

2026

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TEEN VOLUNTEER

JUNE 30 - JULY 4, 2026
TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI



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PAGEANT LOGISTICS

- Pageant Week: June 30 - July 4, 2026 in Tupelo, Mississippi
More details regarding pageant week will be released at a later date.
- Registration Fee: \$450
This includes the cost of your official Miss Teen Volunteer America sash with the title of your choice. You may pay in installments, and once an installment is paid, you will be able to select your title for competition. To sign up, visit our website.
- Eligibility Requirements:
Contestants must be at least 13 years old by July 1, 2026. Contestants must not be older than 19 years old on the day she signs up to compete.
- All contestants are responsible for their own housing. We will have a host hotel with a block of rooms reserved, if you would like more information on that. Teen Contestants must stay with an adult family member. Contestants will need to provide their own transportation to and from rehearsals, etc., during pageant week.
- We will allow you to bring your own hair/make-up artist. After we receive all of your paperwork and entry fee, an e-mail will be sent to you with these details.
- A wardrobe information sheet can be provided to you upon request once confirmed.
- We will be glad to connect you with any resources that help you prepare and feel your absolute best when you come to compete with us. Our mission is to ensure that all contestants feel confident in their ability to compete, WIN, and become Miss Mississippi Volunteer! Please reach out if you feel that you need more guidance in any area of preparation or have any questions about competing.



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WINNINGS & PRIZES

- \$3,000 Scholarship
- Recipient of in-kind scholarships to Mississippi colleges and universities
 - A complete list will be provided to all contestants once finalized.
- Partner with the Mississippi Highway Patrol Department promoting the D.R.I.V.E. (Driving Requires Initiative, Value, and Education) campaign
- Mississippi's representative at Miss Teen Volunteer America 2027 with a custom couture competition wardrobe designed with Sherri Hill and provided by Lasting Impressions Formal Wear
- Sponsored event and appearance wardrobe from Lasting Impressions Formal Wear
- Sponsored hair services for one year by Lynsee Pannell at Citizens Style
- Miss Teen Volunteer America preparation team comprised of nationally-known coaches, multiple sponsors, and incredible support members
- Featured media appearances across the state and nation
- And thousands of dollars in sponsored clothing, photoshoots, gift cards, goods, and services!



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ABOUT THE STATE ORGANIZATION



SCHOLARSHIP

Made over \$400,000 in scholarships available to contestants since 2021.



EDUCATION

Established partnerships with 6+ colleges and universities in Mississippi.



RESPONSIBILITY

Aids in young women's development to become respected, reliable resources for their employers, families, and communities.



VOLUNTEERISM

Partner with the Mississippi Highway Patrol to travel the state and promote the D.R.I.V.E. campaign.



EMPOWERMENT

Scholarships are received. Education is pursued. Responsibility is learned. Volunteerism is fulfilled. And as a result, young women are empowered!

THE FIVE POINTS OF THE CROWN

our motto,
S.E.R.V.E.

Mission of Miss Volunteer America Organization:

"To empower young women across the country through educational scholarships and extraordinary opportunities."

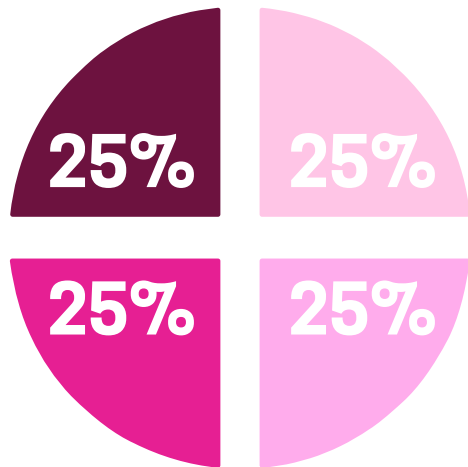


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THE PAGEANT COMPETITION



TALENT 25%

INTERVIEW 25%

EVENING GOWN 25%

FITNESS & WELLNESS 25%

ONLY THE TOP 5 WILL ANSWER AN ON-STAGE QUESTION.
THE JUDGES WILL OBSERVE, NOT SCORE, THE ANSWERS.

