



2026 MISS PARADE OF THE HILLS APPLICATION

Full Name: _____ Shirt Size _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Age (as of July 1, 2026) _____

Date of Birth: _____ Email Address: _____

Parent Names: _____

Parent Address: _____

Parent(s) Phone: Home _____ Cell: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Emergency Phone: _____

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I have read and agree to the rules and regulations as described in the Miss Parade of the Hills Application Guidelines.

Contestant Signature: _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2026

Items to be furnished by the applicant prior to deadline:

- \$25.00 application fee
- Two (2) wallet-sized glossy photos (black & white preferred, but not required, head shots work best), cannot be returned. These are for area newspapers.
- Copy of a valid birth-certificate (please bring to parent's meeting or mail with your registration)

Orientation Meetings will be held

Sunday, August 9, at 1:00 pm and Sunday August 16, at 1:00 pm in the First Presbyterian Church, 69 East Washington Street, Nelsonville. Parents/Guardians must attend 1st Meeting on August 9 with Contestants.

Please send your completed registration form, birth certificate copy, entry-fee and pictures to:

**Miss Parade of the Hills
Queen's Committee
P.O. Box 157
Nelsonville, Ohio 45764**

Send by the deadline listed above. This will allow all the pictures to be included in the newspaper prior to the festival.

By entering this contest, you agree to abide by the decision of the judges and the Parade of the Hills Queen's Committee and the Parade of the Hills Board of Trustees throughout the pageant and/or reign. Also, your name and photograph may be used by the Queen's Committee throughout the festival promotion. You will abide by the "Rules and Regulations" of the pageant and those set forth by the Queen's Committee and the Board of Trustees.

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paradeofthehills@yahoo.com

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2026 Miss Parade of the Hills Rules & Regulations

1. Applicants must be a female, at least 16 years of age and no more than 20 as of July 1, the following year(2027). Please attach a copy of your birth certificate for verification.
2. Applicant must be a current resident of **Athens County** or an Ohio County bordering Athens County (**Washington, Morgan, Perry, Hocking, Vinton or Meigs counties**).
3. Applicant must not have been a previous Miss Parade of the Hills or current court member.
4. Past court members, excluding Miss Parade of the Hills, are invited to enter the contest again following one festival year after their reign has ended, provided all other qualifications are fulfilled.
5. Applicant must not be married, never have been married nor be co-habiting with a non-related male from the time entering the contest until her reign on the court of Parade of the Hills ends.
6. Applicant must be of non-parental status from the time entering the pageant until her reign on the court of Parade of the Hills ends. If applicant becomes pregnant during her reign as Queen or Court member, her title and awards will be forfeited immediately.
7. Contestants **MUST BE** clear of any misdemeanors.
8. Each applicant must submit two wallet size photos of herself (to be used for newspaper publication) along with the application and entry fee (**\$25.00**). All photos become the property of the Parade of the Hills and cannot be returned. **Photos must be received by the first orientation meeting in order to be published in the area newspapers.**
9. All applicants who enter the pageant are required to follow the week's schedule of events, which are established by the Queen's Committee.
10. Contestant must never have, nor will she during her reign, pose for any photography, video, or film associated with any nudity, pornography or sexually illicit photographs. Nor has she ever or is presently involved in any form of employment which involves partial or complete nudity. This includes pictures or video on Facebook, Twitter, Snap Chat or any other social media. The Parade of the Hills has permission to monitor such sites if they feel it is necessary. Failure to adhere to this rule will lead to forfeiture of your title and scholarship award.
11. Miss Parade of the Hills and Court members represent exclusively the Parade of the Hills. If the Queen and/or Court member enters another queen contest or becomes a court member with another festival, she must immediately forfeit her title with the Parade of the Hills and must return her Crown and Sash. She also forfeits any monetary awards.
12. In order to represent the Parade of the Hills festival appropriately, Miss Parade of the Hills and Court shall demonstrate knowledge of Nelsonville and the festival. Miss Parade of the Hills and each member of the Court shall prepare a speech (no more than five minutes in length) to use for public relations purposes. The speech shall be reviewed and approved by the Queen's Committee chairperson and presented to the Board of Trustees upon request.
13. Judging will be based upon a composite score of communication skills, personality, poise, attire, and knowledge of the festival. All scores will remain the property of the judges and no scores will be given to the Parade of the Hills committee, contestants or parents!
14. Miss Parade of the Hills and Court will receive a scholarship to be presented at the end of her reign provided she has fulfilled her duties as specified in the By-Laws. Should the Queen and Court choose not to further her education, payment will be one half of said amount awarded. Should the Queen and Court still be attending high school or vocational school at the end of her reign, the scholarship money will be held in escrow until the time of her graduation from said school. Scholarships will be:

Queen - \$2500.00 (\$1250.00 check if not furthering education)
1st Runner-Up - \$500.00 (\$250.00 check if not furthering education)
2nd Runner-Up - \$250.00 (\$125.00 check if not furthering education).

