### MISS NEW YORK SCHOLARSHIP RULES & REGULATIONS As of March 30, 2022

#### As Administered by the Miss America Foundation

# For Scholarship Recipients at the 2022 Miss New York Scholarship Program, and the Local Programs' 2021-2022 Program Year

- A. Miss Scholarship Requests: Miss Scholarship Recipients may request their scholarships at any time up to one (1) year from the date the students were awarded the scholarship. After one year, awards are subject to forfeiture, unless during that year the recipient requests, in writing, an extension and the Foundation Board grants the extension. An extension will not be unreasonably withheld, and the Foundation Board may grant an extension for up to one (1) year. Under no circumstance will the Foundation Board grant any further extension after two (2) years and the grant shall lapse—*i.e.*, no Miss Scholarship Recipient shall have more than two (2) years to request their scholarship from the date the students were awarded the scholarship.
  - 0. Example: Mallory (a Miss Scholarship recipient) received various scholarship grants at the Miss New York Scholarship Program on June 8, 2019. Mallory may request her scholarship at any time before or on June 8, 2020. Mallory may also request an extension for up to one (1) year at any time before or on June 8, 2020. The Foundation may grant such an extension but under no circumstance will the Foundation Board grant any further extension after June 8, 2021 and the grant shall lapse.
- B. Teen Scholarship Requests: Teen Scholarship Recipients may request their scholarships at any time up to one (1) year from the date the students were awarded the scholarship. After one year, awards are subject to forfeiture, unless during that year the recipient requests, in writing, an extension and the Foundation Board grants the extension. An extension will not be unreasonably withheld, and the Foundation Board may grant an extension for up to one (1) year. Teen Scholarship Recipients can request additional extensions, but must do so in writing, within the extension time-period. Under no circumstance will the Foundation Board grant any further extension after five (5) years and the grant shall lapse—*i.e.*, no Teen Scholarship Recipient shall have more than five (5) years to request their scholarship from the date the students were awarded the scholarship.
  - 0. Example: Nina (a Teen Scholarship recipient) received various scholarship grants at the Miss New York Scholarship Program on June 8, 2019. Nina may request her scholarship at any time before or on June 8, 2020. Nina may also request an extension for up to one (1) year at any time before or on June 8, 2020. If that extension is granted by the Foundation, Nina may requests additional extensions of up to one (1) year each during each extension period granted by the Foundation. The Foundation may grant such extensions but under no circumstance will the Foundation Board grant any further extension after June 8, 2024 and the grant shall lapse.

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- C. Scholarships awarded may be used for:
  - 0. Tuition to any accredited higher education institution or technical program
  - 1. Books and supplies, but only if required for all students in the same class.
  - 2. Computer equipment up to \$800.00 with proper documentation including a letter from a professor indicating that the computer is <u>required</u> for the entire class.
  - 3. Student loan payments as long as they are to a bona fide educational lender, and must student must submit promissory note showing the student is responsible for the repayment of the loan, and proof that the course work was satisfactorily completed.
- D. Procedure for requesting: Checks shall be paid to the institution, upon receipt of a bill from the student's college, college's bookstore, or for any student loan payments. The Foundation will make the check directly payable to the institution or other appropriate entity. Students **must** allow two weeks for processing checks. The uniform scholarship request form **must** accompany all requests. That form may be downloaded from the Miss NY website (www.miss-newyork.org) under "request your scholarship." A letter will accompany your payment to the institution or other appropriate entity indicating that if for any reason the class is canceled or a refund is due, that refund must be returned to the Empire State Education Foundation and not to the student.
- E. Priority of Level in Usage:
  - 0. All Local Awards must first be requested and used for a program year.
  - 1. Recipients may then request funds for that same program year from the Foundation.
  - 2. Finally, awards held by the Miss America Organization or MAO Foundation may be used.
  - 3. Local and State rules allow for usage first from a prior program year before requesting the later program year. MAO awards are the last requested regardless of the program year in which they were earned.
  - 4. Examples:

Kira received scholarship grants at various Local Programs in 2018-19. She received scholarship grants at the State program for 2019. She received the national community service scholarship for 2019 which is held in escrow at MAO. Kira must first use all local scholarships awarded in 2018-19. She must then use all state money for 2019. Having exhausted all of those local and state funds, only then may Kira request the 2019 award held by the MAO Foundation.

Nia received scholarship grants at various Local Programs in 2017-18 and 2018-19. She received scholarship grants at the State program for 2018 and 2019. Nia

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also requested and was granted an extension of one year for her 2017-18 local scholarships and 2018 state scholarships. Nia must first use all local scholarships awarded in 2017-18. She must then use all state money for 2018. Having exhausted all of those local and state funds from 2017-18, she may then request scholarships awarded at the local level for 2018-19. After those funds are exhausted only then may Nia request her state money for 2019.

- A. If a scholarship recipient signs a Uniform Request Form confirming that the recipient has used all of the local scholarships granted and it is later found to be untrue, then those local funds are subject to forfeiture. It is incumbent upon the grant recipient to track 100% of their scholarships. If the recipient has any question about outstanding local money, the local program must be contacted prior to submitting a request to the Foundation. Although the Miss New York Scholarship Program and the Foundation will track all scholarships granted, the Miss New York Scholarship Program and Foundation may not have up-to-date outstanding local scholarship payable. All grants and requests and payments at the local level must be tracked by the recipients.
- B. Should a runner up, by virtue of Miss New York's inability to continue to serve as Miss New York, be named Miss New York at any time after the Miss New York competition date, the runner up shall <u>not</u> receive any further scholarship.
  - 0. Example: If Miss NY wins the title of Miss America, the first runner up will be offered the Miss NY title for the remainder of the year. She does not, however, receive any additional scholarship. The same is true for all Miss NY Local Programs.

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