National Outdoor Show 2027

MISS OUTDOORS CONTESTANT RULES

Eligibility

- Limited to **12 contestants** (first 12 applications accepted).
- Must be a **resident of Dorchester County, Maryland**.
- Ages **16–24 years old**.
- Must be **single, never married, never pregnant, and with no children**.
- **Former Miss Outdoors winners** are not eligible.
- No child or sibling of a Miss Outdoors Pageant Committee Member may enter.
- Contestant must be of **good character**, possessing poise, personality, intelligence, charm, and beauty.

Talent & Application Requirements

- Contestant must perform a **talent routine** no longer than **5 minutes**.
  - May include: singing, dancing, playing an instrument, dramatic reading, crafts/art, or another hobby.
  - Contestant must supply any accompaniment or materials required.
- Must submit with application a **175-word (or less) synopsis** on the theme: *"Living/Growing Up in Dorchester County."*
- Contestants must provide their own **apparel and accessories** (a sponsor may be secured).
- Contestants will be judged in the following categories:
  - **Casual Wear**
  - **Talent Performance**
  - **Evening Gown**
  - **Synopsis**
  - **Poise, Personality, Intelligence, Charm, Beauty**
- Two (2) recent **headshot photographs** must accompany the application.
- Both the **Contestant Release & Indemnity Form** and the **Release for Medical Information Form** must be signed, notarized, and submitted with application.

Deadlines

- **Entry Deadline:** January 22, 2027
- Entries must be **postmarked or hand-delivered** by midnight on the deadline.
- **Electronic copies will not be accepted.**
- Applications may be hand-delivered to a pageant committee member or mailed to:

📫 **National Outdoor Show**
P.O. Box 143
Church Creek, MD 21622

Reign Requirements

- Winner must attend all Saturday Show events following their Friday evening crowning; and they must attend functions and participate in events designated by the National Outdoor Foundation. A tentative schedule will be provided.
- Any other representation of the Outdoor Show requires prior approval from the committee.
- Winner must provide the pageant committee with her **current address and phone number** during her reign.
- If Miss Outdoors becomes **pregnant or marries** during her reign, she relinquishes her title and all prizes (except scholarship).
- If Miss Outdoors assumes another title during her reign, she must relinquish her title and prizes.

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Mandatory Events

- **Contestant Tea:** February 14, 2027 (subject to change; time & location announced later).
- **Rehearsal:** February 23, 2027 (mandatory; time & location announced later).
- **Contestants must attend and stay for the full duration of both events or will be subject to disqualification.**

Prizes & Scholarships

- As part of her prize, Miss Outdoors will receive a **trip to Louisiana's Fur and Wildlife Festival** in January of the following year.
  - Family members (up to 3) may attend at their own expense. Tickets must be purchased when the show orders them.
- **Scholarship Rules:**
  - If still in high school, scholarship must be used within **2 years after graduation**.
  - If already graduated, scholarship must be used within **2 years of winning**.
  - If Miss Outdoors (or a scholarship recipient) begins college during her reign, she may use **½ of her scholarship immediately** and the balance at the end of her reign.

Conduct & Integrity

- Titles (Miss Outdoors & runners-up) must be held with **integrity, dignity, and honor**.
- Miss Outdoors must obey the law and uphold a positive public image.
- Any unbecoming behavior will be reviewed by the National Outdoor Pageant Committee. Disciplinary action may include **loss of crown and/or scholarship**.
- **Privacy Rules:**
  - No photography, audio, or video recording during rehearsal without prior approval.
  - Unauthorized recording = **automatic disqualification**.
  - No disclosure of pageant events on social media by non-committee members prior to the show. Violation = **automatic disqualification**.
- Any disabilities that may impair performance of duties must be disclosed before the application deadline.

