



**OFFICIAL**

**2026 MISS WOODSTOCK SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT  
PROGRAM INFORMATION & CONTESTANT APPLICATION**



## Miss Woodstock Scholarship Pageant Program Mission

The Miss Woodstock Scholarship Pageant, hosted by the Woodstock Area Chamber of Commerce & Industry, represents the ideals of our community. The Miss Woodstock Scholarship Pageant Committee works diligently to provide opportunities for young women to discover their **REAL** selves.

We teach and encourage our contestants to be **respectful** for themselves and others.

We wish for our young women to **engage**, that each can learn about and give back to Woodstock so our community can be fortified by those who call it home.

We support and hope for each young woman to be her **authentic** self, and we celebrate that uniqueness.

As a Committee, we guide, support and recognize qualities of a female **leader** – virtues that will take our young women far beyond the Miss Woodstock Scholarship Pageant experience.

### Be REAL

- Respectful
- Engaging
- Authentic
- Leader

*Approved and Established by the Woodstock Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors  
January 20, 2023*

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### About the Woodstock Area Chamber of Commerce & Industry

The objectives of the Woodstock Chamber of Commerce and Industry are to develop, encourage, promote and protect the commercial, professional, financial and general business interests of the City of Woodstock; to extend and promote trade and commerce with residents and visitors; to encourage development of transportation and communications facilities, workforce, and the various resources of the city; to advocate for laws and regulations desirable for the benefit of business in general; and provide a forum for business interests.

As the advocate for the business community, the Woodstock Area Chamber of Commerce and Industry provide programs and services to ensure a favorable business climate and acts as the vehicle to promote the area's economic and social progress.



## OFFICIAL MISS AND LITTLE MISS WOODSTOCK CONTESTANT PACKET

2026 Miss/Little Miss Woodstock Scholarship Pageant: Friday, May 29, 2026 at 7:00 PM

### SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

#### **Miss Woodstock 2026**

- ❖ \$2,500 \*Educational scholarship. If advanced education is not pursued, a donation to the contestant's favorite charity will be made on her behalf.
- ❖ Crown, Sash, Plaque, and Floral Arrangement will be awarded.

#### **Miss Woodstock First Runner-Up**

- ❖ \$750 \*Educational Scholarship, Sash, Plaque, Floral Arrangement will be awarded.

#### **Little Miss Woodstock 2026**

- ❖ \$250 \*Educational Scholarship, Crown, Sash, Plaque, Floral Arrangement will be awarded.

#### **Talent Award – 1 each for Miss Woodstock and Little Miss Woodstock Contestants**

- ❖ \$100 Cash Prize and Award Plaque

Other awards will be given, including Miss Congeniality and People's Choice.

All pageant contestants receive a pageant t-shirt and sponsor sash.

Only the first 10 Miss applications and 7 Little Miss applications will be accepted. Please include a printed recent headshot (2"x3" - 8" x10") with your application. **Applications will be released to the public beginning on Wednesday, March 4, 2026. Submissions for Applications, Fees, and Sponsorships are open from Thursday, March 19th through Wednesday, March 25th, 2026.**

The application fee of \$50.00 must be submitted with your application. **The fee may be paid by the sponsor but is not included in the sponsorship.** Please make checks payable to: *Woodstock Chamber of Commerce*

#### **All entries must be hand delivered to:**

Woodstock Area Chamber of Commerce Office, 101 N. Johnson Street, Unit 1A, Woodstock, IL 60098 (During business hours)

\*Educational scholarships are payable directly to the school/institution upon proof of acceptance and registration for college or trade certification (terms apply). Available for two years following the end of the reign.

## PAGEANT ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All applications are subject to review and approval by the Miss Woodstock Scholarship Pageant Committee. All decisions of the Miss Woodstock Scholarship Committee are final.

