

APPALACHIAN FAIR'S FAIREST OF THE FAIR

\$2,500.00 SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2026, 7:00 PM – MUSEUM STAGE, APPALACHIAN FAIRGROUNDS



ENTRY FEE: \$50.00 (NON-REFUNDABLE)

**ENTRY FORM AND FEE MUST BE RECEIVED BY AUGUST 13TH
(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: A \$50.00 NON-REFUNDABLE ENTRY FEE MUST ACCOMPANY THIS REGISTRATION FORM. APPLICATIONS AND FEES MAY BE DELIVERED IN PERSON AT THE FAIR OFFICE, FAXED (423.477.3853) OR EMAILED appalachianfair@gmail.com ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 13 @ 6:00pm. LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. THE APPALACHIAN FAIR LIMITS THE NUMBER OF TOTAL APPLICANTS 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, 2026, **NO EXCEPTIONS**)

SCHOOL or PRESENT OCCUPATION _____

NAME OF BOTH PARENTS/GUARDIANS _____

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. The Contestant agrees to be available **during the remaining week of August 24-29, 2026**, and to assist with all pageant-related events, including Little Miss, Wool & Woolies, the Baby Show, and any additional activities scheduled during the remainder of Fair Week and throughout the following year. The **2026 Fairest of the Fair** will be formally introduced on the Main Stage on **Tuesday, August 25** prior to the evening concert (exact time TBA by the Main Stage directors). The 2026 titleholder also agrees to be **on the fairgrounds each remaining day** during opening hours of the 100th Appalachian Fair.
2. The Contestant agrees to wear the **official crown and sash** at all times while on the Appalachian Fairgrounds and whenever representing the Appalachian Fair at community events, including but not limited to **parades, appearances, and public functions**.
3. The Contestant agrees to participate in local parades and community events throughout the year, including **Christmas parades, 4th of July celebrations**, and any additional appearances requested by Appalachian Fair personnel.
4. The Tennessee Association of Fairs convention is scheduled to be held in Murfreesboro on **January 13-17, 2027** (tentative dates). The **State Fairest of the Fair** pageant will take place at the Embassy Suites, located at 1200 Conference Center Blvd., Murfreesboro. The Contestant agrees to be available for the entire week to participate in all pageant activities and related events.
5. A state-sponsored workshop for Fairest of the Fair contestants will be held in **November/December 2026** at the Embassy Suites in Murfreesboro (exact dates to be announced). The Contestant agrees to be available to attend this required workshop.
6. If the winner of the Appalachian Fair pageant accepts another title during her reign that prevents her from fulfilling her duties or wearing the Appalachian Fair crown and sash, she must **relinquish her title** as Appalachian Fair's Fairest of the Fair and will **forfeit all scholarship winnings**. The winner must also relinquish her crown and scholarship if she marries, has a child, or is found guilty of a felony at any time during her reign.
7. The Contestant verifies that she has **never been married**, has **never had a child**, has **never competed** in a prior Tennessee Association of Fairs State Fairest of the Fair contest, and has **never been found guilty** of a felony. The contestant also affirms that she is currently - and has always been - **female**.
8. The Contestant verifies that she has **reached her 16th birthday but has not reached her 21st birthday on or before December 31, 2026**, and that she is a **resident of the State of Tennessee**.

If you are crowned the 2026 Appalachian Fair Fairest of the Fair, what would your platform be for the year? _____

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AUGUST 13 – 6:00 PM – ORIENTATION (BRING YOUR HIGH HEELS) ** HEADSHOTS FOR MEDIA WILL BE TAKEN **
AUGUST 20 – 6:00 PM (FULL PRACTICE – REHEARSAL)
AUGUST 23 – 2:00 PM INTERVIEWS (GRAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH)
PAGEANT THEME: “CELEBRATE – Kool & the Gang” | Silver & Gold Outfits for Opening

ATTENDANCE AT BOTH REHEARSALS IS MANDATORY. IF AN EMERGENCY ARISES, THE CONTESTANT MUST CONTACT THE FAIR OFFICE OR THE PAGEANT DIRECTOR IMMEDIATELY. A WRITTEN EXCUSE, SIGNED BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN, MUST BE PRESENTED TO THE PAGEANT DIRECTOR FOR ANY EMERGENCY-RELATED ABSENCE.

