

2025 Miss Randolph County Fair Pageant—August 10, 2025

Rules, Regulations and Code of Conduct

Entrant must be a citizen of the United States of America and a legal resident of the state of West Virginia; a resident of Randolph County, Barbour County, Pendleton County, Pocahontas County, Tucker County, Upshur County, Grant County or Webster County, or must attend school in one of the aforementioned counties; and must be a United States Citizen.

Entrant must have reached her 16th birthday by January 1, 2026 and will not have passed her 22nd birthday on or before January 1, 2026.

Entrant must not be married, have never been married nor had a marriage annulled. Entrant must also not be pregnant, have never adopted a child, nor ever borne a child.

Entrant must be recognized medically and legally as a female in the United States. If entrant's gender or sex designated at birth was not female, entrant must be able to produce proof that entrant has fully completed sex reassignment (which must be certified by a physician), and must have received and can provide legal recognition of assigned sex as female by the U.S. Federal governments and/or state of WV (documents acceptable for such legal recognition include driver's license, birth certificate, U.S. Passport or ID card issued by WV).

Entrant must not be the current titleholder, nor have ever been, Miss West Virginia Association of Fairs and Festivals or Miss Randolph County Fair.

Entrant must, and does hereby, certify that she is of good moral character and has not participated in any activities that would be embarrassing to her and/or the Randolph County Fair prior to the entry of this agreement, including being convicted of any crime other than misdemeanor traffic offenses.

Entrant must be willing to participate in scheduled pageant activities and conduct herself in a proper manner at all times.

Entrant must attend scheduled pageant activities, including scheduled practices. If entrant is unable to attend a scheduled activity or practice, the entrant discuss the same with the pageant director ahead of time to determine if other arrangements can be made.

Entrant must, and does hereby, give permission to use her photograph and/or likeness for publicity, news articles, or other pageant/fair purposes in print, social or online (website) media.

Entrant must, and does hereby agree, to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Randolph County Fair, Randolph County Recreation Board, the Randolph County Commission, and any of its members or representatives, from and against any and all claims arising out participation in the Randolph County Fair as a pageant contestant or title holder. Entrant and/or her parents will be responsible for any medical expenses incurred by her as a contestant or title holder.

Entrants will participate in three main phases of competition, including personal interview, event promotion and eveningwear. Finalists will also answer on-stage questions. Entrants will learn and rehearse a simple opening number JUST FOR FUN. Only entrant's brief introduction of herself will be judged, NOT her dance skills. There will also be a Queen's Class of exhibits displayed during the fair, which exhibit must be submitted and set up by 2:00 p.m. on the day of the pageant. The exhibit can be anything made/grown/crafted/etc. by the Entrant within the twelve months preceding the pageant. (see *Fair's exhibit classes for non-exclusive list of possible exhibits*). Prizes will be awarded on the night of the pageant for Best Exhibits. Entry of an exhibit is a requirement for the pageant. Judging in this category may count for a very small percentage of points toward final scores. The Queen's Category exhibits will be auctioned throughout the week of the fair by silent auction.

Sponsorship/Entry fee for each entrant is \$125.00 and is non-refundable unless contestant should win a pageant before date of Miss Randolph County Fair Pageant or the pageant is cancelled for any reason by the Randolph County Fair Board. The Early Registration Deadline is **July 25, 2025**, and a \$25 discount to the entry fee will apply to entries on or before July 25, 2025. The fee, entry form and contract must be **postmarked, hand delivered or electronically transmitted by July 25, 2025** to receive the discounted entry fee. Entries after the early registration deadline of July 25 may be accepted until such time as the pageant director specifies, but in any event until at least **July 31, 2025**; however, any entries received after July 25, 2025 will be at the regular entry fee of \$125.

