



Denim 'n' Diamonds



Sunday, July 12, 2026

Interviews – 4:30 pm EDT
Franklin County Cooperative Extension Office
at 101 Lakeview Court

On Stage – 7:30 pm EDT
Hancock Pavilion
at Lakeview Park

Information Packet

Please read all materials.

If you plan to enter, complete the Contestant Data Sheet and Community Service Award forms, and mail with the appropriate entry fee and a copy of your birth certificate or some other form of documentation verifying your date of birth to:

Patti Cross
Miss Franklin County Fair Pageant
123 West Todd Street
Frankfort KY 40601

You may also email your forms and a copy of your birth certificate to patticross@bellsouth.net and pay via Venmo (*be sure to note contestant's name and the pageant you are entering*). Please make sure to rename your completed forms so that the they do not arrive as blank forms.

Entries will be accepted up until Noon EDT Sunday, July 12.

If you have questions, please contact Patti Cross, Pageant Director, at 502-395-3709 or patticross@bellsouth.net



Salay Tompkins
Miss Franklin County Fair 2025

Miss Franklin County Fair Pageant

Sunday, July 12, 2026
Hancock Pavilion at Lakeview Park

Entry Fee – There will be NO REFUNDS

- **\$40** (Early Bird – if received on or before July 5)
- **\$60** (if received July 6 thru July 11)
- **\$75** (Late Registration – July 12 at NOON EDT)

Entry fee should be paid in the form of a Money Order made payable to the Franklin County Fair & Horse Show or in cash or via Venmo.

The entry fee must accompany the entry form.

If using Venmo for payment of fee,

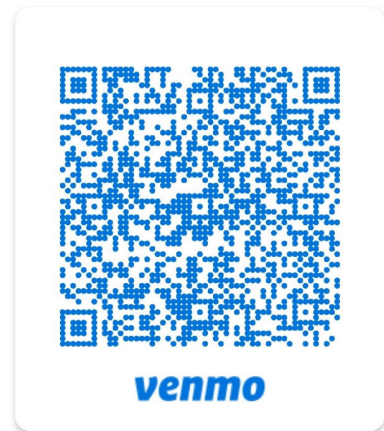
- please include in the memo of the payment: Contestant name and name of Pageant entering.
- Paperwork must be emailed to patticross@bellsouth.net at time of Venmo payment – your entry form should be in PDF or Word doc format.

Entry forms and the entry fee can be mailed to the director at her home address

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Miss Franklin County Fair & Horse Show
123 West Todd Street
Frankfort, KY 40601

Franklin Co Fair Kentucky

@FranklinCoFairKY



Attire — All attire should mirror attire for 2026 state competition and be age appropriate
IF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING IS VIOLATED, JUDGES WILL DEDUCT 10 POINTS.

Interview

- Appropriate attire for the interview segment includes a wide variety of clothing selection.
- **JOB INTERVIEW ATTIRE** - Dress (*must be no shorter than fingertip length*), Blazer, Jumpsuits, etc.
- Remember, the interview is one-to-one.

Opening

- Same outfit will be worn for interview and opening number.
- Contestants will introduce themselves during the opening number.

Swimsuit Competition

- One-piece swimsuits are required (*no large cut-outs or Brazilian cuts*).
- Must have strap or straps.
- Contestants will be permitted to wear heels during this segment of the competition.
- No two-piece suits will be allowed.

Evening Gown

- No Slits to the Belly Button, No Large Key Holes, No Slits above Mid Thighs.
- A two-piece gown is acceptable.

