



# Miss University of North Alabama Local Contract

## STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

The Miss UNA Competition is organized as a nonprofit University event whose express purposes include:

1. The provision of scholarship funds.
2. The representation, with integrity and character, of the University of North Alabama, throughout the course of public appearances by Miss UNA.
3. The promotion of UNA for recruiting students and representing the University and other Miss UNA sponsors as directed by the Competition Director or University President.

## DEFINITION OF RELATIONSHIPS

1. Miss UNA must realize and recognize the fact that for the year (a year is equivalent to the period extending from the 2025 to the 2026 Miss UNA Competition) of her reign she will and must be Miss UNA, rather than herself. She must maintain a proper appearance whether on campus, going shopping, or on any personal errands. She is Miss UNA wherever she goes and must look the part. Miss UNA is, in a way, a celebrity, a name, and a public servant, all of which must supersede her personal life, desires and former commitments.
2. The Miss UNA Competition, through the Competition Director who serves as General Chairman of the Competition, has management control of Miss UNA for the entire year of her reign. This statement includes all appearances, on and off campus activities as Miss UNA, parties and/or anything concerning her whereabouts, which may include an introduction as Miss UNA.
3. Management coordination is most important to insure efficient management. To insure efficient management of Miss UNA in a harmonious manner, Miss UNA will:
  - a. Refer ALL appearance requests to the Competition Director.
  - b. Refer ALL press, radio, or TV requests to the Competition Director.
  - c. Refer ALL endorsement requests to the Competition Director.
  - d. Honor and fulfill all approved appearances scheduled by the Competition Director.
  - e. Properly prepare herself to meet the requirements of approved appearances adequately and successfully.
  - f. Meet biweekly with Competition Director during fall and spring semesters.
4. Alternates and vacancies: The Miss UNA Competition selects a first, second, and third alternate. In the event Miss UNA becomes Miss Alabama or is no longer eligible to serve, the first alternate will take her place but be unable to compete in the next Miss UNA Competition. Within 2 days of the vacancy, the first alternate must decide if she will serve or cede the crown to the second alternate (second has the option to cede to third) if any would rather compete than hold the title. If the Miss UNA selected at competition is replaced by the first, second or third alternate, and the alternate can no longer serve, the title will remain unfilled until the next competition. (In other words, no more than 2 individuals can have the Miss UNA title during one competition cycle).

## THE MISS UNA PROGRAM WILL

1. Confirm all appearances and requirements pertaining thereto.
2. Ascertain that all prizes, scholarships, and gifts are presented to Miss UNA.
3. Screen all appearance requests and protect Miss UNA from undesirable appearances.
4. Maintain Miss UNA's calendar and notify her with adequate notice of each appearance.
5. Provide for adequate training, coaching, rehearsal etc., for the role of Miss UNA.

6. Arrange for and execute press coverage for appearances when appropriate.
7. Assist in the provision and approval of an evening gown up to \$1500 for the Miss Alabama Competition.

## MISS UNA MUST:

### CHARACTER/IMAGE

1. Present a warm, friendly attitude and welcoming presence during her appearances and in public, as she can always be identified or introduced as Miss UNA.
2. Be a current full-time student at the University of North Alabama and shall never have held the title of Miss UNA.
3. Present herself in all public matters and forums with respect, decorum, and class. Miss UNA must present herself (appearances, media interviews, social networking sites, etc.) in a manner that does not draw negative attention to her words or image. She will refrain from using slang and curse words, public gossiping, and will refrain from posting or allowing controversial pictures of herself to be taken/posted by others.
4. Provide her own wardrobe requirements over and above those provided by the University and sponsor wardrobe allowance.
5. Maintain her wardrobe in a cleaned and pressed condition.
6. Agree that her services are extraordinary and unique. Therefore, in the event of such a breach or attempted or threatened breach, the Miss UNA Competition will be entitled to equitable relief by terminating her right to the title of Miss UNA.

### REQUIRED DUTIES

1. Represent, with integrity and character, the University of North Alabama throughout the course of public appearances.
2. Promote UNA through recruiting students and representing the University and other Miss UNA sponsors as directed by the Competition Director or University President.
3. Emcee for University Program Council's events including Step Sing, Homecoming Pep Rally, & other events as assigned.
4. Attend Freshman and Transfer Orientation (SOAR) and Preview Day
5. Attend all contestant interest meetings for the Miss UNA Competition.
6. Responsible for the selection of the Theme for the following Miss UNA Competition.
7. Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50 and full-time status throughout the Miss UNA reign.
8. Maintain 2 weekly office hours in the Student Engagement Center during operating hours (8:00 AM – 4:30 PM) during the Fall and Spring Semester.
10. Manage the awards table on-stage at the University Awards Gala.
11. Maintain an active social media presence by posting on Facebook and Instagram at least once a week.

*\*First Runner Up Note: The university and Miss UNA supporters are not required to provide the exact original scholarships and prizes to the First Runner-up if they are asked to fulfill the duties of Miss UNA.*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a Miss UNA contestant, have read the contents of this agreement and understand all conditions, rules and regulations set forth by the Miss UNA Competition, and further commit to abide by these rules both as a contestant and in the event I should win the title of Miss UNA.

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Signature of Contestant

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Date

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Signature of Parents for Contestants under age 19