



LAUREL COUNTY HOMECOMING

Miss & Teen Pageant August 29th, 2026 8:00 pm

The 2026 pageant will be themed *"Beneath The Same Moon: 200 Years of Light and Legacy."* This year contestants will step into the spotlight showcasing the lives and legacies of the women of London and Laurel County. An info session will be on July 26th from 2:00-4:00 and August 2nd from 4:30-6:30 at the Levi Jackson Clubhouse. This is not a formal required event but something to get you familiar with the pageant and be able to ask questions. You may come at any time during those hours. If that time does not work for you please let us know and we can try to accommodate your schedule.

Each contestant will be required to attend the Homecoming Tea. It will be Sunday August 23rd from 1:00-3:00 at Oak Hill Gardens Outdoor Event Space. Sunday tea dress is recommended. This year, we're embracing a touch of elegance with a London inspired theme, paying tribute to our roots with a classic English tea experience. They will have an opportunity to participate in a mock interview to help them with the interview on pageant day. Contestants will also have the opportunity to meet and greet people involved in our community, this will help build the communication skills needed for their year of service. Contestants will vote on Miss Congeniality during this time. Each contestant will be required to participate in the annual "Homecoming Parade". It will be held on Saturday morning at 11:00. The parade will be focused around Town Center Park. You must provide your own transportation during the parade. It can be a car, truck, float, etc. Please be creative and do not limit yourself! You will be wearing your "theme wear" during the parade presentation. You must provide signs on each side that state your name, contestant number and your themewear choice. This is a separate award

and will be judged by a separate panel of judges. They will be dispersed throughout the crowd, and you will not know who they are. You will be judged on your attire and your presentation to the crowd throughout the parade route.

The official headshot photographer is McKenzie Gilbert Photography. She will be providing each contestant with a digital pageant headshot. It is the contestant's responsibility to schedule an appointment with McKenzie. The photos will take place at Lens & Light Studio on August 7th or August 14th from 5:30-6:30 there are no exceptions. Each contestant will be able to choose which image they want to select for their headshot. This will be the photo displayed in the Silver Spoon Formals window on Main Street, Sentinel-Echo, Facebook and Instagram. Once submitted these cannot be changed. One digital image will be provided by McKenzie but you may choose to purchase others. Headshots are due for submission no later than August 18th. We will try to secure a pageant day photographer, but this is not guaranteed.

A private interview will occur in the afternoon of August 29th. Location is to be announced. Interviews will last 8 minutes plus a 30 second closing. Please use your closing time wisely. During this time you have the opportunity to clarify your response to any questions asked during your interview and/or to reiterate why you should be chosen as Miss or Teen Laurel County Homecoming. Please wear business casual attire for this division of competition. A knee length dress, skirt and blouse, or pant outfit with heels is acceptable.

Production will begin Saturday evening with a parade of contestants and contestant introductions. Each contestant will be wearing a T-shirt provided by a donor. In addition, the contestants will wear black capris/pants(no holes) and shoes of your choice. We want you to have fun with the opening production as it is not a judged portion of the competition. Introductions should be in the following format: Your Miss contestant #1 Chelsea Philpot, a 17 year old senior at South Laurel High School. My sponsor is Philpot Tire (if applicable).

Theme wear will follow the opening production. Choices must be approved and turned in to the pageant director **BEFORE** the deadline of August 9th. Choices may not be repeated so please get your request in as early as possible. Contestants will select a presentation centered around this year's theme, *"Beneath the Same Moon: 200 Years of Light and Legacy."* This theme invites each contestant to step into the spotlight and illuminate the stories, strength, and enduring influence of the women of London and Laurel County. Through thoughtful storytelling and creative expression, contestants are encouraged to explore the legacies that have shaped our community across generations. This may include researching your own family history tracing where they

came from, how they settled, and the contributions they made to the growth and character of Laurel County. Let your presentation be a reflection of heritage and heart, honoring the women whose lives continue to shine beneath the same moon, connecting past, present, and future. We encourage thinking outside the box. Think about incorporating your choice into a scene in which you can carry yourself. You will be expected to dress in the likeness of your choice and to give a short description (no more than 20 seconds) of what you are representing and why you chose it. You are responsible for any/all props you wish to use and **MUST** notify the director one week in advance. If you do have props you must carry them or if you are using people as props they must come out with you when your name is called. You will also be responsible for the music you wish to use during this phase of competition. Music **MUST** be emailed in **mp3** format by August 9th. Please remember that theme wear is NOT a talent competition.

On-Stage Question will follow theme wear. Please wear dressy casual attire for this portion of the competition. A sundress, romper, or shorts and blouse outfit with heels is acceptable. You will be asked two questions. One question will be a fun question to 'break the ice' and will be common knowledge. This is designed to give you a moment to gain comfort in front of the audience. The second question will be a question taken from a subject in your private interview.

The evening wear competition will follow on-stage questions. Please wear a floor length age appropriate gown of your choosing for the evening wear competition. Silver Spoon Formals is our official formalwear retailer of the Laurel County Homecoming. They will provide a discount to any contestant who purchases items for the pageant (this is NOT a requirement but just a discounted option for you.) A modeling pattern will be shown to you. Please choose a male to escort you on stage during this portion. They should be someone of high importance to you such as a father or brother. No boyfriends will be allowed. Escorts are to wear Sunday best (khakis, black pants, button-up, polo, etc.) They should be at the pageant no later than 9:00 but would prefer them to be there at 8:00 to make sure they are not late. There will be an announcement for them to make their way backstage. Let them know so they will listen to this. Following evening wear will be a final parade of contestants and awards ceremony/crowning.

