



NEWSLETTER

Lauren Plank crowned Miss New Hampshire and Kendall Laroche crowned Miss New Hampshire's Teen

Two lucky young women achieved their dreams of being crowned Miss New Hampshire and Miss New Hampshire's Teen at the state competitions held on May 1st and May 2nd, 2026 at Pinkerton Academy's Stockbridge Theatre in Derry, New Hampshire. As new state titleholders, both young women will go on to compete at the national Miss America and Miss America's Teen competitions later this year.

Lauren Plank, 21, was crowned Miss New Hampshire 2026, competing against 23 other young women ages 18 - 28 from across the Granite State for the coveted title. She will serve as the 80th Miss New Hampshire. She was awarded a \$15,000 scholarship and starts her year of service during which she will promote community service among young people. Lauren performed a jazz dance during the talent portion of the competition and entered the competition holding the local title of Miss Bedford. A junior at the University of New Hampshire, she is an aspiring elementary school teacher.

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**Miss NH & Miss NH's Teen
Miss America Trunk Show**
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Kendall Laroche, 15, was crowned Miss New Hampshire's Teen 2026, competing against 21 other young women ages 14 - 18 from across the Granite State. She was awarded a \$5,000 scholarship and starts her year of service during which she will continue to promote breast cancer awareness. Kendall performed a lyrical dance during the talent portion of the competition and entered the competition holding the local title of Miss Capital Area's Teen. She is a sophomore at Trinity High School where she is on the honor roll.



Check out our refreshed Miss New Hampshire **Merch Store** with new styles featuring **America 250** themed apparel and accessories!

[**Miss New Hampshire Store**](#)



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West Palm Beach, FL

TEEN PRELIM:

Tues SEPT 1, 7pm ET

MISS PRELIM:

Wed SEPT 2, 7pm ET

TALENT PRELIMS:


Thur SEPT 3, TBD

TEEN FINALS:

Sat SEPT 5, 7pm ET

MISS FINALS:

Sun SEPT 6, 7pm ET

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Join us in cheering on Lauren and Kendall on the national stage!



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2026 Miss Finalists

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- **Lauren Plank:** Miss New Hampshire 2026 (\$15,000)
- **Olivia Parzick:** First Runner-Up (\$5,000)
- **Emma Polyukhovich:** Second Runner-Up (\$3,750)
- **Megan Soucy:** Third Runner-Up (\$2,500)
- **Rose McKeen:** Fourth Runner-Up (\$1,750)

2026 Teen Finalists

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- **Kendall Laroche:** Miss New Hampshire's Teen 2025 (\$5,000)
- **Cameron Philbrick:** First Runner-Up (\$3,000)
- **Riley Harlow:** Second Runner-Up (\$2,000)
- **Meagan Grace Murphy:** Third Runner-Up (\$1,250)
- **Ella Geraci:** Fourth Runner-Up (\$750)



