Miss New Hampshire Scholarship Program, Inc.

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New Hampshire Makes Its Mark at Miss America Competition!

Our New Hampshire delegates proudly took the stage in West Palm Beach for the Miss America competition, Aug 31 - Sept 6, 2026. **Lauren Plank**, Miss New Hampshire 2026, and **Kendall Laroche**, Miss New Hampshire's Teen 2026, represented the Granite State with confidence, grace, and heart, creating unforgettable memories and embracing every moment of this incredible experience.

In this issue, we'll recap all the action, highlights, and special moments from their Miss America journey. We couldn't be more proud of Lauren and Kendall and all they accomplished on the Miss America stage!

A heartfelt **thank you** to everyone who supported Lauren and Kendall throughout their Miss America journeys! Whether you traveled to West Palm Beach to cheer them on, followed and encouraged them online, contributed to their fundraisers, or supported them in countless other ways, your encouragement and support helped them know the Granite State was cheering them on every step of the way!

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Lauren Plank Leads the Way for Go Red for Women as Top Fundraiser in the Nation!

Lauren Plank, Miss New Hampshire 2026, made an incredible impact at Miss America by earning the **AHA Go Red for Women Leadership Award**, a $3,300 national award recognizing her commitment to the American Heart Association's mission. Through her *Go Red for Women x Miss America* fundraising campaign, Lauren raised more than $13,000 to support heart health research and education, while also helping advance scholarships for women. Congratulations Lauren!



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Honoring Service Members and their Families

Miss America hosted the **"Stars, Stripes, & Spirit of Miss America" Gala**, a special red-carpet reception and formal dinner honoring Miss America's commitment to the **USO**. The evening brought together the glamour of Miss America, the artistry of jeweled creations by **Niki Lassiter**, and a heartfelt celebration of the service and sacrifice of our nation's military members and their families.

Lauren Plank, Miss New Hampshire 2026, wore a breathtaking custom gown inspired by the service of her two brothers, who serve in the military. The gown featured each branch's emblem, a hand-painted American flag, her brothers' dog tags arranged in a heart over her own, and the name tag worn by one of her brothers while serving overseas. According to Lauren, the gown was a tribute not only to her brothers, but to the sacrifices made by military members and their families across our nation.



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Houston McCullough

A Preliminary Talent Win & Top 11 Finish for Kendall Laroche

Kendall Laroche, Miss New Hampshire's Teen 2026, made an incredible impression throughout Miss America's Teen competition week, earning her place among the **Top 11** semi-finalists in the nation! From the moment she arrived in West Palm Beach, Kendall embraced every opportunity to represent New Hampshire, bringing her warmth, confidence, talent, and commitment to service to the national stage.

Being named a semifinalist is an extraordinary accomplishment, placing Kendall among a select group of young women from across the country who advanced in the competition. Her Top 11 finish was a wonderful reflection of her hard work and dedication and a moment that the entire Granite State could celebrate. Congratulations Kendall!



Talent Runs in the Family

Kendall Laroche, Miss New Hampshire's Teen 2026, earned a Preliminary Talent award, following in the footsteps of big sister, **Kylie Laroche,** Miss New Hampshire's Teen 2024, who also won a Preliminary Talent award at the Miss America's Teen competition. What an incredible legacy and proud moment for New Hampshire and the Laroche family.





