



**MISS VIRGINIA KENTUCKY DISTRICT FAIR
SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT**

**2026
CONTESTANT APPLICATION PACKAGE
“Sunsets & Tan Lines”**

**PRESENTED AND SPONSORED BY
THE VIRGINIA KENTUCKY DISTRICT FAIR
P.O. BOX 2617
WISE, VIRGINIA 24293**

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The Virginia Kentucky District Fair welcomes all young ladies between 16-22 years of age, to compete in our upcoming pageant to be held on Tuesday, June 9th, 2026. Our purpose in sponsoring the Miss Virginia Kentucky District Fair Scholarship Pageant is to select the young lady that best represents the values that Virginians and Kentuckians hold dear. These include, but are not limited to, a nice appearance and presentation, well-spoken, well-behaved and knowledge of a wide variety array of topics. Our expectation that the chosen queen be a responsible individual, whose desire is to contribute to the greater good through education, volunteerism and personal contribution. Thank you for your consideration of our endeavors.

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****APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MONDAY, MAY 18, 2026, AT 5PM. ****

Please mail your application packet to the pageant director at given address. Please make sure to allow for postal delivery time when mailing. If for any reason your application will be arriving late, please let the director know as soon as possible so prior arrangements can be made.

No applications will be accepted after May 18, 2026.

MISS VIRGINIA KENTUCKY DISTRICT FAIR SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT

RULES AND REGULATIONS

The contestant selected as MISS VIRGINIA KENTUCKY DISTRICT FAIR will reign for one full year, beginning with her coronation and ending with the crowning of her successor. The chosen queen will be ELIGIBLE to compete in the MISS VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS (Miss VAF) in January 2027 to be held at the Williamsburg Lodge in Williamsburg, Virginia. Miss VAF awards over \$16,000 in scholarships, as well as, other various prizes. Miss VAF is a state title in Virginia. The chosen queen will also be ELIGIBLE to compete in Miss VA USA or Miss KY USA. If the chosen queen does not wish to compete in either of these systems, she can elect to accept a CASH AWARD of \$1,000. She may ONLY chose one option that better fits her needs.

Contestant must be single, never married, without children, and never of having been pregnant.

Contestant must be between the ages of 16-22 (as of June 9, 2026).

Contestant must be a female who has always been female.

1. Contestant must possess good moral character having never, at any time, been convicted of any crime nor have any criminal charges against her, and must never have committed an act or engaged in any activity which is or could be characterized as dishonest, immoral, indecent, or in bad taste. This includes Snap Chat, Facebook, TikTok and any web pages or any other electronic means.
2. Contestants must be a Virginia or Kentucky resident and/or attending college in Virginia or Kentucky full time.
3. Contestants must submit a completed application to be received by the Miss Virginia Kentucky District Fair Pageant Director at the noted delivery address no later than Monday, May 18, 2026 at 5:00 PM. A contestant will not be allowed to compete without a complete application packet and a copy of her birth certificate.
4. Contestants are encouraged to attend rehearsal, but is not required to participate. Rehearsal will be held on Monday, June 8, 2026 at 4pm. Date & Time is subject to change.
5. Contestants will compete in private panel interview, Fitness/ Sports wear, Casual Outfit of choice, public speaking and evening gown. Contestants MUST remain on stage until all awards are presented.

Judges' decisions are FINAL

1. The first runner-up must be willing to assume all duties in the event that the winner is unable or unwilling to fulfill her reign.
11. Contestants and all accompanying members or guest will conduct themselves in a proper manner at ALL times. Any display of uncooperative or unsportsmanlike conduct will result in disqualification of the contestant.
12. Miss Virginia Kentucky District Fair Scholarship monies will not be awarded until after she has fulfilled her duties at Miss VAF or Miss USA.

CONTESTANT REQUIREMENTS AND INFORMATION

PRIVATE INTERVIEW accounts for 35% of the total score. Judging will be based on personality, poise, speaking ability, presentation, personal achievement in education, and civic and community participation. Interview will mainly be based on questions from this application, but can be asked any question a judge may have.

OPENING NUMBER will be a simple routine taught at rehearsals. The 2026 theme is “Sunsets & Tan lines”. You will not be judged during this phase of the competition. You will wear a solid bright tank top (provided by Va-Ky Fair) accompanied by a solid white skirt and simple white tennis shoes. Accessories of your choice. Please bring an inexpensive pair of sunglasses as a prop during dance. At the conclusion of this phase each contestant will proceed to the microphone and introduce themselves giving their name and town in which they reside.

