

MISS LAKE MARTIN

Statement of Understanding and Requirement

I agree to the following terms:

- I understand if I am selected as Miss Lake Martin that my conduct must reflect moral standards to be an appropriate role model as Miss Lake Martin. I agree to represent the title of Miss Lake Martin, the Miss Lake Martin Competition, and the Miss Lake Martin Competition committee with professionalism, honor, integrity, and dignity.
- I understand that the Co-Director(s) of the Miss Lake Martin organization must approve any appearance I may make as Miss Lake Martin. I will refer all requests for appearances to the Co-Director(s). This includes all requests made by civic groups, school organizations, other Competition directors, former directors, and other preliminary winners. I understand that any requests to speak with the media (print and electronic) will be forwarded to the Co-Director(s). I understand that one of the co-directors or another staff member that they appoint, will accompany me on ALL appearances. By referring those requests to them, it looks more professional. I understand my parent(s) will not be my traveling companion on any official appearance. If I am making an appearance at an "open event" where the public is invited, of course my parents may attend and enjoy the event, but keep their distance while I am speaking or performing in order to maintain a professional appearance for the booking party.
- I understand that if I do make an appearance without approval from one of my co-directors and an appointed traveling companion, I will not be covered under Miss Alabama insurance for any reason that may occur.
- As Miss Lake Martin, I will dress appropriately and professionally for appearances, and exercise good taste in wardrobe selection. (My Co-Directors can guide me to know what is most appropriate for me to wear for each appearance.) No tattoos or body piercings (other than one pair of earrings) should be visible to the public.
- I understand that I am always "Miss Lake Martin". I will dress appropriately when in the community and be properly groomed with make-up, proper clothing, and hair and nails properly groomed.
- I understand that if I have a boyfriend during my year of service, he is not permitted to accompany me to appearances; he is not to show public displays of affection to me under ANY circumstances while I am making an appearance as Miss Lake Martin and/or wearing my crown.
- I agree to be PROMPT for all appearances, knowing that there is never an excuse for being late to an appointment. I will arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the appointed time as set forth by the Miss Lake Martin director(s).
- At all appearances, I will show kindness and appreciation to the sponsor/host. I will not take advantage of the host's hospitality. I will never give the impression that I am sick, tired or bored while at an appearance. I will maintain interest and an enthusiastic attitude during the entire event.
- Hand-written thank you notes for all appearances must be made within 24 hours of the event. I understand that I must display a behavior that is always beyond reproach. I will NOT smoke or drink alcoholic beverages at ANY public appearance and will not be photographed with these items in my hand(s) or in my mouth. I will not wear inappropriate clothing or be seen in businesses that leave the impression of poor moral judgment.
- As Miss Lake Martin, I will not compete in any local, state, or regional Competitions whether they lead to state and/or national finals, without express approval by the Co-Director.

Required Appearances Include:

I understand that my attendance at the following events is mandatory, and it is my responsibility to clear my calendar and resolve any potential conflict from my schedule to attend the following events:

- Miss Alabama Competition Candidate Orientation (date set by Miss Alabama Board)
- Miss Alabama Competition Candidate Workshop (date set by Miss Alabama Board)
- Miss Alabama's Outstanding Teen Competition and Miss Alabama Candidate Introductions
- Miss Lake Martin's Teen send-off reception prior to the Miss Alabama's Teen Pageant
- Miss Lake Martin send-off reception prior to the Miss Alabama Competition
- Miss Alabama Gala and Miss Alabama Candidate Introductions
- Miss Alabama Top Ten Fashion Show (if selected Top Ten finalist)
- Minimum of four speaking engagements
- Minimum of four platform appearances

An appearance may only count as one of the required appearances. For example, if an appearance could qualify as a speaking engagement and a platform appearance, it would only count as one required appearance — either a speaking engagement or a platform appearance. All required appearances must be honored unless excused by the Miss Lake Martin Co-Director(s).

Recommended Appearances

- Appearances that support the American Heart Association
- Appearances that support Children's of Alabama
- Salvation Army Christmas Registration and/or Angel Tree
- Ronald McDonald House of Alabama Family Activity Night
- Boys and Girls Club Mentor
- Appearances that support your personal platform
- Interviews with local newspapers and radio stations
- Christmas parades in the Lake Martin area, including Alexander City, Dadeville, Auburn, Opelika, and others.

- And, of course, churches if you are regularly attending and that is something you already participate in.

Miss Alabama Preparation

- I agree that I will maintain my physical appearance through exercise and diet.
- I agree to stay up to date on current events and news topics.
- I agree to participate in mock interview sessions, platform development, talent rehearsals, and on-stage practice with my Director(s) and committee in preparation for the Miss Alabama Competition and during my year of service. I agree to practice my talent on a regular basis. This includes being prepared to entertain at appearances related to the title of Miss Lake Martin.
- I understand that my Miss Alabama competition wardrobe, talent selection, and photos must be approved by the Miss Lake Martin director(s) at least two weeks prior to the Miss Alabama workshop. I know that this is done to help me be the most prepared that I can be for the Miss Alabama competition. Also, I understand that my approved wardrobe must be worn for the specific approved event during the Miss Alabama competition.
- Once final decisions are made regarding my clothing for the Miss Alabama Competition, NO changes or substitutions may be made without written approval of the Co-Director(s). This includes non-competition, off-stage clothing as well as ALL on-stage competition and production number clothing.

- I understand that I will provide my own wardrobe for appearances and all phases of competition in the Miss Alabama Competition.
- I agree to show evidence of working diligently and consistently on my platform.
- I understand that the Miss Lake Martin Director(s) will assist me with my Community Service Scrapbook, and I agree to have my scrapbook completed at least one week prior to the deadline set by the Miss Alabama Competition.
- I also agree that the Miss Lake Martin Director(s) have approval rights of the talent selection for the Miss Alabama Competition.
- It is the responsibility of Miss Lake Martin to contact the Miss Lake Martin Co-Director(s) to obtain the required approval(s)/signatures for any paperwork prior to the Miss Alabama due date
- For Miss Alabama wardrobe approval and signature on the card, the director must see the clothing and witness the talent performance in person. Photographs and/or videos will not suffice.

Outside coaching is prohibited. I understand and agree that I will not have any type of coaching or outside help, advice, or influences in preparing for the Miss Alabama Competition without the approval of the Co-Director(s) of the Miss Lake Martin Competition. I understand that all decisions, including wardrobe and talent, will be made between me and the Miss Lake Martin director(s) concerning the Miss Alabama Competition. Parents and/or friends are to provide support but will not participate in the decision-making process in preparing for the Miss Alabama Competition. Talent instruction such as music teacher, dance teacher, etc is allowed and not considered outside coaching.

Signature

Date