### SCORED CATEGORIES

Pageant contestants are judged in the following five (5) areas:

1. **Individual Interviews:** Conducted IN PRIVATE for ten minutes (Miss Contestants) and five minutes (Little Miss Contestants) with the judges, 2 days prior to the pageant event. All other judging takes place during the actual pageant. A dress or business attire is required.
2. **Personal Showcase:** 1 ½ minutes maximum duration. The contestant demonstrates **one** talent or skill she wishes to display to the crowd and judges. This will show a unique side to each contestant. **Contestants are not allowed to have an accompanist, assistant, or any other person on the stage during this phase of competition. All tracks must be prerecorded, and approved by pageant Co-Directors.**
3. **Evening Wear:** Formal attire that allows you to demonstrate your personality with confidence, grace, and poise. This includes evening gown for Miss contestants, and an Easter Sunday Style dress for the Little Miss contestants. Floor length gown for Miss Contestants, and above the ankle for Little Miss Contestants. Consult with the Pageant Co-Directors for additional ideas if needed. Evening wear is the responsibility of the candidates and selections are subject to approval by Co-Directors.
4. **Sponsor Showcase (Miss Only):** Two minutes maximum duration. Each candidate will spend time getting to know their sponsor and then create a speech accompanied by a visual presentation to showcase the business. The Scholarship Pageant Committee will assist you with the preparation; a dress or business attire is required. (Little Miss contestants do not perform a Sponsor Showcase)
5. **On Stage Question:** Each contestant will answer one impromptu question on stage during the pageant competition. Questions will not be provided to contestants ahead of time, to truly showcase public communication skills on the spot.
6. **Commitment & Compliance:** Scored by attendance & timeliness of each contestant, NOT by the judges. This category evaluates a contestant's commitment, reliability, and preparedness throughout the pageant process. Contestants start off with a base score for this category, and points will be deducted based on attendance at all required rehearsals, meetings, and official events, as well as the timely and accurate submission of all required contestant materials, forms, and information by established deadlines.

NOTE: All clothing required for the pageant is subject to the review and approval of the Miss Woodstock Scholarship Pageant Co-Directors to ensure consistency, professionalism and modesty. An additional attire style guide will be provided.

### MISS WOODSTOCK ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Contestants must a) live within the boundaries of Woodstock Community Unit School District 200 or live in the Woodstock Area Zip Code (60098); b) be between the ages of 16 and 21; c) not currently married; d) not currently pregnant; e) have been resident of Woodstock for at least one (1) year prior to attending college, if currently enrolled in college and; f) a legal U.S. resident.
2. No record of behavior considered illegal appearing in social media and/or provided evidence to the Miss Woodstock Pageant Committee/Co-Directors.
  - a. **Any contestant or titleholder found to have engaged in smoking, vaping, illegal drug use, or underage alcohol consumption will be subject to immediate disqualification.**
    - i. For contestants, if documented evidence includes a timestamp within six (6) months preceding the scheduled pageant date, the individual will be immediately disqualified from competition.
    - j. For newly crowned titleholders, if documented evidence includes a timestamp within eighteen (18) months preceding the following year's pageant date, the individual will be required to immediately relinquish their title and forfeit their scholarship.
  - b. **Any contestant or titleholder found to have participated in the creation or distribution of explicit photographs or videos will be subject to immediate disqualification or removal of title.**
    - i. For contestants, if documented evidence includes a timestamp within six (6) months prior to the scheduled pageant date, the individual will be immediately disqualified from the competition.
    - j. For newly crowned titleholders, if documented evidence includes a timestamp within eighteen (18) months prior to the following year's pageant date, the individual will be required to immediately relinquish their title.
    - i. **Contestants and titleholders may not post, share, or appear in any photographs, videos, or audio content that displays inappropriate or explicit behavior or language on any social media platforms, whether on their own accounts or those of others (including, but not limited to, Instagram, TikTok, Facebook, Snapchat, and similar platforms).**
    - j. If such content is identified, disciplinary action will be determined and enforced by the Pageant Committee based on the nature of the severity of the violation. Disciplinary actions may include, but are not limited to, point deductions, immediate disqualification, removal from official events, and relinquishment of title.
  - c. **Contestants and titleholders who are twenty-one (21) years of age may not appear in photographs or videos depicting the consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages on any social media platform, whether on their own accounts or those of others.**
3. Miss Woodstock 2026 must be able to fulfill the duties, obligations, and mandatory events that will be associated with the title. Should you win Miss Woodstock 2026, the pageant Co-Directors will provide a schedule of mandatory/non-negotiable events.
4. All contestants are sponsored by a local member of the Woodstock Business Community. It is the responsibility of each contestant to secure her business sponsorship and collect their sponsor fees. The Pageant Committee is



happy to assist with finding a sponsor, if needed. Contestants may not be sponsored by a business owned (wholly or in part) by their own family. **The deadline for turning in sponsor fees is Wednesday, March 25, 2026. Sponsorship information must be COMPLETED at the time the application is submitted.**

