



*Miss Miami Gardens*  
Scholarship Pageant

## **SCHOLARSHIP RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Effective October 1, 2008

1. Any and all educational Scholarships awarded to Contestants shall be expended for direct education related expenses i.e. tuition, books, room and board and other expenses which may be approved by the City of Miami Gardens and its Scholarship Pageant Representatives. Reimbursement for educational related living expenses (rent, utilities, etc.) will be paid only if the lease and utility bill are in the name of Contestant requesting payment and that Contestant must continuously and currently residing in said residence at the time of the request for payment.

To qualify, Contestant will be required to provide proof of registration as a full time student in a post-secondary school.

2. Requests for scholarships by a Contestant shall be processed by the City of Miami Gardens upon receipt of original statements from universities, colleges, technical schools, or for other educational purposes. All statements and invoices must be accompanied by documentation from school and a disbursement form.
3. Scholarships may be used for current educational expenses and Contestant must submit invoices and/or statements for payment directly from the provider of the educational service or Contestant may submit a paid receipt and request reimbursement. All invoices and receipts must be originals. Contestant may not request payment or reimbursement for expenses that are or have been covered through any other financial aid source other than student loans which meet the provisions of Paragraph 4 below.
4. Scholarships may be used for outstanding student loan obligations provided the loan is not in default and provided that the Contestant has satisfactorily completed the course work for which the student loan was obtained. Contestant must submit documentation from the school or lender that evidence Contestant is either the primary or secondary payer of the loan obligation. Notice of payments due should be sent to the City of Miami Gardens Scholarship Pageant for payment and if the time required for processing the invoice extends beyond the due date, Contestant may submit evidence of payment with a paid receipt and request reimbursement.

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Contestant's Initials



5. Contestant must use the Miss Miami Gardens scholarship(s) within one (1) year of the date of the award or within two (2) years of the date of the award if the Contestant becomes Miss Florida. If a Contestant does not use the funds in her Miss Miami Gardens scholarship account within this specified timeframe the scholarship funds shall be forfeited.
6. An exception to the time limits described herein may be made if the Contestant, prior to the expiration date, makes a written request appealing to the City of Miami Gardens – Scholarship Pageant and its Board of Directors citing compelling reasons why the time period should be extended. This request must be submitted even if a portion of the scholarship has already been used. Any remaining balance for future use must be protected by an extension. The City of Miami Gardens Scholarship Pageant Board of Directors will review the request and determine whether or not an extended time period is warranted. The decision of the City of Miami Gardens Scholarship Pageant Board of Directors shall be final and binding. An extension is deemed to be for one (1) year and a Contestant may request no more than two (2) extensions.
7. Scholarships which have been forfeited will remain in the Miss Miami Gardens scholarship account for future award(s) as determined appropriate by the City of Miami Gardens Scholarship Pageant and its Board of Directors.
8. Payment of scholarship monies requested by a Contestant will be made by The City of Miami Gardens Scholarship Pageant within thirty (30) days of the approval of the request by the City of Miami Gardens Scholarship Pageant Scholarship Representative.

I HEREBY acknowledge I have read and understand the above Scholarship Rules and Regulations and agree to abide by same.

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Contestant

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Signature of Contestant

Note: If the Contestant is under the age of eighteen (18), these Scholarship Rules and Regulations must also be signed by a parent or guardian of the Contestant.

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Signature of Parent or Guardian

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Date