2026 LAUREL COUNTY HOMECOMING PAGEANT CONTESTANT CONTRACT

Application and Contract for Participation in the 2026 Teen/Miss Competition

Section 1: Introduction

1.1. The Miss Laurel County Homecoming Pageant is a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the state of Kentucky. The Miss Laurel County Homecoming Pageant has operated a program offering scholarship assistance and other opportunities for the young women within Laurel County, Kentucky. In doing so, The Miss Laurel County Homecoming Pageant has developed a valuable identity for young women by providing educational assistance in the form of young adult women who have not yet begun to assume the responsibilities of family life and are interested in career and educational advancement; recognizing and honoring the traits of honesty, good character, talent, poise, intellect, leadership and good judgment in the young women of America who enter the competition (the “contestants”); and (3) enabling the contestants to serve as role models for other young women with similar goals and personal characteristics.

1.2. The Miss Laurel County Homecoming Pageant intends to conduct a competition for the title “Miss Laurel County Homecoming 2026 and Teen Laurel County Homecoming 2026 to be held on August 29th. The competition is conducted in a fashion that is designed to combine a respect for the traditional and historic foundations of the Laurel County Homecoming.

1.3. The winner of the competition shall be designated “Miss/Teen Laurel County Homecoming 2026,” and shall be entitled to that title until her successor is named at the competition in August 2026.

During this period (the “year of service”), the duties of Miss/ Teen Laurel County Homecoming 2026 may include travel and participation in personal appearances throughout the county. These activities are designed, scheduled, and arranged by The Miss Laurel County Homecoming Pageant to reflect the values and standards of the Program and to enhance its visibility and maintain its broad public acceptance. The Miss Laurel County Homecoming Pageant has also developed detailed procedures that govern the activities and conduct of Miss/Teen Laurel County Homecoming during her year of service. These procedures and standards are intended to protect and enhance the substantial public acceptance of the pageant among the people, and to assure that the pageant will continue to be able to operate for the benefit of young women who will be seeking to participate in the pageant in future years.

1.4. In seeking to participate in the competition, each contestant must understand and accept the requirements of the pageant, including the rules for the contestants and the guidelines and limitations that will be applicable to her activities during her year of service if she is selected as Miss/Teen Laurel County Homecoming. In addition, each contestant must understand and accept that the Miss Laurel County Homecoming Pageant's approval of the contestant's participation in the competition and, if selected, service as Miss/Teen Laurel County Homecoming will be specifically based upon the representations and agreements in this application and contract and its attachments and the continued compliance with all the regulations of the pageant.

1.5. Therefore, by signing this application and contract and submitting it to the Miss Laurel County Homecoming Pageant for approval, the contestant represents and agrees that (1) all facts and representations contained in this application and contract and its attachments are true and accurate; (2) the contestant agrees to abide by all rules and regulations of the Miss Laurel County Homecoming

Pageant described in this application and contract and its attachments, in the period before and during the year of service; and (3) the contestant meets each requirement for eligibility set forth in Section 2 of this contract; and (4) the Laurel County Homecoming Pageant shall have the sole discretion to determine whether, in its judgment, the contestant may continue to participate in the Miss Laurel County Homecoming Pageant in the event that the Miss Laurel County Homecoming Pageant determines that any statement or representation by the contestant is not true and accurate or that any action by the contestant is inconsistent with the rules and regulations of the Program.

Section 2: Eligibility of Contestant to Participate in the Miss Laurel County Homecoming Pageant

1. I have never won the title in which I am competing in. My parents, siblings nor I are directly involved with the Laurel County Homecoming except for the pageant activities in the year in which I am competing.

2.2. Age. I am currently ____ years of age. I was born on _____, _____. I understand that, in order to be eligible to compete, I must: (1) be between the ages of thirteen and sixteen for the Teen division or (2) I must be between the ages of seventeen and twenty-two for the Miss division by the date of this competition.

2.3. Residence. I must have been a resident of Laurel County for at least six (6) months prior to the date of the pageant Residence is defined as the primary address that I use

to establish residency for (contestant's or their parent/guardian) driver license, automobile registration, tax filings, etc. I currently reside at _____ in the city of _____, State of Kentucky. I have resided at this address since _____. I have included with Attachment A, the Supplemental Fact Sheet, proof of this residency in the form of _____ (contestant's or their parent/guardian) driver license, automobile registration, current lease, or other official document establishing residency). If my residency at this location was established within six (6) months preceding this competition in which I am competing, my last previous residence was at _____ in the city of _____, State of Kentucky I lived at that address from _____, _____ (date) to _____, _____. If requested, I agree to provide the Miss Laurel County Homecoming Pageant with any additional information or documents that may be required within five (5) business days of the request to determine my residency in Laurel County which I am competing if my residence is relevant to my eligibility. I understand that additional proof of residency may include a lease, utility bill, and/or automobile registration.