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

I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND ALL RULES AND REQUIREMENTS. I AGREE THAT IF I AM SELECTED AS THE APPALACHIAN FAIR'S FAIREST OF THE FAIR, I WILL BE AVAILABLE TO SERVE DURING FAIR WEEK AND AT ALL ADDITIONAL APPEARANCES AND FUNCTIONS REQUESTED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. I FURTHER AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL RULES AND GUIDELINES STATED 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 13, 2026 @ 6:00pm



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 ~ A Century of Family, Farming, & Fun

*****CONTESTANT MUST BE AVAILABLE THE REMAINDER OF FAIR WEEK TO FULFILL ALL REQUIRED DUTIES*****

- Entry Requirements & Fee:** A **\$50.00 NON-REFUNDABLE ENTRY FEE** is required for each contestant. Each contestant must be sponsored by a civic organization, business, or family member. Entry forms may be obtained from the Appalachian Fair office, downloaded from the Fair website, requested by phone at 423.477.3211, or by e-mail at – appalachianfair@gmail.com. Completed **typed and notarized** entry forms must be returned to the Appalachian Fair Office on or before **AUGUST 13**, along with the **\$50 fee**. Forms may be submitted:
 - By mail: PO Box 8218, Johnson City, TN 37615
 - By fax: 423.477.3853
 - By e-mail: appalachianfair@gmail.com
 - In person: 100 Lakeview Street, Gray, TN.If submitted by fax or e-mail, the entry fee must be paid online. An online invoice payable by credit card or echeck will be sent to the email address listed on the application. Checks should be made payable to the **Appalachian Fair**. All major credit cards will be accepted. The Appalachian Fair reserves the right to limit entries to **30 contestants**. **No entries or fees will be accepted after August 13.**
- Age & Residency:** Contestant must be **16-20 years of age, having reached their 16th birthday but not their 21st birthday by December 31** of the contest year. Contestants must be a residents of Tennessee. An original birth certificate must be presented at the first rehearsal.
- Judging Criteria:** Contestants will be judged on:
 - Beauty
 - Poise
 - Personality
- Pageant & Reign Requirements:** The contest will be held **Monday, August 24, at 7:00PM** on the Museum Stage at the Appalachian Fair. The winner must be available to serve and represent the Fair **during the remainder of fair week, August 24-29, 2026**. If the Appalachian Fair titleholder wins another title during her reign that prevents her from fulfilling her duties or wearing the Appalachian Fair crown and sash, she must relinquish her title and scholarship. Contestants may be excused from an event **only** for mandatory school requirements and only **with prior approval** from Fair staff. Work obligations and extra-curricular activities **are not excusable** and may result in penalties as determined by the Appalachian Fair administration. *Contestants should notify employers of these expectations prior to entering.*
- Eligibility Restrictions:** A contestant is not eligible if she:
 - Has ever been married
 - Has ever had a child
 - Has competed in a previous TAF State Pageant
 - Has been found guilty of a felony.Contestants must be of **good moral character**, and **must be, and must have always been**, female.
- Attire:** Contestants must wear a formal, floor-length gown. Two-piece gowns are allowed; however:
 - Wrap skirts worn over bodysuits are not permitted
 - Midriffs may be exposed
 - Bralettes are not appropriate.Attire should be age-appropriate for contestants aged 16-20.
- Liability:** The Appalachian Fair is not responsible for any damages, injuries, or loss of property – including apparel and accessories – during the pageant or related activities.
- Release of Claims:** By submitting an entry, the contestant and her family waive and release any and all claims for personal injury or property damage against the Appalachian Fair, the pageant director, representatives, or sponsors arising from participation in the contest.
- Additional Rules:** Additional rules established by the Tennessee Association of Fairs Pageant Committee for the Tennessee Fairest of the Fair Pageant also apply.

AWARDS

1. **Scholarship & State Competition:** The winner of the Appalachian Fair's Fairest of the Fair will receive a \$2,500 scholarship, awarded the following year upon crowning her successor. Proof of school/continuing education enrollment must be submitted to the Appalachian Fair Office. She will represent the Appalachian Fair at the Tennessee Fairest of the Fair Pageant in Murfreesboro on January 15, 2027. The Fair will cover travel expenses for the winner and her chaperone.
2. **Fair Week Benefits:** The winner will receive:
 - Fair admission tickets
 - Car passes
 - Main Stage concert tickets.Valid for the remainder of the fair week.
3. **State Contest Travel:** All hotel and travel expenses for the winner and her chaperone, related to state competition events, will be reimbursed by the Appalachian Fair.
4. **State Title:** The winner of the state pageant will receive the title of 'Tennessee's Fairest of the Fair' along with prizes provided by the Tennessee Association of Fairs.

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