5. Previous Miss Woodstock Scholarship Pageant winners are not eligible to compete. You may enter the pageant again if you competed in a past pageant but did not win the title of Miss Woodstock.
6. All Contestants must attend all scheduled activities, meetings and/or rehearsals. Upon acceptance of a contestant's application, she will receive a calendar of events at our first group meeting. These meetings and rehearsals are designed to prepare each contestant for all aspects of the competition and it's therefore imperative that each contestant put forth the effort to attend. **\*Attendance will be part of the contestants total score on pageant night and will be used as a tiebreaker for the title of Miss Woodstock.**
7. Please submit one printed photograph attached to the application for identification purposes. Preferred photo size is 2in x 3in up to 8in x 10in.

#### **LITTLE MISS WOODSTOCK ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

1. Contestants must a) live within the boundaries of Woodstock Community Unit School District 200 or live in the Woodstock Area Zip Code (6009); b) between the ages of 8 and 12; c) have been resident of Woodstock for at least one (1) year; d) a legal U.S. resident; and e) no record of behavior considered illegal appearing in social media.
2. Little Miss Woodstock 2026 must be able to fulfill the duties, obligations, and mandatory events that will be associated with the title. Should you win Little Miss Woodstock 2026, the pageant Co-Directors will provide a schedule of mandatory/non-negotiable events.
3. All contestants are sponsored by a local member of the Woodstock Business Community. It is the responsibility of each contestant to secure her business sponsorship and collect their sponsor fees. The Pageant Committee is happy to assist with finding a sponsor, if needed. Contestants may not be sponsored by a business owned (wholly or in part) by their own family. **The deadline for turning in sponsor fees is Wednesday, March 25, 2026. Sponsorship information must be COMPLETED at the time the application is submitted.**
4. Previous Little Miss Woodstock Pageant winners are not eligible to compete. You may enter the pageant again if you competed in a past pageant but did not win the title of Little Miss Woodstock.
5. All Contestants must attend all scheduled activities, meetings and/or rehearsals. Upon acceptance of a contestant's application, she will receive a calendar of events at our first group meeting. These meetings and rehearsals are designed to prepare each contestant for all aspects of the competition and it's therefore imperative that each contestant put forth the effort to attend. **\*Attendance will be a part of the contestants total score on pageant night and will be used as a tiebreaker for the title of Little Miss Woodstock.**
6. Please submit one printed photograph attached to the application for identification purposes. The preferred photo size is 2in x 3in up to 8in x 10in.

**CONTESTANT APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT THE \$50.00 APPLICATION FEE.**

**Contestant Application Fee & Sponsor Deadline is Wednesday, March 25, 2026**



### IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

**\*Please keep this schedule to reference throughout the process\***

Wednesday, March 4, 2026 – Applications available to the public.

Wednesday, March 18, 2026 - Pageant Informational Meeting (6 PM at Ethereal Event Space on Cass St.) Open to anyone interested in learning more about the Miss Woodstock Scholarship Pageant.

**Thursday, March 19, 2026 – Contestant Application and Fee Open for Submissions**

**Wednesday, March 25, 2026 – DEADLINE - Contestant Application, contestant Fee, Sponsor Fee due to the Woodstock Area Chamber of Commerce & Industry (101 N. Johnson St., Unit 1A, Old Courthouse Center).**

**\*All rehearsals are from 6pm – 8pm: Little Miss contestants will be released and ready for pickup at 7pm on rehearsal days.**

Wednesday, April 1, 2026 – Parents Meeting (Miss & Little Miss Parents) & First Regular Rehearsal (MANDATORY). 6PM at Ethereal Event Space on Cass St. **Remainder of rehearsals will be CLOSED to contestants and pageant committee only, unless specified otherwise.**

