

APPALACHIAN FAIR'S FAIREST OF THE FAIR

\$2,500.00 SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 2025, 7 PM – MUSEUM STAGE, APPALACHIAN FAIRGROUNDS



ENTRY FEE: \$50.00 (NON-REFUNDABLE)

ENTRY FORM AND FEE MUST BE RECEIVED BY AUGUST 7TH
(SEE COMPULSORY PRACTICE SCHEDULE-BELOW!)

MAIL TO: APPALACHIAN FAIR, PO BOX 8218, GRAY, TN 37615
Or DELIVER TO: APPALACHIAN FAIR, 100 LAKEVIEW STREET, GRAY, TN

PLEASE TYPE TO COMPLETE FORM (SEE INSTRUCTIONS #1)! AN ENTRY FEE OF \$50.00 MUST ACCOMPANY THIS REGISTRATION FORM. THE FORM MAY BE DROPPED OFF AT THE FAIR OFFICE, FAXED (423.477.3853) OR EMAILED TO appalachianfair@gmail.com AND THE \$50 FEE PAID NO LATER THAN AUGUST 7TH @ 6pm. NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED. THE APPALACHIAN FAIR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF TOTAL ENTRIES TO 30.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE: HOME _____ CELL _____ E-MAIL _____

*AGE _____ *BIRTHDATE _____ (MUST BE AT LEAST 16 BUT NOT OVER 21 ON DECEMBER 31, 2025; **NO EXCEPTIONS**)

SCHOOL or PRESENT OCCUPATION _____

NAME OF BOTH PARENTS _____

PARENTS ADDRESS _____

PARENTS PHONE _____ & EMAIL _____

SPONSOR'S NAME & ADDRESS _____
(Can be a business or family member)

Affiliations, honors, and achievements: (may be used by MC on stage – limit to top five ONLY) List in the order of importance – once submitted these cannot be changed.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

1. Contestant agrees to be available the **entire** week of **August 18th-23rd, 2025** and assist at all pageant events: Little Miss, Wool & Woolies, and the Baby Show as well as other events scheduled throughout that week and throughout the following year. The 2025 Fairest of the Fair will be introduced on the Main Stage on Tuesday, August 19th prior to the concert – exact time TBA by the Main Stage directors. The 2025 Fairest of the Fair will agree to be on the grounds every day during the 99th Appalachian Fair a minimum of 4 hours per day. _____
2. Contestant agrees to wear the crown and sash when on the Appalachian Fairgrounds or when representing the Appalachian Fair at community events, including but not limited to parades, etc. _____
3. Contestant agrees to participate in local parades and events throughout the year including at Christmas Parades and 4th of July Events as requested by fair personnel. _____
4. The Tennessee Association of Fairs convention will be held in Murfreesboro, **January 14-18, 2026**. The State Fairest of the Fair contest will be held at the Embassy Suites located at 1200 Conference Center Blvd., Murfreesboro. Contestant agrees to be available that week to participate in all related events. _____
5. A state sponsored workshop will be held for the Fairest of the Fair contestants in November/December 2025 at the Embassy Suites in Murfreesboro; dates to be announced. Contestant agrees to be available to attend this event. _____
6. If the winner of the Appalachian Fair pageant wins another title during her reign, that prevents her from wearing the Appalachian Fair crown and sash, she must relinquish her title as Appalachian Fair's Fairest of the Fair and will not receive her scholarship winnings. Also, the winner must relinquish her crown and scholarship if she marries, has a child, or is found guilty of a felony. _____
7. Contestant verifies that she has never been married, never had a child, never competed in a prior TAF State Fair contest, or never found guilty of a felony. The contestant must be currently and always has been of the female gender. _____
8. Contestant verifies that she has reached her 16th birthday but not her 21st birthday on/or before December 31st, 2025; and that she is a resident of the great state of Tennessee. _____

If you are crowned the 2025 Appalachian Fair Fairest of the Fair, what would your platform be for the year? _____

PRACTICE SCHEDULE - MUSEUM STAGE FAIRGROUNDS

- AUGUST 7th – 6 PM – ORIENTATION (BRING YOUR HIGH HEELS) **** PICTURES FOR NEWSPAPER WILL BE MADE ****
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- AUGUST 17th – 2 PM INTERVIEWS (GRAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH)

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU ATTEND ALL REHEARSALS SINCE WE ARE ONLY SCHEDULING TWO PRACTICES. IF AN EMERGENCY SITUATION OCCURS CONTACT THE FAIR OFFICE OR THE PAGEANT DIRECTOR. A WRITTEN EXCUSE MUST BE PRESENTED TO THE PAGEANT DIRECTOR AND SIGNED BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN.

