

Dear Potential Contestant:

On behalf of the entire staff of the Miss Hoover Pageant; we appreciate your interest in our pageant. The role of Miss Hoover is a great privilege that comes with great responsibility. We are pleased to extend to you this information that should answer any questions regarding the 2010 Miss Hoover pageant.

Miss Hoover is a franchise of the Miss Alabama Pageant, Inc. and part of the Miss America Organization, which provides millions of dollars in scholarship money to contestants throughout the United States. In addition to scholarships, Miss Hoover offers you the opportunity to sharpen qualities of character, talent, and leadership that you can use for the rest of your life.

Who is Miss Hoover? She is a role model who cares about her role and the role of other young women in society. She is beautiful, poised, confident, and has a commanding presence. She is talented, intelligent, independent, and an eloquent communicator. She is a leader by virtue of her experience and takes pride in her health and physical appearance.

As Miss Hoover, you will make appearances, using both your talent and speaking ability, and meet many exciting people from the Hoover area and across Alabama. You will also represent Hoover at the Miss Alabama Pageant held in Birmingham in June, 2010. The winner of the Miss Alabama pageant will go on to compete in the Miss America Pageant. At each level, the winner and alternates receive scholarship money that will help further their education.

The Hoover Area Chamber of Commerce is proud to sponsor the 2010 Miss Hoover pageant. Helping further the education of our area's young women is the foremost purpose of the pageant. Of course, we would love to have Miss Hoover win the title of Miss Alabama! As your director, I will do everything in my power toward that end.

To ensure your spot in our competition, a **\$50.00** no-show deposit is required for entry. Please make **cashier's checks** or money orders payable to "Miss Hoover Pageant." Your check will be returned to you the day of the pageant. Enclosed are the necessary documents for entry and instructions. You will be notified of your acceptance as a contestant.

If you have any questions about any phase of the pageant or about pageant clothing, please do not hesitate to ask. We are here to help you to be your best! As you consider this opportunity, remember you could be the next Miss Hoover, Miss Alabama, or even Miss America – it's all up to you!

Sincerely,

Tim Gann  
Executive Director

## Miss Hoover 2010 Contestant Checklist

### **Date of Birth:**

(To be eligible your birthday should fall on or between 01/01/1986 and 07/24/1992)

- \* \$50.00 No Show Fee CHECK payable to Miss Hoover Pageant
- \* 1 COMPLETED State and Local Contract (signed by contestant and notarized)
- \* 1 COMPLETED Miss Hoover Local Contract & Scholarship Rules (signed by contestant and notarized)
- \* 7 copies of Platform Essay
- \* 7 copies of Interview Resume
- \* Notarized copy of birth certificate (2.2 of State & Local Contract)
- \* Proof of Residence (2.3 of State & Local Contract) [Must show beyond question that you qualify to compete as of February 9, 2008]
- \* Talent Request Form
- \* 2 CD's of Talent Music (if any) This may be 1 ½ to 2 minutes in length.
- \* 5" x 7" COLOR picture (no B & W!)
- \* Community Service Questionnaire

Return all of the items on the list to:

**MISS HOOVER PAGEANT**  
Tim Gann, Director  
P. O. Box 1244  
Gardendale, AL 35071

**NO LATER THAN:**

July 17, 2009

*Your application is not complete until we have everything!*

Everything should be MAILED to Director, Tim Gann.

**WE DO NOT ACCEPT APPLICATIONS BY FAX OR E-MAIL!  
APPLICATIONS ARE ACCEPTED ONLY BY MAIL!**

Mailing address:

Miss Hoover Pageant  
Tim Gann, Director  
P. O. Box 1244  
Gardendale, AL 35071

**APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY: July 17, 2009**

I highly recommend that you make copies of the STATE AND LOCAL CONTRACT, the MISS HOOVER CONTRACT and SCHOLARSHIP RULES, your PLATFORM ESSAY, and your RESUME'!

You should keep the contract copies for your reference and you should KNOW everything that is contained on your PLATFORM ESSAY and RESUME'.

A copy of your PLATFORM ESSAY and RESUME' will be given to each judge and he or she will prepare interview questions from this information.

## Application Packet Information Miss Hoover 2010

**Entry should be received by: July 17, 2009 All applications should be completed and MAILED to Tim Gann by this time.**

Only completed applications are accepted and all checklist information must be included to be considered complete.