2.4. Citizenship. I am a citizen of the United States of America.

2.6. Personal Characteristics. I understand that to be eligible to compete in the Miss/Teen Laurel County Homecoming Pageant, I hereby certify to the Personal Characteristics set forth in this section:

2.6.1. Gender. I am and I have always been a female.

2.6.2. Marital Status. I am not now, and I have never been married, nor have I had a marriage annulled.

2.6.3. Parental Status. I am not pregnant now, and I have never been pregnant. I am not the adoptive parent of any child, nor will I become the adoptive parent of any child during my year of service.

2.6.4. Good Character. I am of good moral character, and I have not been involved at any time in any act of moral turpitude or behavior that is, or could be, perceived by the Miss Laurel County Homecoming Pageant or its elements as described in Paragraph 1.1 of this contract.

2.6.5. Criminal Record. I have not been charged with multiple minor or petty offenses in the last twenty-four months. I have never been convicted of any criminal offense and there are no criminal charges presently pending against me.

2.6.6. Prior Conduct. I have never, knowingly, or unknowingly, performed any act or engaged in any activity or employment that is or the Miss Laurel County Homecoming Pageant could characterize as dishonest, immoral, lewd or indecent.

2.6.7. Health. I am in good health and can, to the best of my knowledge, participate fully in all Program activities. Any current medical condition or disability will not impede my ability to compete in all activities of the Miss Laurel County Homecoming Pageant, complete my year of service or fulfill my obligations under this agreement or require unreasonable or exceptional assistance as determined solely by the Miss Laurel County Homecoming Pageant. Upon the request of the Miss Laurel County Homecoming Pageant, I will provide or cause my health care provider(s) to provide the Miss Laurel County Homecoming Pageant with all or a portion of my health care records as necessary to verify the accuracy of this representation.

2.6.8. Substance Abuse. I do not use or consume any illegal or controlled substances other than those obtained pursuant to a valid prescription and taken according to the directions of a licensed healthcare professional. I do not abuse the use of alcohol, prescriptive drugs or other dangerous substances.

2.7. Contractual and Other Obligations. I will not enter into any binding contractual agreement with any business, organization or individual without the express written consent of the Miss Laurel County Pageant.

2.7.1. Other Competitions. If I win, I will continue to hold the title of Miss/Teen Laurel County Homecoming until my successor is selected or appointed.

2.7.2. If selected as Miss/Teen Laurel County Homecoming my actions and conduct will be representative of the integrity and esteem of the Laurel County Homecoming. I acknowledge that I am an official representative of the Miss Laurel County Homecoming Pageant, and I will not engage in any actions or behavior that could be perceived by the Miss Laurel County Pageant as contrary to the Laurel County Homecoming or its elements.

2.7.3. Attorney Review of Application and Contract. I have been given a sufficient opportunity to review this application and contract and its attachments, including the Supplemental Fact Sheet (Attachment A); Medical Information Form (Attachment B); the Scholarship Rules and Regulations (Attachment C). I have also had the opportunity to consult with an attorney of my own choosing to give me legal advice about this application and contract. I understand that this application and contract is a legal document and that if I sign and submit it to the Miss Laurel County Homecoming

Pageant and it is accepted, I have agreed to be bound by this application and contract and its attachments.

2.7.4. Changes in Circumstances. I understand and agree that if, at any time after I file this application and contract with the Miss Laurel County Homecoming Pageant, including during my year of service, any of the facts stated in this application and contract or its attachments including but not limited to those related to my ability to fully participate in all activities should change at any time, I am obligated to report any such change in writing immediately to the Miss Laurel County Homecoming Pageant. I also understand that if I fail to do so, the Miss Laurel County Homecoming Pageant may, in its sole discretion, determine to limit or prevent my participation or to terminate my year of service as Miss/Teen Laurel County Homecoming.

Section 3: Personal and Professional Background Information

3.1. Employment History.

3.1.1. Present Employment. I am presently employed (☐) full-time (☐) part-time (check as applicable) by _____, located in the city of _____, State of _____. I hold the position of _____ and my responsibilities include _____

3.2. Medical Information (complete Attachment B - Emergency Information Form).

3.2.1. Current Medical Condition. I do not presently suffer from any illness, disease or disability that will prohibit, restrict, or impair my ability to fulfill my obligations under this agreement or to fulfill my year of service.

At the present time (check as applicable):

(☐) I am receiving treatment or medication for the condition described in Attachment B

(☐) I am not receiving treatment or medication for this condition described in Attachment B.

AND

(☐) I do expect to be taking medication or to be receiving treatment for this condition during the Miss Laurel County Homecoming Pageant

(☐) I do not expect to be taking medication or to be receiving treatment for this condition during the Miss _____ competition or, if selected as Miss/Teen Laurel County Homecoming during my Year of Service.

Section 4: Participation in the Miss Laurel County Homecoming Pageant

4.1. Participation in Competition. I agree to participate in the series of events and appearances leading up to the final selection of the Miss Laurel County Homecoming Pageant. These events are scheduled on dates to be determined by the Miss Laurel County Homecoming Pageant. I will be bound by the rules and regulations governing the Miss Laurel County Homecoming Pageant and the procedures for the awarding and supervision of all scholarships described in Attachment C. My participation in the competition may include public appearances scheduled for me by the Miss Laurel County Homecoming Pageant including, but not limited to, television and radio broadcasts, personal appearances, interviews, still photo sessions, and video and audio taping or filming of all or any part of the events associated with the competition.

