Name: Jane Smith Title: Miss Local Hometown: Anytown, America

Contestant Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: December 29, 1995

Education:	University of State – sophomore – Bachelor of Science, Liberal Arts Frederick Douglass High School
Social Impact Statement:	Celebrating Cultural Diversity and Inclusiveness
Scholastic/Career Ambition:	Obtain a Masters of Business Administration
Talent:	Pop Vocal / "Fallen"

Scholastic Honors: Recipient of National Coca-Cola Scholarship; Recipient of the Metropolitan Urban League National Scholarship; Dean's List; Member of the President's Leadership Council at the UCF

**Leadership Roles:** Created and implemented a comprehensive Cultural Diversity Education Curriculum for grades K-12 in twelve Public Schools; University Student Body Senator; H.S. Sr. Class Pres.; College Sorority President.

Accomplishments: Recipient of the J.C. Penney Golden Rule Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service to Community; Recipient of the National Conference for Community and Justice Humanitarian Award; Performer, Grand Ole Opry in Nashville; Piano Performance scholarship at State University.

**Interesting Facts:** First person on either side of my family to attend college; Youngest of five children with a 13-year gap between me and my next oldest sister and an almost 20-year gap between the oldest and myself.

## How has the world you come from shaped your goals and aspirations?

My parents taught be from an early age by example that hard work is not an option, it is expected. They also instilled in all their children that a higher education degree is not an option, but a requirement. There was never any doubt they all of us were expected to achieve, work hard, pursue a degree, and have a specific plan of action for our future. The drive that my parents instilled in me has truly made me a better and stronger independent person. Thus, I have always set goals for myself and have always been encouraged to think big and never settle for average.

## Other than scholarships and promoting your social impact why have you chosen to participate in the Miss America Program?

In high school and at times in college I found myself allowing others to take the lead in whatever activity or organization for which I was a participate. I soon realized that I needed to step up to the plate in taking more leadership roles. Being involved in the Miss America program has encouraged me to demonstrate my leadership abilities and utilize opportunities to let my voice be heard to prove that I am capable of being a leader and capable of helping others find their own voices. Being involved has pushed me to be my best.

## What can you do during your year of service as Miss Oklahoma to have a lasting impact on our communities and state?

The Miss America Organization has experienced some unfriendly publicity the past year. This coupled with too many people not understanding what the program is truly about, I want to do everything I can to move our image to a more positive light across the state. One way I would do this is when I have speaking opportunities, I would like to ask other young women who participate in the Organization to attend these speaking engagements with me so people can see the accomplishments and abilities of as many young women as possible. I would also like to find opportunities to speak to young women in high schools and colleges about the benefits of participating in the Miss America Organization to help with recruitment