



North Carolina Yam Festival Scholarship Pageant Application Package - 2024

October 5, 2024, at South Columbus High School
4:00 p.m. Baby - Little Miss Division / Jr. Miss – Mrs. Division

Entry Fee: \$85.00 BABY MISS - LITTLE MISS

\$110.00 JUNIOR MISS - MRS.

*Optional Photogenic: \$25.00

Application Drop Off: Thursday, September 5, 2024, Tabor City Visitors Center at 6:00 -7:00 p.m. You may pick up applications and turn in applications during this time.

*You may turn in applications (including a photo for the newspaper) at the Tabor City Public Library prior to the deadline.

Application Deadline: Friday, September 13, 2024

Divisions:

BABY MISS: 0-12 months

MINI MISS: 13-23 months

TINY MISS: 2-3 years

PETITE MISS: 4-5 years

LITTLE MISS: 6-8 years

JUNIOR MISS: 9-11 years

YOUNG MISS: 12-14 years

TEEN MISS: 15-17 years

QUEEN: 18-23 years

MRS.: 21 years and above

RULES AND REQUIREMENTS

- **BIRTH DATE:** The division the contestant is in is determined by the age the contestant will be on the evening of the pageant.
- **CONTESTANT CONTRACT:** Each contestant and parent or guardian are REQUIRED to sign the morality contract before competing. Contracts will be passed out during the rehearsal. A contestant who has been married and / or has a child before or during the pageant may not compete. (The previous sentence does not apply to the Mrs. Division. Contestants in the Mrs. Division must be married, and you may or may not have children.) In the event a pageant Queen becomes pregnant out of wedlock and /or decides to get married, she will be asked to relinquish her title. The first runner up in her division will be asked to fulfill the duties as Queen. No questions asked and no exceptions. We abide strictly by the morality contract of the Miss North Carolina Yam Festival Scholarship Pageant.
- **RESIDENCY:** NC Yam Festival Pageant is OPEN to residents of North and South Carolina
- **GRACE PERIOD:** Title holders will NOT be allowed to compete in another pageant until 60 days prior to relinquishing the NC Yam Festival Pageant Title on October 4th, 2025. August 4th is the 60-day grace period mark. In the event The NC Yam Festival Teen and Queen honor requirements of the 60 days' period prior to competing in another pageant and win the title, the Queens are expected to complete their duties with the NC Yam Festival through October 4th, 2025. The NC Yam Festival Pageant Queen is under contract to fulfill ALL NC Yam Festival and Tabor City events. Appearances and requirements are listed in the contestant contract.
- **Required Areas of Competition:**
 - Baby Miss - Little: Casual Wear (40%) & Beauty (60%)
 - Junior - Queen: Interview (40%), Talent (30%) & Beauty (30%)
 - Mrs.: Interview (40%), Casual wear (30%) & Beauty (30%)
- ***Opening Number***--All Contestants are required to participate in the opening number. It is NOT a judged portion of the pageant; however, it is the first impression of contestants as a group to greet the audience and judges. All contestants must wear a NC Yam Festival T-Shirt, blue jeans and shoes, No flip flops! T-shirts may be purchased at the Tabor City Public Library or during registration. Additional embellishments are allowed but not required! This is an opportunity to make a great impression and show your sense of style and creativity.
- The Photogenic Contest is an optional area of competition, but not required. It is open to all Contestants. An 8x10 Photo must be submitted the night of rehearsal. Additional photos can be judged for \$10.00 per photo. Photos may be in Color or Black & White. NO HIGH GLITZ! Photos may be touched up. Two Photogenic Awards will be given-- Baby to Little and Young to Mrs.
- Note: NO wigs, extensions, faux teeth, and no excessive makeup, etc. The judges are aware of our guidelines and the caliber of Queens we are seeking to represent our Festival and Tabor City. Judges will deduct points for those not complying with our directives and regulations.
- Scoresheets: All Scores are final. In our morality contract we discuss the positive atmosphere and excellent behavior of all contestants, their stylists, and families.