4.2. Conduct of the Competition. I understand and agree that the Miss Laurel County Homecoming Pageant shall determine the manner and method of conducting the competition in its sole discretion. I further understand and agree that the Miss Laurel County Homecoming Pageant shall also determine the time, method and manner of judging the competition and the awarding and supervision of all scholarships in its sole discretion. The decision of the persons designated by the Miss Laurel County Homecoming Pageant to judge the various events in all matters pertaining to the selection of the winners shall be final in all respects.

4.3. Televising and Sponsorship of Competition. I understand that the Miss Laurel County Homecoming Pageant makes no representations to me that the competition will be televised or broadcast on either a live or tape-delay basis, or that the competition will be sponsored by one or more sponsors, or that I will be personally or individually involved in any specific appearance in any broadcast.

4.4. Permanent License of Publication Rights. I hereby authorize the Miss Laurel County Homecoming Pageant and anyone duly licensed or authorized by the Laurel County Homecoming to (1) televise, photograph, broadcast and/or make radio, television, video and audio tapes or motion picture recordings of me individually or in a group; (2) use or re-use such photographs, recordings, video tapes, audio tapes and/or motion picture films in all media throughout the world in perpetuity; and (3) use my name, likeness and/or physical depiction for any purpose in perpetuity, in an unedited or edited manner or fashion as the Miss Laurel County in its sole discretion, shall determine. This authorization shall also include the use of all such photographs, recordings, videotapes, audiotapes and/or motion picture films made during my year of service.

4.5. The Miss Laurel County Homecoming Pageant Ownership of Rights. I understand and agree that all photographs, tapes, and films made of me for trade, advertising and

any other purpose or purposes as a participant in the competition, and any use of my name, likeness and/or physical depiction when identified with the Program, shall be the sole and exclusive property of the Miss Laurel County Homecoming Pageant. I understand and agree that I shall have no claim or right to those photographs, tapes, and films, not only during the period between and during the competition and, if I am selected as Miss/ Teen Laurel County Homecoming, during my year of service but in perpetuity thereafter. I understand and agree that this provision refers to and includes all photographs, tapes and films from any activities relating to the competition, including but not limited to interviews, rehearsals, and publicity events, either individually or as a member of a group.

4.6. Selection as Runner-Up. If I am selected at the competition as a runner-up for the title of Miss/Teen Laurel County Homecoming, I agree to remain available to assume all of the rights, obligations and commitments of the year of service, as described in Section 5 of this application and contract, in the event that the Miss Laurel County Homecoming Pageant appoints me to do so by reason of the inability or ineligibility, during the year of service, of any contestant who was selected as Miss/Teen Laurel County Homecoming or as another runner-up.

4.7. Change in Circumstances. I understand that if, at any time between the date of this application and contract and the completion of the Miss Laurel County Homecoming competition, any facts concerning my eligibility to participate in the competition should change, including without limitation my ability to participate fully in all contestant activities, citizenship, marital or parental status, good character and reputation or behavior that is, or could be, perceived as contrary to the Miss Laurel County Homecoming Pageant or its elements as described in Paragraph 1.1 of this contract or, if relevant to my eligibility, my residence, employment or educational status, the Miss Laurel County Homecoming Pageant shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to determine that I am not eligible to participate in competition.

Section 5: Commitments for Service as “Miss/Teen Laurel County Homecoming 2026”

5.1. Full-time Service as Miss/Teen Laurel County Homecoming If I am selected as “Miss/Teen Laurel County Homecoming” at the competition, I will serve as “Miss/Teen Laurel County Homecoming” during the Year of Service and until my successor is selected or appointed. The duties and obligations of my service as “Miss/Teen Laurel County Homecoming” have been described to me and I understand and accept them. I agree that I will dedicate my entire time, efforts, and energy during my year of service to

the fulfillment of these duties and obligations, and that I will engage in no other business or other activities that will in any way interfere with the duties and obligations of my year of service.

5.2. Availability for Appearances and Events. I agree to make myself available for such personal appearances, interviews, testimonials, endorsements, filming, tapings, photographic and recording sessions and other and various commitments and events related to my year of service that the Laurel County Homecoming has made and will make for me in its sole discretion.

5.3. Prior Commitments. I understand that, prior to the competition; the Laurel County Homecoming will enter into commitments for the appearances and services of the contestant who will be selected at the competition. I agree that such commitments will be binding on me to the same extent as if the Laurel County Homecoming had entered into them on my behalf after the commencement of my year of service.

5.4. Appearances after the year of service. After the conclusion of my year of service, I will not wear the crown or sash of Miss/Teen Laurel County Homecoming nor appear as Miss/Teen Laurel County Homecoming for the purposes of advertising or endorsing any product, person, cause or service, unless I have received in advance the written approval of the Laurel County Homecoming. I understand that the Laurel County Homecoming shall not be obligated to approve any such appearance or use of the Miss/Teen Laurel County Homecoming crown and/or sash.

5.5 Use of the Miss Laurel County Homecoming Pageant Titles, Words and Symbols after the year of service. After the conclusion of my Year of Service, if I am advised by the Laurel County Homecoming that, in its sole and exclusive judgment, my use of any of the titles, words or symbols associated with the Laurel County Homecoming has caused or is reasonably likely to cause harm to the Miss Laurel County Homecoming Pageant, I agree to discontinue any such use immediately. I understand and agree that the judgment of the Laurel County Homecoming on this question shall be final and binding.