15. **All scholarships are in the form of certificates of award** issued by the Parade of the Hills Committee conditioned upon the enrollment of the student in an undergraduate two-or four-year degree program in an accredited American college or university. Upon receipt of "Verification of Enrollment" form from proper school officials, a check will be forwarded to the college or university to establish a credit for the student. The scholarship must be used within one (1) year of the completion of high school, vocational school or the end of the Queen & Court's reign.
16. **Failure to request the scholarship from the Parade of the Hills within the one (1) year period completion of high school, vocational school or the end of the Queen & Court's reign will result in forfeiture of said awards. After the one (1) year time period said awards will not be issued.**
17. There will be three (3) final winners: Miss Parade of the Hills and two Runners-up. The Runners-up will serve as the Queen's Court members.
18. Miss Congeniality will be selected by secret ballot by all contestants and will be announced on Saturday night of the Parade of the Hills Festival. She does not travel with the Queen & Court to festivals.
19. A Formal/Evening Gown competition will take place and the winner will be announced on Saturday night of the Parade of the Hills Festival. She does not travel with the Queen & Court to festivals.
20. No flowers or gifts are to be delivered to the contestants at the judging site at anytime during the Parade of the Hills.
21. No contestant will be allowed to give flowers, gifts or tokens of appreciation to other contestants, judges, chaperones or committee members during the Parade of the Hills week.
22. Applicants are strongly encouraged to attend all orientations held prior to the festival. These events will give all contestants and parents a chance to meet each other and the members of the Queen's Committee, as well as gain valuable information about the upcoming events and what is expected of each contestant.
23. **Orientation meetings will be held on Sunday, August 9, 2026 at 1:00 pm and Sunday August 16, 2026 at 1:00 pm at the First Presbyterian Church, 69 E. Washington St, Nelsonville. Parents/Guardians must attend the first orientation meeting with the contestants as rules and regulations will be discussed.**
24. Your entrance into the competition establishes your agreement to all Miss Parade of the Hills regulations and guidelines set forth by the Parade of the Hills Board of Trustees, The Parade of the Hills General Committee and The Parade of the Hills Queens Committee, if you should become a member of the court. By signing the application document you are agreeing to the stipulations of the Miss Parade of the Hills and Court Code of Conduct and Guidelines.
25. If you are to become Miss Parade of the Hills you shall be required to attend no fewer than 12 approved Festivals; 1st Runner Up and 2nd Runner Up must attend 6 approved Festivals. **Failure to attend the required festivals will result in forfeiture of your scholarship awards.**
26. **Miss Parade of the Hills and her court will be required to attend the following festivals/parades: Nelsonville Snowflake Festival and Nelsonville Parade of the Hills.**
27. 1st & 2nd Runners-Up may attend more festivals at their expense and with the approval of the Queens Committee; however the Parade of the Hills shall establish the approved festival list following your coronation. **They will not attend any festivals/events without a chaperone.** A chaperone that has been approved by the Queen Committee will accompany them.
28. The Queen and her Court must be present during the scheduled appearances the week of the Parade of the Hills festival.
29. The medical release form and the Miss Parade of the Hills contract must be notarized.
30. Judging will take place on FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, at the First Presbyterian Church.
31. **NO CELL PHONES PERMITTED DURING FESTIVAL WEEK!**
32. Deadline for applications is **FRIDAY, AUGUST 9, 2026.**

Need more information?