Areas of Competition Information:

· Beauty:

Baby to Little Miss - Sunday Dress attire with matching socks and shoes.

Junior to Mrs.:

Floor length pageant dress. Dress may be Glitzy. Must be age appropriate. *Dresses that fit and compliment the contestant are sure to make the contestant confident. *

· Casual Wear:

Baby to Little Miss & Mrs. only: Must be age appropriate, dressy, neat, and stylish. No midriffs. May be custom made or off the rack. Be creative and show off the contestant's personality. Yam or Fall Themed/Colors. (NO Halloween)

· Interview:

Junior to Mrs. only: Contestants meet individually with judges. Sunday Dress attire for Junior Miss. Business Attire for Young Miss through Mrs. division.

· Talent:

Junior to Queen (only these divisions): FLASH DRIVES ONLY are allowed; only one song allowed on the Flash Drive. Talent CANNOT exceed 3 minutes. Flash Drives must be marked with Contestant Name, Division and Contestant number. Flash Drives MUST BE turned in at the beginning of rehearsal to allow the sound crew time to check and prepare for the pageant. Please have a backup Flash Drive or 2 for rehearsal and the night of the pageant. Cell phones may not be used for music. Flash Drives ONLY.

Awards:

· Division Winners: Each division winner will receive a rhinestone round crown, embroidered satin sash, and trophy. *Baby-Little contestants will receive a complimentary participation tiara*

· Overall Beauty: Baby to Little, Junior to Mrs. - winner will receive a trophy.

· Overall Interview: Junior to Mrs.- winner will receive a trophy.

· Optional Photogenic: Two trophies will be given. Baby to Little and Junior to Queen.

· Scholarship: ONLY Teen and Queen- Teen Miss: \$500, Queen: \$1,000. Scholarship will be received in the form of a check once the year's reign has been completed if all required events were attended, including NO other entry in pageants without director's permission, and conduct has exemplified the requirements set by the NC Yam Festival Pageant Committee.

Court Requirements and information:

NC Yam Festival Royalty will NOT have an all-expense paid reign. The Queens will be

responsible for Cars, Parade Fees, Shirts, Car Signs, Clothing, etc. The Yam Festival Committee will attempt to minimize costs whenever it is possible.

Additional Pageant Information

Pageant Rehearsal: Thursday, October 3 @ 6:00 p.m., South Columbus High School

- *All Photogenic entries must be turned in by the end of rehearsal.
 - *Contestant numbers will be given out at rehearsal; no extras will be given.
 - *Programs will be distributed to the contestants.
 - *Schedule for interview appointments will be given.
 - *Contestants will receive 2 passes. May be used for parents, guardians, or hair stylist.
- A pass is required to be backstage with contestants - no exceptions!***
- *No boys or men allowed in dressing rooms. *
 - *There will be a run-through of the pageant to allow contestants to walk the stage layout during rehearsal.
 - *Each contestant will be given a walk-through time which will be allotted for their Talent rehearsal. This is a closed session. Only the contestant, her parents, the pageant directors, and approved pageant committee members will be in this closed session.
 - *Bring two talent accompanying Flash Drives to rehearsal. A second copy will be given to the pageant director for the sound technician to have as a backup copy. Flash Drives must work with our sound system.

Pageant Day: **TENTATIVE SCHEDULE**

Little Queens Pageant *Doors will open @ 12:00 p.m. Pageant will begin at 4:00 p.m.

Queens Pageant: *Interviews begin for Junior to Mrs. @ 2:00 p.m. sharp, no exceptions.

Each contestant must be ready to interview at 2:00 p.m.

*Queens Pageant begins after Little Queens Pageant (approximately 5:30 p.m.).

*Admission \$10.00 which includes a program.

