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**Preliminary Script Template for Locals**

Emcee: Hello and Welcome to the 2024 Miss \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

and Miss \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_’s Teen Competition. We

are glad you have joined us and look forward to an exciting night. I am \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and will be your emcee this evening.

Let’s welcome the young ladies competing for the title of Miss \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and Miss \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_’s Teen.

**Production Number (Optional)**

**<Contestant Introductions – TEEN, then MISS>**

**Name/Classification & School**

Emcee: What a great group of young ladies!

We’re looking forward to seeing them compete in on-stage competition, which will culminate with the crowning of the new Miss \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and Miss \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_’s Teen.

As a role model for women, Miss \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and Miss \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_’s Teen must be well spoken and she must represent the 4 points of the Miss America crown: Scholarship, Service Style & Success. The Miss America Opportunity empowers young women to achieve their personal and professional goals, while providing a forum to use their talents and intelligence to make an impact on the lives of others.

Each year, Miss America contestants and volunteers generate thousands of hours of community service making the Miss America Organization one of the strongest service programs in the country.

Now, please join me in welcoming to the stage our current Miss \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_’s Teen (name & title.)

Let’s now, welcome to the stage Miss \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (name & title.)

**<Conversation with Current Teen Titleholder(s), then, Miss >**

Emcee: Thank You, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ (#) exceptional young women have come here to compete in tonight’s local preliminary. The winner of tonight’s competition will represent our organization at the Miss Louisiana’s Teen Competition in April at the University of Louisiana Monroe and the Miss Louisiana Competition in Monroe in June.

The judges certainly have a difficult job ahead of them. Let’s meet the panel who will be selecting our next Miss \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_’s Teen

and Miss \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**<Judges & Auditors Introduced>**

*(Do not include involvement or title in any other competing program. This intro should be a short version of the full bio in the program book and should be read in* ***:10 seconds or less****.)*

Judge 1

Judge 2

Judge 3

Judge 4

Judge 5

Auditors

Emcee: Earlier each contestant had a 10 minute private interview with the judges and tonight they will compete in on stage phases of competition. The scoring is as follows:

Private Interview: 30%

On-Stage Question: 10%

Health & Fitness: 20%

Talent: 20%

Evening Gown: 20%

The judges will score each candidate on a scale of 1 to 10 following each phase of competition. The high and low scores for each contestant will be dropped.

We’ve met the contestants. We’ve met the judges, let’s now begin our first phase of competition.

**ON STAGE QUESTION:**

Emcee: One of the four points of the Miss America Crown is Service.

The Miss America Organization is proud to announce a partnership with Global Game Changers, an organization that shares Miss America’s commitment to service, talent development, and education. For over 80 years, the Miss America program has provided scholarship opportunities for contestants. It also places a strong emphasis on contestants’ showcasing their talents and engaging in social impact initiatives. Global Game Changers Student Empowerment program uses service and talent development as tools to develop social, emotional, and leadership skills in Pre-K through 5th grade students through its free online curriculum. Visit Global Game Changers on-line to learn more.

We are now ready to begin our first phase of competition, On Stage Question. On stage question brings the interview to the stage in an interactive energetic way to showcase each contestant’s intelligence, personality, charisma, and aptitude for the titleholder role. It also allows audiences to truly get to know the contestant as she articulates her thoughts and demonstrates her ease of communication, her engaging stage and her relatability.

Each contestant will be asked a question relating to her Community Service Initiative. She will have :20 seconds to answer.

We begin with:

<<<Teen>>>

<<<Miss>>>

Thank you, Ladies. Great job!

<<<Optional Filler or outgoing titleholder perform talent>>>

**HEALTH & FITNESS:**

Emcee: The Miss America’s Scholarship Foundation Inc. and Miss America & Miss America’s Teen is proud to join forces with The American Heart Association’s Go Red for Women movement as the organization’s National Health Thought Leader. Together, we have three initial goals: 1) Raise Awareness–cardiovascular disease is a woman’s greatest health threat, taking the lives of 1 in 3. But, women have the best resource, each other. Together, we can help raise awareness and save more lives; Goal # 2) Education – Go Red for Women provides resources, tools and materials to help educate Miss America participants-and the communities they represent about health and well-being; and, the 3rd Goal) Fundraising – through our alliance, every participant will have the opportunity to raise funds supporting the Miss America Scholarship Foundation and Go Red for Women. Every dollar raised is tax deductible and will support women’s health, well-being, education and empowerment.

Our next phase of competition is Health & Fitness. This phase of competition is the opportunity for the contestant to share her commitment to health and fitness initiatives. A contestant’s discipline and commitment to being mentally and physically healthy is key to success in all other areas of life.

We begin our Health & Fitness competition with:

<<<Teen>>>

<<<Miss>>>

Great job ladies!

