



The 57th Annual Carolina Dogwood Festival Pageant will be held on April 25th 2026 at Shearer Hall (In the Main Building) (address is 500 W. Broad Street Statesville. As a contestant you will be a part of one of the longest running and most prestigious festival pageants in the state of North Carolina.

Three Queens will be crowned and runner-ups awarded based on the following areas of competition:

Teen- (13-16 years) - Private Interview/Fitness/Talent/Evening Gown

Miss-(17-24 years) - Private Interview/Swimsuit/Talent/Evening Gown

Ms-(25+)- Private Interview/Casual Wear(Pretty In Pink)/Talent(Optional)/Evening Gown

There will also be a Talent Award and an optional Photogenic Award presented for each age group along with one Overall Community Service winner based on a written essay. Contestants must submit a color headshot photo for the program book along with the attached entry materials. **The entry deadline for all documents, program photos, ads, and fees is April 1st, 2026!** There will also be a mandatory contestant meeting on March 28th at 2:00pm Location 701 W. Front Street, Statesville NC 28677 Please keep an eye on our Social Media Pages!

We are proud of the long-standing tradition of the Carolina Dogwood Festival and are thrilled that many of our former queens have gone on to win local, state, and national pageants in other systems. We believe that by providing meaningful appearance opportunities, our Queens are able to develop career skills, build character, and make lifelong friends. We are excited that you are interested in participating and we will be happy to answer any questions that you have regarding the pageant.

For more information contact:

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Entry Form for the 2026 Carolina Dogwood Pageant

(Please type or print in black ink)

Please check age division: Teen: _____ Queen: _____ Ms: _____

Name: _____

First

Middle

Last

Age: _____ *(as of April 25 2026)* Date of Birth: _____

Parents: _____ Spouse (Ms. only): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Siblings: _____

Children (Ms. only): _____

Sponsored by: _____

School: _____ Grade/year: _____

Ambition: _____

Hobbies/Interests: _____

Scholastic Honors:

Community Involvement:

Favorite TV Show: _____ Favorite Movie: _____

Favorite Book: _____ Favorite Food: _____

Type of Talent Presentation: _____

(ex. vocal, lyrical dance, tap dance, ballet, piano, etc.)

***Talent time limit is not to exceed 2:30 minutes**

Talent Music Title: _____

Talent Introduction: _____

*Please email music to carolinadogwoodfestival@yahoo.com with Contestants name, name of the song and Division

Do you need a microphone? _____ (yes or no)

Are you on stage prior to music starting? _____ (yes or no)

All documents, photos, and fees due by March 28, 2026

Email to: (preferred)

Carolina Dogwood Festival Pageant Cheryl Tavares

PROGRAM BOOK AD SALES INFORMATION

The absolute deadline for ad sales is April 1st 2026 in order to meet publishing requirements. Our program size is 8.5 X 11 and is printed in full color.

Camera-ready ads may be submitted by email to:

in JPEG format to: carolinadogwoodfestival@yahoo.com.

If necessary, we may assist in the ad design for no extra charge but we must have all information no later than April 1st 2026 to provide this service.

AD PRICES

Business card (1/8 page) \$30.00

1 / 4 page \$40.00

1 / 2 page \$60.00

Full page \$100.00

There will be a cash prize for most Ad Sales awarded on stage at crowning

Interview (All age groups)

Wardrobe: Business suit, pantsuit, or dress that is business-like and age appropriate Judging criteria: Personality, ability to communicate, poise, grooming, posture, knowledge base for age level, confidence

Interview setting: Panel of 3-4 judges, contestant will stand or sit

Length: 8 Minutes

Evening Gown (All age groups)

Wardrobe: Floor length and age appropriate, beading/rhinestones/sequins are allowed Judging Criteria: Poise, posture, gracefulness, stage presence, grooming, confidence On-stage response: 1 question from the interview will be asked on stage for a response

Swimsuit (Miss only)

Wardrobe: 1 or 2-piece fashion or competition swimsuit that is in good taste,. A wrap or cover-up is allowed. Judging Criteria: Poise, posture, and fitness, stage presence, &, overall confidence

Fitness Wear (Teen only)

Wardrobe: Athletic wear, or sports attire (no costumes) Judging Criteria: Personality, posture and general fitness, stage presence & overall confidence

Casual Wear Pretty In Pink (Ms. only)

Wardrobe: Age appropriate daytime outfit, playwear, sundress, shorts outfit, etc that reflects the interests and personality of the contestant. It should have some element of pink color overall OR as an accent color.

Judging Criteria: Personality, stage presence, & overall confidence

Talent (All age groups – optional for Ms.)

*A Talent Award will be presented in each age division

Wardrobe: Based on type of talent – should be age appropriate and not too revealing Judging criteria: On-stage personality and stage presence, technical ability for age, appropriateness of costume

Length: 2:30 minutes maximum (over time limit will result in point deduction) for all ages

Accompaniment: All music must be emailed two weeks before the pageant. Once received we will not change the music, we also cannot alter or cut your music for you.

PAGEANT AWARDS

Carolina Dogwood Queen Prize Package

\$2000 College Scholarship
Official Crown / Official Monogrammed Banner / Queen's trophy
Feature page on the Carolina Dogwood website and much more!
Other Age Division Recognition:
1st Runner-up
2nd Runner-up
Talent Award
Swimsuit Award
Optional Photogenic Winner

Teen Carolina Dogwood Princess Prize Package

\$250 Cash award
Official Crown / Official Monogrammed Banner / Queen's trophy
Feature page on the Carolina Dogwood website and much more!
Other Age Division Awards:
1st Runner-up
2nd Runner-up
Talent Award
Fitness Award
Optional Photogenic Winner

Ms. Dogwood Queen Prize Package

\$250 Cash award
Official Crown / Official Monogrammed Banner / Queen's trophy
Feature page on the Carolina Dogwood website and much more!
Other Age Division Awards:
1st Runner-up
2nd Runner-up
Optional Talent Award
Pretty In Pink Award
Optional Photogenic Winner

OVERALL AWARDS

Catherine Casstevens Spirit of Dogwood Award
Cinamon Loyd Community Service Award
Gary Sherrill Interview Award
Miss Congeniality Award

*****All contestants will receive a goody bag*****