CASUAL WEAR will account for 10% of total score and will be done in a fast-paced modeling style walk. A casual outfit of YOUR choice, anything goes, as long as it is tasteful and appropriate. It can be jeans, shorts, sundress, etc. Show your casual style and personality in this phase of the competition. During this phase of competition, each contestant will proceed to the microphone and give a brief statement about their platform or a topic in which they are passionate about. This should NOT be more than 30 seconds. PUBLIC SPEAKING WILL COUNT FOR AN ADDITIONAL 15% OF SCORE

FITNESS WEAR will account for 10% of total score and will be done in a fast-paced modeling style walk. A fitness outfit of your choice, anything goes, as long as it is tasteful and appropriate. It can be workout leggings, shorts, T-shirt, Tank, etc. This should be worn with tennis shoes or flats. Show your physical fitness style in this phase of the competition.

EVENING GOWN COMPETITION which accounts for 20% of the total score will be done in a modeling pattern taught at rehearsals. An on-stage question will be asked (10% of total score).

PHOTOGENIC AWARD Each queen is required to submit a single 8X10 photo in a frame (can be color or black/white) of themselves to be judged for Miss Photogenic. A simple black frame is preferred.

We will also present a Sponsorship, People's Choice, Physical Fitness, Congeniality, and Interview award at crowning.

REHERSAL will be held at Wise County Fairground on Monday, June 8, 2026 (This date is subject to change). Rehearsal is not mandatory but is highly recommended.

Pageant will start on time Tuesday, June 9, 2026 at 8PM with the line up 10 minutes before start time. Arrive backstage by 7:15, Interviews will begin promptly at 4PM at The Inn at Wise (110 E Main St. Wise, Va.)

ADVERTISEMENTS must be sent by the application deadline. All pictures sent must have a RELEASE FORM from the photographer giving permission to advertise. The Miss Virginia Kentucky District Fair Pageant Director cannot use the photo without permission. Contestants are encouraged to obtain ads from their community. The contestant selling the most ads will be awarded. The submitted photos will not be judged. Each contestant will be required to sell at least 2 FULL page ad or a combination of ads consistent with a full page (\$150.00). Ads should be COMPLETE an emailed to missvakyfair@hotmail.com, if you send an email and have not received a confirmation response in 3 days please try to contact the Director via phone to confirm that they have been received.

APPLICATION FORMS AND CHECKS All checks are to be made payable to the Virginia Kentucky District Fair. Please mail all forms and checks to:
Pageant Director
P.O. Box 1182
Wise, Va 24293

ALL ADS WILL BE DUE NO LATER THAN MAY 25, 2026.

PROGRAM AD GUIDELINES

Contestants are encouraged to submit ads from their community, friends and family. Pictures can be added to your community ads according to your preference. The contestant with the most ads will be given 2 weekly fair passes, 4 nightly ride passes, **\$200 CASH** and will be recognized on stage during the pageant.

Price

\$150.00 Full page ad (8.5 x 11)
\$75.00 Half page ad (8.5 5.5)
\$55.00 Quarter page ad (3 x 2)

1. Make sure your photos are clear. The more blurred your picture, the worse it appears.
2. Have your ads designed prior to submitting please send in PDF form.
3. Forms of payment accepted for ads are as follows: Cash Check or we can Invoice the business via email

IMPORTANT NOTE: IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT EACH PHOTO IS ACCOMPANIED WITH A RELEASE FORM FROM THE PHOTOGRAPHER; OTHERWISE, THAT PHOTO CAN NOT BE USED.

YOU NEED TO DESIGN YOUR OWN ADVERTISEMENTS! Our staff is here to assist if needed!

PERSONAL SIGNATURE SHEET

I HAVE COMPLETED THE PAGEANT APPLICATION FORM FOR MY PARTICIPATION IN THE MISS VA-KY DISTRICT FAIR SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT AND HAVE READ THE RULES AND REGULATIONS. I HERBY UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS SET FORTH. I ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE THE BELOW SIGNATURES AND CALL THE INFORMATION PROVIDED FOR THIS COMPETITION ARE TRUTHFUL AND CORRECT AND ARE NOT A FORGERY. I REALIZE THAT THE BREACHING OF THIS CONTRACT WILL FORFEIT ALL AWARDS, AND I WILL RETURN ALL AWARDS PRESENTED (INCLUDING SCHOLARSHIP MONIES) AS PROPERTY OF THE VA-KY DISTRICT FAIR. I ACCEPT FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR MY ACTIONS, RELEASING THE VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS, VA-KY DISTRICT FAIR, THE PAGEANT, AND ITS REPRESENTATIVES HARMLESS OF MY ACTIONS OR ANY OTHER HARSHSHIP.

