



Interview Community Service Initiative Essay Instructions Miss Ohio Locals 2026-2027

Miss America's Community Service Initiative (CSI) is an integral part of the interview phase of competition, supporting one of the branded elements of Miss America as outlined by the "Four Points" of the crown. The "Four Points" are Style, Scholarship, Service and Success. CSI is specific to the SERVICE point of the crown.

The CSI Essay allows you, as a participating contestant, to showcase and deploy your interests and creativity, to outline a plan or effort to engage within your local community. You may also design your own program for your community.

This ONE page submission should include the following:

- A description of your Community Service Initiative passion or interest
- Why you chose this particular initiative
- How you've partnered or will partner with local/state communities to create momentum
- Any social media or marketing strategies that will best support your CSI
- Any activities you have planned or participated in with respect to this CSI

Essay Format

The CSI Essay MUST fit on one page, 8.5" x 11", letter size page. Set your margins to 1" on all sides. You must use a san-serif font style (typically Arial or Helvetica) and font size from 11-14 point only.

Include your NAME in the upper left corner.

You may NOT use any graphical enhancements on your Community Service Initiative Essay.

Signature and Date

The Miss America Organization requires State Contestants to handwrite their signature and date their CSI Essay in the bottom right corner of the page.

The Miss America Organization allows the Miss Ohio Scholarship Program to accept CSI Essays with a TYPED NAME and DATE in the lower right corner when the Fact Sheet and CSI Essay will be submitted online through the contestant paperwork portal.