

Miss Kansas

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On July 10, Taylor Clark of St. John, Kansas, a senior at Kansas State University majoring in Music Education, was crowned Miss Kansas 2021. As Miss Kansas, Taylor will make over 400 appearances during her year-of-service, many of them motivational presentations to students in Kansas schools. Taylor's social impact initiative is *Sound for Common Ground: Music Connects*. Her focus for this initiative is to break down barriers and have courageous conversation around inequities, hardships and unforeseen circumstances.

Throughout her year-of-service, Taylor will work to connect her social impact initiative with the Miss America and Miss Kansas Organizations. She will serve as an ambassador, representing the organization across the State of Kansas.

Taylor will represent Kansas at the 2021 Miss America Competition to be broadcasted live on NBC from the Mohegan Sun Resort in Uncasville, Connecticut in December of 2021. She will perform a drum solo for her talent and compete with 50 other young women from across the nation for the title of Miss America 2022.

Miss Kansas travels throughout the state working closely with the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism and with the Kansas Department of Transportation, providing education, establishing relationships, and learning more about individuals of all ages for whom she will advocate during her year as Miss Kansas.

In addition to her work with her social impact initiative, Taylor is musically talented. While she claimed the title of Miss Kansas with a drum performance, her skills as a percussionist include being able to perform on timpani, marimba, piano and all percussion instruments.

Not only the first Miss Kansas to have also been awarded the title of Miss Kansas' Outstanding Teen, Taylor also participated in the organization's mentoring program as a Sunflower Princess.

This involvement and accomplishment resulted in Taylor being awarded nearly \$17,400 in cash scholarships through the Miss Kansas, Miss Kansas' Outstanding Teen, and Miss America's Outstanding Teen competitions to apply toward her education.

The Miss Kansas Organization is a state licensee of the Miss America Organization, one of the nation's leading achievement programs and the world's largest provider of scholarship assistance for young women. The Miss Kansas Scholarship Foundation, a 501(c) (3) organization, makes available academic, community service, and other scholarships to women between the ages of 17 and 25. Annually, the Miss Kansas Organization provides over \$5,000,000 in cash and in-kind scholarship assistance.

For information on booking Miss Kansas for your event, please email bookings@misskansas.org. You can follow Taylor on social media @missameriaks on Facebook and Instagram.