Rules and Regulations

1. This is an **OPEN PAGEANT**. Contestant does NOT have to be a resident of Franklin County. Open to all residents of the Commonwealth of Kentucky who have lived in the state for at least 6 months.
2. Contestants must have reached their 16th birthday and cannot have reached their 22nd birthday as of October 31, 2026. Documentation verifying age must be submitted with entry.
3. Contestants must be a natural born female, single, never married, never had a marriage annulled, and never had any children or be pregnant.
4. **There will be no local winner designation.** Miss Franklin County Fair will represent the community and the Fair during the county Fair, at state competition, the Kentucky State Fair and any other appropriate activities.
5. Former winners of Miss Franklin County Fair will not be eligible to compete.
6. Contestants must not have won any other preliminary competition to the 2026 Miss Kentucky County Fair Pageant.
7. Contestants may not have won nor be entered in any other pageant system that would prohibit the fulfillment of responsibilities throughout the state should she be the winner of Miss Kentucky County Fair 2027.
8. The Franklin County Fair Board and the pageant committee reserve the right to revoke the title if the winner is charged with a felony, misdemeanor, or any negative social media activity during her reign as Miss Franklin County Fair 2026.
9. No one – parents, friends, hairstylists, coaches, etc. – will be allowed backstage or in the dressing rooms at any time during the pageant. Assigned volunteers will be in the dressing room to assist contestants. No contestant is allowed to leave the dressing area from the time they arrive from interviews until conclusion of pageant.
10. No cameras, video cameras, or cell phones are allowed in the dressing room.
11. All questions on the entry form are to be answered in complete sentences. A copy of the entry form will be included in the judges' books. Some information on the entry form will be included in what is told to the audience during the on-stage modeling portions of the pageant.
12. All contestants must meet and abide by all rules and regulations of the Miss Kentucky County Fair Pageant as well as those set forth in this document.
13. The pageant committee reserves the right to dismiss at any time a contestant who does not show a proper amount of cooperation and courtesy to committee members, consultants and fellow contestants, as well as any contestant or parent displaying unsportsmanlike behavior or for any behavior unbecoming of Miss Franklin County Fair. Any pageant winners so dismissed must return all money, crown, sash, and all other prizes received with the title.
14. This is a stand-alone event and there are no amusement rides and no gate admission.
15. The pageant is sponsored by the Capital City Woman's Club under the auspices of the Franklin County Fair Board. The Franklin County Fair Board, Capital City Woman's Club, Lakeview Park, Franklin County Fiscal Court and their affiliates and volunteers are in no way to be held responsible for any damages, thefts or accidents.
16. **There will be NO rehearsal this year.** Contestants and parents are welcome to call or text with any questions prior to the pageant. Contestant numbers will be assigned in the order of registration being received.

Interviews

- Interviews will be held at the Franklin County Cooperative Extension Office, 101 Lakeview Court, beginning at 4:30pm EDT.
- Plan to arrive dressed and ready for interview no later than 4:15pm EDT.
- NO tanning product application is allowed in the Extension Office or in the dressing room.
- One-on-one interviews will be 3 minutes in length with each judge in a wagon wheel format. Judges have the discretion to change the format.

People's Choice Award

1. The People's Choice Awards are fundraisers to help defray expenses incurred for state competition by Miss Franklin County Fair.
2. Each contestant will decorate a container and solicit votes at \$1 per vote. The contestants are responsible for soliciting and collecting their own votes. The emcee will announce when voting will close at the beginning of the pageant.
3. In addition to cash and money orders, people wishing to vote may send their donation via Venmo (@FranklinCoFairKY). They will need to note the name and pageant of the contestant they are voting for in the comments portion of the app.
4. The People's Choice Award votes have no bearing on the judges' decision.
5. The contestants with the most "votes" in their respective pageants will be the People's Choice Award winners. They will receive an award for that title.
6. If a contestant chooses not to participate in the People's Choice Award and they are the winner of the pageant, they will not be eligible to receive the proceeds from the People's Choice Competition. Contestants must raise a minimum of \$10 to participate.
7. The winners of the Miss Franklin County Fair, as selected by the judges, will receive reimbursements for state competition expenses from the proceeds of the People's Choice competition.

Acceptable expenses include:
 - a. Classes on stage presence and interview
 - b. State competition attire
 - c. State competition hair and makeup expenses
 - d. One additional night before or after their competition not already covered by the Franklin County Fair Board. Must be for the Contestant
8. They (*and their parent/guardian if they are under age 18*) will meet during the week following the fair with their Fair Pageant Director to discuss state competition expenses and limits for reimbursement.
9. During this same meeting, information regarding the state competition and the competition entry forms to be completed will be discussed.
10. Any money raised by these fundraisers, but not spent in preparation for the state competitions, will become the property of the Franklin County Fair Board.
11. Requests for reimbursements must be accompanied by their receipts and must be made within 6 weeks of the state competition.

Winner Responsibilities

- **Miss Franklin County Fair 2026** will be required to represent Franklin County Fair at all the activities on Opening Day of the Kentucky State Fair, August 20, including the Little Miss & Mister Kentucky County Fair Pageant.
- **Miss Franklin County Fair 2026** will be expected to ride on the Franklin County Fair Board entry in the Frankfort Christmas Parade in early December.
- **Miss Franklin County Fair 2026** will represent the Franklin County Fair in the Miss Kentucky County Fair Pageant in Louisville, **January 15-16, 2027**, at the Galt House East. If, for any reason, the winner can't attend, the first runner-up will represent the Fair. Prizes will transfer as well.
- **Miss Franklin County Fair 2026** will be required to appear at the 2027 Miss Franklin County Fair Pageant to crown her successor.
- **Miss Franklin County Fair 2026** will be invited to attend activities taking place during the Franklin County Fair & Horse Show.
- **Miss Franklin County Fair 2026** will be required to meet with the pageant director within a week of her crowning to complete paperwork for the state competition.