<<<Optional filler or outgoing titleholder perform talent>>>

**TALENT:**

Emcee: Miss America Opportunity is pleased to re-engage with the premier organization supporting our service men and women – The USO. Through the USO’s newly launched Talent Corps initiative, this renewed partnership brings together the diverse range of entertainers that include Miss State representatives from all 50 State Miss America programs, plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Lending their time and talents to USO-based events with and for the military community across the United States. USO Entertainment brings celebrities, musicians and athletes to connect with and uplift our service members and their families. Great things are happening within the Miss America Organization and this partnership with USO is the perfect example.

Our next phase of competition is Talent. The Talent Competition is one that sets the Miss America Organization apart from most other competitions of our kind. The Miss America stage has been a launching pad for many successful careers in the entertainment industry. And, it all started on a stage somewhere in America very much like this one. The Talent Competition allows insight into the contestant’s performance skills. It allows the judges and audience a look at the talent presentation as well as the performance and interpretive ability and technical skill level including execution, technique and control. It provides insight into the contestant’s stage presence and personality, as well as how entertaining, and relatable the performance is.

We begin our Talent Competition with:

<<Teen>>>

<<<Miss>>>

<<<Intermission>>>

**EVENING GOWN:**

Emcee: The Miss America Opportunity is proud to partner with Best Buddies International, the world’s largest nonprofit organization devoted solely to providing opportunities for friendship, employment, leadership development, and inclusive living for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Our final phase of competition is the elegant Evening Gown Competition. This competition allows a look into how the contestant exhibits her own personal style, attitude, personality, grace, presence, composure, confidence, and her command of the stage.

We begin with:

<<<Teen>>>

<<<Miss>>>

Emcee: That completes all phases of competition for tonight. in just a few minutes we will have a new Miss \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_’s Teen and Miss \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for 2024!

The auditors are busy tabulating the scores from all phases of competition and those scores will determine our winner which we will announce in a few minutes.

**<Entertainment/Filler> or <Short Break/Intermission>**

Emcee: Let’s welcome back to the stage, one last time for her farewell:

(Outgoing Titleholders)

**<Farewell Speech/Walk – LESS than 2 Minutes>**

Emcee: The Miss \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Competition is part of the Miss Louisiana and Miss America Organizations, the country’s leading providers of educational scholarships for women.

Tonight, we will award over $ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in scholarships and the winners will go on to compete for Miss Louisiana’s Teen and Miss Louisiana Competitions in Monroe where thousands of dollars in scholarship awards will be awarded and made available.

The Teen winner will have the opportunity to compete for Miss Louisiana’s Teen and ultimately Miss America’s Teen. Each young lady who competes on the national Miss America’s Teen Stage will be fortunate to receive a full Presidential Scholarship to the University of Alabama. The University of Alabama offers this scholarship to all 50 states. We are grateful to all of our scholarship donors.

We’ve seen a lot of talent and exciting competition tonight. Have you picked your winner?

It looks like our auditors have finished tabulating the judges’ scores and we are ready to announce our winners.

**AWARDS:**

Only 2 preliminary awards selected from the following competitions: Health & Fitness, Talent and Evening Gown may be given.

# of finalist awards:

3 contestants: Winner only

4 or 5 contestants: 1st Runner Up and Winner

6 – 8 contestants: 2nd, 1st Runner up & Winner

9 – 12 contestants: 4th, 3rd, 2nd, 1st Runner Up & Winner

**TEEN AWARDS & CROWNING**

Emcee: One of these ladies will be our new Miss \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_’s Teen. Here we go:

The 2nd Runner Up is: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Our 1st Runner Up is: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Our new Miss \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_’s Teen is

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**MISS AWARDS & CROWNING**

Emcee: One of these ladies will be our new Miss \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The 2nd Runner Up is: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Our 1st Runner Up is: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Our new Miss \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Emcee: Congratulations to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the new Miss \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Thank you for joining us this evening.

**Production Notes:**

* The above script is strictly a guide to help you maneuver through the phases of on-stage competition. We encourage you to add verbiage that will enhance your production value that fits your local preliminary.
* You will need entertainment/filler between some phases of competition to allow candidates to change wardrobe.

**Filler Items:**

* For the past 102 years, Miss America has been one of the country's most recognizable household names and has been at the center of everything from national trends to social movements to the birth of television. The young women involved have made a significant difference in people’s lives through their charitable and community service endeavors.
* The talent phase of competition was added in 1935 to increase the public image and appeal of the Miss America Competition after the Great Depression made the parade and other related activities too costly to produce.
* 1967 saw the launch of the Miss America USO Troupes performing in Vietnam and around the world to support our country’s servicemen and women. Miss America continues to maintain its support of the US Armed Forces and USO.
* With television taking the country by storm in the 1950’s, the telecast caught the imagination of the American public. For the first time in 1955, Miss America came into people’s homes where they watched Lee Meriweather win the coveted title. This annual program provided a kind of entertainment never before experienced nationally. It seemed the women onstage embodied the dreams of every young girl. By the end of the 1950’s Miss America had become an international symbol of the ideal young woman.
* Introduce visiting titleholders, but only those affiliated with Miss Louisiana and Miss America. No others.
* Have outgoing titleholders entertain as filler and speak of her experience.