Wednesday, April 8, 2026 – Regular Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 15, 2026 – Regular Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 22, 2026 – Regular Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 29, 2026 – Regular Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 6, 2026 – Regular Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 13, 2026 – Regular Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 20, 2026 – Regular Rehearsal (Little Miss Contestants will be required to stay until 8pm)

Monday, May 25, 2026 – Memorial Day Parade (on the Square, Meeting time TBA)

Tuesday, May 26, 2026 – Tech Rehearsal Evening, Time TBA

Wednesday, May 27, 2026 – Miss Woodstock Interviews (Chamber Office, Time TBA)

Thursday, May 28, 2026 – Miss Woodstock Dress Rehearsal (Woodstock Opera House, Time TBA)

Friday, May 29, 2026 – Miss Woodstock Pageant (Woodstock Opera House, Call Time TBA)

**\*Contestant Photo shoot date and time is TBD – Pageant Co-Directors will coordinate a date and time and provide to contestants and parents when available.**



**2026 OFFICIAL MISS & LITTLE MISS WOODSTOCK SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT APPLICATION**

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

T-Shirt Size (circle one): XS S M L XL XXL Adult or Youth Size – All are Women’s Cut

Address & City: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Business Sponsor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Please Attach Sponsor Form and Check**

Parents’ Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Where do you currently attend school? \_\_\_\_\_

What high school did/do you attend? (Miss) \_\_\_\_\_

What year did/will you graduate from high school? (Miss) \_\_\_\_\_

By signing below, I am verifying that to the best of my knowledge, the answers are true. I also, by signing, agree to abide by the pageant rules and regulations and acknowledge that the decisions made by the Miss Woodstock Scholarship Pageant Committee are final.

Candidate’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parental Waiver | PARENT(S) OR LEGAL GUARDIAN (if candidate is under 18 years of age):

I/We hereby give permission and/or approval for my/our child to participate in the 2025 Miss Woodstock or Little Miss Woodstock Scholarship Pageant.

Print name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Print name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your desire to participate in the Miss Woodstock Scholarship Pageant!

**Please see the next page for additional information and required documentation.**



### Miss/Little Miss Woodstock – Application Checklist

1. A recent photo (8x10)
2. The Official Contestant Application Form (Featured Above)
3. The signed social media form and photo release form
4. Letter of recommendation from teacher or employer (Miss contestants only)
5. \$50.00 Application Fee
6. **COMPLETED** Sponsorship Form & Sponsorship Fee  
(Make checks payable to: Woodstock Chamber of Commerce)

All entries must be hand delivered to Woodstock Area Chamber of Commerce & Industry Office, 101 N. Johnson St. Unit 1A, Woodstock, IL 60098 (Old Courthouse Center). **\*Application & Sponsor Deadline: Wednesday, March 25, 2026. Must have all the above to be considered a completed application. \***



## WOODSTOCK AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY PHOTO RELEASE FORM

### PHOTO RELEASE FOR ADULTS

I, being of legal age, hereby consent that the videotapes, photographs and/or motion picture film in which I appear, and/or audio recordings made of my voice may be used by The Woodstock Area Chamber of Commerce & Industry, its assigns, or successors, in whatever way they desire, including television. Furthermore, I hereby consent that such photographs, films and recordings, and the plates and/or tapes from which they are made shall be their property, and they shall have the right to sell, duplicate, reproduce, and make other uses of such photographs, films, recordings, places, and tapes as they may desire free and clear of any claim whatever on my part. IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand, in the State of Illinois,

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

### PHOTO RELEASE FOR MINORS

I being Parent/Guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, hereby consent that the videotapes, photographs and/or motion picture film for which she posed, and/or audio recordings made of her voice may be used by The Woodstock Area Chamber of Commerce, its assigns or successors, in whatever way they desire, including television. Furthermore, I hereby consent that such photographs, films, and recordings and the plates and/or tapes from which they are made shall be their property, and they shall have the right to sell, duplicate, reproduce and make other uses of such photographs, films, recordings, plates, and tapes as they may desire free and clear of any claim whatsoever on my part. IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand, in the State of Illinois,

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

Name of Contestant (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_



## MISS WOODSTOCK SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT SOCIAL MEDIA RULES AND REGULATIONS

All contestants must keep their social media accounts free from all profanity, indecent exposures, slander, or any other disgraceful behavior.