Kylie with her preliminary talent award in 2025

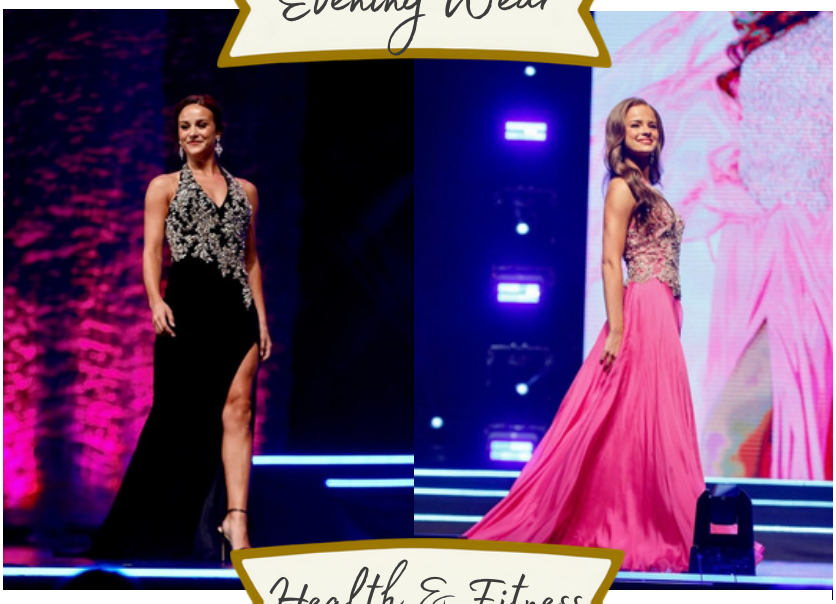
Miss America
Tribute to America's 250th

RECAP

From onstage question to evening wear, health and fitness, and talent, **Lauren** and **Kendall** soared to new heights on the Miss America stage, bringing their confidence, grace, and heart to every phase of competition.

As a Top 11 semi-finalist, **Kendall** had the special honor of wearing a limited-edition **Rebel Athletic** Miss America fitness style created in celebration of America's 250th anniversary for the final show!

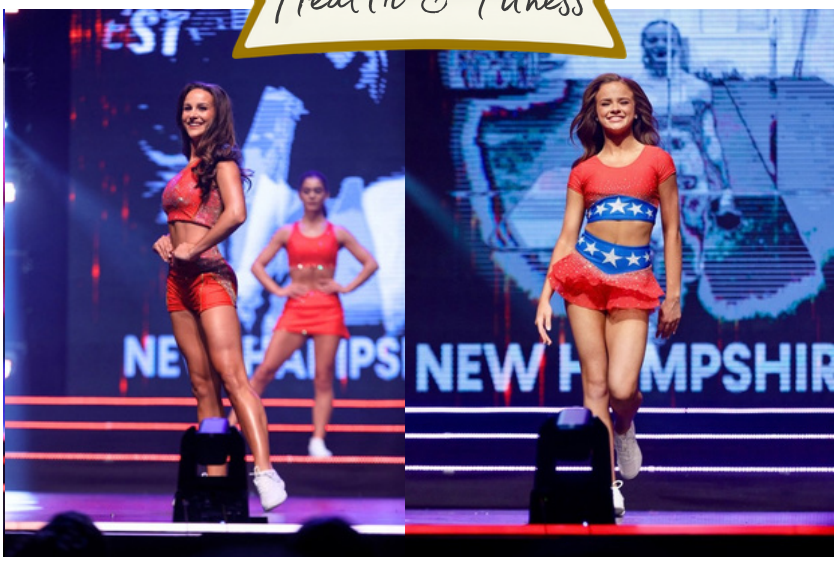
Evening Wear



Onstage Question



Health & Fitness



Talent



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Lu'au Welcome Dinner

Orientation!



Miss America's Little Sisters Tea Party



Sign up for **Miss America's *The Sash Report***, the inside scoop on brand ambassador appearances, sneak peeks at new partnerships and collaborations, behind-the-scenes information, and showcase articles straight to your inbox on a monthly basis.

Miss New Hampshire Shop

The Miss New Hampshire shop is open!

Our official online Miss New Hampshire Shop is filled with merchandise for supporters of all ages. Our special collections include everything from crown hoodies and shirts to water bottles, jewelry travel cases, teddy bears, flip flops, golf balls, coloring books, stickers, and more! You can choose Miss or Teen crown icons or show your support with products featuring the Program and Foundation logos.

Miss New Hampshire Store



Shop the Collections

Miss New Hampshire Scholarship Program
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Granite Stars
A special collection for our youngest fans

Tea Party
Perfect for our Tea Party attendees

"there she is."
Celebrate the iconic Miss America tradition

Purses & Bags
Featuring Miss and Teen crowns

Class of 2026
Special framed group photos



America 250 Collection

Check out limited edition styles featuring **America 250** themed apparel and accessories!