Enforcement

- **Winners must adhere to all rules. Failure to do so will result in the runner-up assuming the title and duties.**
- **All rules and policies are authorized and enforced by the National Outdoor Foundation.**
- **All judges' decisions are final.**

Contacts

For questions, contact:

- Lori Huber — (443) 521-0422
- Cindy Paul — (443) 521-4602
- Debby Spicer — (410) 228-6837
- Brandi Oliver — (443) 813-2892

Contestant Release and Indemnity Agreement
Miss Outdoors Pageant

I, _____,

a contestant in the 20_____ Miss Outdoors Pageant, do hereby knowingly and voluntarily release the above-referenced pageant, its **Officers, Directors, Trustees, Judges, employees**, and any other person, firm, individual, or corporation charged or chargeable with responsibility or liability (including their heirs, administrators, executors, successors, and assigns), from and against:

Any and all claims, lawsuits, demands, damages, losses, actions, or causes of action arising from or in any way related to:Honors, rights, or awards sought by me as a contestant;

- The conduct of pageant operations;
- The ownership or possession of any pageant honors, rights, or awards;
- Any negligent act, misfeasance, or nonfeasance by the pageant or any of its agents, contractors, servants, employees, or licensees..

Hold Harmless & Indemnity

I further agree to **exonerate, hold harmless, and indemnify** the pageant from any and all claims that I or my representative may have, past, present, or future, in connection with any such honors, rights, or awards. This indemnification includes, but is not limited to:

- Reasonable **attorney's fees**
- **Court costs**
- Other **expenses** reasonably incurred in investigating or defending against such claims.

Acknowledgment of Understanding

I acknowledge that:

- I have had full and adequate opportunity to consult with legal counsel of my choice.
- I fully understand the terms and implications of this Release and Indemnity Agreement.
- I have been given the opportunity to ask questions.
- I am signing this document **intentionally and voluntarily.**

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Miss Outdoors Pageant

Required Signatures:

Contestant's Signature: **Date:**

Parent's Signature (if contestant is under 18): **Date:**

Notary Acknowledgment

State of _____ **County of** _____

On this ___ day of _____, 20_____, before me, the undersigned Notary Public, personally appeared

_____,

☐ personally known to me

☐ or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence

to be the person whose name is subscribed to this instrument and acknowledged that they executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE, this _____day of _____2025.

(Seal)

My commission expires: _____

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Notary Signature Here

Notary Public in and for the State of: _____

⚠️ **IMPORTANT:** No contestant will be permitted to attend any pageant-related activities or compete in the Miss Outdoors Pageant until this form is **signed, notarized, and returned** to the Pageant Committee.

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Release for Medical Information Form
Miss Outdoors Pageant

If, for any reason, the Miss Outdoors Pageant Chairpersons question the integrity of a contestant's compliance questions regarding **Reign Requirements, Conduct, and Integrity** as stipulated under "Miss Outdoors Contestant Rules,"

I,_____,
a contestant in the 20____ Miss Outdoors Pageant, hereby authorize the Miss Outdoors Pageant Chairpersons to obtain any information pertaining to my **medical** or **legal background**.

Upon request by the Miss Outdoors Pageant Chairpersons, I agree to go to the appropriate medical or legal agency and sign any release forms required by the hospital, doctor, health professional, health agency, or court official. This will allow them to release the necessary information to the Miss Outdoors Pageant Committee Chairpersons.

I agree to do this **without objection or question** by me, my parent, guardian, or appointed representative.

Required Signatures:

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Contestant's Signature: **Date:**

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Parent's Signature (if contestant is under 18): **Date:**

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Notary Signature Here
Notary Public in and for the State of: _____

⚠ **IMPORTANT**: This release MUST be **signed, notarized, and returned** with the entry form. Failure to comply will result in automatic disqualification and elimination from all Miss Outdoors Pageant events.

🌟 Miss Outdoors Entry Form

Name: _____

Age: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

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Parents' Names: _____

Personal Background

- List any interesting facts about yourself, including hobbies, interests, school activities, organizational involvement, ambitions, or accomplishments:

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Education

High School: _____ Year Graduated/Grade: _____

College: _____ Year Graduated/Grade: _____

Sorority (if applicable): _____

Employment: _____

🌟 Miss Outdoors Entry Form

Special Training

List special training in music, drama, dance, art, or design. Include any degrees or certifications earned:

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Future Education Plans

Please list the name and mailing address of the college you plan to attend (if known):

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Acknowledgement

I hereby acknowledge that I have read and understand the official rules and regulations for entry in the **20__ Miss Outdoors Pageant**. I affirm that the information provided above is true and correct, and I agree to comply with all rules and regulations as set forth in the cover sheet and the official rule list for the **20__ Miss Outdoors Pageant**.

Contestant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Signature (if under 18): _____ Date: _____