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Lauren Plank



Miss America Program Book



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Kendall Laroche

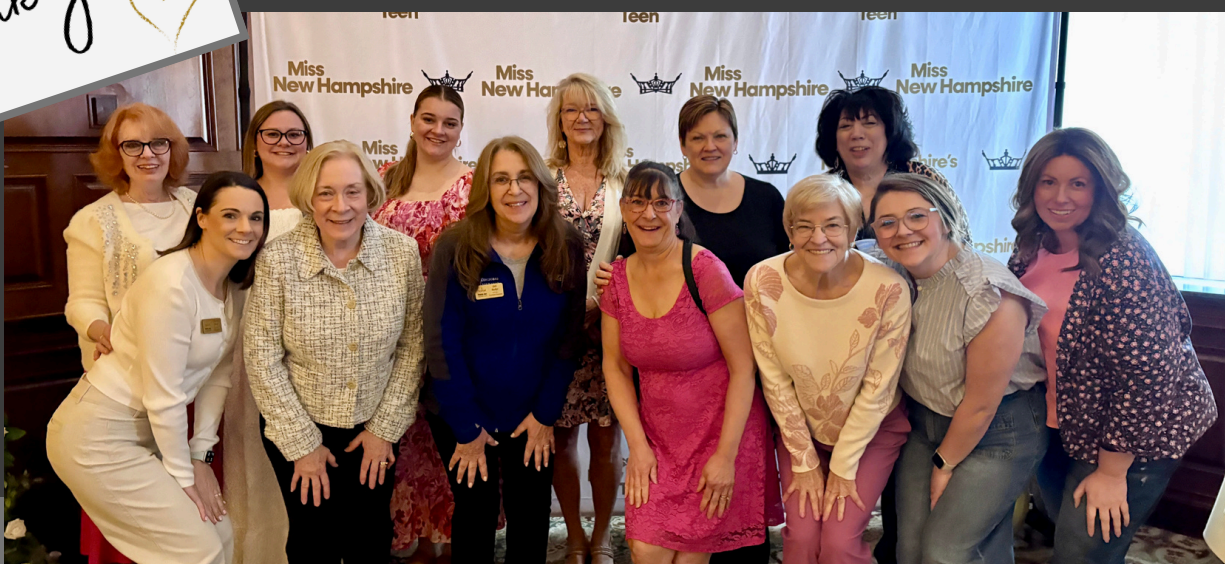
Looking for a way to support Lauren & Kendall this year?

Consider donating to their AHA Go Red for Women campaigns or Miss America Program Book pages

Thank You Local Directors!

We would like to extend our deepest appreciation and gratitude to our local directors for the hard work, dedication, and commitment they provide to the Miss New Hampshire Scholarship Program. Your leadership is essential to providing opportunities for scholarship, mentorship, and personal growth for young women across the state. The time, care, and passion you invest are reflected in the quality of our state program and the positive impact you make across New Hampshire.

Thank you for all you do!



Learn more about our local programs on our [website](http://www.missnh.org).



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2026 Celebration Luncheon

Thanks to everyone who joined us for our celebration to kick off Miss New Hampshire Week, featuring lunch, special awards, and recognition of our Miss and Teen Class of 2026!



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Special thanks to:
Get Down Tonight Entertainment
DJ Nick
Katrina Bernard Photography
Puritan Backroom, Manchester, NH

We would like to thank all of our amazing volunteers and production team who make our annual state competition a success!



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Catching up with Miss New Hampshire 1979 Monica Skiathitis Charpentier!

We caught up with Monica to see what she has been up to since completing her year of service.

How did you first get involved with the Miss New Hampshire Scholarship Program?

My mom and I had attended every state competition since 1970 and I looked forward to the time when I could participate. After transferring from Columbia College in Missouri where I was attending on my NH's Junior Miss scholarship, I entered my college local in 1979 and went on to become the 33rd Miss NH on my first try that June. I was the 13th Miss NH College and the first to become Miss NH.

What are you up to today and how have you stayed involved with the program?

I've stayed active with the program in the 47 years since my year of service – locals emcee and judge, candidate mentor, makeup gift sponsor from 1985-1995 before Kriss, former Patron and later charter member of the Century Club, and most recently dubbed our official historian. I've tried to pay it forward over the years and have witnessed so many young women grow and flourish into strong adults through their experiences in this program.

On a personal level, I've had careers as an administrative assistant, side gigs with makeup and fashion companies, and currently as my husband's Chief of Staff for our wood floor contracting business, Olde Tyme Craftsmen Exquisite Wood Floors, now in our 43rd year of operation. We are very involved with our church and for 10 years I led a fun and impactful drama ministry. I've also performed competitive drama and was active in the local community theatre scene for many years. And I've coupled all of that with motherhood for our two children, Kelsey and Danny, and 13 pets we've loved over the years.

What did you gain from participating in the Miss NH Scholarship Program?

