



‘AMERICA’S CHOICE’ VOTING NOW OPEN FOR THE 96th MISS AMERICA COMPETITION LIVE BROADCAST

The Show Will be Hosted by Chris Harrison and Co-Hosted by Sage Steele

**The “2017 Miss America Competition” To Broadcast Live
Sunday, September 11th at 9:00 PM ET/PT from Atlantic City’s
Boardwalk Hall on the ABC Television Network**

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Atlantic City, NJ (August 10, 2016) – The Miss America Organization, Dick Clark Productions and ABC announced today that America will once again help choose a contestant in the Top 15 at the “2017 Miss America Competition,” which airs live from Atlantic City’s Boardwalk Hall on **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 (9:00 – 11:00p.m. ET/PT)** on the ABC Television Network. The evening will be filled with glitz and glam as 52 women compete for the coveted crown and scholarships.

Voting is now open for the “America’s Choice” contestant. The public can vote at missamerica.org/vote and [facebook.com/missamerica](https://www.facebook.com/missamerica) and are permitted one vote per day, per user. Voting will close Monday, September 5th at 11:59:59pm ET, and the chosen contestant will be announced during the “2017 Miss America Competition” live broadcast with the Top 15.

The remaining contestants in the Top 15 are selected by the Miss America Preliminary Judges Panel. It is possible for America’s Choice to also be among the judges selection.

As previously announced, Chris Harrison (ABC’s “The Bachelor” and “Who Wants To Be A Millionaire”) returns to host the legendary competition, with Sage Steele (ABC’s and ESPN’s “NBA Countdown”) joining as co-host. Entrepreneur Mark Cuban, actress Sara Foster (VH1’s “Barely Famous”), singer-songwriter Cole Swindell and former Miss America Sharlene Wells Hawkes will serve as celebrity judges for the “2017 Miss America Competition.” Additional judges for the “2017 Miss America Competition” will be announced in the coming weeks.

The panel of celebrity judges will evaluate the contestants’ performances in the following categories during the live broadcast: Lifestyle and Fitness in Swimsuit, Evening Wear, Talent, Interview and On-Stage questions. These young women will showcase their incredible blend of intelligence, leadership, talent, physical fitness and dedication to community service as they compete for the title of Miss America 2017.

For the latest news, be sure to follow Miss America on social and join the conversation by using the official hashtag for the show, #MissAmerica.

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dick clark productions and the Miss America Organization will collaborate on all creative, marketing, sponsorship, licensing, ticketing and distribution elements of this year's show. Tony Eaton and Tall Pony Productions will produce the "2017 Miss America Competition."

To purchase tickets to the "2017 Miss America Competition," please visit http://www.ticketmaster.com/Miss-America-Competition-tickets/artist/834520?tm_link=edp_Artist_Name.

For more information on the "2017 Miss America Competition," please visit Miss America Organization's website at www.missamerica.org.

About The Miss America Organization

The Miss America Organization, a 501(c) 4 non-profit corporation, awards millions of dollars in annual college scholarship assistance making it the largest scholarship program for women in the United States. MAO is comprised of 52 licensed organizations which includes all 50 states, Washington, D.C. and Puerto Rico. MAO contestants contribute over 500,000 hours of community service annually and have raised over \$14 million for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals since 2007.

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