

2021 Rules for Becoming a Miss DC Candidate

To participate in the 2021 Miss District of Columbia competition, a candidate must fulfill the following requirements:

- A candidate must be 18-26 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 candidate in any phase of the Miss DC competition. She may not turn 27 by the end of the calendar year in which she competes for the Miss DC title. For the 2021 Miss DC competition, candidates must be born AFTER December 31, 1994 and BEFORE June 13, 2003. A copy of the candidate'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 candidate 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 candidate must have been a resident of the District of Columbia for at least 90 days prior to the Miss District of Columbia competition. A candidate 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 90 days preceding the Miss District of Columbia competition, she must provide proof of previous residency in the District of Columbia. A candidate 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 2021 Miss DC competition, candidates must be able to prove residency on or before March 14, 2021.
- If she is claiming eligibility to compete based upon her status as a student in the District of Columbia, a candidate must provide proof of acceptance and enrollment to physically attend classes as a full-time student (at least 12 credit hours for undergraduates and at least 9 credit hours for graduate students). A candidate may also be a student at a high school at which she is a graduating senior in the District of Columbia. She must provide transcript(s) or an acceptance letter as proof of eligibility.
- If she is claiming eligibility to compete based upon her employment in the District of Columbia, a candidate must have been employed in the District of Columbia on a full-time basis (at least 32 hours per week) for at least 60 days immediately prior to the Miss District of Columbia competition. She must present payroll statements or a letter from her employer to this effect. For the 2021 Miss DC competition, candidates must be able to prove employment on or before April 13, 2021.
- Whatever type of eligibility she is claiming, the eligibility must be maintained through the Miss District of Columbia competition.
- A candidate must be female.
- A candidate must be a U.S. citizen.
- A candidate must never have been married.
- A candidate must never have been pregnant and is not now pregnant nor the adoptive parent of any child.
- A candidate 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 candidate must not use or consume any illegal controlled dangerous substances or abuse the use of alcohol or other dangerous substances.
- A candidate must never have been convicted of any crime and does not have any criminal charges pending.
- A candidate must be in reasonably good health and able to participate fully in any program activities.

2021 CANDIDATE 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) to MissDCAmerica@aol.com by no later than March 15, 2021.

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 MissDCAmerica@aol.com along with eligibility documents by March 15, 2021)

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 90 days 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: Candidates must physically live within the DC city limits. Candidates may be asked to provide updated proof of residency closer to the date of the Miss DC competition to ensure that the 90-day requirement has been met and that the candidate is still a DC resident.)

I am choosing to prove eligibility by my Educational Status

Candidate must provide a letter of acceptance or transcript indicating that she is a full-time student in Washington, DC.

(Note: Candidates must physically attend school within the DC city limits. Online classes or classes at satellite campuses outside the District of Columbia do not satisfy the requirement. However, due to COVID-19, exceptions will be made for those taking classes remotely, as long as the educational institution is physically located in DC. Candidates may be asked to provide updated proof of educational status closer to the date of the Miss DC competition.)

 I am choosing to prove eligibility by my Employment *(Please provide one or the other of these items):*

 Copies of pay stubs (including DC business address) from employer covering at least since April 13, 2021, indicating full-time employment of at least 32 hours per week at a company/organization with offices in Washington, DC.

 Letter from employer on company/organization letterhead verifying full-time employment at least since April 13, 2021, of at least 32 hours per week at a company/organization with offices in Washington, DC.

(Note: Candidates must physically work within the DC city limits. However, due to COVID-19, exceptions will be made for those working remotely, as long as the employer is physically located in DC. Candidates may be asked to provide updated proof of employment closer to the date of the Miss DC competition to ensure that the sixty-day requirement has been met and that the candidate is still employed in DC.)

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NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE

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