All photos, videos, posts, etc. that display indecency in any way should be taken down and brought to the attention of the pageant Co-Directors. If you, as a contestant or guardian of a contestant, become aware of an inappropriate photo, post, video, etc. that may be considered in violation of these policies, please contact the Pageant Co-Directors as soon as possible. This includes:

1. No record of behavior considered illegal appearing in social media and/or provided evidence to the Miss Woodstock Pageant Committee/Co-Directors.
  - a. Any contestant or titleholder found to have engaged in smoking, vaping, illegal drug use, or underage alcohol consumption will be subject to immediate disqualification.
  - b. Any contestant or titleholder found to have participated in the creation or distribution of explicit photographs or videos will be subject to immediate disqualification or removal of title.
  - c. Contestants and titleholders may not post, share, or appear in any photographs, videos, or audio content that displays inappropriate or explicit behavior or language on any social media platform. Whether on their own accounts or those of others (including, but not limited to, Instagram, TikTok, Facebook, Snapchat, and similar platforms).
  - d. Contestants and titleholders who are twenty-one (21) years of age may not appear in photographs or videos depicting the consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages on any social media platform, whether on their own account or those of others.

If any contestant or guardian of a contestant is found to be slandering the Woodstock Area Chamber of Commerce & Industry, the Pageant Committee, or any pageant affiliated bodies, including fellow contestants, said contestant may be disqualified from participating in the current year's pageant or entering the pageant indefinitely in future years.

The Woodstock Area Chamber of Commerce & Industry and the Miss Woodstock Scholarship Pageant program have a ZERO TOLERANCE policy for cyber bullying.

If at any time during the pageant journey, a contestant, titleholder, or associated family member is determined by the Pageant Committee to have violated our social media rules and regulations, she will be disqualified and de-crowned and the First Runner-Up crowned Miss Woodstock.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ agree to abide by these rules and regulations in the topic of social media.

\_\_\_\_\_ Parent and/or Guardian Signature (if contestant is under 18 years of age)



**2026 MISS WOODSTOCK SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT SPONSORSHIP REGISTRATION FORM**

Sponsoring Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Business Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Social Media Profiles: Facebook: \_\_\_\_\_

Instagram: \_\_\_\_\_ Twitter: \_\_\_\_\_

Contestant(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsorship Type (Check below all that apply) Sponsorship Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTESTANT SPONSORSHIPS**

\_\_\_ Miss Woodstock Contestant \$450

\_\_\_ Little Miss Woodstock Contestant \$350



## CONTESTANT SPONSORSHIPS

**Miss Woodstock Contestant Sponsor:**

**Cost: \$450**

- 2-minute Company Showcase, collaboratively scripted/created between contestant and sponsor. Presented live on stage at Miss Woodstock Pageant by the contestant as part of her judged requirements.
- 1/4-page advertisement in the full-color program booklet
- The Contestant represents your business at important community functions including parades, chamber mixers, photo ops, and other media coverage, wearing the sash with sponsor's corporate name.
- Two complimentary tickets to the Pageant
- Highlighted company recognition for sponsorship on Chamber and Miss Woodstock website for the duration of sponsorship.
- Social Media recognition on Chamber and Miss Woodstock's Facebook and Instagram accounts.
- Opportunity to host the *People's Choice Fundraiser Award*, generating added foot traffic and visibility through community voting leading up to the pageant.
- Does not include contestant application fee \$50 (contestant to pay this fee). A sponsor may choose to cover this fee.



## CONTESTANT SPONSORSHIPS

**Little Miss Woodstock Contestant Sponsor:**

**Cost: \$350**

- 1/4-page advertisement in the full-color program booklet
- The Contestant represents your business at important community functions including parades, chamber mixers, photo ops, and other media coverage, wearing the sash with sponsor's corporate name.
- Two complimentary tickets to the Pageant
- Highlighted company recognition for sponsorship on Chamber and Miss Woodstock's website for the duration of sponsorship.
- Social Media recognition on Chamber and Miss Woodstock's Facebook and Instagram accounts.
- Opportunity to host the *People's Choice Fundraiser Award*, generating added foot traffic and visibility through community voting leading up to the pageant.
- Does not include contestant application fee \$50 (contestant to pay this fee). A sponsor may choose to cover this fee.