5.6. Permanence of Restrictions. I understand and agree that the provisions of Sections 5.4 and 5.5 of this Application and Contract shall specifically survive the termination of this application and contract and shall be enforceable by the Laurel County Homecoming and binding on me in perpetuity.

5.7. Change in Circumstances. I understand that if, at any time between the competition at which I am selected as Miss/Teen Laurel County Homecoming the completion of my

year of service, any facts concerning my eligibility to participate should change, including without limitation my ability to participate fully in all activities, citizenship, marital or parental status, good character and reputation, or behavior that is or, or could be, perceived as contrary to the Laurel County Homecoming or its elements as described in Paragraph 1.1 of this contract, or if I should become, in the sole judgment of the Laurel County Homecoming, physically unable to perform the duties and obligations relating to my year of service, the Laurel County Homecoming shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to determine that I am not eligible to continue to serve as Miss/Teen Laurel County Homecoming. In that event, the Miss Laurel County Homecoming Pageant may, at its option, forfeit my title and all prizes, awards and perquisites of the position of Miss/Teen Laurel County Homecoming or both or either, subject to the provisions of section 6.7 of this application and contract.

5.8 Social Media Agreement. I agree to run and maintain the respective social media account for my year of service following being selected for Miss/Teen Laurel County Homecoming. I agree to relinquish that account upon the end of my year of service to my successor. I will also provide the password and co-rights to the Laurel County Homecoming Pageant Director. I understand that, if selected as Miss/Teen Laurel County Homecoming, during the year of my reign I will be a representative for the Miss/Teen Laurel County Homecoming Pageant. I also understand that I am expected to conduct myself in such a manner that does not reflect poorly on the Miss/Teen Laurel County Homecoming Pageant. With full understanding of these obligations, I agree to the following terms and conditions: 1. I will add the pageant director or her representative as a "friend" on all social media platforms on which I have a profile. 2. I will keep all posts on any social media platform family friendly and wholesome. 3. I will not appear in, post, or allow to be posted any images of myself that are sexually suggestive, and I will not appear in, post, or allow to be posted any images of me in low-cut or age-inappropriate swimwear. 4. I will not appear in, post, or allow to be posted any images of me with any alcoholic beverage or the appearance of an alcoholic beverage, and I will not appear in, post, or allow to be posted any images of me engaged in any illicit or illegal activity. 5. I agree to make at least one (1) social media posting per month promoting the Miss/Teen Laurel County Homecoming title, platform, and/or the pageant itself throughout my reign. 6. I will not use my social media accounts to disparage the Miss/Teen Laurel County Homecoming Pageant or the Laurel County Homecoming. 7. I understand and agree that all postings on social media, including my personal accounts, are subject to the sole discretion of a designee of the Laurel County Homecoming Committee.

Section 6: Legal Obligations and Agreements

6.1. Authorization of Publication. I authorize the use of my name, likeness, photographs, pictures, physical depiction, endorsement rights, and my title(s) by the Laurel County Homecoming and by such persons, firms or corporations as may be approved and selected by the Miss Laurel County Homecoming Pageant. I will abide by the provisions of any agreement between the Laurel County Homecoming and such persons, firms or corporations regarding my services for advertising and promotional uses.

6.2. Permanent Ownership of Rights. All photographs, video tapes, audio tapes, motion picture films, or other recordings or reproductions made of me, whether "still" or "live," and my name, likeness, photographs, pictures, physical depiction, title and endorsement rights (a) as a contestant or as a participant in the events leading up to the selection of Miss Laurel County Homecoming Pageant; or (b) while representing Laurel County Homecoming or participating in any Laurel County Homecoming sponsored events whether before, during or after the competition or, if I am selected as Miss/Teen Laurel County Homecoming, during or after my year of service, including but not limited to events such as press interviews, judges interviews, rehearsals and publicity events, either individually or as a member of a group, as applicable (the "Rights"), are and shall be, become and remain the property of the Miss Laurel County Homecoming Pageant in perpetuity. The Rights may be used and re-used by the Miss Laurel County Homecoming Pageant, or anyone designated and licensed by the Miss Laurel County Homecoming Pageant for publicity, advertising, or any other use in any medium, all as deemed appropriate by the Laurel County Homecoming in its sole discretion. I will ensure that all rights that any officially sanctioned photographer (s) may have in any official publicity photographs of me are released by that photographer (s) in favor and that any such photographer (s) shall provide a written release of such rights on a form acceptable to the Miss Laurel County Homecoming Pageant. I understand and agree that the provisions of this section shall specifically survive the termination of this application and contract.

6.3. Scholarship Grants and Forfeitures. I understand and agree that the grant of scholarships by the Miss Laurel County Homecoming Pageant is subject to the terms and conditions of the Scholarship Rules and Regulations attached to this application and contract as attachment "C". By signing this application and contract, I agree to be bound by those rules and regulations. I understand that all scholarships that I may be awarded will be non-forfeitable in the event that I breach this contract or fail to perform any duties that I may have as a contestant. I also understand and agree, however, that such scholarships may be forfeited if I have made any misrepresentations as to my eligibility to compete.

