

# 2019 Rules for Becoming a Miss DC Contestant

## To participate in the 2019 Miss District of Columbia competition, a contestant must fulfill the following requirements:

- A contestant must be 18-25 years of age to participate in the Miss DC competition. She must be at least 18 on the first day on which she is a contestant in any phase of the Miss DC competition. She may not turn 26 by the end of the calendar year in which she competes for the Miss DC title. For the 2019 Miss DC competition, contestants must be born AFTER December 31, 1993 and BEFORE June 23, 2001. A copy of the contestant's birth certificate must be provided to the Miss District of Columbia Organization.
- In order to participate in the Miss District of Columbia competition, a contestant must reside in; be enrolled in and attending classes on a full-time basis at an accredited college/university in or a graduating high school senior in; or be employed in on a full-time basis, the District of Columbia (DC suburbs of Maryland and Virginia do not suffice).
- If she is claiming eligibility to participate in the Miss District of Columbia competition based upon her residence in the District of Columbia, a contestant must have been a resident of the District of Columbia for at least six (6) months prior to the Miss District of Columbia competition. A contestant must provide proof of this residency in the form of a driver's license, automobile registration, current lease, or other official document that establishes residency. If her residency at this location was established within six (6) months preceding the Miss District of Columbia competition, she must provide proof of previous residency in the District of Columbia. A contestant must agree to provide the Miss District of Columbia Organization with any additional information or documents that may be required to determine her residency in the District of Columbia if her residence is relevant to her eligibility. For the 2019 Miss DC competition, contestants must be able to prove residency on or before December 22, 2018.
- If she is claiming eligibility to compete based upon her status as a student in the District of Columbia, a contestant must have successfully completed at least one semester as a full-time student (at least 12 credit hours for undergraduates and at least 9 credit hours for graduate students), and presently be enrolled and attending classes on a full-time basis at an accredited college/university (or a high school at which she is a graduating senior) in the District of Columbia. She also must verify that no more than six (6) months have elapsed between the completion of her last full-time semester and the beginning of the next full-time semester that she is attending at a college or university in the District of Columbia. She must provide transcript(s) that show these credits and a registration form from the school that shows this enrollment.
- If she is claiming eligibility to compete based upon her employment in the District of Columbia, a contestant must have been employed in the District of Columbia on a full-time basis (at least 32 hours per week) for at least six (6) months immediately prior to the Miss District of Columbia competition and at the present time. She must present payroll statements or a letter from her employer to this effect. For the 2019 Miss DC competition, contestants must be able to prove employment on or before December 22, 2018.
- A contestant must be female.
- A contestant must be a U.S. citizen.
- A contestant must never have been married.
- A contestant must never have been pregnant and is not now pregnant nor the adoptive parent of any child.
- A contestant must never have performed any act or engaged in any activity or employment that is or could reasonably be characterized as immoral or indecent.
- A contestant must not use or consume any illegal controlled dangerous substances or abuse the use of alcohol or other dangerous substances.
- A contestant must never have been convicted of any crime and does not have any criminal charges pending.
- A contestant must be in reasonably good health and able to participate fully in any program activities.

# 2019 CONTESTANT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

for

## Miss District of Columbia

In order to assure that the eligibility requirements are adequately met, please provide the following information (both this signed/dated checklist and **copies** of supporting documents that we can keep) as you arrive for the preliminary workshop on January 26, 2019. No one will be able to participate in the workshop if she has not satisfactorily proven eligibility.

### REQUIRED INFORMATION

**ALL** of the following are required for everyone:

- Copy of state-certified birth certificate (verification of applicant's identity and age)
- Legible copy of current U.S. driver's license (verification of applicant's identity)
- Completed and signed copy of Preliminary Fact Sheet (this must be e-mailed to [jglindsay@hotmail.com](mailto:jglindsay@hotmail.com) by January 18, 2019 at 11:59 p.m. (no exceptions).

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**One (1) of the three (3)** following groupings of eligibility proof must be provided. Please select one category below and provide the required elements for that category.

       I am choosing to prove eligibility by my Residency (Resident for at least 6 months immediately prior to date of Miss DC competition)

Please **circle** below the letter, which indicates the type of proof you are submitting and attach copies **at least two (2)** of the following items:

- A) Legible copy of District of Columbia driver's license
- B) Auto registration (in the applicant's name)
- C) Voter's registration card (in the applicant's name)
- D) Registrar's letter of validation (for the applicant)
- E) Lease (in the applicant's name)
- F) Current utility bills (in the applicant's name)
- G) Federal income tax return (in the applicant's name; financial information may be deleted)
- H) State income tax return (in applicant's name; financial information may be deleted)

(Note: Contestants must physically live within the DC city limits. Contestants may be asked to provide updated proof of residency closer to the date of the Miss DC competition to ensure that the six-month requirement has been met and that the contestant is still a DC resident.)