**Applications are NOT accepted by fax or e-mail – only by MAIL!**

Included in this packet:

- Instructions
- Checklist for all documentation to be turned-in
- Application Packet Information
- Application Instructions
- Competition Information
- Miss Hoover 2010 Pageant Itinerary
- Talent Request form
- Contestant's Local contract with Miss Hoover and scholarship rules
- 2007-08 Miss America State and Local Contestant Contract
- Community Service Questionnaire
- Contestant Resume' instructions
- Contestant Platform Essay instructions

These items can be downloaded from our website as well. (misscenterpoint.com) However, remember that we will only accept hard copy applications received through the mail along with all support material.

Entry Requirements:

- You must be a U.S. citizen and must either be a resident of, a full-time student in, or work full-time in Alabama **FOR AT LEAST 6 MONTHS PRIOR TO YOUR ENTRY IN THE PAGEANT! You must be able to prove this by one of the items listed in the residency requirements!**
- You must be a high-school graduate by the date of the Miss Alabama Pageant in June 2010.
- You must be at least 17-years-old as of July 24, 2009 & no older than 24-years-old on December 31, 2010.
- You must comply with all guidelines set forth in the state & local contract set forth by the Miss America Organization as well the Miss Hoover contract.
- You must not be under contract to endorse any product, firm, or corporation.

Do not complete the Contestant # on any of the forms included. Contestant number/competition order will be drawn by pageant committee in advance for production/printing purposes.

## Application Instructions

### 1. \$50 No-Show Fee

There is a \$50 deposit required for entry. A CHECK should be included with your completed application made payable to Miss Hoover Pageant. *This check will be returned to you after the on-stage portion of the pageant.*

### 2. State and Local Contract This is the official Miss America local preliminary contestant contract with Miss Alabama and with Miss Hoover. This contract should be completed as you would complete a job application. You are responsible for knowing the contents of this contract.

If you will be only 17-years-old on August 2, 2008, a parent or legal guardian must sign this contract. I would recommend that all contestants read the State and Local contracts and have your parent or legal guardian read them as well. **These are legally binding contracts. You may take the contracts to a lawyer at your own expense to have them verified if you wish.**

You should download Adobe Reader<sup>®</sup> to complete the application. You will not be able to save your completed application, so make certain that everything is complete before you print it!

- A. "Type Organization Name" should be replaced by "HOOVER"
- B. "Competition" should be replaced by "HOOVER"
- C. "Name" should be replaced by your legal name.
- D. "Competition State" should be replaced by "ALABAMA"
- E. "Title" should be replaced by "HOOVER"
- F. First "Y" in 1.2 should be replaced by "10"
- G. "Place" in 1.2 should be replaced by "Hoover, Alabama"
- H. "Date" in 1.2 should be replaced by "July 24"
- I. Second "Y" in 1.2 should be replaced by "10"
- J. Second "Y" in 1.3 should be replaced by "10"
- K. All other applicable blanks, including age and eligibility information and the fact sheet, should be completed.

### 3. Notarized Copy of Birth Certificate You must include a **notarized copy** of your birth certificate to verify your age. **This should be an official COPY – Not your actual birth certificate – and it must be notarized!** Make a photocopy of your birth certificate. Take both the original and the copy to a notary public to verify and have him or her notarize it.

### 4. **6 COPIES OF INTERVIEW RESUME'** *The copies will be given to directly to the judges as you provided it to the Miss Hoover officials.* No changes will be made to the RESUME' you turn in. Your interview resume' cannot be longer than one typed page using a 10-12 point Times New Roman font.

### 5. **6 COPIES –PLATFORM ESSAY** The Miss America Organization, the Miss Alabama system, and the Miss Hoover Pageant encourage the young women who participate in the program to become involved in the community, to develop a Platform, and to speak out on issues of concern to them, their communities, and to the nation. If you are selected as Miss Hoover, you should have an issue to focus on during your Year of Service. Examples of this platform issue are: Mentoring, Child Abuse Awareness, Breast Cancer Awareness, Recycling, Teen Alcohol Abuse Prevention, etc. Please choose an issue that you personally feel strongly about AND with which you can affiliate a National 501-C-3 (non-profit) organization. ***This will be given directly to the judges! No changes will be made. Your platform essay CANNOT be longer than one page.***

### 6. Proof of Residence To compete in this pageant, you must have either: Lived in the state of Alabama **for at least six months prior to your entry into the pageant**; **OR** Have completed at least one semester as a full-time student (12 semester credit hours) in Alabama; **AND** be presently enrolled; **AND** be attending classes on a full-time basis at an accredited college or university in Alabama; **OR** Been employed in the state of Alabama, full-time (at least 40-hours per week) for at least six months.

