

Ms. America Pageant Response To Katie Williams Regarding Ineligibility To Compete As Ms. Nevada State

Katie Williams is distorting the facts.

COSTA MESA, CA, US, August 21, 2019 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The [Ms. America Pageant](#) is a no politics pageant. It is in our Rules & Regulations as posted on the pageant website and therefore available to read before applying to the pageant.

ALL the Ms. America Pageant asked of Ms. [Katie Williams](#), in writing, is to keep separate social media accounts. (ie: Facebook) One is for politics where she can voice her own opinion as Katie Williams and the other is a new Facebook page for the pageant representing Ms. Nevada State 2019.

None of this had to do with her personal political views. They are immaterial. She has her Personal Facebook page to voice her political views. However, the Ms. Nevada Facebook Page should be devoid of political content.

It is also included in our contracts and requires handwritten initials and signatures acknowledging that you have read and understood the pageants rules. (See her hand written signature below)

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It is surprising to me that very few media outlets have reached out to the Ms. America Pageant to verify the facts. If they had they would have realized this is patently false.”

Susan Jeske - CEO Ms. America Pageant

Ms. Williams acknowledged both verbally and in writing that she understood these rules before she was accepted into the pageant. Nothing on her Facebook Page had any political statements at the time she was accepted into the pageant.

The purpose for these Rules and Regulations is that the Ms. America Pageant does not want to be seen as endorsing any political candidate or political cause.

Thru many emails starting in July she claimed she could not comprehend keeping pageant and politics separate on her [Facebook pages](#). The pageant made many attempts to

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ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

There are additional terms and conditions listed on the At-Large Titleholders Agreement. Those terms and conditions are hereby incorporated by reference. This is not the complete At-Large Titleholders Agreement. You will be required to sign the full At-Large Titleholders Agreement in order to compete.

To be eligible as a contestant:

- **BRAND:** The brand of the Ms. America @Pageant is classy, conservative, elegant and business professional.
- No lingerie, no swimsuit and no talent competition.
- **Politics:** Pageants and Politics don't mix! I understand that the pageant is a No Politics pageant and I will not post political statements, opinions or anything that could be misconstrued as a political statement or opinion on any forum of social media, media or Internet. I will not use my title to endorse any political figure or promote any political agenda or anything that could be misconstrued as a political figure or political agenda.
- **2019 Contestants:** Should a contestant drop out or become disqualified then the pageant has the option of accepting a new contestant to take her place in the 2019 pageant.
- **Facebook:** All Contestants are required to have a Facebook Profile Page. Contestants are added to a private Facebook group page where announcements and organization of the pageant is posted. Postings consist of Conference Call meetings, pageant deadlines, How To, Trainings, Welcoming Contestants, List of who has turned in what, etc.

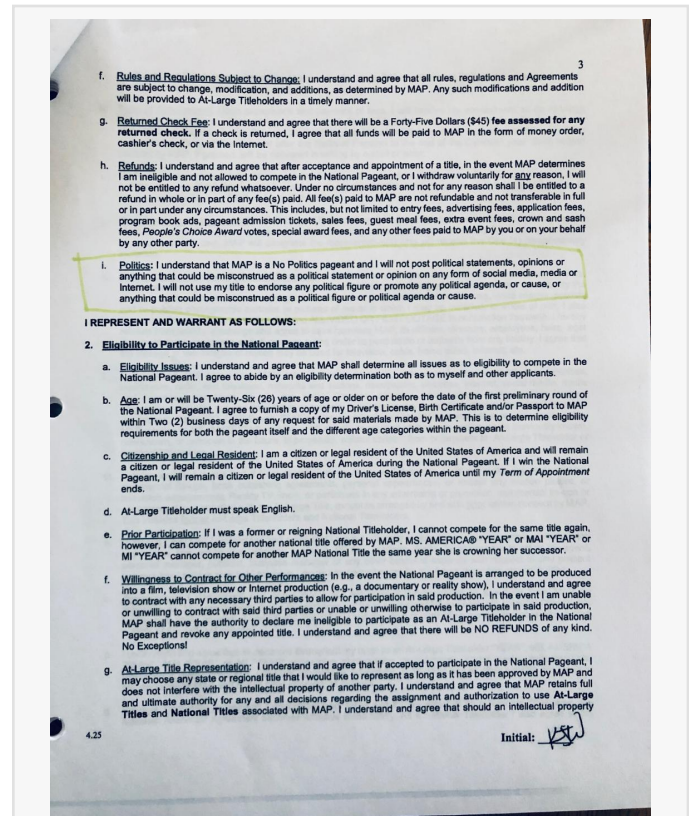
No Pageant Rules on the pageant website:
www.msamericapageant.com

Speak to her over the phone to try to resolve this issue. Many times we wrote to her to try to set up an appointment to have a telephone conference, all of which she consistently refuse to do. The pageant believes that a telephone conversation is a reasonable request and was willing to speak to her at any time that was convenient for her schedule.

The pageant gave her a final deadline to edit the Facebook pages which she refused to do. This leads the pageant to believe that she is no longer capable of representing this pageant as Ms. Nevada State 2019, and she is no longer eligible to participate in the 2019 national pageant. Her title has been revoked.

The pageant offered her a full refund on her entry fee and refund on one ticket that she purchased to the pageant after she fulfilled requirements of returning crown and sash and removal of the title Ms. Nevada State 2019 from all social media and the Internet. (See photo disqualifying Email and offering her a full refund)

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August 18, 2019

Dear Katie Jo Williams,

As of August 18, 2019, you are no longer eligible to compete in the 2019 Ms. America Pageant. Pageant dates August 22-24, 2019 – Queen Mary – Long Beach, California
Ms. Nevada State 2019 title has now become vacant

The Ms. America Pageant empowers women and produces a pageant that is an open and honest competition. The pageant is for women who would like to use their title to not only improve themselves but to use their "crown for a purpose" in order to make a difference and become involved in volunteer and community service. The Ms. America Pageant has always put expectations in writing that are transparent, and we are available to answer any questions over the phone or on weekly conference calls.

