

**PRESS RELEASE...For Immediate Release**



**Miss America 2005, Deidre Downs**  
(photo courtesy of the Miss America Organization)

### **Tea Social and Fashion Show with Miss America**

The Miss Maine Scholarship Pageant Program will be hosting a Tea Social and “Queen of Hats” Fashion show with Miss America 2005, Deidre Downs, as part of it’s scholarship fundraising program. On Wednesday, March 2nd at 2:00 pm, the public is invited to join Miss America at the Pavillion Banquet Center in Portland. Highlights of day will include an interview and performance by Miss America, a variety of entertainment by former Miss Maine title holders, hat fashion show provided by “Queen of Hats” of Portland, silent auction, tea and refreshments. A special occasion to have fun and wear your favorite hat and tea attire while supporting the educational possibilities for the young women of Maine.

The Miss Maine Scholarship Pageant is the Official State Preliminary to Miss America, one of the nation’s leading achievement programs and the largest source of scholarships for women in the World. Developed by the Miss America Organization, the Miss America Program provides professional and personal opportunities to young women and helps promote a voice in politics, culture and the community. This is a not-for-profit organization that maintains a tradition of empowering American women to achieve professional and personal goals. In 2003, the Miss America Organization, along with it’s State and Local Organizations, made available more than \$45 million in cash and scholarship assistance.

Miss Maine receives thousands of dollars in college scholarships, as well as an all expense paid trip to compete for Miss America in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Each contestant, regardless of placement, earns valuable college assistance. Competition is open to single and never married women who are a high school graduate, age 17 - 24 years old, a United States citizen and a resident, full time student or full time employee of the State of Maine. Meet character criteria set forth by the Miss America Organization. For more information about the Miss America Program, visit [www.missamerica.org](http://www.missamerica.org) on-line or call Allyn Gamble, Miss Maine Scholarship Pageant at 207/767-5068.

Tickets for this special event are \$35 per person in advance and are on sale now, or may be purchased at the door for \$50. For tickets, call (207) 725-6009, the “Tea with Miss America 2005” Committee. The Miss Maine Scholarship Program is a not-for-profit, volunteer Program.

*This Press Release provided by Patricia Crooker, Miss Maine Scholarship Pageant Board of Director’s Treasurer. For more information call 725-6009.*