

**OFFICIAL RULES**  
**2018 MISS OLIVE BRANCH**  
**City Scholarship Pageant**  
**March 24, 2018**

**Ignite Leadership - Stars of Mississippi**

Entry Fee: \$ 40.00

Miss Photogenic (optional) \$ 25.00

1. Contestant must be age 13 – senior in high school, single, never married, and of good moral character.
2. Contestant must **reside** in Olive Branch and have an Olive Branch address.
3. Contestant must have proof of a GPA of 2.5 or above from the semester preceding the pageant. A copy of last semester report card or letter from Guidance Offices will suffice.
4. Miss Olive Branch will serve as an Ambassador for the City and the Chamber at events.
5. Contestants must attend at least 1/2 of all practices. **NO EXCEPTIONS** to this rule.
6. Final rehearsal is **MANDATORY** for all contestants the Thursday night before the pageant.
7. No parents, friends, or personal coaches will be allowed to attend the judges' tea or be backstage on pageant night. All practices are **CLOSED**.
8. Contestants may be required to purchase items for the opening number.
9. The **contestant and her parents** are required to sign and date, the Miss Olive Branch Official Rules Form, and the Application form. These forms must be returned with the entry fee by the said deadline.
10. Information on applications will be used on stage and a copy of the application will be given to each judge. Applications must be legible if not typed.
11. **Include a copy of a photograph (wallet sized) with your application.**
12. There will be three (3) special awards presented in addition to the Miss Olive Branch and Alternates. They are as follows:
  - Miss Congeniality (voted by contestants)
  - Miss Humanitarian (contestant with most ticket sales)
  - Miss Photogenic (entry is optional; judged by professional photographer)
13. All photos for Miss Photogenic must be unframed and must be either 5 x 7 or 8 x 10 size. Photographs may be color or black and white. Deadline for photo entry is **March 16**.

14. **Entry Deadline is 3:00 p.m. on March 16, 2018. Completed forms and copy of photograph and required fee must be placed in a sealed envelope and turned in to Olive Branch Chamber of Commerce.** (address below) (Chamber Hours are Mon – Fri, 9am – 3 pm)
15. Checks must be made payable to Olive Branch Chamber of Commerce.
16. All fees are non-refundable, and all judges' decisions are final.

Contestant practice:

Monday, March 19th from 5:00 – 6:45 pm

Tuesday, March 20th, 5:00 – 6:45 pm

Stars in Motion Dance Studio

3370 Goodman Rd - Southaven

Thursday, March 22, 2018, from 4:30 – 6:30 pm

at the Olive Branch Middle School Auditorium

Tea & Judges Interview: Saturday, March 24, 10:30 am at the Wesson House

**Pageant – March 24, 7:00 pm**

Olive Branch Middle School Auditorium

**Scholarships awarded:**

**Miss Olive Branch: \$2000, 1<sup>ST</sup> Runner Up \$500, 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner up \$400  
3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> Runners Up \$300 All to Colleges of Choice  
From the **CITY OF OLIVE BRANCH****

**Miss Olive Branch: 4 semesters of full tuition at NWCC  
1<sup>st</sup>-4th Runners Up: 4 semesters of 1/2 tuition at NWCC**

If pageant winners accumulate multiple scholarship awards from Northwest Mississippi Community College, the amount of the scholarship to be awarded can total no more than the cost of tuition for the years in which the student plans to attend Northwest. The scholarship award is for two years; however, the years must be consecutive. The scholarship award cannot be combined with any additional Federal, state, or institutional grants, scholarships, and/or awards that the student may receive so that the total amount does not exceed the cost of the tuition.

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