



**MISS AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING TEEN, INC.**  
**Instructions for Preparing State Representatives' Contestant Resumes for the**  
**NATIONAL FINALS of the Miss America's Outstanding Teen Competition**

Remember this is your opportunity to demonstrate to the judges why they should consider you for the position of Miss America's Outstanding Teen. You may list as many or as few items under each category as you desire. This one page, combined with your Platform Statement, your National Pageant Contestant Contract, and transcripts will comprise your entire application for the responsibility of becoming Miss America's Outstanding Teen. The judges will receive your resume exactly as it is submitted. ***Do not put your age on the Resume!***

1. 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 Roman font style.
2. With the justification set for left, type "**Name:**" in **bold**. Following the colon (:), press the tab key five times. Then, type your name as you wish the judges to know it. (If your name is Mary Deborah Smith and you want to be known as "Deborah Smith", please type "Deborah Smith").
3. Double space down, type "**Title:**" in **bold**. Following the colon (:), press the tab key five times. Then, type your State title in the format of "Miss State's Outstanding Teen".
4. Double space down, type "**Hometown:**" in **bold**. Following the colon (:), press the tab key four times. Then type your hometown including the city and the state.
5. Double space down. Type "**Education:**" in **bold**. Following the colon (:), press the tab key four times. Then type your most recent school first. List in order with the most recent, all schools attended (high school, middle school, elementary school, Pre-K, etc.).
6. Double space down. Type "**Platform Issue:**" in **bold**. Following the colon (:), press the tab key 3 times. Type the title of your platform, making sure it lines up with the other information above it. Do not type anything other than the platform title.
7. Double space down. Type "**Scholastic/Career Ambition:**" in **bold**. Following the colon (:), press the tab key one time. Then type the type of degree/education you would ultimately like to achieve, making sure it lines up with the other information above it. Beneath that, list your career ambition.
8. Double space down. Type "**Talent:**" in **bold**. Following the colon (:), press the tab key 4 times. Type the type of talent you will perform and specific selection, making sure it lines up with the information above it. (e.g., Pop Vocal - "Gold", Tap Dance - "Staying Alive", etc.)
9. Double space down. Type "**Scholastic Honors:**" in **bold**. Following the colon (:), press the space bar twice. Type your scholastic honors. Each item should be separated by a semi-colon (;).
10. Double space down. Type "**Leadership Roles:**" in **bold**. Following the colon (:), press the space bar twice. Each item should be separated by a semi-colon (;).
11. Double space down. Type "**Accomplishments:**" in **bold**. Following the colon (:), press the space bar twice. Each item should be separated by a semi-colon (;).
12. Double space down. Type "**Interesting Facts:**" in **bold**. Following the colon (:), press the space bar twice. Each item should be separated by a semi-colon (;).



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13. Double space down. Type "**Marketing Plan:**" in **bold**. Following the colon (:), press the space bar twice. In sentence form, explain how you would market the Miss America's Outstanding Teen "brand". Please include any relevant experience you have which may uniquely qualify you to serve in this position. Please be aware that a portion of the Miss America's Outstanding Teen responsibilities includes marketing the Miss America's Outstanding Teen program to potential sponsors, educational institutions, and organizations.
14. Double space down. Type "**Legacy:**" in **bold**. Following the colon (:), press the space bar twice. This should be typed in sentence form. Please write what your legacy, as Miss America's Outstanding Teen will be. This statement should answer the question, "A year after giving up your title as Miss America's Outstanding Teen, what will people remember about your year of service?"
15. Double space down. Type "**Why I should be Miss America's Outstanding Teen 20\_\_:**" in **bold**. Following the colon (:), press the space bar twice. This should be typed in sentence form. Explain to the judging panel why you should be selected Miss America's Outstanding Teen.

## **Important Information Regarding the Contestant Resume**

**Please remember that the entire form MUST FIT ON ONE PAGE using the Times Roman font style.**

You must leave a 1" margin on all four side of the page. Use your best judgment on what is most important for the judges to know about you. Use your space wisely. Below is an example of what the resume format look like (of course without the "2011 Sample" box). Any variations from this format will be returned to you and will not be accepted. Your materials will not be retyped. The judges will receive your original work.

### **CHECK SPELLING AND GRAMMAR!!**

This resume, your platform statement, and the Miss America's Outstanding Teen Program book will be the only documents the judges will receive about you. By submitting these forms to the Miss America's Outstanding Teen organization, you certify that everything on your forms is true and accurate. If it is proven that any information on these forms are not true, correct, and factual, you risk losing your title and your scholarships.

**Some spacing issues may arise. Simply follow the example provided. Depending upon the set up of your document, you may need to press the "tab key" fewer or more times than indicated above).**

Do not attempt to change margins, font, size options, or deviate from the requested criteria as set forth in this document.

Use plain white paper for the document. Do not use paper with logos, crowns, names, decorations, or other embellishments. It will not be accepted if it is printed on anything other than plain white 8 ½" X 11" paper.

