



## Welcome Letter

Welcome to our Pageant, Festival, and beautiful Pendleton County!

Dear Contestant,

Thank you for your interest in the Miss Treasure Mountain Festival Pageant located in historic Franklin, WV. We dedicate countless hours throughout the year to bring the best pageant to you that we possibly can. Our goal is to create a weekend of fun, fairness, and friendship to young women across the state of WV as well as promote local businesses, tourist attractions, and more to benefit the small communities of Pendleton County.

The Treasure Mountain Festival is a celebration of history, craftsmanship, and natural beauty throughout Pendleton County. The festival was founded in 1967 based upon the legend of Fort Seybert. Following a lengthy dispute between settlers in the area and native Shawnee tribesmen, Fort Seybert was looted and burned down. It is believed that this treasure was hidden somewhere throughout the mountains of Pendleton County and never found. Many have searched for this treasure over the years, but what they found instead were the many natural treasures of our mountains including landmarks such as Spruce Knob (the tallest point in WV) and Seneca Rocks as well as extensive cave systems, two National Forests, and some of the best trout fishing in the state. The festival features a reenactment of the burning of Fort Seybert, heritage craft demonstrations, a variety of live music, food and craft vendors, a grand parade, heritage tea parties, museum tours, and even a treasure hunt with the opportunity to win \$1,000!

It is an honor to share our community and heritage with you, and we encourage you to take this as an opportunity to learn more about our beloved Pendleton County. Please feel free to contact us at any time with questions via Facebook messenger or email. We are thrilled to have the opportunity to be a part of your journey!

With love,

Katlyn and Jenny Ruddle, Pageant Director

## Rules and Regulations

### Ms. Pageant

1. **Ms. Contestants must be 22 by August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025**, legal residents of the United States, legal residents of the state of West Virginia, and can be married or single.  
**Contestants can be under the age of 22 if do not qualify for the Miss division.**
2. All contestants must arrive **between 9:00 am and 9:15 am Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025** at the Pendleton County High School Auditorium in Franklin for registration.  
**Rehearsal is mandatory and will begin at 9:30 am.**
3. Ms. contestants must be available for an interview with the judges following rehearsal. You will be given your interview time **at rehearsal**.
4. The Miss Treasure Mountain Festival Pageant will be held at 5:30 pm on Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 at the Pendleton County High School Auditorium in Franklin, WV.  
**Contestants must arrive to the dressing room no later than 30 minutes prior to the pageant's start.**
5. Contestants must demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times, be responsible for their own possessions, and respect the belongings of other contestants.
6. The Treasure Mountain Festival Association is not responsible for lost or stolen items. Do not leave items of value unattended in the dressing room.
7. **There will be no food allowed in the dressing area** and only bottled drinks will be permitted. The dressing room will be available all day on Saturday for those who wish to stay at the high school to prepare. Bring your own extension cords and mirror.
8. **Only one individual of the contestant's choosing will be allowed in the dressing area with the contestant.** Each contestant will be given a wristband for their person of choice upon arrival, and their person must wear the band in order to

- obtain entrance to the dressing room. This is to ensure there is enough room for all contestants and their belongings. Females only are permitted in the dressing room.
9. **Contestants will be required to have the following attire for the pageant:**
    - a. Professional Wear for **Interview Competition**
    - b. Outfit of choice for **Personal Sense of Style Competition**
    - c. Evening gown for **Evening Gown Competition**
  10. **Winning queen must be available Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup> to assist with the Little Treasure's Pageant** at 10:00am where our Children's royalty will be crowned.
  11. **Winning Ms. queen must be available for TMF activities in Franklin Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025.** The full festival is held September 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, 2025.
  12. **Winning queens must be dressed in an appropriate heritage dress** while performing certain scheduled activities on **Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025, including the parade**, per request of the Treasure Mountain Festival Association.  
**Ms. queen will receive a check for \$100.00 from the Treasure Mountain Festival Association** following their participation in the festival to cover the cost of their dress.
  13. Winning Ms. Queen will receive a \$100 cash prize, crown, sash, plaque, and flower bouquet. A check will be mailed from the Treasure Mountain Festival Association with half of the amount after the festival and half of the amount once the queen successfully crowns her successor.
  14. Awards will be given in each division for Miss Congeniality, Miss Photogenic, and Crowd Favorite.
  15. **Contestants must submit a recent clear head and shoulder photo, either a 4x6 or 5x7, (for Miss Photogenic), along with the application, contract, medical release form, and \$80 sponsorship fee for Ms. Division** (may be obtained from a