In consideration of accepting this entry, I, the undersigned hereby for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators, waive and release any and all claims for personal injury or property damage, of whatever form and nature, I may have against the Appalachian Fair, the pageant director, any representatives, or any named sponsor, that may arise from participation in this contest.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT I HAVE READ THE RULES AND HEREBY AGREE THAT IF CHOSEN AS THE APPALACHIAN FAIR'S FAIREST OF THE FAIR, I WILL BE AVAILABLE TO SERVE DURING THE WEEK OF THE FAIR AND ALL OTHER FUNCTIONS AS REQUESTED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL RULES LISTED ABOVE:

(SIGNATURE OF CONTESTANT)

(DATE)

STATE OF TENNESSEE
COUNTY OF _____

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND
AND OFFICIAL SEAL, IN THE STATE AND COUNTY
AFORESAID, ON THIS _____ DAY OF _____.

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES _____

NOTARY

⚠ mandatory field

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Entry Deadline: AUGUST 7, 2025 @ 6pm



This contest is held in conjunction with Tennessee's 'Fairest of the Fair' Contest, which is sponsored by the Tennessee Association of Fairs. The Appalachian Fair and their supporters will sponsor this event.

RULES

*****MUST BE AVAILABLE THE WEEK OF THE FAIR TO FULFILL REQUESTED DUTIES*****

1. A **\$50.00 NON-REFUNDABLE ENTRY FEE IS REQUIRED FOR EACH CONTESTANT**. Contestant must be sponsored by a civic organization, business firm, or family member. Entry may be made by completing an entry form (**please type**) obtained from the Appalachian Fair office, downloaded from their website, by calling 423.477.3211, or through e-mail request to – appalachianfair@gmail.com. The **typed and notarized** form should be returned to the Fair Office on or before **AUGUST 7th**, with a **\$50 non-refundable entry fee**. **If the form is downloaded to your computer, you can tab through the fields to complete it, then save it with your name in the title and return it to us.** The form may be returned to the Appalachian Fair by mail: PO Box 8218, Gray, TN 37615, by fax: 423.477.3853, e-mailed: appalachianfair@gmail.com or delivered to the Fair Office: 100 Lakeview Street, Gray, TN. If faxed or e-mailed, the \$50 fee must be paid by credit card. An online invoice payable by credit card or echeck will be sent to you via the email address provided on the application. The Appalachian Fair reserves the right to limit the number of contestants to 30, however, no entries or fees will be accepted after August 7th. Checks should be made payable to the **Appalachian Fair**. All major credit cards will be accepted.
2. Contestant **must have reached her 16th birthday, but not her 21st birthday on/or before December 31** of the year in which the contest is held and must be a resident of Tennessee. Original birth certificate must be presented at the first rehearsal.
3. Contestants will be judged on beauty, poise, and personality.
4. The contest will be held at the Appalachian Fair on Monday night, August 18th, at 7PM on the Museum Stage. **Contestant must be available to reign during the entire week of August 18th-23rd, 2025.** If the winner of the Appalachian Fair Pageant wins another title during her reign that prevents her from wearing the Appalachian Fair crown and sash, she must relinquish her crown and scholarship. A contestant is allowed to miss an event due to mandatory school schedules and with the approval of the Appalachian Fair staff. **Extra-curricular activities and work-related events are non-excusable** and can result in penalties defined by the Appalachian Fair administration. *Please advise any employers of the stipulations if you win the title.*
5. A contestant cannot qualify if she has ever been married, had a child, **competed in a prior TAF State Pageant**, or found guilty of a felony. She must be of good moral character, and is now, and has always been, a female.
6. Contestant must wear formal floor length attire. The dress may be two-piece but cannot be a wrap skirt worn over a bodysuit. Midriff may be exposed but bralettes are not appropriate. Be mindful of the age group of 16 thru 20 and dress accordingly.
7. The Appalachian Fair will not be held liable for any damages or bodily injuries that may occur to a contestant or her wearing apparel and accessories during the contest or contest activities. Also, the Appalachian Fair may not be held responsible for any lost or stolen articles during the contest or contest activities.
8. In consideration of accepting this entry the contestant and her family must waive and release any and all claims for personal injury or property damage, of whatever form and nature against the Appalachian Fair, the pageant director, a representative of above, or any named sponsor, that may arise from participation in this contest.
9. Other rules apply as set forth by the TN Association of Fairs Pageant Committee regarding the TN Association of Fairs Fairest of the Fair Winner.

AWARD

1. The young lady who receives the title of Appalachian Fair's Fairest of the Fair will receive a **\$2,500 scholarship award the following year upon crowning of the new 2026 Fairest of the Fair**. Proof of school registration must be submitted to the Appalachian Fair office. The Fairest of the Fair will represent the Appalachian Fair in Tennessee's Fairest of the Fair contest in Murfreesboro on January 16, 2026. The Appalachian Fair will pay the incurred travel expenses of the queen and her chaperone to the contest.
2. The winner will be provided with fair admission tickets, car passes, and Main Stage concert tickets for the remainder of the fair week.
3. Hotel and travel expenses incurred by the contestant and her chaperone related to all state contest events will be reimbursed by the Appalachian Fair.
4. The winner of the state contest will receive the title of 'Tennessee's Fairest of the Fair' and such prizes as approved by the Tennessee Association of Fairs.

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