**You must be able to PROVE your residency with ONE of the following:**

- 1 Driver's license, automobile registration, current lease, or other official document that establishes residency for six months prior to the date of the pageant (Be dated on or before January 24, 2009); **OR**
- 2 College transcript from the qualifying college or university showing enrollment as of January 24, 2009; **OR**
- 3 Name, address, and phone number of current employer, along with job title and dates of employment including documentation such as check stub dated on or before January 24, 2009.

SEND A PHOTOCOPY OF **ONE** OF THE ABOVE TO PROVE THAT YOU MEET THIS RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT!

- 7 Talent Request No talent is allowed to repeat during the competition. (Same music/song cannot be used by different contestants) The first contestant with completed application requesting a specific song will reserve that song for competition. In case of duplication, the second contestant will be notified that a different selection must be made. Also include 2 CD's containing your talent music.
- 8 Picture You must send a 5"x7" COLOR picture with your completed application. Professional pictures are preferred. You should write your name IN PENCIL on the back of the picture. This picture will be used for the selection panel's book and for the program.
- 9 Community Service Questionnaire Please complete the community service questionnaire information accurately. It will be reported to the Miss Alabama organization.

**No more than 25 contestants will be accepted. If more than 25 apply, participation will be based on dates of postmark on packets.**

**NO ONE IS ALLOWED  
BACKSTAGE, IN  
DRESSING ROOMS,  
OR IN THE HALLS  
OUTSIDE OF THE  
DRESSING ROOMS  
OTHER THAN  
CONTESTANTS AND  
PAGEANT OFFICIALS!**

**There will be “Pageant Moms” to help with attire, hair, makeup, etc. These women will NOT be your personal helper as they will be helping all contestants. Plan to do your own hair, makeup, etc.**

**AT ANY TIME DURING THE DAY, IF WE FIND A PARENT, FRIEND, COACH OR SOMEONE ELSE BACKSTAGE THAT SHOULDN'T BE THERE, THE CONTESTANT ASSOCIATED WITH THAT PERSON WILL BE IMMEDIATELY DISQUALIFIED AND ASKED TO LEAVE. HER DEPOSIT CHECK WILL NOT BE RETURNED TO HER.**

## Miss Hoover Pageant Rules

1       **RESPECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS!** God created **you** in His own image. He also created the other contestants, pageant staff, judges, and officials. Treat everyone involved with the pageant the way you want to be treated. Our volunteers have put in a lot of work to get everything ready for today. Make sure you thank them!

2       **HAVE FUN.** Make friends. Don't take yourself too seriously. I know you're nervous, but take a deep breath and smile.

3       **NO VIDEOS OR PHOTOS DURING THE PAGEANT.** Tell all of your friends and family that **no one** can take pictures or videos during the pageant due to Miss Alabama pageant rules. There is an official videographer and you may purchase a pageant video OR DVD from them for \$50.00. This video will contain your personal interview along with the on-stage portion of the pageant. It will NOT contain any other contestant's private interview. If you plan to continue competing, the video is a great tool to see what your interview is like and to help you better prepare in the future.

4       **NO FRIENDS OR FAMILY ALLOWED IN DRESSING ROOMS OR BACKSTAGE!** You are required to do your own hair and makeup. There will be 'pageant moms' to help you get ready, but they are there to help everyone and will not be your personal helper.

5       **NO FOOD OR DRINK ALLOWED IN DRESSING ROOMS OR AUDITORIUM.** We don't want anything spilled on pageant attire, makeup, etc. We'll have another room for you to hang out and eat.

6       **PAY ATTENTION DURING REHEARSALS.** We only have a few hours for you to learn the production numbers and get ready to compete. Excess chatter will NOT be tolerated! Please keep talk in the halls to a minimum after 1PM!