Pageant Competition Details:

- **Interview** - This will be a 6.5 minutes interview with questions from the panel of judges. Wear any type of outfit that you feel best represents you and makes an excellent first impression when you meet the judges! This can be a dress, pants outfit, skirt and top, jumpsuit or an appropriate dressy shorts outfit.
- **Evening Gown** - Focus on the first impression! This phase is designed to feature the young woman wearing the dress rather than the dress itself. Judges will consider your composure, confidence, personality, poise, and stage presence. We do recommend being mindful of age-appropriateness, however there are no restrictions on necklines, slits, or styles of gown!
- **Talent** - You will have 90-seconds to perform your talent.
 - Can be a dance, comedy, athletic skill demonstrations, vocal performance, monologue, instrumental performance, career demonstration or interest, baton twirling, illusion performance, ventriloquism, performance art, avocation.
- **Fitness** - Activewear should be whatever you feel best showcases your personality, charisma & dedication to an overall healthy lifestyle. Whether that is a one-piece leotard, sports bra top and biker shorts/skort, tank top with leggings or training shorts with any color tennis shoes, anything goes. See the wardrobe sheet for more guidance.



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REGARDING INTERVIEW:

The panel of judges will receive the resume-style paperwork that you will submit for them to learn more about you, prior to your interview. The paperwork will also include prompts about your S.E.R.V.E. initiative, platform, or community service work.

The goal is for the contestant to be able to share her personality, achievements, aspirations and the opportunity to share her passion for her S.E.R.V.E. platform.

The panel of judges are instructed to score contestants based on your communication skills, ability to command the room, and potential to fulfill the job responsibilities of the titleholder. The Miss Volunteer America job competencies, set forth by the national organization, will be provided to the judges.

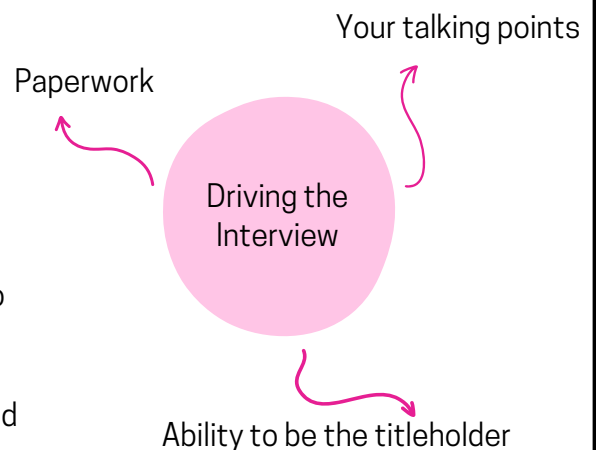
The Miss Mississippi Teen Volunteer interview **will not** include any political questions or topics.

FOR YOUR PLATFORM:

"S.E.R.V.E. Initiative" is used by the Miss Volunteer America organization to describe a contestant's philanthropic platform work. This can be a community service project/group that you can volunteer with or a cause that you advocate for and work with.

Examples:

- Mentoring - creating a mentoring club at your school
- American Heart Association (AHA) - raising awareness about heart disease & fundraising for AHA
- Advocating for those with special needs, etc.



10 COMPETENCIES

job readiness

1. COMMUNICATION
2. LEADERSHIP
3. SELF-REPRESENTATION
4. PROFESSIONALISM
5. JOB MANAGEMENT & RESILIENCE
6. TEAMWORK
7. DIVERSITY AWARENESS
8. REFLECTIVE & INDEPENDENT THINKING
9. TELECOMMUNICATIONS
10. EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE



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- Founded by Allison DeMarcus

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- Held first national Miss & Teen Volunteer America pageants in May 2022 in Jackson, TN.
- \$150,000 in scholarships were awarded at the national pageant
- \$550,000 in scholarships were awarded in total at the state level in 2021-2022

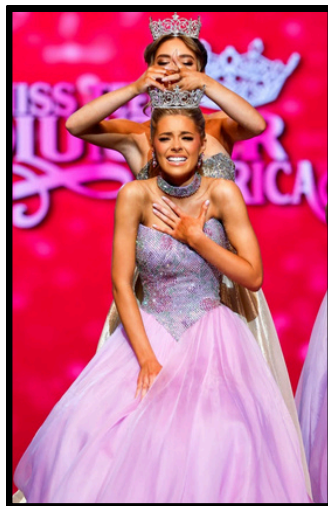
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AMERICA 2026**

IZZY KARNIS

MISS MISSISSIPPI TEEN VOLUNTEER 2025

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- Winner of \$10,000 Scholarship
- Receive thousands in various prizes and sponsored goods
- Meeting with the following agencies regarding representation and collaboration:
 - Creative Artists Agency; Big Machine Label Group; Red Street Records; Dance Network
- Representative and Spokesperson for nationwide service organizations: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, the Salvation Army, and the American Red Cross



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