

MISS IRON COUNTY and OUTSTANDING TEEN



Interview Information
Practice Questions
Things to Know

MISS IRON COUNTY INTERVIEW WORKSHEET

1. 5 QUOTES THAT APPLY TO MANY QUESTIONS

A.

B.

C.

D.

E.

2. 3 STATISTICS THAT APPLY TO MANY QUESTIONS (1 about education)

A.

B.

C.

3. 3 PERSONAL STORIES/EXAMPLES THAT APPLY TO MANY QUESTIONS (1 with humor about you)

A.

B.

C.

4. 3 CURRENT EVENTS WITH SPECIFICS

A.

B.

C.

5. 3 CONCRETE THINGS TO SUPPORT YOUR PLATFORM

(facts, statistics, personal examples or stories, quotes)

A.

B.

C.

6. 3 JOKES/FUNNY STORIES (Reader's Digest great source for this, have 1 be about competing in the pageant)

A.

B.

C.

7. ANSWER TO QUESTION: WHO AM I?

8. ABOUT IRON COUNTY (how big is it, how many people, main industry, problems currently facing county)

A. Who are the Commissioners? Who is the Mayor of the County Seat?

B.

C.

D.

E.

9. 3 CONCRETE REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD BE MISS IRON COUNTY

(use one of these at end of interview)

A.

B.

C.

INSTANT IMPROVEMENT TO INTERVIEW

PRE-INTERVIEW

Pack a "interview" bag containing: clear-colored breath freshener (NO GUM), water bottle, Vaseline, scuff remover, clear fingernail polish, large hand-held mirror, your makeup, hairspray, brush comb or pick, dryer sheet, medium hand towel, baby or makeup wipes, energy snack like trail mix (nothing that will mess your teeth or hands), travel iron if you can fit it, needle and light-colored thread, tampax, and three-ring binder of interview info to review—take it with you to wait for interview

Consider having a backup suit in case the one you wear doesn't work for some reason

Arrive to your interview at least 30 minutes early!

30 minutes before: meditate

20 minutes before: Review major points of fact sheet, platform in three-ring binder

10 minutes before: Stretch neck, bend at waist, butterfly removal (push all air out of lungs, deep cleansing breath until your lungs can't hold anymore, slowly let air out), double check wardrobe makeup and hair, fix any last-minute needed things

5 minutes before: Have the door handler check EVERYTHING, mascara, shoe scuff, makeup line, hair smoothed, earrings straight, lipstick on teeth, red neck splotches, everything must be perfect!

2 minutes before: Take one last review of three-ring binder, believe in yourself!

SMILE!

ENTER INTERVIEW

Walk in like you just won Miss Utah!

Look each interviewer in the eye when you walk in, give appropriate pleasantries and SMILE

Confidently start your opening statement (no licking teeth, rolling eyes, avoiding eye contact, blinking rapid-fire, standing like a statue)

You have 30 seconds to introduce yourself and 30 seconds to conclude your interview

DURING INTERVIEW

Don't say "like," and say "to," "was," "because," and "for" correctly

Use two-foot radius for movement, use hands!

USE CONCRETE EXAMPLES

BE DESCRIPTIVE APPEALING TO THE SENSES (it helps you connect with the judges)

Answers should not be longer than a minute

Think ENERGY

LEAVING INTERVIEW

Look each interviewer in the eye again, thank them for their time, the chance to meet them, etc.

Remember posture, walk out like you just won Miss Utah!

DO NOT heave a sigh of relief, do not slump over, do not say a word to anyone until you have left the building

Write down every question you can remember from your interview. You may be asked one of those questions for your on-stage interview. Also write what you liked and didn't like about the interview and mentally review what you will do the same and differently with your on-stage interview

You have the last 30 seconds to tie up your interview or add anything else you would like the judges to know. PRACTICE THIS!

INTERVIEW COMPETITION PREPARATION TIPS

- 1- Write out your entire interview introduction, and write out what question and answer you would like to end your interview with. From those, refine your answers so that they are clear, no longer than 30 seconds, and say just what you want them to say. Memorize those to the point where they are second-nature and won't sound scripted. By doing this, you have won half the battle: starting and ending your interview presenting your very best.
- 2- Pick three incredible quotes from people that you admire or know, and memorize those quotes. Make sure they are quotes

that can be applied to a variety of answers.

