

2026 Miss Dogwood Pageant

Preliminary to the Miss Missouri State Fair Pageant

Welcome!

This is your official invitation to join the fun as a contestant in this year's Miss Dogwood Pageant to be held on **Sunday April 19, 2026 4pm** at Camdenton's Little Theater on the main Campus. The pageant is non-profit and run by volunteers in the community as part of the Dogwood Festival and the Camdenton Area Chamber of Commerce. This year's queen will have many opportunities awaiting her and the chance to become our next Miss Missouri State Fair and if you choose the Miss Missouri Teen or Miss Missouri USA pageant.

Requirements:

- The ages of all contestants in the Miss Dogwood Pageant are 16-22 as of pageant day.
- Contestants must be a resident of Camden, Miller, Morgan or Laclede County.
- Entry forms must be received by Friday April 3, 2026. Contact the committee for late entries. Rehearsal will be on Sunday April 12 from 1-4pm at Camdenton Little Theater. A second rehearsal will be scheduled at a later time.

Pageant Fun:

This year's contestants will be part of a rehearsal full of modeling fun & pageant tips. All contestants will have fun riding in the Dogwood Festival Parade. Each contestant will develop skills in the area of personal growth & self-confidence. You will meet new friends and learn skills and techniques that you will use for a lifetime whether or not you receive the crown. Just by entering the

pageant, you will go further and do better in whatever you choose to do in life merely having the courage to do your best.

Competition Break Down:

(Scoring of competition will be 33.33% each. Only the three areas of competition below will count toward the final scores, all other awards are separate)

- **On-Stage Interview:** (*Professional Business Suit or Dress*). Interview will be conducted on-stage in the manner of the Miss Missouri final night of judging. Each contestant will draw 3 questions and visit with our emcee in a talk show style interview. Imagine yourself as a guest on talk show and being asked 3 questions, this should be low pressure and a lot of fun. You will receive a list of 12 practice questions. Your answers, how you present yourself on stage and under pressure, expression, vocabulary, sincerity, public speaking abilities, poise, and posture are all criteria for judging. This style of interview prepares the contestants for the role of Miss Dogwood.
- **Swimwear or Fitness Wear:** (*One piece swimsuit, tankini or fitness wear. No bikinis but you may have a modest sports bra if you choose. All swim & fitness wear must be approved prior to pageant competition*). This competition is judged on on-stage confidence and how the contestant presents herself in comfort and style, physical fitness, health, poise and posture. The judges are asked not to compare contestants, but to judge the contestant on her own body build and ideal size and weight.
- **Evening Gown:** (*Gown of your choice*). The gown should complement you and you in return should complement the gown. Judges will be looking for an overall impression of stage presence and personality, walk, posture, carriage and grace, appropriateness of evening gown, and a sense of confidence.
- **Optional Talent:** **\$25.00** (*2 minutes, 30 seconds max*). This will be after evening gown and the other competitions and will not count toward the final Miss Dogwood scores. This is optional. Performers must have a back-up CD if needed, no one other than the contestant is allowed on the stage during the talent competition. A keyboard will be provided if needed. Contestant will be responsible for delivering and picking up CDs from the sound booth. There will be no duplication in songs, they are on a first come, first serve basis.
- **Introduction-NON SCORED:** (*Outfit of choice color must be silver or gold*) Contestants will not be judged on their introduction. Introductions should be at minimum name, age, school attending and contestant number.

Entry Fees:

The Miss Dogwood Pageant has provided thousands of dollars to local girls over the past 75 years. **Sponsorship is \$125.00, optional talent is \$25.00. All fees due by rehearsal!**

Local businesses are the best support for sponsorship money. You may have as many sponsors as you need to accumulate \$125.00 and any additional money collected will help raise the scholarships given out for this year.

In addition, any businesses that would like to donate new items or gift certificates for our silent auction will also be acknowledged as your sponsors during the pageant. The contestant collecting the most silent auction items as well as the contestant collecting the most sponsorship money will be awarded a trophy on-stage during the coronation ceremony. A copy of the "Sponsorship Receipt" is included below, you may make as many copies as you need. The top half will need to be turned in with your sponsorship money and the lower half is the receipt to be given to your sponsor. Sponsorship money must be received on or before rehearsal on April 6th and may be dropped off at the Camdenton Chamber any time before then if you wish.

Raffle items will be in the form of themed baskets or individual items. For example a spa day basket might include gift certificates to a salon/spa, body cream/lotions, nail polish etc. These must be donated items from your sponsors or collected from local businesses. These businesses will be mentioned during the evenings events.

