

### 2026 Financial Obligations

### **Open Titleholders Only**

Fee	Description	Purpose	Due
\$75	Application Fee	Administrative cost to review application, procure judges	with app.
\$425	Entry Fee	Covers the cost of titleholder sash, food, and transportation for State Week and Workshop. Local crowns are an additional \$165 and completely optional	48 hours after title awarded

#### **All Open and Local Titleholders**

Fee	Description	Purpose	Due
\$49.99	Club America Membership	This is a subscription to the Miss America Organization, paid annually, for access to all local, state, and national programs.	At time of local competition or open application
\$30	Spotfund Local Entry Fee	Raised for the American Heart Association through the spotfund platform. \$30 must be raised for each local competition / open application.	At time of local competition or open application
\$75-\$150	Rebel Fitness Wear	Required for the fitness competition. You can reuse this from previous years or your local competition. You must have a top and bottom from the Miss America Red collection	Before your local competition or June 1, 2026 (Open Application)
\$300	Spotfund State Entry Fee	Raised for the American Heart Association through the spotfund platform.	June 1, 2026
~\$250	Workshop Lodging & Transportation	Our workshop is in person and attendance is required. You may need to arrange for overnight accommodations and should consider gas / train transportation costs.	March 1, 2026
~\$100	Opening Number Outfit	Contestants may be asked to bring either a specific outfit or provide their own within certain stylistic guidelines (i.e. black cocktail).	June 1st
~\$500	State Week Hotel	This is the approximate cost for the contestant's hotel during State. We are working hard to reduce this cost, but this should be the estimate for your budget. Miss Titleholders must stay at the host hotel. Teens may use the lodgings of their choice. Some local organizations may cover the cost of the hotels - defer to your local directors.	May 1, 2026

<sup>\*</sup>You can offset your registration costs by recruiting more contestants and empire stars! For every Open Miss, Open Teen, or Empire Star that credits you when they register, you will receive 25% off your registration (open applicants, reimbursed). If you are a local titleholder or if you recruit more than 4 contestants/stars as an open titleholder, you will start to accrue scholarships valued at \$150 per registration.

## 2026 Fundraiser Obligations

These are the fundraisers we expect our contestants to take part in every year. While they each have a minimum participation milestone, there are rewards and incentives for higher effort.

Fundraiser	Description	Minimum Participation
Empire Stars	The Empire Star program is our little-sister organization. Stars do not compete during state week but they dance on stage, walk in evening gown, and do a variety of activities with the contestants and State Titleholders.	No recruitment minimum but you can accrue scholarships with each registration. Some state events are only for Miss and Teens who have an empire star.
Restaurant Week	We have our own restaurant week! Restaurants and eateries from all around New York sign up and then you work magic with your social media to promote these restaurants and support your community. At the end of the week, restaurants donate either \$50 or 10% of the sales from Miss NY diners during restaurant week to our scholarship fund.	Each contestant is required to recruit one restaurant. There are awards for contestants who recruit more or raise the most money through their restaurants.
Ad Pages	Our magazine, sold during the State Competition, is full size, full color, glossy, and beautiful! Contestants can provide ad pages for businesses, support pages from their fans, or a feature on their own education and service work.	Each contestant is required to provide two ad pages at a cost of \$300 each. This can be a business ad, support page, or feature page. We recommend crowd sourcing for these pages or selling them to business as ads!
Summer Soiree	The Summer Soiree is our fundraising party during the State Competition. We have auctions, raffles, dessert, awards, and performances from our Empire Stars.	Each contestant is required to provide an item for our auction or raffle with a minimum value of \$100.

# 2026 Time Obligations

Event	Description
Paperwork Webinar	This webinar addresses paperwork deadlines and expectations and should last ~45 minutes, plus a Q&A. It is planned for mid-December and will be recorded for those who have not been awarded a title yet or cannot attend
Fundraiser Webinar	This webinar addresses fundraiser deadlines and expectations and should last ~45 minutes, plus a Q&A. It is planned for mid-February and will be recorded for those unable to attend.
Workshop (MANDATORY)	Workshop will take place in mid-March and is usually in the Hudson Valley. This is a 2-day workshop that endeavors to prepare you for State Week, the Job of Miss New York / Miss New York's Teen, and the National Competition. Additionally, you will learn the choreography for the State Competition!
State (MANDATORY)	State Week is loosely planned for the end of June 2026 in the Hudson Valley but is subject to change. The exact schedule is still being solidified but you should expect it to be a span on 6 days. We expect to announce a final date and location by the end of November 2025.