Visit our website www.paradeofthehills.org
or call (740) 590-9952/(740)856-8651

PUBLICATION PERMISSION

I hereby give permission to the Parade of the Hills to publish the following contestant information and/or picture in any publication deemed necessary by the Nelsonville Parade of the Hills Committee:

PLEASE PRINT INFORMATION

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

City _____

School _____

Daughter of _____

Address _____

City _____

Contestant _____ Date _____

Signature

Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Signature



2026 Parade of the Hills Queen Contestant Data Sheet

Name _____ Number _____

Age (as of July 1, 2026) _____ Grade in School _____

High School Activities _____

Civic Groups / Activities _____

Special Awards / Honors _____

Special Interests / Hobbies _____

What are your plans for the future? _____

Employment _____

Why do you want to be Miss Parade of the Hills? _____

Signature _____ Date _____



MEDICAL UPDATE

THE PARADE OF THE HILLS CONTESTANT FORMS EMERGENCY MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION

Contestant Name: _____ Date: _____
Address: _____ Phone _____
City: _____ Zip: _____ Birth date: _____

Purpose: To enable parents and guardians to authorize the provision of emergency treatment for children who become ill or injured while under the Nelsonville Parade of the Hills authority, when parents or guardians cannot be reached.

PART I - TO GRANT CONSENT

In the event reasonable attempts to contact me at _____ (phone #) or _____ (other parent or guardian) at _____ (phone #), have been unsuccessful, I hereby give my consent for:

1. The administration of any treatment deemed necessary by Dr. _____ (preferred physician) at _____ (phone) or Dr. _____ (preferred dentist) at _____ (phone), or in the event the designated preferred practitioner is not available by another licensed physician or dentist; and
2. The transfer of the child to _____ (preferred hospital) or any hospital reasonably accessible.

This authorization does not cover major surgery unless the medical opinions of the to other licensed physicians or dentist, concurring in the necessity for such surgery, are obtained prior to the performance of such surgery

List any facts concerning the child's medical history including allergies, medications being taken and any physical impairment to which a physician should be alerted. _____

_____ Date of last Tetanus: _____

PART II - INSURANCE / WAIVER

We do hereby certify that _____ is covered by an insurance policy which protects her against injury incurred in participation in the Nelsonville Parade of the Hills.

Policy Number _____ Company _____

PART III - PARENTS' CONSENT FOR FESTIVAL/PARADE PARTICIPATION

This is to certify that _____ (contestant) has my permission to make all trips to FESTIVALS/PARADES during the 2026-2027 FESTIVAL season with the Nelsonville Parade of the Hills chaperone. I understand that transportation will be of various means authorized by the Nelsonville Parade of the Hills Committee.

PART IV - CONSENT POR STUDENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PARADE OF THE HILLS: ASSUMPHION OF MEDICAL EXPENSES.

The undersigned, parent/or guardian of _____ (contestant) does hereby consent to her participation in all activities of the Nelsonville Parade of the Hills during the festival season 2026 to 2027. We accept full responsibility for any and all injuries which might occur to the contestant by reason of such participation. We also agree to pay all physicians bills, hospital expenses, ambulance fees or expenses, and all other medical or dental related bills or expenses which are not insured by our above stated policy of insurance. We also agree to indemnify and save harmless the Nelsonville Parade of the Hills Queen Committee, The Nelsonville Parade of the Hills Committee, the Board of Trustees of the Nelsonville Parade of the Hills and any and all persons associated with the Nelsonville Parade of the Hills Committee for all injuries or illnesses suffered or incurred by the above contestant.

Signature of parent/guardian _____ **Date** _____

Home Address _____

Home Phone _____ **Cell Phone** _____ **Work Phone** _____

Notary Public Signature _____ **Date** _____

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Miss Parade of the Hills and Court Members By-Laws