3- Read the newspaper every single day without fail, and pay particular attention to those stories relating to your platform issue, and the opinion sections. When you are reading those, formulate answers in your mind for or against the article and why.

4- **Eliminate the words “um,” “like,” and “ya know,”** completely from your vocabulary.

5- In an interview, the judges will only retain about 10-15 percent of what you actually say, so you need to slow down a little and speak more deliberately, emphasizing the parts of your answer that you really want the judges to internalize.

6- O Magazine (Oprah’s magazine) has some really great stories and quotes that are perfect to use in interview, I suggest reading through one and picking some out.

7- I would do homework on controversial topics. What do you hear a lot about on social media and in the news? For example, President Biden not closing the border, gas prices, etc.. Watch BOTH Fox News and MSNBC and hear both sides of controversial topics and the facts they use to support their argument, before you formulate your own answer.

8- Start using “color” in your writing and speaking. Color means being concrete; being able to taste, smell, feel, remember, smile, laugh, understand on a deeper level. Quotes, personal experiences, describing things to the five senses and the sixth sense, making them laugh, cry, smile, is using color. Those answers are the answers a judge will remember, and will help the judge like you, admire you, and identify with you, all three things crucial to a good interview.

9- Think of three things that have happened to you that are

so outrageous that there is no way a judge could forget you. Be prepared to utilize one of those stories in your interview.

10- Rule of thumb: put the best first. Any quote, story, etc always say first in your interview answers, instead of burying it in the answer or at the end. The positive impression will leave a more powerful impact if said right off the bat.

11- Incorporate a little humor in your interview. Don't take yourself too seriously, also, I wouldn't tell jokes the entire time. What I would do is flip through a Reader's Digest, get some funny stories, one-liners, and jokes out of there and memorize those that could be applied to a variety of answers. Judges will like to be able to laugh and smile in an interview, and will carry a much more likable, favorable impression of you if you have a little humor.

12- I would listen to talk radio for an hour a day. They are excellent ways to hone your opinion, and questions and issues that come up on those shows are very similar to the ones that will come up in your interview.

13- Three keys of interview: the judges need to 1-Like You, 2-Remember You, and 3-Admire you.

14- Your fact sheet should help accomplish the three above keys. Try to use facts about you that would accomplish that

QUESTIONS TO PRACTICE INTERVIEW WITH

If you were to speak at an adult meeting, what would you tell them about teens today?

If you were Miss _____, what would your message to the youth be?

Do you believe that birth control should be given to the youth?

Are there any special situations where abortion should be allowed?

How do you handle a crisis?

Thin is happy—true or false?

How would you approach teaching youth about the problems of teen pregnancy?

What is the difference between confidence and cockiness?

Do you think that having a fantasy life is good?

How do you take rejection?

What one thing would make the world a better place?

How do you feel about President Biden

What state is President Biden from?

In your opinion, does life begin before birth?

What do you plan to be doing five years from now?

Which do you think is the most important—the weeks preparing for the pageant or the actual pageant itself?

Name three state-level politicians and give their titles.

Do you believe we, as Americans, should help save a country whose beliefs are far from ours?

If you desperately needed money, could you pawn something of great sentimental value in your family?

Do you think that today's newlyweds have as much to look forward to as your parents did?

Would you like to see a woman as President? Why or why not?

What are President Biden's goals to reduce the federal deficit, lower gas prices, improve the economy ?

What has caught your eye in the news this past week?

Immunizations—should parents ensure their child is immunized, or should a parent have the right to decide if they are immunized? (Covid)

What hopes do you have for the future of America?

Who is your favorite musical performer and why?

What do you think we can do as a nation to improve our increasing homeless population?

Who is your hero, and why?

What is your most prized possession?

What do you consider your best quality?

Do you think that a female sport positively or negatively affects a woman's femininity?

Which is better to participate in: a team sport or an individual sport?

What do you think about capital punishment (the death penalty)?

Should severely disabled children be placed in the regular classroom?

Should random AIDS or drug testing be allowed in the workforce, or in schools?

Do you feel that sex education should be taught in schools?