*Backstage and side doors will be locked at ALL times! NO ENTRY or EXIT unless it is an emergency! Contestants are not allowed in the auditorium on the day of the pageant. Each Contestant will stay in their assigned dressing room until it is your turn to line up for the stage. There will be no peeking in the side doors that lead to the auditorium, or any guests allowed backstage other than one adult with each contestant. We are to remain lady-like and quiet during the pageant. There will be no running, jumping or horseplay at any time on the campus of South Columbus High School or during the pageant. You will be responsible for any damage that is created by you or your party during rehearsal or the pageant. South Columbus High School has 24-hour camera surveillance in the halls, auditorium, and on the grounds.

There will be no cameras in dressing rooms and/or restroom facilities.

*Questions or Concerns: Shauna Cox 843-340-2246 and Melody Spivey 910-840-9840



North Carolina Yam Festival Scholarship Pageant Application

Name: _____ Date of Birth _____

Parents Names: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

County: _____ Phone Number: _____

Hair Color: _____ Eye Color: _____

Favorite Food: _____ Favorite TV Show: _____

School Currently Attending: _____

Grade: _____

Most Admired Person and Why: _____

Interesting Facts about Yourself: _____

Future Goals: _____

Why would you like to be the NC Yam Festival Queen? _____

Sponsored By: _____

Date: _____ Division: _____

Please CIRCLE the Appropriate Pageant Entry Fee: \$85.00 / \$110.00

***Optional - Photogenic Contest: (Circle if entering) \$25.00 for one photo.**

Additional photos may be submitted at \$10 each.

Total: \$ _____ Cash: _____ Check # _____

Please make any checks payable to: NC Yam Festival

IMPORTANT!

Please carefully read the contents of this application before signing below.

Signature Required & Entry Fees must be paid before application may be accepted.

The North Carolina Yam Festival Association (including its Board of Directors, Committee Chairpersons, and volunteers), the North Carolina Yam Festival Scholarship Pageant, the Town of Tabor City, South Columbus High School, Columbus County Schools, and all Staff are not responsible for injuries, losses, damages, or accidents that may occur during the North Carolina Yam Festival Scholarship Pageant, or while traveling to and from events. I understand the Judges' decisions are final. Any act of disrespectful or poor sportsmanship in any manner from contestants or family members will NOT be tolerated and will result in disqualification without a refund.

By affixing your signature to this contract, you acknowledge that you have read and agree to the information therein and you grant permission to the NC Yam Festival Scholarship Pageant the right to use all pictures taken prior to, during or after the event for advertising and/or marketing purposes and to allow said pictures to be posted on our website. In the event the photos are used, you will be notified.

- **There will be a \$42.00 service charge for all returned checks.**
- The NC Yam Festival Scholarship Pageant reserves the right to refuse entry to anyone.

_____ # _____
Contestant Name Contestant Number

Required Events for Teen Miss and Queen

1. NC Yam Festival Taste of Tabor: Thursday October 24, 2024, 6:00 - 10:00 p.m.
Sunnyfield Equestrian Farm. Only the Courts ticket will be provided.

*Required for Teen & Queen, only

2. NC Yam Festival Parade: Saturday, October 26, 2024.

Line up is at 8:45 a.m. Parade starts at 10:00 a.m.

Float provided - will wear Fall-Themed Attire

3. NC Pecan Festival Parade - Whiteville: Saturday, November 2, 2024

car needed

4. Tabor City Christmas Parade: Line up at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday December 5, 2024.

Parade begins at 6:00 p.m.

Car needed

5. Greater Tabor City Chamber of Commerce's Spring Has Sprung Festival Parade:

Line up begins at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, (Date to be Determined), 2025.

car needed

6. NC Strawberry Festival Parade & Pageant: Saturday, May 3, 2025

float provided

7. NC Blueberry Festival Pageant: Saturday, June 7, 2025

8. Columbus County Fireworks Celebration at South Columbus High School, To Be Determined

9. Fair Bluff Watermelon Festival Parade & Pageant: TBA (either late July or early August, 2025)

car needed

** If necessary, we will have two meetings (meet twice a year). Our best and most used form of communication will be a NC Yam Festival's Queens' text group. Our Facebook page will also be available for important information. **

YOU are welcome to travel and represent and visit. You are not limited to these events.