- business or by family and friends). **All checks should be made payable to The Treasure Mountain Festival Association.**
16. The final entry deadline is **Monday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**
  17. Miss Photogenic is judged by a professional photographer prior to the pageant, so photos must be mailed with the application. Your photo will be returned to you at rehearsal.
  18. Each contestant is free to withdraw from the competition at any time, but we will only refund your entry fee if you win another Fair or Festival Pageant prior to our pageant date. This is the only circumstance that will entitle you to a refund. You may not transfer to another contestant any fee, either part or in full, that the contestant or sponsors have paid.
  19. **Winning Ms. may not participate in another WV Association of Fairs and Festivals pageant until January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026.**
  20. **The winning queens may participate in other pageants that are not part of the West Virginia Association of Fairs and Festivals. However, if you win another title, you must represent the Treasure Mountain Festival at any West Virginia Association of Fairs and Festivals events (parades, pageants, etc.).**
  21. Winning queens are allowed to participate at state level pageants (USA, America, United States, etc.), while you hold the Miss Treasure Mountain Festival title.
  22. **Tattoos and/or body piercings (other than earrings) may be left in during the pageant OR covered up/taken out. This is a choice for the contestant to make. However, if a contestant chooses to take out any piercings/cover tattoos during the pageant, they must take them out/cover them up any time they are wearing their sash and crown (at parades, events, the Miss West Virginia Association of Fairs and Festivals Pageant, etc.).**

- 23. The winning queens should use good taste when choosing clothing to wear while representing the festival at events, parades, festivals, and other pageants **(no jeans with holes, miniskirts, etc.)**. **It is also proper pageant etiquette for visiting royalty at other pageants to wear only their sash** (not their crown).
- 24. **The queens must present themselves in a positive manner of good moral values when posting comments or pictures on Internet social networking sites (Facebook, SnapChat, Twitter, Instagram, TikTok, etc.)**. The pageant committee may ask queens to remove inappropriate pictures, comments, language etc. The queen will be given 24 hours to follow this request. If the request is not honored, the pageant committee will make a decision based on their discretion.
- 25. **Contestants must post a photo with their prize package and send a thank you letter/photo to prize package sponsors**. Thank you cards, envelopes, and a sponsor list with addresses will be provided to the contestant with their prize package, and letters must be mailed/photos posted before October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

***I have read the above rules and agree to abide by them while participating in the Miss Treasure Mountain Festival Pageant. If I am chosen as a queen, I agree to abide by these rules for the entirety of my reign.***

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contestant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## Contract

Ms.

***If I win the Miss Treasure Mountain Festival Ms. Pageant, I agree to the terms of the following contract:***

1. I agree to the following: I was born a female, am a citizen of the United States, and am a legal resident of West Virginia. I am of good moral character, and I have not been convicted of a crime.
2. I certify that all of the information provided on this entry form is true and correct.
3. I agree to cooperate with the pageant committee.
4. I agree to participate in festival activities September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025.
5. I certify that I have not participated in any activities that would be embarrassing to myself and/or the festival prior to this agreement. I also agree that if during my year of reign I do engage in any such activity, the festival will have the right to declare my title void, and I will return all prizes and/or awards to the festival.
6. I understand that I am free to resign my position as Preteen/Teen/Queen/Ms at any time, but under no circumstances will I be entitled to a refund of any fee, either full or part, that I or my sponsor has paid. Nor, upon my resignation, will I be eligible to any prizes that I have received. There will be absolutely no exceptions to this policy.
7. I agree to be present during the 2026 Miss Treasure Mountain Festival pageant to crown my successor.
8. I agree to hold harmless the Treasure Mountain Festival and its representatives in case of an accident. My parents/guardians/self will provide any/and/all medical expenses incurred to me as Titleist.