How important is it to achieve immediate goals as opposed to long-range goals?

Is modern technology running our lives?

Why did you choose your talent piece?

Who outside of your parents has shaped your life?

How do you feel about women competing with men?

What is your self-image, and how important is it to radiate this?

How do you feel about a career as opposed to marriage?

Do you feel that two committed people should be able to marry each other, even though they are of the same sex?

If you had an opportunity to visit any place in the world, where would it be and why?

What do you love about life?

What made you choose the career you plan to pursue?

If you could meet President Trump what one question would you ask him?

Do you feel that coming from a large family is an advantage or disadvantage?

Is there too much stress on athletics versus academics?

What is your favorite sport and why?

If you were writing to someone you had never met, what would you tell them about yourself?

What does it feel like to be last?

What does it feel like to be first?

Do you feel it's important to receive a college degree?

What have you learned or gained from being a contestant in the Miss _____ pageant?

Would you rather have lived in your grandmother's time, or

now?

What do you think of today's public officials and would you someday like to be one?

Do you feel a terminally ill patient has the right to decide they want to end their life?

How would you address the rise in mental health problems in our area?

Why do you think successful people sometimes turn to drugs?

Define the word awesome.

Define the word achievement.

Define the word successful.

Can you ever be better than your best?

What makes you tick?

If you were President for a day, what would your goal be?

If you were First Lady for a day, what would your goal be?

How do you plan to balance your family and career?

How would you enhance a student's ability to learn?

Should courts sentence some criminals to community service rather than prison?

Do you think young people are paying more attention to their

elders?

If you could go back in time and meet one famous person, who would it be and what would you ask them?

Should we legalize drugs? Should we legalize marijuana? Why or why not?

Should the federal government pay for the birth of babies through Medicaid born to parents out of wedlock? How about for pregnant teenage girls?

What is the state flower, tree, bird, symbol, song, nickname, motto?

What did Utah choose the beehive as its symbol?

Why did the pioneers name the state of Utah "Deseret"?

If you could invent one thing, what would it be?

What are the three branches of the federal government?

Do you feel that foreigners should be required to learn English for citizenship?

Define "disabled."

Who are you? Describe yourself.

What's more important: a leader or a follower?

What book are you currently reading?

What are some things that need to be addressed in a health reform bill?

What would being Miss _____ mean to you?

How do you feel about nudity in the arts?

Do you feel that art or music should be allowed to depict abuse or degrade sacred things?

What persuaded you to enter this pageant?

What is the difference between a woman and a lady?

Do you believe that our government should subsidize art programs?

Is the institution of marriage in jeopardy today?

What is America's responsibility to the people of Ukraine?
Of victims of natural disasters all over the world?

How do you feel about people who come from other countries, to live in America and use America's welfare system?

How do you feel about being "politically correct?"

How do you relate to your family?

Describe your family.

Do you think it's more important to be physically fit or mentally fit?

Do you believe that a smoker should be allowed to sue a tobacco company because they got cancer?

How would you help others to live a healthier lifestyle?

What's the craziest thing that has ever happened to you?

What's the most disappointing thing that has ever happened to you?

Give us some suggestions that would help us better appreciate your talent piece.

Do you feel that religion is making a comeback?

Would you cut your hair if you had to for this title?

Do you want to be a mom someday? What if you aren't one, what are your plans?

Do you feel that self-esteem is a big problem among women today?

What are some warning signs of low self-esteem?

In photography, or portraits, or paintings, what makes a special picture?

Put each judge here on the cover of a magazine.

If you could be on the cover of a magazine, which one would it be?

What do you think is America's greatest strength?

What's the most important aspect of the state of Utah?

Considering that Utah is predominantly Mormon, do you

think that a Mormon will ever be President?

Make my day!

If you could choose, what would tomorrow's newspaper headlines be?

What do you do to relax?

Why should we choose you as Miss _____?

What's the most important quality that one can possess?

Should America be involved in the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians?

What is your greatest insecurity?

What is your greatest strength?

Do you feel that men still dominate our society?

Aren't pageants superficial?

If you could choose to learn any language which would it be and why?

What is more important to focus on in school, academics or the arts?

