Santa Clara Pageant  
Scholarship Request  
2042 Laurelei Avenue  
San Jose, CA 95128

**AFFIDAVIT**

\_\_\_\_\_, of full age, being duly sworn  
(Name of Contestant)

on her oath according to law, deposes and agrees:

I have read and understand the Miss Santa Clara/Miss Santa Clara’s Outstanding Teen SCHOLARSHIP RULES AND REGULATIONS (Miss) or SERVICE HOURS VERIFICATION AND SCHOLARSHIP AWARD REQUEST (Teen). I hereby consent to and agree to comply with all the terms and conditions of the foregoing scholarship forms in order to receive my scholarship.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Legal Signature of Contestant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

(TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PARENTS OR GUARDIANS OF ANY CONTESTANT WHO IS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS ON THE DATE OF THE SIGNING OF THIS AGREEMENT)

We, the undersigned, the parents and natural guardians (or the duly appointed, qualified and acting legal guardians) of \_\_\_\_\_ the foregoing entrant, have read and understand the Miss Santa Clara/Miss Santa Clara’s Outstanding Teen SCHOLARSHIP RULES AND REGULATIONS (Miss) or SERVICE HOURS VERIFICATION AND SCHOLARSHIP AWARD REQUEST (Teen). We do hereby consent to and agree to comply with all the terms and conditions of the foregoing scholarship forms in order for our daughter to receive her scholarship.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent or Guardian

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Signature of Parent or Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date