So many memorable things.... But I'll always remember the myriad of marriage proposals I received from the Little League All Stars at the NH Baseball Dinner, all written on dinner napkins and passed on to me from the baseball stars on the dais with me. And it was a dream come true to compete on the famous Miss America stage and walk that iconic runway! And three of my four years of college tuition were paid for with scholarships awarded by my two state titles.

What is a fun fact or something people might be surprised to learn about you?

My new passion is dog sports. With four young active pups, they are involved in dog agility, scent work, tricks, and rally. We'll never retire because all our extra monies go to their classes and trials! But we are getting to visit places in New England that are new to us. And I am learning tai chi!



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2026 Miss contestants participate in self-defense class during competition week

The 24 contestants competing for Miss New Hampshire 2026 enjoyed an informative self-defense class taught by our generous sponsor **Jeremy Woodward** at **Live Life to the Fittest!**

Thank you Jeremy!



Miss NH in the news



Listen to our new Miss New Hampshire 2026, **Lauren Plank**, join forever Miss New Hampshire 2024, **Emily Spencer**, on WZID's New Hampshire in the Morning radio show to talk about what she's looking forward to this year.



Read about the **Miss New Hampshire Scholarship Program** supporting our national partner at the Best Buddies Friendship Walk in Concord on May 9th.



Read about our new Miss New Hampshire, **Lauren Plank**, and Miss New Hampshire's Teen, **Kendall Laroche**, crowned at the 2026 state competition in the New Hampshire Union Leader, the largest daily newspaper in the state.

To suggest a topic for a future newsletter, use our [topic suggestion form](#) or email media@missnh.org!



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2026 Scholarship Awards

HIGHLIGHTS



We handed out over 100 individual scholarship awards totaling > **\$100,000** this year! We are featuring just a few of our award winners here and would like to congratulate all of our award winners. Thank you to our generous donors who make these awards possible!



Northeast Delta Dental STEM Awards

We were grateful to have Tom Raffio return to the Miss New Hampshire stage in 2026 to award the Northeast Delta Dental STEM Awards. **Amy Cohen, Maddy Hawkes,** and **Olivia Parzick** were honored with this award, each taking home a \$2,000 scholarship! Thank you Tom and Northeast Delta Dental for continuing to generously support this scholarship!



A new award in 2026, the **Freedom Compounding Compassion** awards were awarded to **Megan Soucy** (Miss) and **Abigail Lamson** (Teen). Each earned a **\$500** scholarship!



A new award in 2026, the **Janusz Community Spark** awards were awarded to **Lacey Linkkila** (Miss) and **Lilah Dugas** (Teen). Each earned a **\$250** scholarship!



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Reminder →

Scholarship award winners can access their scholarship funds by visiting the Miss New Hampshire Scholarship Foundation Website ([request funds here!](#))



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MORE 2026 Scholarship Awards HIGHLIGHTS



A new award in 2026, the **Paula Randall Memorial Protect Your Peace** awards, were given to **Maddy Hawkes** (Miss) and **Molly Kerrigan** (Teen). Sponsored by Northeast Counseling & Coaching, this award honors the memory of Paula Randall, a psychotherapist and public servant dedicated to women's mental health. Each earned a **\$1,500** scholarship!

Maddy Hawkes was also recognized with the **Rockland Trust Women in Leadership Award** (\$1,500.00) and the new **Women in Business Award** (\$1,000), sponsored by Kate and Troy Spencer.



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American Heart Association Go Red for Women Fundraising Awards



Both our Miss and Teen contestants were recognized for their dedication to raising funds for the American Heart Association. Each top fundraiser earned a \$1,000 scholarship!

Ella Denney
Raised \$7,000!

Ella Geraci
Raised \$1,000!

Thanks to David Appleby for sponsoring these important awards!

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Thank you to all of our new scholarship donors this year!
Your generosity is creating opportunities for young women and helping them achieve their goals.