Who are our state senators, and what is one issue they fight for?

Who are our state representatives, and what is one issue they each fight for?

Should federal funds be used to support art programs?

Should someone decide if they want to die, or should suicide still be against the law?

Who is the governor of our state, and what is one important thing he has done for the state during his term?

What are your feelings on illegal immigration? Should we close our borders? Or have open and free immigration and absorb the illegal immigrants already living and working here?

Who are three women you admire most?

What do you do to relax?

Why should we choose you to be Miss _____?

Define sacred.

Define character.

Define greatness.

Name the last four Miss Americas, and their platforms

How would you defend the Miss America program against those who consider it a degradation of women?

Why did you choose your platform?

Why do you want to be Miss _____?

Who are you?

Who are three women you most admire?

What do you consider to be the three biggest events in the world right now?

What does it mean to be "an American?"

Who is your hero?

What makes you the angriest?

What is your position on abortion, and why?

Should homosexuals be given the same rights as married couples when it comes to things like health insurance, death benefits, etc.?

What are your goals for the future?

Should the Internet be regulated or censored, or should access be kept free and open?

Should America have to accommodate every type of language or should those who live here learn the English language? Why?

How do you feel about cloning?

How is our President doing as President?

What has our President done that you like least?

What has the Governor done for our state?

What special aspects of your life have prepared you for the job of Miss _____?

Describe for me one of your most important accomplishments.

What has been the biggest disappointment in your life so far?

What are your strong points for the job of Miss _____?

What would you say are your areas that need improvement?

Do you prefer working alone or in groups? Why?

What are some things you would like to avoid while you're working in a job?

What courses in school have been of the most help in doing your job as Miss _____?

What is your long-term objective competing for Miss _____?

What do you feel you need to develop in terms of skill and knowledge in order to be ready for that opportunity?

What does NASA stand for, and do you feel our government should scale back funding it?

What is the ACLU, and do you think that organization is necessary?

What would you most like to accomplish if you had the job of Miss _____?

What kinds of things do you feel most confident in doing?

Can you describe for me a difficult obstacle you have had to overcome? How did you handle it? How do you feel this experience affected your personality or ability?

How would you describe yourself as a person?

What do you think are the most important characteristics or abilities a person must possess to be a successful Miss _____? How do you rate yourself in those areas?

Do you consider yourself a self-starter? If so, explain why.

What do you consider to be your greatest achievement to date?

What things give you the greatest satisfaction?

What things frustrate you the most? How do you usually cope with them?

What have you done that you consider truly creative?

What kind of problems have people recently called on you to solve? Tell me what you devised to solve them.

Do you consider yourself to be thoughtful, analytical or do you usually make up your mind fast? Give an example.

What was your most difficult decision in the last six months? What made it difficult?

The last time you did not know what decision to make, what did you do?

How do you go about making an important decision affecting your career?

How do you define doing a good job? On what basis is your definition determined?

Do you think suicide should still be illegal? Shouldn't somebody have the right to kill themselves if they so choose? What about terminally ill patients?

What three values do you hold most dear? Why?

What is the most important value one can have?

What is the craziest thing you've ever done?

What's worse: to be dishonest or to be diabolical?

If you could be invisible for an hour, where would you go and what would you do?

If you could get an answer to one great unknown question, which one would you choose and why?

What is your theme song?

What would the title of your autobiography be?

Why should Miss _____ hire you as their spokesperson?

What are your priorities in life?

Why did you choose your major in college?

What is your game plan after college?

What three goals do you want to accomplish before you finish your life?

What three words describe you best?

What are your three favorite quotes?

If you could be any superhero, which one would you be and why?

Should students be allowed to wear bright hair, clothing with beer ads, or shorts to school? Why or why not?

What book are you currently reading?

What is your favorite book and why?

What happened in the news this week that stood out to you?

What was on the cover of the newspaper today?

What world event has happened this last year that has made an impression on you?

What is the number one threat facing women today?

Should a mother stay home to raise her kids, or is putting her kids in day care while she works OK too? Why or why not?

When you reach the end of your life, what three things will you want to have accomplished?

What is your greatest value system?

When in life are you most happy?

Have you ever failed at anything?

If you could have one wish granted, what would it be?

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