**Miss Black and Old Gold Scholarship Competition**

**56th Annual TCAC District Convention**

**SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION RULES**

The General Organization rules governing the scholarship competition and henceforth presented. Please read these rules carefully.

**GENERAL**

1. Contestant must furnish all garments required for participation in the Miss Black and Old Gold Scholarship Competition.
2. Contestants using recorded music such as CD-R must bring disks of high quality and are required to complete a sound check.
3. All talent routines must be three (3) minutes or less in length. Performances over this limit will be penalized one (1) point each minute and/ or fraction of a minute.
4. There will be a Scholarship Competition Compliance Coordinator who will give guidance on behavior of the contestants, ensure adherence to the rules, procedures, and attendance of the scheduled events. No contestant will leave any scholarship competition activity without the concurrence of the Compliance Coordinator.
5. Contestants will report the use of medications or any medical problem to the Compliance Coordinator.
6. The use of alcoholic beverages, narcotics, or any controlled substances will not be tolerated.
7. Contestants will carry themselves with pride and dignity at all times.

8. All forms must be completed and submitted promptly so that the script and program may be completed. These forms include: **The Official Applicants Agreement, Talent Registration/Clearance Form, Sponsoring Chapter Entry Form, and Contestant Application.**

**SCORING**

The maximum score attainable by a contestant is 135. Competition and scoring by all pageants (i.e. College, District, and Region) will be as indicated in the following categories:

**PRELIMINARY ROUND (All contestants will participate)**

1. **JUDGES INTERVIEW (25 points max.)** In an eight- minute interview with each contestant, a panel of judges will look for perception, a sense of values, clarity of expression and concern and ability in human relations. **Attire: Business Suit or Dress (Not Formal)**

**2. ACHIEVEMENTS & PROJECTION (10 points max.)**

Before an audience, contestants will give their name, age, College/ University, chapter representing, outlines their achievements in school, social, civic or community activities, plans for the future and philosophy on life while projecting good public speaking ability. The time limit for this event is one and a half minute (90 seconds). **Attire: White Blouse and Black Pants**

**3. SCHOLARSHIP (30 points max.)**

The contestant’s academic achievements will also be scored. **Each contestant must provide an official sealed University/College Transcript. This transcript should reflect the contestants overall G.P.A. and major.**

**4. SWIMWEAR OR LIFESTYLE AND FITNESS ATTIRE (10 points max.)**

Form, figure, posture, and carnage are considered in an overall evaluation of health and physical well- being. **Attire: One-piece swimsuit or lifestyle and fitness attire in good taste.**

**SEMI-FINALS (Top seven scorers from the preliminary round)**

1. **CREATIVE AND PERFORMING-ARTS (30 points max.)**

Scoring is based on originality; technical ability, appropriateness of selection and costume, and stages presence during a vocal, instrumental, dramatic, or dance*cannot exceed three (3) minutes.* Instrumentalists, other than a pianists must provide their own instruments and any labor connected with the transporting such instruments. Contestants are responsible for providing talent functional props and any other equipment necessary for their performance. Attire: Contestant should be comfortable and use good taste in selection.

1. **ORAL EXPRESSION, POISE, AND APPEARANCE (30 points max.)**

This area of the competition usually involves having the contestant respond to a question on current events, issues of national concern etc. The contestant is asked to draw a number from a box and that number corresponds to one of a collection of questions. Scoring in this category is based on the contestant’s grooming/ appearance, grace, poise, posture, and carriage along with coordination and composure. Also considered, is the contestant’s ability to articulate, her wit, intelligence, imagination and her ability to think on her feet. Her ability to speak with eloquence and magnetism is strongly considered when answering the question presented during the oral expression part of the pageant. *This is a thirty (30) second time limit event.* **Attire: Evening gown. No gloves of any kind. No heels should exceed 3 inches and toes are to be closed.**

Miss Black and Old Gold – Texas –Cash Scholarship (TBA) - Winner must compete at the next level in order to receive full scholarship.