Lauren Plank

Kendall Laroche

Book Lauren & Kendall for your next event!





Bring the excitement of Miss New Hampshire to your next event! Whether it's delivering an inspiring speech, performing a dance, or engaging with your audience, Lauren and Kendall stand ready to serve the Granite State!



Photo credit: Ashley Long

Miss NH in the news

Read about Miss New Hampshire 2026, **Lauren Plank**, and Miss New Hampshire's Teen 2026, **Kendall Laroche**, preparing to represent New Hampshire at the Miss America and Miss America's Teen competitions in West Palm Beach.

Read about Miss New Hampshire 2023, **Brooke Schuessler**, and her advocacy for concussion awareness, highlighted by a congressional resolution recognizing *National Concussion Awareness Day* on Sept 18th.

Read about Miss New Hampshire 1987, **Kriss Blevens**, whose extraordinary career as a political and media makeup artist is now featured in a landmark exhibition at New York's Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum.

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

Miss New Hampshire Scholarship Program

Granite Stars 2027

GROWING LEADERS. INSPIRING DREAMS. BUILDING FUTURES.



Photo credit: Katrina Bernard Photography

Granite Stars is a **mentoring** program for girls ages 5 - 12 who are interested in the Miss New Hampshire and Miss America opportunities.

The program provides a **unique**, **fun**, and **memorable** opportunity to be a part of the Miss New Hampshire competition week. Granite Stars participate in a special crowning ceremony, attend rehearsals, and perform live on the Miss New Hampshire stage during the Final Competition.

Every Miss America starts somewhere and who better to get you started than mentors from our Miss New Hampshire Scholarship Program.

2027 Miss New Hampshire Competition Week

Derry, NH, April 26 - May 1, 2027

Registration includes:

- Official Granite Stars crown, sash, and t-shirt
- 1 complementary ticket to the Tea Party in January
- Photo and name in the competition program book
- On-stage performance at the competition
- Ticket for all shows of the Miss New Hampshire week
- Opportunity to spend time with Local Titleholders
- Fun-filled week of activities and food

Deadline to Register is March 1, 2027!

Miss New Hampshire Scholarship Program

Empowerment Camp 2027

EMPOWERING YOUNG WOMEN TO LEAD, SERVE, AND SHINE



Photo credit: Katrina Bernard Photography

Empowerment Camp provides a unique mentorship opportunity for teens ages 12 - 16 with behind-the-scenes training during the Miss New Hampshire's Teen 2027 competition.

Empowerment Camp is where confidence grows, friendships form, and future leaders begin their journey. It's a great way to learn about the program, build confidence, and prepare to take the stage as a future Teen contestant.

Deadline to Register is March 1, 2027!

2027 Miss New Hampshire Competition Week

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Registration includes:

- Official Empowerment Camp t-shirt
- 1 complementary ticket to the Tea Party in January
- Photo and name in the competition program book
- On-stage performance at the competition
- Ticket for all shows of the Miss New Hampshire week
- Opportunity to spend time with Local Titleholders
- 2 fun-filled days of activities and food

Miss New Hampshire & Miss New Hampshire's Teen

2027 Tea Party



Sat Jan 9, 2027
1:00 - 3:00 pm

Saint George Greek Orthodox Church
Manchester, NH

- Meet the Miss New Hampshire & Miss New Hampshire's Teen Class of 2027
- Enjoy tea, light refreshments & entertainment
- Take photos with titleholders
- Raffle tickets with hundreds of prizes — every ticket wins!
- Learn more about the Miss New Hampshire Scholarship Program and our Granite Stars & Empowerment Camp

$15 per ticket

Final Local Competitions

Just two more opportunities remain to earn local titles this season!
Contact the local program to confirm dates and for more information.
We hope to see you on the stage!

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.

Become a part of the sisterhood!

Reminder

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

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.