Sponsorships:

In addition to the entry fee we are asking you to collect an additional sponsorship fee. ***Please print off the last page of this form and copy. You will give the bottom half of the sheet to the sponsor and turn in the top half to the pageant at rehearsal.**

Those fees help to increase our scholarship fund. **We ask that you collect at minimum \$50 dollars in addition to your entry fee.** The contestant that collects the most sponsorship money will receive an additional scholarship to be determined by the total sponsorships collected.

***All checks are to be made payable to Miss Dogwood Camdenton; credit card payments can be made at the Chamber for Entry fee however please know that a 4% credit card processing fee will apply.**

2026 PRIZES

All prize packages listed are the minimums. Sponsors and donations will be added to the prize packages and all updates will be listed on our website.

MISS DOGWOOD:	Scholarship based on sponsorships for this year (\$500.00 minimum Scholarship) Crown & Sash Queen's Rose Bouquet Trophy
RUNNERS-UP:	Scholarships based on sponsorship totals Trophy and Flowers
ALL CONTESTANTS:	Gift bags valued at or above \$50.00 Ride in the Dogwood Parade
MISS CONGENIALITY:	Trophy
MISS PHOTOGENIC:	Trophy
OPTIONAL TALENT:	Trophy and Cash Prize
AUDIENCE CHOICE:	Trophy
SPONSORSHIP WINNER:	Scholarship determined by totals

Important Dates to Remember

- Rehearsal:** **Sunday, April 6th, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm**
(Rehearsal will be at Camdenton Little Theater)
Rehearsal will include stage directions, opening number rehearsal, practice questions, and wardrobe approval.
- Pageant:** **Sunday, April 19, 2026 4:00pm Camdenton Little Theater**
- Parade:** **Saturday, April 25th 10:00 am Camdenton R3 School District Campus; royalty will be staged near the Little Theater in line up. Specific designations will be provided after the pageant. All contestants who choose to participate in the Dogwood Festival Parade will be responsible for coordinating their own vehicle to ride in. Please let the pageant coordinator or the Camdenton Chamber know if you cannot secure your entry vehicle.**

Please fill out the entry form on the next page or Google Form and the optional talent form if you will be performing talent. These may be mailed, emailed or dropped off at the Camdenton Chamber of Commerce (739 West US Highway 54 in Camdenton). Please include a nice photo for Miss Photogenic and publicity. These may also be digital if you would like to send by email or text.

There is also a digital entry form, which can be found on the chamber website or the Miss Dogwood USA Facebook page for the link.

Deadline to enter is April 3rd, 2026

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at missdogwoodusa@yahoo.com, Facebook: Miss Dogwood USA or call or text Brenda at 417-830-0374.

Miss Dogwood Pageant
c/o Brenda Jeffries

**Miss Dogwood
OPTIONAL TALENT FORM**

Name:

Type of Talent:

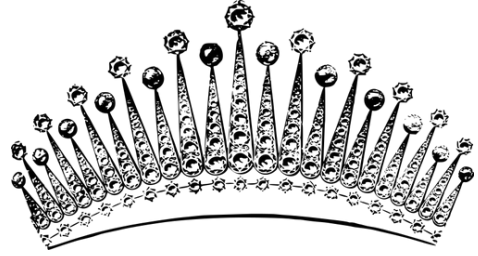
Song (if applicable):

Background CD (yes or no): _____

Talent Introduction:

Miss Dogwood Pageant Entry Form

NOT NEEDED IF YOU SUBMITTED ONLINE



Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

May you be reached by text: _____ Email: _____

Parents Names: _____

Age: _____ Birthdate: _____

Hair Color: _____ Eye Color: _____ Height: _____

EDUCATION:

High School _____
(Name of School) (Graduation Date)

College _____
(Fill out only if you are currently attending) (Class Year)

What is your career ambition?

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What are your hobbies?

The Miss Dogwood Pageant System encourages young women who participate in the program to become involved in their communities and to speak out on issues of concern to them, their community and the nation. If selected the winner of this competition, what issue would you choose to focus on during your reign?

I certify that the foregoing information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Contestant's Signature

Date

(Information is used for the script. Please print clearly, no need to type)

Miss Dogwood Pageant Sponsorship Receipt

COMPANY NAME _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____

AUTHORIZED BY _____

SPONSORSHIP AMOUNT \$ _____

- CASH
- CHECK Check # _____

RAFFLE DONATION(S) VALUE \$ _____

DESCRIPTION OF RAFFLE
ITEMS _____

CONTESTANTS

SIGNATURE _____ DATE ____/____/____

PAGEANT COPY

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SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** ____/____/____