Miss New Hampshire Scholarship Program, Inc.



NEWSLETTER



Upcoming Event

Miss NH & Miss NH's Teen Miss America Trunk Show

Thu, Aug 14th at 6 PM ET



<u>Click here for tickets</u> (must be purchased by Aug 7th!)

Local Competition Season in Full Swing!

The Miss New Hampshire Scholarship Program local competition season is off to an amazing start! From the first crowning in Derry to the seacoast and beyond, our local organizations are shining bright as they welcome a new class of remarkable young women committed to scholarship, service, style, and success.

It's Not Too Late!

Opportunities remain throughout the summer and fall—and your journey could start now! With thousands of scholarship dollars awarded annually, this program is about more than a crown—it's about community service, developing leadership skills, scholarship, and an empowering sisterhood. To compete in an upcoming local competition, visit www.missnh.org and contact the local directors listed.

Congratulations New Titleholders!

Miss America Announces Changes to Eligibility Requirements!

Be sure to check out the <u>updated eligibility</u>

<u>requirements</u> for age and residency. They

apply to this year's local season!

<u>Sign-up</u>

here to get

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

our Newsletter!

Countdown to Miss America 2026 in Orlando! A Global Celebration of Style, Service & Scholarship

Get ready for the national competition! From September 2–7, 2025, the iconic Miss America & Miss America's Teen Competition returns to the Walt Disney Theater at Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts in Orlando, marking the thrilling kickoff to the "Miss America's World 2026 Tour".

All the on-stage action—Teen Prelim on September 2, Miss Prelim on September 3, Talent Prelim on September 4, Teen Finals on September 6, and the Miss Finals on September 7—can be experienced live or streaming online. The preliminary shows and the final show of Miss America's Teen Competition will be available via Live Stream on PageantVision.com. The Finals for the 2026 Miss America Competition will be streamed live across all time zones at no charge, as well as streamed on YouTube and available on YouTube after the live event!

In addition to on-stage competition, the week will be packed with events that celebrate empowerment, service, scholarship, success, and sisterhood. From an Arrival Ceremony and festive Lu'au Welcome Dinner to the Miss America's Little Sisters Tea for Two, a Gala "Red Carpet" Dinner, Breakfast of Champions, and Teen and Miss coronation parties, it is sure to be an unforgettable week!

Save the date—Don't miss your chance to cheer on Xanthi and Megan, our incredible Miss New Hampshire and Miss New Hampshire's Teen—whether you're in the theater or tuning in from home, your support matters!

For more information visit missamerica.org.

Schedule of Events

This event spans six unforgettable days:

Teen Preliminaries: Tues, Sept 2 at 7 PM ET

Miss Preliminaries: Wed, Sept 3 at 7PM ET

Talent Preliminaries: Thurs, Sept 4 at 5 PM ET

Teen Finals: Sat, Sept 6 at 7PM ET

Miss Finals: Sun, Sept 7 at 7 PM ET

Visit <u>missamerica.org</u> for more information!



Miss New Hampshire Scholarship Program awards \$90,000 during state competitions

The Miss New Hampshire Scholarship Program awarded nearly \$90,000 in cash scholarships to young women at the state competitions held April 29 - May 3, 2025. We would like to thank our generous donors and sponsors who make these scholarships possible! We would also like to thank our competition judges and our special awards judges for their role in recognizing the incredible achievements and community service of our contestants. We will continue to feature our scholarship winners in future newsletters.

Donate!

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Scholarship award winners can access their scholarship funds by visiting the Miss New Hampshire Scholarship Foundation Website

request funds here!

2025 Competition Awards





SOPHIE SARGENTKatrina Bernard Photography
Photogenic Award



AVERY CHICK
Katrina Bernard Photography
Photogenic Award

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Thank you to our Photogenic Award sponsor, Katrina Bernard Photography!



2025 Competition Awards

Sisterhood

Miss

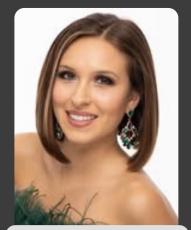


ROSE MCKEEN

Miss New Hampshire
Sisterhood Award



DYLAN NOURSEJackie Lee Memorial
Congeniality Award



XANTHI RUSSELL LAVO Beauty Inner Beauty Award

Teen



RYLYNN CLARK Lamontagne Family Congeniality Award



MOLLY KERRIGAN

Nault Family Random

Acts of Kindness Award



NOELLE PRINCE Alumni Heart Award





ABIGAIL LAMSON Miss NH's Teen Sisterhood Award



ABIGAIL LAMSON
LAVO Beauty
Inner Beauty Award

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From Miss New Hampshire to Local Director --- Catching

up with Sarah White!

We caught up with Sarah White, Miss New Hampshire 2022, 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?

I first started competing in the Pre-Teen program in 2006. It was my dance instructor at the time who initially introduced me to the organization, and after doing some research and learning more about the Miss New Hampshire Scholarship Program, I decided to give it a try. I quickly fell in love with the mission and values of the organization, especially its emphasis on service, scholarship, and lifelong success. What began as an additional opportunity to perform on stage and gain confidence became an integral part of my life.

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

Participating in the Miss New Hampshire Scholarship Program has given me so much more than I ever could have imagined. I received nearly \$57,000 in scholarships, which allowed me to completely pay off my undergraduate degree. I gained lifelong friendships and built lasting personal and professional skills. The program taught me to trust myself, my preparation, and timing, which helped me grow my confidence both on and off the stage.

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

Today, I'm working as a Registered Nurse with a specialty in Primary Care. It is incredibly fulfilling to care for patients and help them take charge of their personal health!



I have continued to stay involved with the Miss New Hampshire Scholarship Program as the Co-Director of the Miss Manchester Scholarship Program. It has been such a full-circle experience to give back to an organization that gave so much to me. I find great joy in mentoring young women, helping them grow, reach their goals, and gain the transformative experiences this organization has to offer.

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

A fun fact that often surprises people is that I absolutely love sloths! I have been fascinated by them for years - not just because they're adorable but also because they are such unique creatures. Their laidback nature reminds me of the importance of slowing down and being present, which is something I try to carry into my own life. I have collected sloth-themed items over the years, and visiting a sloth sanctuary is definitely on my bucket list!



Miss NH in the news



<u>Listen</u> to **Emily Spencer**, Miss New Hampshire 2024, on radio station WZID from 5 - 10am on weekday mornings!



<u>Listen</u> to **Lauren Meehan Machos**, Miss New Hampshire 2000, talk about how her involvement in the Miss New Hampshire and Miss America programs shaped her career. Lauren currently serves as the head thought leader liaison of Strategy & Partnerships and the oncology lead at Nuvalent, Inc.



<u>Read</u> about **Xanthi Russell**, Miss New Hampshire 2025, and local titleholders participating in the walk for inclusion for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities at the Best Buddies Seacoast Friendship Walk.

Upcoming Local Competitions

Our local competition season is underway!

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

Sunday, August 3, 2025

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

Saturday, August 9, 2025

- Miss Lakes Region & Miss Lakes Region's Teen
- Miss Lilac State & Miss Lilac State's Teen
- Miss Goffstown & Miss Goffstown's Teen

Sunday, August 17, 2025

Miss Winnipesaukee & Miss Winnipesaukee's Teen

Sunday, August 24, 2025

Miss Bedford & Miss Bedford's Teen

Sunday, October 5, 2025

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

Saturday, November 8, 2025

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

Dates are subject to change. Contact the local program listed on our <u>local programs website</u> to confirm dates and for more information.

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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