

# MISS KIWANIS BALLOON FEST

A PRELIMINARY TO MISS INDIANA, MISS AMERICA

## Contestant Requirements

- be a female between the ages of 17-25 and a resident of the specified counties, or full-time employee in the specified counties, or full-time student in a college or university in the specified counties. Specified counties: Bartholomew, Brown, Jackson, Jennings, Jefferson, Lawrence, Monroe and Washington.
- be an United States Citizen
- be enrolled for at least one semester prior to competition if you are an out-of-state or transfer student
- submit all required paperwork and complete Children's Miracle Network fundraising by deadline
- meet character criteria as set forth by the Miss America Organization
- be able to meet the time commitment and job responsibilities the title of Miss Kiwanis Balloon Fest requires
- choose and develop your platform: a social issue for which you advocate and volunteer your time
- raise \$100 for Miss America's national platform, Children's Miracle Network. To get started raising your \$100 go to [missamericaforkids.org](http://missamericaforkids.org) and click the "New Contestants" link.

## Qualities of a Titleholder

Read the criteria judges are instructed to use when judging a pageant.

## Required Submissions

- resumé in Miss America resumé format
- platform statement in Miss America format (**Note: platform statement should be between 100-200 words**)
- notarized Miss Kiwanis Balloon Fest contestant contract (download, complete, print out before taking to a notary)
- copy of medical insurance card in case of emergency
- head and shoulder photo for program booklet (color 5x7, print or 300 dpi digital file in JPG or TIFF format)
- copy of birth certificate and/or driver's license
- proof of eligibility (student): copy of registration for current semester showing full-time student status 12 credits
- out-of-state students must submit a copy of their transcript full-time enrollment for semester prior to competition (please black out grades and GPA)
- talent request form (no two contestants may perform the same talent music)
- talent accompaniment recording on CD or in Mp3 form
- "timesheet" that lists community service activities with hours and short descriptions from past year (March - Feb)