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2026 Evening Gown Awards

Sponsored by Brittany's Boutique



Lauren Plank

Overall Evening Gown
Preliminary Evening Gown



Olivia Parzick

Preliminary Evening Gown



Rose McKeen

Preliminary Evening Gown



Kendall Laroche

Preliminary Evening Gown



Riley Harlow

Overall Evening Gown
Preliminary Evening Gown

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Thank You

Thank you to the **Miss Capital Area Scholarship Program** for generously funding ties during the 2026 competitions, ensuring award winners received full scholarship amounts rather than split awards.



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2026 Talent Awards



Emma Polyukhovich
Pat's Car Service
Preliminary Talent Award



Kendall Laroche
Overall Talent Award
A Moment in Paradise
Preliminary Talent Award



Ella Geraci
A Moment in Paradise
Preliminary Talent Award

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She's got
TALENT



Alycia Leriche and **Lillian Corrow** brought incredible talent to the Miss New Hampshire stage! These talented young women shared (ties!) the **Overall Talent Award, Pat's Car Service Preliminary Talent Award**, and the **Forever Miss New Hampshire Talent Award**.

Each earned **\$1,125** in talent awards!

Way to go Alycia & Lillian



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Upcoming Local Competitions

Our local competition season is getting underway!

To compete at the state level for both Miss and Teen, you need to earn a local title during the local competition season. Contact the local program to confirm dates and for more information. We hope to see you on the stage!

Saturday, June 20, 2026

- Miss Greater Derry & Miss Greater Derry's Teen

Saturday June 27, 2026

- Miss Exeter & Miss Exeter's Teen
- Miss Stratham & Miss Stratham's Teen
- Miss Kingston & Miss Kingston's Teen
- Miss Seacoast & Miss Seacoast's Teen

Saturday, July 11, 2026

- Miss Manchester & Miss Manchester's Teen

Saturday, July 18, 2026

- Miss Nutfield & Miss Nutfield's Teen
- Miss Greater Nashua & Miss Greater Nashua's Teen
- Miss State Parks & Miss State Parks' Teen

Saturday, July 25, 2026

- Miss Portsmouth & Miss Portsmouth's Teen
- Miss Dover & Miss Dover's Teen

Sunday, July 26, 2026

- Miss Rockingham County & Miss Rockingham County's Teen
- Miss Auburn & Miss Auburn's Teen

Saturday, August 1, 2026

- Miss Winnepesaukee & Miss Winnepesaukee's Teen

Saturday, August 8, 2026

- Miss Capital Area's Teen
- Miss Liberty's Teen

Sunday, August 9, 2026

- Miss Capital Area
- Miss Liberty

Saturday, August 15, 2026

- Miss Lakes Region & Miss Lakes Region's Teen
- Miss Lilac State & Miss Lilac State's Teen
- Miss Gate City & Miss Gate City's Teen

Sunday, August 23, 2026

- Miss Bedford & Miss Bedford's Teen

Sunday, September 13, 2026

- Miss Souhegan Valley & Miss Souhegan Valley's Teen

Sunday, October 4, 2026

- Miss Greater Hooksett & Miss Greater Hooksett's Teen
- Miss Merrimack & Miss Merrimack's Teen

Saturday, November 7, 2026

- Miss Berlin-Gorham & Miss Berlin-Gorham's Teen

Dates are subject to change. For more information on individual programs and to confirm competition dates, please visit our [local programs website](#).

About the Miss New Hampshire Scholarship Program

The Miss New Hampshire Scholarship Program, Inc. is a registered 501(c)(4) non-profit organization and an official state program of the Miss America Organization. Scholarships are administered by the Miss New Hampshire Scholarship Foundation, Inc., a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. The mission of the program is to empower young women through scholarship competitions and to provide community service and leadership opportunities while fostering life-long friendships through the Miss America Organization. For more information about the program, to host Miss New Hampshire or Miss New Hampshire's Teen at a local event, or to donate to the scholarship foundation, please visit missnh.org.



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