CONTESTANT'S SIGNATURE

DATE

**PARENT'S SIGNATURE
(Contestants under age 18 ONLY)**

DATE

**Miss VA-KY District Fair 16-22 years old
ATTACHMENT A—2026 APPLICATION**

Date of Birth

Home Phone Number

Email **School/College:**

Grade:

Parent's Name:

Scholastic/Career Ambition:

Scholastic Honors

Accomplishments obtained with any Civic Organization, Church, Etc...

Interesting Facts About yourself or your Family:

Please state how you would use any Scholarship money you may receive from this pageant

Describe yourself in 25 words or less:

List your favorite Charitable Organization and explain why it is important to you:

Please complete this line: In her spare time.....

As Miss Virginia Kentucky District Fair you will have to develop a Platform (if you have not already done so) for the Miss VAF Pageant. If you already have a Platform that you are passionate about please fill out the section below:

Platform Title:

(Please describe your platform and explain why it is important both to you and to society. What inspired you to select your platform?)

Your lineup will be chosen in order of applications received.

FREE entry fee until April 1, 2026.

In order to qualify for FREE entry ENTIRE packet must be completed by the FREE entry deadline. Entire packet to include: Application, Birth Certificate, Photo Release, Ad page(s), Payment for Ads, Headshot photo for individual photo in program book.

APPLICATION AND \$75.00 ENTRY FEE MUST BE RETURNED BEFORE MAY 18, 2026.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO VA-KY DISTRICT FAIR

MAIL TO : PAGEANT DIRECTOR AT PO BOX 1182, WISE VA 24293

PAGEANT SCHEDULE

MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2026

4:00 PM	REHERSAL	VA-KY FAIRGROUND MAIN STAGE You will learn opening number, walking pattern for each category. Please bring any shoes you want to practice walking in
7:30 PM	PJ PARTY	THE INN AT WISE Please wear your comfy Pajamas and join us for a fun night of pizza, practice and pampering. Party will end by 10PM 7:30 Pizza Social 8:00 Practice Dance/ Modeling 8:30 Mocktails (Virgin) and Mock Interviews 9:30 FREE Facials provided by ??? (If you have sensitive skin and want to bring your own face cream, feel free to do so) Bronzed by Iz (2026 Miss VAF) will be on site during the PJ Party for anyone wishing to get a spray tan. Please book with her directly.

*****Raffle drawings or some awesome prizes during the PJ Party**

*****Each contestant will have overnight accommodations at The Inn at Wise for Monday, June 8, 2026. Four contestants per room. Rooming will be determined via age, interest, etc from application. If you know of a conflict, please reach out to pageant staff and let them know ASAP.**

TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2026

12:00	HMU AREA OPENS	LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED
1:00	SNACK SOCIAL	HMU AREA
4:00	INTERVIEWS BEGIN	2 ND FLOOR BALCONY ROOM (The Inn) We will have a schedule for interviews and the lineup will be drawn prior to date, as follows: 4:00 4:10 4:20 4:30 4:40 4:50 5:00....

*****AFTER INTERVIEW IS OVER YOU ARE FREE TO LEAVE THE INN AND MAKE YOUR WAY TO THE FAIRGROUND. PLEASE ARRIVE NO LATER THAN 7:15. BE COMPLETELY READY AND LINED UP IN THE HALLWAY BY 7:50.**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- SHIRTS FOR OPENING NUMBER WILL BE PROVIDED THIS YEAR.... YOU WILL BE GIVEN COLOR OPTIONS AVAILABLE WHEN APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED. FIRST COME FIRST SERVE ON COLOR CHOICES. GET THOSE APPLICATIONS IN EARLY!
- THE FIRST PERSON TO TURN IN APPLICATION WILL PICK LINEUP NUMBER, EVERYONE ELSE WILL BE IN A DRAWING TO DETERMINE LINEUP.
- GET OUT AND SELL THOSE ADS.... THE PERSON WHO SELLS THE MOST GETS \$200 CASH AND OTHER PRIZES. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO SELL TO JUST ONE PERSON FOR A FULL-PAGE AD. YOU CAN COLLECT \$10 FROM 15 PEOPLE AND WE CAN COMBINE FOR A FULL PAGE. IT IS NOT HARD TO DO IF YOU TAKE THE TIME TO GET IT DONE! REACH OUT TO YOUR STYLIST, VEHICLE DEALERSHIP, SCHOOL, FAMILY MEMBERS, CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS, ETC..
- JUVENILES (UNDER THE AGE OF 18 ON JUNE 8, 2026) MUST HAVE A PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGN A WAIVER THAT ALLOWS THEIR CHILD TO STAY OVERNIGHT AT THE INN AT WISE AND WILL NOT HOLD THE VA-KY DISTRICT FAIR AND/ OR ITS STAFF RELIABLE FOR ANY INJURIES AND WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR CHILD AND ANY DAMAGES THAT THEY MIGHT INCUR DURING THEIR STAY.
- WE HAVE AN UPDATED QUEENS CONTRACT THAT MUST BE SIGNED ON PAGEANT NIGHT PRIOR TO LEAVING THE PAGEANT. A COPY WILL BE ATTACHED IN THE APPLICATIONS PACKET.
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Miss Virginia Kentucky District Fair Pageant WINNER Contract

***** Please read this document carefully. Contact the director with any questions you may have regarding your understanding of this contract*****

I agree to represent the title with professionalism and will represent all events in a professional manner.