6.4. Documents and Information; Cooperation with Inquiries. I agree to provide the Laurel County Homecoming, at its request, with any documents or information necessary to determine any question with regard to my initial or continuing eligibility to compete or to complete my year of service. I also agree to cooperate fully with any inquiry undertaken by the Laurel County Homecoming in connection with my initial or continuing eligibility, and to provide sworn statements and any relevant documents if requested to do so by the Laurel County Homecoming.

6.5. Termination of Eligibility. I understand and agree that if:

6.5.1. any of the representations or statements made by me in this application and contract or any of its attachments is determined by the Laurel County Homecoming to be false;

6.5.2. there is a change of circumstances that would affect my eligibility to participate fully in the competition or to complete my year of service, including without limitation changes in my ability to participate in all activities, citizenship, marital or parental status, good character and reputation or, behavior that is, or the Laurel County Homecoming perceives as contrary as described in Paragraph 1.1 of this contract, or if relevant to my eligibility to participate in the competition or my residence:

6.5.3. I fail to conduct myself in a manner which, in the sole and exclusive judgment of the Laurel County Homecoming, is consistent with the standards and dignity of the pageant; or

6.5.4. I suffer any medical condition or disability, which, in the sole and exclusive judgment of the Laurel County Homecoming, impairs my ability to perform the duties expected of me as a contestant. The Miss Laurel County Homecoming Pageant shall have the right, in its sole and exclusive judgment, to determine that I am not eligible to participate or continue to participate in the competition or to complete my year of service. In that event, all titles, awards, and perquisites of my position as a contestant, as appropriate, shall be terminated and forfeited, subject to the provisions of Section 6.5 of this application and contract.

6.6. Public Release of Information. I understand that some elements of the pageant, and in particular the competition and the public appearances of Miss/Teen Laurel County Homecoming during the year of service, are frequently the subject of intense media and public interest and scrutiny. I further understand that it is very important for the Miss Laurel County Homecoming Pageant to maintain a high level of public trust in and acceptance of the integrity of, and manner of conducting, the competition and the qualifications and conduct of contestants. Accordingly, I authorize the Laurel County

Homecoming, in the exercise of its sole and exclusive discretion, to release and to comment publicly upon any truthful information concerning my eligibility or to complete my year of service.

6.7. Uniqueness of Contract and Services; Injunctions. I understand and agree that the services and duties described in this application and contract are unique and extraordinary and that there is no adequate remedy at law for any breach of this application and contract by me. Therefore, in the event of any such breach, or in the event of such a breach that is attempted or threatened, I agree that the Miss Laurel County Homecoming Pageant shall be entitled to equitable relief by way of injunction or otherwise to prevent or repair such breach or attempted or threatened breach.

6.8. Entire Agreement; Enforceability. When signed and approved by the Miss Laurel County Homecoming Pageant, this application and contract, together with its attachments, shall solely and exclusively determine my rights, privileges and responsibilities to the Laurel County Homecoming. No oral or other written statement that is in any way inconsistent with the provisions of this application and contract shall be binding upon me or upon the Laurel County Homecoming. If any provision of this application and contract should be declared void or unenforceable, such provision shall be deemed omitted from this application and contract. In that event, the remainder of this application and contract shall remain in full force and effect.

6.9. Arbitration of Disputes. Any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this Application and Contract or any breach thereof shall be submitted to arbitration in London/Laurel County Kentucky in accordance with the Rules of the American Arbitration Association. Judgment upon any award rendered by the arbitrator(s) may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof. This Section shall not in any way affect the rights of the Miss Laurel County Homecoming Pageant to (1) seek injunctive relief as provided in Section 6.7 of this application and contract, or (2) take any action permitted by this application and contract to enforce the eligibility standards of the pageant in the event that time does not permit the completion of an arbitration process before action must be taken.

7.0 Other Information. Teen/ Miss Contestants will wear and be judged in theme wear, evening gown, on-stage question, and private interview. Contestants will be judged on leadership, poise, and presentation. The opening number outfit will not be judged. Details for opening number attire will be clarified at practice.

7.1 Application fee is \$75.00 (Non-Refundable). All checks are made payable to Laurel County Homecoming c/o Miss & Teen Pageant.

7.2 Contestants may choose to have a sponsor to help pay for expenses with the pageant. This is entirely left up to the contestant and is their responsibility.

7.3 Contestant number will be assigned on the first paperwork in –first contestant to choose number in pageant.

7.4 Participation in the Saturday morning parade and Sunday Tea is mandatory (special cases can be discussed with the director).

7.5 Practices will be August 9th and August 16th from 2:00-4:00. All practices are mandatory (special cases can be discussed with the director) and are closed to staff and contestants only.

7.6 In order to maintain an unbiased competition, we will obtain highly qualified judges from out of town with no known pre-existing relationship to any contestant.

7.7 Miss/Teen Laurel County Homecoming is required to assist in the production of the homecoming pageant the following year. This includes but is not limited to: obtaining donations for prize packages, attending all practices and events.

7.8 Scholarships

The Laurel County Homecoming Board provides the Miss winner with a \$4,000 scholarship and the Teen winner with a \$500 scholarship. Pepsi Cola of Corbin donates \$1,000 cash scholarship to the Miss winner and \$500 cash scholarship to the Teen winner. Scholarships shall be expended for tuition and related educational expenses and on campus room and board approved by the Laurel County Homecoming Board of Directors. University of the Cumberlands offers the Miss winner with a \$1,500 award per year and the Miss first runner-up \$500 award per year. The awarding of this scholarship is renewable for up to five years, and is contingent upon the recipient being enrolled full time as a main campus student.