Awards — watch the Pageant's Facebook page for any updates

Miss Franklin County Fair 2026 will receive a Crown, a Sash, a Specialty Trophy, a Crown Pin from Director Patti Cross, a Floral Bouquet, a \$1000 Scholarship, \$200 cash, RayBan Sunglasses from Visionworks, a Diamond Bracelet from Classic Gold Master Jewelers, a Photo Package from Rob Metzger Photography, a \$25 gift card from L&S Creek Boutique at Merle Norman; a gift card from Madison Avenue Richmond, a Gift Certificate from Bourbon Belles & Babes; Half Interview Coaching Session by Journey to the Crown/Tiffany Porter, a Gift Certificate from Miss Priss, a Gift Certificate from Big Bling on a Budget Jewelry/Yolanda Gould, \$300 off a \$900 purchase at The Copper Penny of London; a Gift Certificate from Steaming by Nicole; and a Spray Tan Session from Fran Wells. The Franklin County Fair Board will pay for two nights of hotel accommodations for state competition in January 2027.

Additional Awards

- **First Runner-Up** will receive \$100, a Diamond Bracelet from Classic Gold Master Jewelers, and an Etched Award
- **Second Runner-Up** will receive \$50 and an Etched Award
- **Interview Winner** will receive \$25, an Engraved Award
- **People's Choice Award Winner** will receive \$25 and an Engraved Award
- **Community Service Award Winner** (*Community Service Award entries must be received on or before July 6*). She will receive \$25, an Etched Award, and a Diamond Bracelet from Classic Gold Master Jewelers
- **Miss Congeniality** *will be chosen by the contestants with votes collected at the conclusion of individual swimsuit competition*. She will receive \$25, an Engraved Award, and a Diamond Bracelet from Classic Gold Master Jewelers

Contestant Data Sheet

Please Type



Name _____

Address _____

Parents _____

Phone Number _____

Birthdate _____ Age _____

e-mail address _____

Height _____ Hair _____ Eyes _____

School _____ Grade Entering or Year Graduated _____

Ambition _____

Hobbies/Talents _____

Favorite Books _____

Favorite Movie _____

Favorite Place _____

School Activities and/or Occupation _____

Honors _____

Community Activities _____

Why do you want to be Miss Franklin County Fair? _____

Describe any previous pageant experience _____

Other interesting facts _____

For Consideration, Community Service Award entries must be received on or before July 6.

Community Service Award

The purpose of the COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD is to recognize the contestant whose volunteer spirit most enriches the lives of others.

Please carefully answer the following questions for each activity in which you were involved in the **past twelve months**. If you need more space, additional pages can be added.

Where and when did you volunteer: _____

Was it a group project? If so, what group?: _____

How did recipients benefit; what activities were you involved in? _____

Did you lead or organize this event or activity? _____

Total personal hours spent on this activity: _____

Contact person (sponsor, coordinator, etc.): _____

Where and when did you volunteer: _____

Was it a group project? If so, what group?: _____

How did recipients benefit; what activities were you involved in? _____

Did you lead or organize this event or activity? _____

Total personal hours spent on this activity: _____

Contact person (sponsor, coordinator, etc.): _____

Where and when did you volunteer: _____

Was it a group project? If so, what group?: _____

How did recipients benefit; what activities were you involved in? _____

Did you lead or organize this event or activity? _____

Total personal hours spent on this activity: _____

Contact person (sponsor, coordinator, etc.): _____

Contestant's Agreement

Miss Franklin County Fair Pageant

I hereby apply for entry as a contestant in the Miss Franklin County Fair Pageant, a preliminary for the Miss Kentucky County Fair Pageant, for the title of "Miss Franklin County Fair 2026," and for the prizes and scholarships to be awarded Sunday, July 12.

I do hereby make the following statements and representations:

- a) I am a citizen of Kentucky, and have been so for at least six (6) months prior to the date of the Miss Franklin County Fair Pageant 2026;
- b) I am a natural born female, single, never married, never had a marriage annulled;
- c) I am not currently holding another title in a preliminary to the Miss Kentucky County Fair Pageant 2027 and further agree, that should I become "Miss Franklin County Fair 2026," I will enter no other preliminaries to this year's state competition;
- d) I have never previously won the Miss Franklin County Fair Pageant title;
- e) I will be no older than 21 years of age on October 31, 2026 and will have reached my 16th birthday by that date and am submitting documentation verifying age with this entry;
- f) I am of good moral character and have never been pregnant and am not now pregnant;
- g) I have never been convicted of any crime and do not have any criminal charges pending against me;
- h) I am in reasonably good health and can to the best of my knowledge, participate fully and without limitation in any Pageant activities;
- i) I have not authorized any person, firm, or corporation to use my name, photograph, or any future title I might hold in connection with an endorsement to advertise any commercial product or service.