I agree to obtain prior approval for appearances with the director of the pageant. This includes ALL civic organizations, other pageant directors, former directors, and others.

Required appearances include: Miss Va-Ky Fair Junior Pageants (June 10, 2026), a minimum of two Holiday Parade's, Miss Virginia Association of Fairs Pageant in January 2027 (if this option is chosen), and Crowning of Miss Virginia Kentucky District Fair (June 2027).

I understand I am a titleholder at all times. I will dress appropriately when in the community and be properly groomed.

I will be on time for any public appearances and will be appropriately dressed for each appearance. I will conduct myself in a manner that will uphold the dignity and honor of the pageant.

I understand that I will receive a \$2,000 scholarship to further my education; the monies can be used for tuition, room and board, books, or other necessary school expenses approved by Va-Ky board. The scholarship is redeemable AFTER the completion of Miss VAF (January 2027) and MUST be claimed within 365 days of my crowning. If I choose not to attend VAF and accept the additional \$1,000 scholarship, both scholarships (\$3,000 total) will be ready to claim in 14 days.

I understand that if the title is removed, or I resign before crowning my successor, I will only be awarded A \$1,000 scholarship (prior to Miss VAF). I further understand that if I have already redeemed my \$2,000 scholarship and choose to voluntarily surrender my title (to compete in a higher title pageant ONLY). I would be responsible to reimburse Virginia Kentucky District Fair in the amount of \$1,000. This payment would have to be made within 90 days of my surrender.

If I have social media accounts (Facebook, Tik Tok, Instagram, etc), I understand that inappropriate pictures and/or language is discouraged in order to uphold the dignity of this pageant.

I understand that it is vital to develop my platform and maintain information related to my platform that will benefit the development and presentation of my platform at the state competition.

I agree to hold one fundraiser/ benefit or other community event to bring awareness to my platform prior to competing at VAF.

I understand that I am responsible for reporting any conflicts associated with this title to the director immediately.

I agree that I will exercise complete confidentiality with my director. I will in no way damage the reputation or the integrity of the pageant, pageant staff or others involved in the pageant.

I understand that I will be awarded additional monies (\$1000) to prepare for the state competition. This money will be divided into areas of competition depending on greatest need. This money will remain in the pageant account and the pageant director will directly pay for these services. Services include, but are not limited to, coaching, photographs, stylist, and wardrobe. Anything purchased with the funds is property of Va-Ky Fair and will be returned at the end of my reign, to include but not limited to, wardrobe, photos, accessories)

I understand that if I choose to accept the additional scholarship and not attend Miss VAF representing Miss Virginia Kentucky district Fair, I can not attend VAF in 2025 to represent another county fair.

As Miss Va-Ky District Fair 2026, I will promote my title positively on social media and in person. I will attempt to recruit young ladies to this organization.

I will dedicate at least 20 community service hours a month toward my title, fair and community. This can be social media post, volunteering in the community, promoting my platform, etc.

I understand that preparing for VAF is costly and I will be responsible for all expenses not covered by the Va-Ky District Fair. I am aware that extra coaching sessions will be needed monthly, a full weekend wardrobe, HMU to travel to VAF to assist in being prepared for the weekend, etc.. Estimated out of pocket cost can range anywhere from \$1000-\$5000, depending on queens needs.

Legal Name: _____

Legal Signature: _____

Date: _____

Pageant Director Name: _____

Pageant Director Signature: _____

Date: _____

Witness Name: _____

Witness Signature: _____

Date: _____

EVENT SCHEDULE

JUNE 8TH & 9TH

VA-KY DISTRICT FAIR PAGEANT

Monday, June 8th

4PM- Rehersal- Fairground Stage

7PM- Paradise PJ Party- The Inn at Wise

Pizza-Mock Interviews- Facials & Pampering

10:30PM Room Curfew- The Inn at Wise

Overnight Accomidations will be provided- 4 contestants per room and will be assigned based on age, interest, etc.

Tuesday, June 9th

12PM- HMU Vendors Opens- The Inn at Wise

1PM- Snack Social- HMU area- The Inn at Wise

4PM- Interviews Begin- The Inn at Wise

Interview schedule will be assigned this year