



MISS OUTDOORS CONTESTANT RULES



Eligibility

- Limited to **12 contestants** (first 12 applications accepted).
- Must be a **resident of Dorchester County, Maryland**.
- Ages **16–24 years old**.
- Must be **single, never married, never pregnant, and with no children**.
- **Former Miss Outdoors winners** are not eligible.
- No child or sibling of a Miss Outdoors Pageant Committee Member may enter.
- Contestant must be of **good character**, possessing poise, personality, intelligence, charm, and beauty.

Talent & Application Requirements

- Contestant must perform a **talent routine** no longer than **5 minutes**.
 - May include: singing, dancing, playing an instrument, dramatic reading, crafts/art, or another hobby.
 - Contestant must supply any accompaniment or materials required.
- Must submit with application a **175-word (or less) synopsis** on the theme: *“Living/Growing Up in Dorchester County.”*
- Contestants must provide their own **apparel and accessories** (a sponsor may be secured).
- Contestants will be judged in the following categories:
 - **Evening Gown & Casual Wear Appearance**
 - **Poise, Personality, Intelligence, Charm, Beauty**
 - **Talent Performance**
 - **Synopsis**
- Two (2) recent **headshot photographs** must accompany the application.
- Both the **Contestant Release & Indemnity Form** and the **Release for Medical Information Form** must be signed, notarized, and submitted with application.

Deadlines

- **Entry Deadline:** January 20, 2026
- Entries must be **postmarked or hand-delivered** by midnight on the deadline.
- **Electronic copies will not be accepted.**
- Applications may be hand-delivered to a pageant committee member or mailed to:



National Outdoor Show

P.O. Box 143

Church Creek, MD 21622

Reign Requirements

- Winner must attend functions and participate in events designated by the National Outdoor Foundation. A tentative schedule will be provided.
- Any other representation of the Outdoor Show requires prior approval from the committee.
- Winner must provide the pageant committee with her **current address and phone number** during her reign.
- If Miss Outdoors becomes **pregnant or marries** during her reign, she relinquishes her title and all prizes (except scholarship).
- If Miss Outdoors assumes another title during her reign, she must relinquish her title and prizes.



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Mandatory Events

- **Contestant Tea:** February 15, 2026 (subject to change; time & location announced later).
- **Rehearsal:** February 24, 2026 (mandatory; time & location announced later).
- Contestants must attend and stay for the full duration of both events.

Prizes & Scholarships

- As part of her prize, Miss Outdoors will receive a **trip to Louisiana's Fur and Wildlife Festival** in January of the following year.
 - Family members (up to 3) may attend at their own expense. Tickets must be purchased when the show orders them.
- **Scholarship Rules:**
 - If still in high school, scholarship must be used within **2 years after graduation**.
 - If already graduated, scholarship must be used within **2 years of winning**.
 - If Miss Outdoors (or a scholarship recipient) begins college during her reign, she may use **½ of her scholarship immediately** and the balance at the end of her reign.

Conduct & Integrity

- Titles (Miss Outdoors & runners-up) must be held with **integrity, dignity, and honor**.
- Miss Outdoors must obey the law and uphold a positive public image.
- Any unbecoming behavior will be reviewed by the National Outdoor Pageant Committee. Disciplinary action may include **loss of crown and/or scholarship**.
- **Privacy Rules:**
 - No photography, audio, or video recording during rehearsal without prior approval.
 - Unauthorized recording = **automatic disqualification**.
 - No disclosure of pageant events on social media by non-committee members prior to the show. Violation = **automatic disqualification**.
- Any disabilities that may impair performance of duties must be disclosed before the application deadline.

Enforcement

- Winners must adhere to all rules. Failure to do so will result in the **runner-up assuming the title and duties**.
- **All rules and policies are authorized and enforced by the National Outdoor Foundation.**
- **All judges' decisions are final.**

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