9. I understand that if I fail to complete any assigned duties listed in the contract above or Rules and Regulations that the festival will have the right to declare my title void, and I will return all prizes and awards to the festival.

***With my signature I certify I have read this agreement, rules, and regulations and understand them. I further understand in the event I do not fulfill any of the above agreements, unless extenuating circumstances prevail, the festival will have the right to terminate this agreement and select a successor at its discretion.***

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Signature of Contestant

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Date

West Virginia Associations of Fairs and Festivals Convention and Pageant  
Ticket Order Contract

Ms. Pageant

***I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby certify that I understand if I do not submit a complete list of guests planning to attend the West Virginia Association of Fairs and Festivals (WVAFF) Convention and Pageant in January 2024 as well as payment for these guests' tickets to director Katlyn Ruddle or director Jenny Ruddle by October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 that the Treasure Mountain Festival Association will not be responsible for ordering guest tickets.***

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand if this deadline is not met that any guests planning to attend will be responsible for ordering their own ticket.

\_\_\_\_\_ I also understand that the Treasure Mountain Festival Association is not responsible for reimbursement of funds or ticket resale if a guest chooses to not attend the convention after purchase of a ticket.

The Treasure Mountain Festival Association will order tickets after a guest list and payment is received as only a courtesy. This is **not** required of any Fair or Festival Association.

***With my signature I certify I have read this agreement, rules, and regulations and understand them.***

**Contestant Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



### 2025 Pageant Application

Ms.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City & State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Name & Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Food: \_\_\_\_\_ Favorite Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Attending School/Major/Job: \_\_\_\_\_

The most unusual thing about you is: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Your strongest talent is: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Advice you would like to share: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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Personal achievement you are most proud of: \_\_\_\_\_

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What is one life event that has influenced you in a positive way? \_\_\_\_\_

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Current or Future Goals: \_\_\_\_\_

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Hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_

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School & Community Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Applicant's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/ Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

*(if contestant is under 18 years old)*

**Mail or email application, recent head & shoulder photo, & sponsor fee (\$85 for Ms) to:**

**TMF Queen Pageant**

**Attn: Katlyn Ruddle**

**184 Ruddle Circle**

**Franklin, WV 26807**

**misstreasuremountain@gmail.com**

**\*\*\*Make checks payable to the *Treasure Mountain Festival Association***

**FINAL ENTRY DEADLINE: August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

### Medical Release Form

Ms.

**Please complete this form and return it with the application. We need this information in case of an emergency.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

1<sup>st</sup> Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

1<sup>st</sup> Guardian Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ 1<sup>st</sup> Guardian Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Guardian Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Guardian Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Physician: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**In Case of Emergency Contact:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Contact:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

**2<sup>nd</sup> Contact:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any medications currently being taken: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please list any allergies or other health problems: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Last Tetanus Shot: \_\_\_\_\_

Health Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy #: \_\_\_\_\_

***I give permission for the Treasure Mountain Festival Pageant Committee to seek medical care for \_\_\_\_\_ in the event of an emergency. I also give Emergency Service Workers and/or a physician permission to treat \_\_\_\_\_ if the medical need would arise.***

***I will not hold the Treasure Mountain Festival Association responsible for any accidents, injuries, or other health issues that may occur.***

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Contestant if over age 18)*

*(Parent/Legal Guardian if under age 18)*