**Name:** Deborah Smith  
**Title:** Miss State's Outstanding Teen  
**Hometown:** Any town, America



**Education:** River Valley High School  
River Valley Middle School  
River Valley Intermediate School  
River Valley Elementary School

**Platform Issue:** Celebrating Inclusivity

**Scholastic/Career Ambition:** Juris Doctor Degree (J.D.)  
Attorney specializing in entertainment law

**Talent:** Tap Dance: "I Gotta Feeling" by the Black Eyed Peas

**Scholastic Honors:** Straight A Student; Advanced Math Award; Honor Society

**Leadership Roles:** Member of Girls Scouts for eight years; Student Body Representative;  
Freshman Class President; Middle School Student Body President

**Accomplishments:** Perfect Attendance K - Present; Recipient of the River Valley Achievement Award; Performer, Grand Ole Opry in Nashville

**Interesting Facts:** The oldest of eight children; Member of Family Vocal Group; members of our household are from 8 months old to 76 years of age

**Marketing Plan:** My plan for extending inclusivity in all facets of life can only open more doors for Miss America's Outstanding Teen. Inclusivity allows us to better understand not only ourselves, but also those around us. I have a five-step role-playing activity that can quickly explain.

**Legacy:** My hope at the end of my year of service as Miss America's Outstanding Teen, is that I have helped teens, their parents and siblings, and other people in the United States and around the world that it is important to be inclusive.

**Why I should be Miss America's Outstanding Teen 2018:** I would be a good choice for Miss America's Outstanding Teen because I possess the speaking skills, talent, confidence and poise that it takes to be a national titleholder. Also, I would love to have the opportunity to utilize the title of Miss America's Outstanding Teen to promote my platform of "*Celebrating Inclusivity*" throughout the country.



## MISS AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING TEEN, INC.

### Instructions for Preparing State Representatives' Contestant Platform Statements for the NATIONAL FINALS of the Miss America's Outstanding Teen Competition

**Please remember**, this **ONE (1) page, single-spaced** document combined with your Platform Statement and your National Pageant Contestant Contract will comprise your entire application for the responsibility of becoming Miss America's Outstanding Teen. The judges will receive exactly what is submitted. Any items submitted that do not fit the established criteria will be returned for correction only once. Any items that do not meet the criteria or are submitted after the deadline will not be given to the judges. If your Platform Statement arrives on the day of the deadline, but does not meet the criteria, there will not be time to return it to you; **therefore, it will not be given to the judges**. The contestant may explain the lack of judging materials during her interview, if she so chooses.

**Contestants: Discuss your *personal* platform. In addition, explain how you will further the Miss America's Outstanding Teen Program "brand" to the public.**

*(See sample essay.)*

1. 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.
2. With the justification set for left, type "**Name:**" in **bold**. Following the colon (:), remove bold and hit the space bar twice. Then, type your name as you wish the judges to know it. (If your name is Mary Deborah Smith and you want to be known as "Deborah Smith", please type "Deborah Smith").
3. Double space down. Set your justification to "center". Then type in **Bold and underline** the title of your Platform.
4. Double space down. With justification set for left and unbold, 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 position of Miss America's Outstanding Teen to promote this platform. What you write will be what the judges know about your platform, your role in successfully dealing with this platform, and the role the Miss America's Outstanding Teen Organization may play in your plan.
5. Remember to include in the Platform Statement what **you** can do to get the message out and get more of your friends and other teens interested in the Miss America's Outstanding Teen Program.
6. **Remember to single space the text that you are typing.**
7. This essay may include some of the following suggested items (this is not to be meant as an all-inclusive list list)...remember, this is **your** platform statement:
  - A clear definition of your 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's Outstanding Teen Program forward
  - Your media plans
  - Your marketing strategy
  - How you propose to fund your ideas/plans
  - Any significant accomplishments you already have made in regard to your issue
8. At the bottom of the page, you **MUST** set the justification to the right. Type a line of 26 spaces. Below that line, you must type Signature/Date. Once you have printed the document, you must sign and date this document.

Name: Deborah Smith



### Celebrating Inclusivity

It is imperative that our nation face and embrace its cultural diversity. While many people have talked about this issue, I believe that most of them have only paid lip service to the true necessity of what needs to be addressed related to including all the family members at the table. There is a false truth in merely accepting and tolerating cultural diversity. I intend to prove that in order to accept and understand people of other cultures, we must be willing to step out of our own personal cultural comfort zones and identify the origin of their prejudice. I will specifically focus on three areas: Children, Communities, and Businesses.

Currently, the term “Cultural Diversity” is well known in the halls of institutions of higher learner and, perhaps, even in the public school classroom because of the need for educators and learners to be politically correct. But in order for us to make a true change in attitudes and behaviors of Americans, we must move beyond talk and into action and change in public policy.

I plan to continue motivating the media and to partner with the National Conference for Community and Justice. This organization has chapters in every major city in the nation and, in many cases, those chapters have community leaders involved who can, with encouragement and challenging, bring this issue out of hiding and into the public light in each of those communities.

Obviously the media and the NCCJ already exist. However, what is lacking is a lightning rod to draw attention to this issue. This is where I could step into the lead as Miss America’s Outstanding Teen. What better role is there for a national titleholder than to be an agent of change in organizing our nation to accept our differences and to create an environment that values each person on individual characteristics rather than on stereotypes or assumptions?

Miss America’s Outstanding Teen should not be seen as just another pretty face. Yes, she should be attractive, and yes, she should attract the leaders of the future to pay attention to her. Our country’s ethnic make-up is changing rapidly and our citizen’s fear of terrorism can explode already existing, but deeply hidden prejudices. I want to be the leader that our country needs to continue tackling this issue.

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Signature/Date