It was brought to our attention that you are not following the rules of the Ms. America Pageant. The pageant is a **No Politics Pageant** and clearly states this on the pageant website under **Rules and Regulations**. It also states this in the At-Large Titleholder Agreement that you hand signed on **Page 3-4**. You also initialed this page in the bottom Right Hand Corner. You have received copies of these in previous emails asking you to please keep politics and the pageant separate.

- Rules and Regulations on the pageant website -

<https://msamericapageant.com/page.php?groupingID=miscellaneous17>

"Politics: Pageants and Politics don't mix! I understand that the pageant is a **No Politics** pageant and I will not post political statements, opinions or anything that could be misconstrued as a political statement or opinion on any forum of social media, media or Internet. I will not use my title to endorse any political figure or promote any political agenda or anything that could be misconstrued as a political figure or political agenda."

When you first entered the pageant and before you were accepted your social media did not have political statements nor were you endorsing political candidates for the 2020 election. If you were you would not have been accepted as a contestant in the 2019 pageant. We did discuss this in depth over the phone during the **Interview Process** of entering and before being accepted into the pageant. You did state that it was fine with you and that you could follow the **No Politics** rule with no problem.

The pageant has asked you in writing to keep separate social media accounts. One is for politics where you can **voice your opinion** as Katie Williams and the other is for the pageant with you representing Ms. Nevada State 2019 with the platform you choose, "The Art of Resilience". You have been violating this rule in your social media.
(See Footnote 2)

Several emails have been sent stating that you are not following the rules. The pageant has made many attempts to speak to you over the phone and even in writing tried to set up an appointment which you have consistently refuse to do for over a week. Many emails have gone back and forth with your refusal to set up any kind of telephone conversation. That is not how the Ms. America Pageant works and it is reasonable to be able to set up a meeting over the phone if asked by the CEO. The pageant has had

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contestants who are full time lawyers, nurses, Doctors, engineers, company owners and high security active military personnel who have all been able to set up appointments to speak to me over the phone. This leads the pageant to believe that you are no longer capable of representing this pageant as Ms. Nevada State 2019, and that you are no longer eligible to participate in the 2019 national pageant.

Even though it states **NO REFUNDS** on the pageant Website in multiple places including PayPal at the time of purchase, the pageant is willing to refund your Entry Fee of \$1499.00 and refund the price of one \$50.00 ticket to attend the 2019 pageant **AFTER** you full-fill the following requirements.

Deadline to full-fill these requirements for a refund is with a postmark dated stamp of August 22, 2019.

Return your crown and sash to the pageant address provided below.
Ms. America Pageant
2973 Harbor Boulevard #235
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Remove "Ms. Nevada State" from Facebook or any social media and remove any other information or presence indicating said title on the Internet or any other electronic form. Agree that you will not repost any of these items at any time.

Agree that you will not make any appearances, and nor indicate to anyone that you are or were Ms. Nevada State 2019.

Agree that you will take no further action against the Ms. America Pageant Inc. or any of its officers, employees, representatives, associates or sponsors.

Agree that you will not say or write or post electronically in perpetuity anything concerning the Ms. America Pageant Inc. or its officers, employees, representatives, associates, volunteers or sponsor.

Agree to use your best efforts to cause any family members or friends or associates to also carry out these policies. You understand that a violation by anyone associated with you will be considered a violation by you.

Please respond to this email with your acknowledgement of receipt and agreement in order to process your refund once the crown and sash has been received by the Ms. America Pageant.

Should you choose to do so, you can reply to the pageant in 2020 or beyond. Your hotel reservations for the pageant will be cancelled.

Sincerely,



Susan Jeske
CEO - Ms. America Pageant
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FOOTNOTE 1:

"Politics: Pageants and Politics don't mix! I understand that the pageant is a **No Politics** pageant and I will not post political statements, opinions or anything that could be misconstrued as a political statement

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August 1, 2019

Hello Ladies,

With the Presidential debates happening and politics getting heated up I would like to remind you again that the Ms. America Pageant is a **No Politics Pageant** and ask you to please refrain from posting about politics on any of your social media that is associated with your title. If you would like to post about your political positions, then create a new **FB Profile** Page for pageants only. Do not Friend the two **FB Profile** Pages otherwise that is not separate. The same applies for **Instagram and all other Social Media**. I have asked several of you to do this already.

Many contestants have several FB pages to keep things separate. Many want to protect their family and friends, so they create a FB page that is only for them. I know of politicians and celebrities that keep 3 separate accounts. One for Politics, one for their business and one for family. None of them are Friends with each other. It is not unreasonable to ask you to do the same.

Remember.... when you entered the pageant you were interviewed over the phone and I did tell **everyone** that this is a No Politics Pageant. You **ALL** agreed that you could follow this rule **BEFORE** the pageant accepted you as a contestant. You all **hand signed** an agreement stating this rule and you consented to follow the rule. It also states this rule on the pageant website under Rules and Regulations.

The Ms. America Pageant is looking for National Titleholders who understand the spirit of the pageant and who can assume the job responsibilities that come with this title. Will she be appropriate for this job if she is selected? Everyone who sees her, hears her speak, interacts with her on social media during her Term of Service must be impressed by her. The judges will take this into consideration when scoring contestants.

This is the Spirit of Ms. America. Politics is not the purpose for which the crown should be used.

Sincerely,
Susan Jeske
CEO - Ms. America Pageant

6-Letter emailed to Contestants about the No Politcs policy

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