1. Court will be defined as the following: 1st Runner-Up and 2nd Runner Up
2. Crown and Sash are to be worn for all official appearances of Miss Parade of the Hills and Court.
3. Miss Parade of the Hills and Court must appear in either a dress or formal as required by the festival she/they are attending. **NO 2-piece outfits** will be permitted to be worn at any time that may reveal her/their midsection. "Slits" in a dress or gown must not be higher than the knee. Dresses must be at least knee length. Hair color must be a natural shade. No pink, green, purple or other non-natural colors permitted when attending other festivals.
4. Prior to attending an event, Miss Parade of the Hills and/or Court must meet at a place decided upon by the accompanying chaperones. With her, she must have the clothes and accessories she has chosen to wear for her appearance ready for inspection.
5. Miss Parade of the Hills must attend a minimum of twelve (12) festivals and Court members must attend six (6) local festivals or events approved by the Queen's committee in order to be eligible to receive their scholarship awards. **Failure to attend the required festivals will result in the forfeiture of their scholarship award.**
6. **Miss Parade of the Hills and her court will be required to attend the following festivals/parades: Nelsonville Snowflake Festival and Nelsonville Parade of the Hills.**
7. Court members may attend additional festivals or events, but they are obligated to pay for their meals at these luncheons. **If you request to attend a festival and then cannot attend, you still must make payment for the luncheon.** The payment for these luncheons must be received in advance of the said festival or event. These additional festivals or events must be approved by the Queen's committee. If payment for these additional luncheons is not received by the queen committee, your scholarship award will be held until payment is made in full.
8. The Queen must have a plausible excuse for not attending any festival for which she is required to attend. If she is unable to attend, the First Runner-Up will be notified by the chaperones to substitute for the Queen. The Second Runner-Up may also be used as a substitute, if the First Runner-Up is not available.
9. **PLEASE DO NOT MAKE PLANS FOLLOWING PARADES OR LUNCHEONS AS WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT TIME WE WILL RETURNING HOME.**
10. If a festival representative is unable to attend a required festival, an adult such as a parent, aunt or uncle, or grandparent(s) may attend. A queen and/or court members will **NOT** be permitted to drive/attend a festival by themselves. An adult such as described above must also be the one to drive through the parade, especially if there are other royalty members present and riding on the same car or float.
11. **NO FRIENDS OR BOYFRIENDS PERMITTED DRIVING ROYALTY THROUGH PARADES!!!**
12. **NO CELL PHONES PERMITTED DURING PARADES OR QUEEN LUNCHEONS!!!**
13. The scholarship for Miss Parade of the Hills is \$2500.00, First Runner-Up \$500.00 and Second Runner-Up \$250.00. The award will be given at the end of her reign. If the queen or court member is still attending high school or vocational school at the end of her reign, the scholarship money will be held in escrow until her graduation from said school.
14. All scholarships are in the form of certificates of award issued by the Parade of the Hills Committee conditioned upon the enrollment of the student in an undergraduate two-or four-year degree program in an accredited American college or university. Upon receipt of "Verification of Enrollment" form from proper school officials, a check will be forwarded to the college or university to establish a credit for the student. The scholarship must used within one (1) year of the completion of high school, vocational school or the end of her reign.
15. If for any reason the Queen cannot fulfill her obligation, the 1st Runner-Up will be moved up and take her place and receive the scholarship, 2nd Runner-Up will be moved up to 1st Runner-Up and receive that scholarship. Same if the 1st Runner-Up cannot fulfill her obligation, the 2nd Runner-Up will move up.
16. **It will be the responsibility of the Queen & Court to notify the Parade of the Hills with the necessary information if she will be attending a qualifying college or university. She will also be responsible for notifying the Parade of the Hills if she will NOT be attending a qualified college or university.**
17. **Failure to request the scholarship from the Parade of the Hills within the one (1) year period completion of high school, vocational school or the end of the Queen & Court's reign will result in forfeiture of said awards. After the one (1) year time period said rewards will not be issued.**
18. If Miss Parade of the Hills or a Court member does not enroll in an undergraduate two-or four year degree program in an accredited American college or university she will be issued a check in the following amounts;

Miss Parade of the Hills	\$1250.00
1st Runner Up	\$ 250.00
2nd Runner Up	\$ 125.00

