

Instructions for Typing the Platform Issue Statement Miss Meadville Area Outstanding Teen

Please remember. This **ONE (1) page, single-spaced** document combined with the Contestant's Resume, will comprise your entire application for this job. The judge's will receive exactly what is submitted. Any items submitted that do not fit the established criteria will be returned for correction only once. Any items, which do not meet the criteria or are submitted after the deadline will not be given to the judges. The contestant may explain the lack of judging materials during her interview, if she so chooses. The resume should include an explanation of what your chosen platform is, how you will promote it, and why it is important for the local pageant to embrace this platform.

1. Go to the word processing program of your computer.
2. Start a "new" document.
3. Set the margins for 1" on all four sides. The font style may not be any smaller than "10" and no larger than "12" point type using the Times New Roman font style only.
4. With the justification set to the far left, type "**Name:**" in bold. Following the colon (:), hit the space bar twice. Then, type your name.
5. Double space down. Set your justification to "center". Then type in **Bold and underline** the title of your Platform.
6. Double space down. Write what you feel is critical for the judge's to know about your platform and why it is necessary for you to have the job of ***Miss Meadville Area Outstanding Teen*** to promote this issue. What you write will be what the judges know about your platform, your role in successfully dealing with this issue, and the role of ***Miss Meadville Area Outstanding Teen*** may play in your plan.
7. The essay may include some of the following items (this is not meant as an exhaustive list):
 - A clear definition of the platform and the specific issues you wish to address
 - A plan of how you have or will create awareness of the platform
 - The way in which you have or will change attitudes regarding this issue
 - The way in which your platform issue will move the Miss Meadville Area Organization forward.
 - Your media plans
 - Your marketing strategy
 - How you propose to fund your ideas/plans
 - Any significant accomplishments you have made in regard to your issue
8. At the bottom of the page you **MUST** set the justification to the right. Type a line of 26 spaces. Below that line, you must type Signature/Date. Once you have printed the document, you must sign and date this document.

Name: Jane Doe

Building Self-Esteem in Children

Many children progress through their adolescence struggling with difficult home situations, and educational challenges. These daily battles fought by the students diminish their self-confidence drastically. I believe that if the abilities of these children are promoted, they will have a much better quality of life and a more enriching education, allowing them to develop into successful individuals. My goal is make both parents and educators aware of this growing problem and demonstrate to all that in some cases one individual can make a difference in a child's ability to reach their full potential.

Becoming Miss Meadville Outstanding Teen is an integral part of the success of my program. The name recognition alone will open doors to many schools, clubs and civic organizations. I would have unlimited opportunities to share with all individuals exactly how they can make a change in a child's future by recruiting volunteers to serve as mentors. As Miss Meadville Area Outstanding Teen, I would also be able to encourage politicians to continue to improve the opportunities available in our educational system.

One aspect of my plan is to promote one on one mentoring. It is simple for someone to become involved, requires very little time, but has an amazing impact on those who are mentored. By spending just one hour per week with a child, participants can play a huge role in improving that child's chances for success in all areas of their life. This may result from just having someone to listen, receiving tutoring, or getting good advice from a positive role model, all simple acts that can make a big difference in a child's development. Mentors encourage these children by being there; boosting their self-confidence, and helping them achieve their individual goals.

I intend to bring the Pennsylvania's Outstanding Teen Scholarship Organization and Mentoring Volunteers together to work toward a common goal. Media coverage of any appearances made, as Miss Meadville Area Outstanding Teen would empower me to make the general public more aware of the problem, and also educates them as to how they can participate to improve the situation. Partnering with the media would also give me the vehicle needed to recruit qualified, caring individuals to promote the cause. If we delay in taking action to assist these children, more and more of them never actually reach their full potential. Let's not wait any longer!

Signature/Date

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