



MVSO Preliminary Titleholder Code of Conduct

As a Miss Vermont Scholarship Organization Preliminary Titleholder you are making a commitment to represent this organization and yourself with integrity. The Miss Vermont Scholarship Organization expects that all preliminary titleholders will be consciously and consistently aware of their attitude and behavior in public. With the publication of your faces on the Miss Vermont web site, you are a celebrity, and a role model for other young women. Ours is a growing organization and we need to be presenting a professional public face at all times.

With the growing popularity of blogs and social networking sites like "Facebook" and "Twitter", we ask that all preliminary titleholders take a detailed and serious look at what information, language and photographs are displayed on such sites. We have seen several recent examples of how devastating these sites can be to contestants and titleholders – even when the intention is innocent. Please remember that people's perception is their reality. Not only can the public in general access this information about you, but it is very possible that the judges will be searching contestants on-line. If your blog or social networking site has material that fits the definition of improper behavior (see below), regardless of whether it was posted by you or one of your friends, please remove it immediately. If you are uncertain please contact the Contestant Development Coordinator for your program.

During any and all appearances, workshops, Contestant Development Day, the Princess Party, and during Pageant weekend:

- It is expected that all contestants will conduct themselves in the utmost professional manner and with your very best manners.
- Throughout all official activities, events, rehearsals, meals, and while we are the guests of other establishments, including generous sponsors, we will all model the Mission and Vision of the Miss Vermont Scholarship Organization.
- Communicating a positive message to the public includes what we say, how we say it, how we look and how we act.

Any behavior deemed unbecoming by the Board of Directors of the Miss Vermont Scholarship Organization, which is not immediately corrected, will result in the forfeiture of your title, the inability to compete in the 2012 Scholarship Competition, and forfeiture of any fees already paid. Improper behavior includes, but is not limited to, inappropriate language, texting abbreviations, pictures, wardrobe, and bullying or harassment.



Please return the signed portion of this Code of Conduct along with your Application & Contract for Participation in the Preliminary Title Program. These signed documents and a check for the \$250 development fee or a \$50 deposit should be sent to the Contestant Development Coordinator of your program. Please refer to the Application & Contract for your Contestant Development Coordinator's contact information.

Please sign that you and, if applicable, a parent or guardian have read the MVSO Preliminary Titleholder Code of Conduct and agree to uphold it. You further agree that your name and photograph may appear on the MVSO web site, www.missvermont.org, or on promotional materials.

Contestant's Name – please print

Contestant's Signature

Date

Contestant's Preliminary Title

If the Preliminary Titleholder is a minor, a parent or guardian must also read, sign and agree that the Preliminary Titleholder will uphold the MVSO Code of Conduct.

Parent/Guardian's – please print

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date