Entrant shall be aware that, until the conclusion of the pageant, she is representing the Randolph County Fair and should always be aware that she may be a role model for others. Accordingly, Entrant shall, and does hereby affirm, her understanding of and does hereby agree to adhere to a code of conduct including:

- Be responsible and respectful, maintaining a positive and constructive online presence, with regard to any postings, photos and information posted on any social media networks. Entrant shall agree to not make statements or post statements containing inappropriate or profane language, and to not post pictures or videos of herself dressed inappropriately, drinking alcoholic beverages or making inappropriate gestures.
- Conduct herself in a professional and respectful manner, treating fellow contestants, organizers, staff, judges and others with courtesy and respect.
- Refrain from engaging in any behavior that may bring discredit or harm to the pageant, fair or its reputation.
- Refrain from bullying and/or discriminatory behaviors.
- Exhibit good sportsmanship throughout the pageant, both on and off the stage, by displaying respect and support for their fellow contestants and refraining from negative or unsportsmanlike conduct, such as cheating, spreading rumors or undermining the efforts of others.
- Uphold the highest standards of integrity and honesty in all aspects of the pageant, including during all phases of competition.
- Entrant shall provide accurate and truthful information about themselves and their qualifications, avoiding any form of misrepresentation or deceit.
- Entrants are expected to serve as positive role models.
- Disruptive behavior before, during or after the pageant may be considered a violation of the code of conduct.

Any issues related to any of the aforementioned rules or code of conduct, and consequences for violation thereof, shall be determined solely by the pageant director and/or the Randolph County Fair Board of Directors. Entrant agrees to accept such determinations both as to herself and others.

If chosen as Queen, entrant understands and agrees that she will enter into a contract with the Randolph County Fair, in which she will additionally agree, in part, as follows:

The 2025 Miss Randolph County Fair shall compete in January 2026 for the title of Miss West Virginia Association of Fairs & Festivals. The winner of this pageant will reign over the 2026 State Fair of West Virginia. The Randolph County Fair will pay the 2025 Miss Randolph County Fair Queen's entry fees and lodging for the 2026 Miss West Virginia Fairs and Festivals pageant. In addition to paying the Queen's entry fees, the Randolph County Fair will pay the registration fee for one (1) parent, guardian or custodian to attend the West Virginia Association of Fairs and Festivals Convention and Pageant.

The 2025 Miss Randolph County Fair is expected to attend the 2025 Randolph County Fair (August 10-17) and all scheduled activities unless prior arrangements are made with the pageant director.

The 2025 Miss Randolph County Fair must also ride the Randolph County Fair float, or if the float is not being provided, make arrangements to ride in and provide her own transportation for parades and other events outlined below, unless advance arrangements due to extenuating circumstances have been approved by the pageant director.

Parades to attend include: The Mountain State Forest Festival Grand Feature Parade; Randolph/Elkins Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade; Coalton Days Parade; and Beverly Days Parade. The Pageant Director reserves the rights to request your appearance at other events.

The 2025 Miss Randolph County Fair must agree that, while wearing her crown and/or sash, she will always conduct herself in a respectable manner that is fitting of the representative of the Randolph County Fair.

The 2025 Miss Randolph County Fair must agree to remain single during the year of her reign and agree to not become pregnant. If either of these circumstances occur, the winner's title will be void and she will relinquish the crown. She must also agree not to engage in any activity that would be embarrassing to herself and/or the Randolph County Fair. This includes being responsible with regard to any postings, photos and information posted on any social media networks. Title Holder agrees that she will not make any statements containing inappropriate or profane language, and will not post pictures or videos of herself dressed inappropriately, drinking alcoholic beverages or making inappropriate gestures. Should she engage in any conduct embarrassing to herself and/or the Fair, including being arrested and charged with a crime, the Randolph County Fair Committee will have the right to declare her title void and request she relinquish the crown and/or scholarships/prizes.

The 2025 Miss Randolph County Fair may not compete in any pageant prior to January 2026 that upon winning, would require her to relinquish the title of Miss Randolph County Fair 2025.