In consideration for my admission as a contestant in the upcoming Pageant, including my rights to compete for, and if successful to participate in, the award of scholarship and prizes, I do hereby agree as follows:

I agree to abide by, and be bound by the rules and regulations governing the Miss Franklin County Fair Pageant and the Miss Kentucky County Fair Pageant, and the award of scholarship and prizes in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Pageant. I understand that I will be subject to dismissal if I fail to participate in such events deemed "mandatory" by Pageant officials.

I agree that no personal friends, relatives, hairstylists, coaches, etc. will be allowed backstage or in the dressing room at any time during the competition. I understand that the Pageant will provide personnel to assist me with any needed adjustments to my appearance.

I agree that the manner and method of conducting the Miss Franklin County Fair Pageant shall be in the sole discretion of Pageant officials, and I further agree that the time, method and manner of judging the Pageant shall be within the sole discretion of Pageant officials, and that the decision of the persons designated to judge the Pageant in any and all matters pertaining to the selection of winners shall be final.

I understand that sponsorship contributions will be provided by certain companies to the Pageant, and I agree that at no time during the period I hold the title of "Miss Franklin County Fair 2025," will I endorse or permit my name or likeness to be used in connection with the endorsement or advertisement of any products or services competitive to any of the products and services of any of the companies which make said sponsorship contributions except with the consent, in writing, of the Pageant.

If I am selected "Miss Franklin County Fair 2026":

- a) I will serve as "Miss Franklin County Fair 2026" until my successor is selected or appointed.
- b) I will make myself available to represent Franklin County on opening day of the Kentucky

State Fair, **August 20, 2026**, to participate in the Franklin County Fair entry in the Frankfort Christmas Parade, and to represent Franklin County in the Miss Kentucky County Fair Pageant **January 15-16, 2027**, and any other such personal appearances, interviews, testimonials, endorsements, filmings, tapings, and photographic sessions and such other and various commitments and events that the Pageant has made and will make for me.

- c) I will be chaperoned by the pageant director or by a chaperone appointed by the director at any time I am representing the Franklin County Fair.
- d) I understand that I will need to provide proof of full-time enrollment at a college, university, junior college, post-secondary vocational school or state technical school, or any other training approved by the Pageant in order to redeem the \$1000 scholarship. Scholarship must be used within three (3) years of winning the Miss Franklin County Fair crown.
- e) Any scholarship funds returned due to withdrawal shall be returned to the Pageant where they will be held for my educational use for two (2) years.
- f) I agree that after the conclusion of my year of service as "Miss Franklin County Fair 2026," I will not make public appearances wearing my crown nor will I make public appearances as "Miss Franklin County Fair 2026" or "Former Miss Franklin County Fair" for the purposes of advertising or endorsing any product, person or service unless pre-approved by Pageant.
- g) I understand and agree that if any of the representations made by me in this Agreement, including the attached Data Sheet, are false, or if I am selected as "Miss Franklin County Fair 2026" and engage in any of the acts or activities involved in the statements and representations section on Page 1 of this Agreement during my year of service or I otherwise conduct myself in a manner, which in the opinion of the Pageant, does not uphold and maintain the dignity and honor of the title "Miss Franklin County Fair 2026," then I understand and agree that the Pageant may, at its exclusive option, terminate my right to participate in the Miss Kentucky County Fair Pageant 2026, as well as my right to the title of "Miss Franklin County Fair 2026" and I will also forfeit all prizes, awards and perquisites, or both or either, and in such event, the first runner-up may be declared my successor.
- h) I understand that in the event that I marry or become pregnant during the period between the date of this Agreement and the selection of "Miss Franklin County Fair 2026," I shall forfeit my right to participate in the Pageant; and if I am selected "Miss Franklin County Fair 2026" and marry or become pregnant prior to the time my successor is chosen and crowned, I shall forfeit my title of "Miss Franklin County Fair 2026" and may also forfeit all prizes, awards and perquisites, or both or either, and in such event, the first runner-up may be declared my successor.

If I am selected as first or second runner-up to the title of "Miss Franklin County Fair 2026," I agree to be available to succeed to all rights and to assume all of the duties and obligations of "Miss Franklin County Fair 2026" as set forth herein, if for any reason the original "Miss Franklin County Fair 2026" or the prior runner-up are unable or ineligible to act as "Miss Franklin County Fair 2026."

The Pageant reserves the right to dismiss at any time a contestant who does not show a proper amount of cooperation and courtesy to committee members, consultants and fellow contestants.

The GFWC-Kentucky Capital City Woman's Club under the auspices of the Franklin County Fair Board sponsors the Pageant. The Franklin County Fair Board, Capital City Woman's Club, Lakeview Park, Franklin County fiscal Court and their affiliates and volunteers are in no way to be held responsible for any damages, thefts or accidents.

Parent or Guardian *(if contestant is under age 18)*

Contestant's Signature

Date

Date