7.9 Contestants must submit a typed essay of 1-2 pages (front and back permitted) using Times New Roman, 12-point font on 8.5" x 11" paper. Include your name in the header. Your essay should address the following prompts:

1. What inspired you to participate in the Miss or Teen Laurel County Homecoming Scholarship Pageant?
2. Describe a challenge, experience, or accomplishment that has helped shape who you are today. What did you learn from it?
3. What do you believe are the most important qualities of a titleholder representing Laurel County? How do you demonstrate those qualities in your daily life?

4. How have you made a positive impact in your school, community, church, workplace, or extracurricular activities? Share specific examples.
5. If selected as Miss or Teen Laurel County Homecoming, how would you use the title to encourage, inspire, or serve others in Laurel County?
6. What are your educational, career, or personal goals, and how will this scholarship opportunity help you achieve them?

Your essay should reflect your personality, values, leadership potential, and commitment to making a positive difference in our community.

7.10 Contestant's raw scores for each category will be weighted as follows to calculate their final score: 40% interview, 25% theme wear, 25% evening gown and 10% on stage question. Parade Presentation is a separate award. There may be other separate awards depending on donor contributions. In the event of a tie, the contestant with the highest raw score in the interview will be awarded the winner. If contestants are still tied then the process will be repeated in the following order: theme wear, evening gown and on stage question until the tie has been broken.

7.11 The Laurel County Homecoming Pageant committee and all their members, agents, and servants cannot be held responsible for accidents, injury, or loss of personal property relating to this event. Judges' decisions are final and score sheets are confidential.

On the basis of all of these statements and agreements, I request the Miss Laurel County Homecoming Pageant to accept my application to participate as a Contestant in the Miss/Teen Laurel County Homecoming Competition. If the Miss Laurel County Homecoming accepts this application, I agree to comply with all of the terms and conditions of this Application and Contract, together with its attachments.

_____ DATE _____ CONTESTANT SIGNATURE

State of _____ : ss Affidavit of Truthfulness

County of _____, the contestant making this application, of full age and being duly sworn according to law, upon her oath deposes and says: I do hereby swear that the statements made in this application and contract and its attachments are true. Sworn and subscribed to before me this _____ day of _____, 20____.

_____ CONTESTANT SIGNATURE

_____ Notary Public of _____

Approval of Application for Participation

The Miss Laurel County Homecoming hereby APPROVES this application and contract and accepts appointment as the agent of the contestant on the terms provided in this application and contract. The contestant may compete in the competition pursuant to the terms of this application and contract and its attachments.

Date: _____ Signed: _____ PAGEANT DIRECTOR

(To be completed only by the Parent(s) or Guardian(s) of a Contestant who is not yet 18 years of age on the date of this application and contract)

State of _____ : ss Affidavit of Parent or Guardian

County of _____, I, the undersigned parent or guardian of _____, who is the contestant named in this application and contract, of full age and being duly sworn according to law, upon my oath depose and say:

1. I have read, and I understand the provisions of this application and contract and its attachments. To the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, all the factual statements made in this application and contract by the contestant are true.
2. I have been given the opportunity to consult with an attorney of my choosing to seek legal advice regarding this application and contract.
3. I consent to the execution of this application and contract by the contestant.
4. On behalf of the contestant, I agree to the terms and conditions of this application and contract and its attachments.
5. I have not previously authorized any person, firm, or corporation to use the name, photograph, picture or any present or future title of the contestant in connection with any endorsement or advertisement of any commercial product for or on behalf of the contestant, nor has any other person ever been authorized to do so, other than a co-signer of this affidavit.
6. I shall not authorize any person, firm, or corporation to use the name, photograph, picture or any present or future title of the contestant in connection with any endorsement or advertisement of any commercial product for or on behalf of the contestant other than in accordance with the terms and conditions of this application and contract and its attachments.
7. I hereby give my consent to allow my child to be contacted via text message or social media by the pageant director, the pageant director's assistants, and the Laurel County Homecoming Committee.

I do hereby swear that the statements made in this affidavit are true.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

_____ PLEASE PRINT PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME

_____ Notary Public of _____

____ PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

Supplemental Fact Sheet

Please mark the category in which you are entering.

Age is determined by the date of the pageant.

August 29th, 2026

Teen (ages 13 to 16) _____ Miss (ages 17 to 22) _____

Full Name (as you wish it listed):

Full Name Pronunciation:

Address _____

City _____, KY ZIP _____

I certify that I am a resident of Laurel County _____ (initial)

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____ Grade in fall _____

Age _____ D.O.B. _____ Cumulative Grade Point Average _____

School Attending _____

Hobbies/Interesting Facts

Which aspect of this year's theme, "*Beneath the Same Moon: 200 Years of Light and Legacy*," highlighting the lives and legacies of the women of London and Laurel County have you chosen to represent, and what inspired your selection?

Favorite Quote/Motto and Why?

School Achievements/Scholastic Honors

Community Service/Leadership Roles

Scholastic/Career Future Ambition

Parents _____
Escort Name _____ Relationship: _____
Sponsored By (If applicable) _____ T Shirt Size: _____

ENTRY DEADLINE: AUGUST 9TH, 2026

Return forms and registration fees before the first practice on August 9th at 1:00.