7       **THANK YOU'S** – We ask that the winner write Thank You notes to sponsors and donors as soon after the pageant as possible. You will be provided an address list soon after the pageant.

**2010 Miss Hoover Pageant Itinerary**  
Date: Friday, July 24, 2009  
Place: Spain Park High School Auditorium  
4700 Jaguar Drive, Hoover AL 35242

**11:00 AM**

**WHO: CONTESTANTS ONLY!** (Parent/friend may help you unload but must LEAVE after helping!)

**WHAT TO WEAR: Comfortable clothes & shoes.**

**WHAT TO BRING:**

- x Talent competition *practice* attire and props
- x Competition swimsuit
- x Talent accompaniment CD in case there was a problem with the ones you mailed with the application packet.
- x Copy of Miss Hoover 2010 Itinerary
- x NOTEBOOK AND PEN
- x List of current obligations and Fall 2010 Class schedule Include clubs, work, sports (games and practice), and any pertinent family obligations.
- x All clothes, makeup, and other pageant necessities

11:00 AM – Orientation (Please arrive in time to unload, unpack and be seated in auditorium at 10:00!

11:30 AM – Production Rehearsal

12:30 PM – Lunch

1:00 PM – Interviews begin. (Talent rehearsals will be worked around your interview. Also, you may vary when you eat according to your interview time.)

**7:00 PM – Pageant (swimsuit, talent, evening gown, on-stage question)**

**9:00 PM -Crowning of Miss Hoover 2010**

\* Note: This schedule could change based upon the number of contestants. However, the on-stage portion of the pageant WILL still begin at 7 pm.

**MISS HOOVER 2010 PAGEANT INTERVIEW  
SCHEDULE**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Interview Time</b>
1		1:00
2		1:11
3		1:22
4		1:33
5		1:44
8		1:55
7		2:06
8		2:17
9		2:28
10		2:39
11		2:50
12		3:01
13		3:30
14		3:41
15		3:52
18		4:03
17		4:14
18		4:25
19		4:36
20		4:47
21		4:58
22		5:09
23		5:20
24		5:31
25		5:42

## COMPETITION INFORMATION

### Phases of Competition (In Competition order):

Private Interview – 25%

10-minute private interview with selection panel. No opening, but may use 30-second closing.

On-Stage Interview – 5%

One on-stage current event question will be asked during the casual wear competition. You will have 30-seconds to answer the question.

Swimsuit – 15%

Talent – 35%

1 ½ to 2 minute talent presentation

Evening Gown – 20%

## WHAT TO BRING TO THE PAGEANT

### Competition attire:

Interview: Suit or professional skirt & blouse – *NO PANTS!* Appropriate jewelry, shoes, etc. You are applying for a job and this is your job interview!

Swimsuit: One or two-piece swimsuit; No thongs or string bikinis! Suits should be well lined and have a built-in bra! Shoes should compliment. Oil is NOT permitted. You may want to use Firm Grip or some other product to keep the bottoms in place. *NO PANTY HOSE!*

Evening Wear: Your choice of evening attire, shoes, jewelry, etc.

Talent: Your choice, whatever is appropriate & in good taste for your talent. Please note Talent must be completed in 2:00 minutes.

x Production attire – Opening number production attire will be a black cocktail dress. It should be tasteful, fitting and should reflect contestant's personal style.

Other things to bring: Electrical power strip for anything you might need to plug in! Make-up Hair products, curling irons, hot curlers, etc  
Lighted make-up mirror Full length mirror Housecoat or coverup to wear in the dressing room Anything else you might need to get ready for competition.

**PLEASE LABEL ANYTHING THAT YOU WANT TO KEEP! ANYTHING  
LEFT AT THE PAGEANT WITHOUT A LABEL WILL NOT BE  
RETURNED!**

# 2010 TALENT REQUEST FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Talent category in which you will perform (please be specific):

Name of selection \_\_\_\_\_

Composer or author \_\_\_\_\_

Will you use an accompaniment track on CD? \_\_\_\_\_

Will you use props? \_\_\_\_

Microphone Preference:

- Stand
- Hand-Held
- Lavalier
- No Preference
- Floor Mic for Tap
- Instrument Mic Piano Other (please specify)
- NO MIC

**TALENT INTRODUCTION:**  
**(30 words or less)**