19. Miss Parade of the Hills and/or Court will not appear or be photographed in any type of swimsuit. The exception will be the Parade of the Hills swimming party held for the queen and court and contestants during the week of the festival.
20. Crown and Sash are not to be worn if the Queen and/or court are in shorts, slacks or skorts; except by permission of the chaperones and Queen's Committee.
21. Miss Parade of the Hills and/or Court must be well groomed and neat for any and all appearances. If at any time the chaperones determine the Queen and/or Court's appearance to be unsuitable, the Queen and/or Court members will not be allowed to appear and the event will not be counted toward the completion of her obligation.
22. Parents may attend any festival where Miss Parade of the Hills and/or court is appearing, but the Queen and/or Court must stay with and are under the jurisdiction of the chaperones. When approved by the Queen's committee, parents may act as chaperones.
23. No dates, boyfriends or fiancées will travel with the Queen and/or her court.
24. The chaperones and Queen's Committee will select the festivals to be attended.
25. There will be no drinking or smoking while participating in any festival/event or in public during the Queen's and/or Court's reign.
26. No visible body piercing, gauges, or tattoos may be displayed by Miss Parade of the Hills and/or Court during any of their appearances. This includes tongue piercing and nose studs. The exception to this rule will be pierced ears.
27. Miss Parade of the Hills and Court will abide by the rules set by the Queen's Committee and Board of Trustees at all times.
28. If Miss Parade of the Hills and/or Court member becomes pregnant or involved in any immoral or illegal situation, the Queen and/or Court members reign will end by the authority of the Queen's Committee and Board of Trustees. The line of succession is as follows: Miss Parade of the Hills, First Runner-Up, and Second Runner-Up. "Immoral" and "Illegal" are terms that will be defined through a decision of the Queen's committee and Board of Trustees.
29. **Miss Parade of the Hills and Court members must not be co-habiting with a non-related male prior to and throughout her reign. Should the Queen and/or Court member not adhere to this rule, they will forfeit their title and scholarship award. This vacated position will be reassigned according to the Queen's Committee Rule.**
30. **Miss Parade of the Hills and Court members must be of non-marital and non-parental status prior to and throughout their reign. Should the Queen and/or Court member marry during her reign they will forfeit their title and scholarship award. Should the Queen and/or Court member become pregnant during her reign, all titles and awards will be forfeited immediately. This vacated position will be reassigned according to the Queen Committee's rule.**
31. Contestant must never have, nor will she during her reign, pose for any photography, video, or film associated with any nudity, pornography or sexually illicit photographs. Nor has she ever or is presently involved any form of employment which involves partial or complete nudity. This includes pictures or video on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snap Chat or any other social media. The Parade of the Hills has permission to monitor such sites if they feel it is necessary. Failure to adhere to this rule will lead to forfeiture of your title and scholarship award.
32. Miss Parade of the Hills and Court members represent exclusively the Parade of the Hills. If the Queen and/or Court member enters another festival queen contest or becomes a court member with another festival, she must immediately forfeit her title with the Parade of the Hills and return her crown & sash.
33. Miss Parade of the Hills and/or Court member should notify the Parade of the Hills Queen's Committee or Board of Trustees if she becomes involved in any activity where disciplinary action is taken; and when her name will appear in any publication for any reason.
34. Members of the Court (First Runner-Up and Second Runner-Up) are eligible to enter the Miss Parade of the Hills contest again, after their reign has ended, but they must wait one year after their reign has ended.
35. In order to represent the Parade of the Hills festival appropriately, Miss Parade of the Hills and Court shall demonstrate knowledge of Nelsonville and the festival. Miss Parade of the Hills and each member of the Court shall prepare a speech (no more than five minutes in length) to use for public relations purposes. The speech shall be reviewed and approved by the Queen's Committee chairperson, and presented to the Board of Trustees upon request.
36. Members of the Queen and Court are responsible for cleaning and care of their sashes and crowns. It is recommended to have them cleaned in a timely manner. They are also responsible for any damage to the sashes or crowns. Any lost, stolen or damaged items must be replaced by the Queen or Court member. The cost of the sash is \$75.00. The cost of the Queen's crown is \$75.00. The court member's crown is \$50.00. Their scholarship will be held up until damaged or lost crown is repaired or replaced.

37. The Queen and Court will be responsible for decorating and set up of the Queen's Luncheon. They will be responsible for all decorations, gifts, favors, door prizes and anything else they deem necessary for the luncheon. The Queen's Committee will be responsible for securing the site and food for the luncheon as well as mailing the invitations.
 38. The Queen shall be responsible for decorating her "window" and it must be completed before the first day of the festival.
 39. The 2026 Queen and Court shall meet with the Queen Committee after the coronation to discuss their travel schedule and further instructions. The date and time will be set the night of the coronation. Parents/Guardians should be present at this meeting.
 40. In consideration of holding the title of queen or serving as queen or court member, the undersigned royalty/queen and parents or guardian(s) hereby promise and agree to indemnify and save keep harmless said the Parade of the Hills, its board members, the city of Nelsonville, the chairperson(s) or any person representing the Parade of the Hills against any and all suits, claims, demands, costs, damages, counsel fees, charges, liabilities and expenses whatsoever, which she or they may at anytime sustain, incur or become liable for any reason of any and all acts, including accidents, or other tortuous conduct which may occur.
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I have read the "By-Laws" and "Regulations and Guidelines" which govern Miss Parade of the Hills and all Court Members. I fully understand these rules and regulations and will uphold these high standards while promoting the Parade of the Hills festival to the best of my ability.

I, the undersigned, agree to abide by the "By-laws" and "Regulations and Guidelines" which govern Miss Parade of the Hills and Court Members along with and rules established by the Queen's Committee or Board of Trustees. Failure to abide by any of these rules will result in punishment that may include the forfeiture of your Crown, Sash and any monetary awards.

Court Member	Date
Parent/Guardian	Date
Witness	Date
Notary Public	Date