**For more information you may contact
chelsea@laurelcountyhomecoming.com
606-682-4736**

**Find us on Facebook: Miss Laurel County Homecoming Pageant
Find us on Instagram: laurel_co_homecoming_pageant**

Medical Information Form

Please use this form to provide any information referenced in Section 3.2.

Contestant's Name:

Date of Birth:

Home Address:

Who should be called in case of an emergency?

Name:

Address:

Phone: Home: _____ Cell: _____

Medical Insurance Company / HMO Name:

Employer or Company Name (If Group Plan):

Policy Number: _____

Name of Subscriber: _____

Subscriber's address through August, 2026:

Relationship of Subscriber to you: Self Parent/Guardian _____ Other _____

Family Physician: _____

Physician's Phone: Home: _____ Office: _____

Your Blood Type: _____

Medications to which you have an allergic reaction:

Any physical problems that could cause you discomfort (in reference to section 3.2.1 of the Contract)

Any Food Allergies:

Dental Insurance Company Name:

Address:

Employer or Company Name (If Group Plan):

Policy Number:

Name of Subscriber:

Subscriber's Address through August 2026:

Relationship of Subscriber to you: Self ____ Parent/Guardian ____ Other

PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR INSURANCE CARDS, INCLUDING MEDICAL, PRESCRIPTION AND DENTAL.

I certify the policy(s) named above is now in force and will be maintained through August 2026. I understand that contestants are responsible for all medical/dental expenses incurred during the time in which they participate in the Miss Laurel County Homecoming Pageant activities and that neither the Laurel County Homecoming nor its medical insurance plan will be responsible for any such expenses. I certify that the above information is true and accurate.

CONTESTANT SIGNATURE AND DATE*

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE AND DATE*

Pre-Authorization for Medical Treatment Regarding Contestants below the Age of 18:

I hereby authorize the appropriate health care provider to perform medical treatment deemed necessary for: _____ (CONTESTANT NAME)

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE AND DATE

*If the contestant is below the age of 18, the parent or guardian must sign the above Medical Responsibility and Authorization Information Form. In all other cases, either the contestant or her parent/guardian may sign. The completed form must be returned with the contestant contract.

IN THE EVENT THAT YOU DO NOT HAVE MEDICAL AND/OR DENTAL INSURANCE
I certify that I do not have medical and/or dental insurance coverage and I understand that contestants are fully responsible for any and all medical / dental expenses incurred during the time in which they participate in Miss Laurel County Homecoming activities and that neither the Laurel County Homecoming will be responsible for any such expenses. I certify that the above information is true and accurate.

CONTESTANT SIGNATURE AND DATE
Medical / Dental Insurance Coverage Regarding Contestants below the Age of 18.
I certify that I do not have medical and/or dental insurance coverage and I understand that contestants are fully responsible for any and all medical / dental expenses incurred during the time in which they participate in Miss Laurel County Homecoming activities and that neither the Laurel County Homecoming will be responsible for any such expenses. I certify that the above information is true and accurate for:

(CONTESTANT NAME)

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE AND DATE

*If the contestant is below the age of 18, the parent or guardian must sign the above Medical Responsibility and Authorization Information Form. In all other cases, either the contestant or her parent/guardian may sign. The completed form must be returned with the contestant contract.

SCHOLARSHIP RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Scholarships shall be expended for tuition and related educational expenses and on campus room and board approved by the Laurel County Homecoming Board of Directors.
2. Requests for scholarships are processed upon receipt of original statements. All original invoices must be accompanied by a cover letter from the contestant. If the statement shows a zero balance, the contestant must offer proof of personal payment of expenses equal to or greater than the scholarship award. Once proof is given, the scholarship amount will be awarded to the contestant as reimbursements for educational expenses.
3. Scholarships must be used for current educational expenses. Contestants may submit original invoices for payment directly from the provider of the educational service. All invoices and receipts must be original. Contestants may not request payment for expenses which are or have been covered through any other financial aid source other than student loans which meet the provisions of paragraph 5 below or have accrued prior to the current educational year.
4. Scholarships may be used for future educational expenses. Scholarships will be held for a maximum of 4 years for a Teen contestants use and a maximum of 2 years for a Miss contestants use.
5. Scholarships may not be taken as a cash award.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and seals this _____ day of _____, _____.

WITNESS:

_____(Seal)
Signature of Contestant

WITNESS:

_____(Seal)
Signature of Parent or Guardian

STATE OF :

: ss

AFFIDAVIT

COUNTY OF :

_____ appeared before me today to state that the
information and statements made in the forgoing contract are true to the best of our
knowledge, information and belief.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this _____ day of _____, _____.

Signature of Notary

Attachments (check here if included):

- ____ Pageant Application
- ____ Application Fee
- ____ Proof of Residence
- ____ Essay
- ____ School Transcript or last year's grade report if you are in middle school.
- ____ Scholarship Rules
- ____ Medical Information
- ____ Supplemental Fact Sheet
- ____ 1 8x10 photograph in frame of your choice to Silver Spoon Formals.
- ____ 1 photograph for media (must be emailed)
- ____ Selection for themewear (must be approved)
- ____ Music for theme wear (must be emailed in **MP3** by August 9th **NO EXCEPTIONS**)