

## Miss Deerfield Fair Program Judging Guidelines 2023

The winners will be selected on four equally weighted criteria: (25% each)

- Judges' Interview
- An Original Essay on the Deerfield Fair
- Talent Presentation (For talents which cannot be demonstrated on stage, we will be prepared to play a video supplied by the candidate.)
- Poise and personality during the pageant

There will be a panel of 3 judges. Judges are chosen by the program director. Contestants are judged on a 10-point scale (1 is low and 10 is high). Essays will be judged prior to the Fair by independent essay judge(s) (same 10-point scale). The scores are tabulated at the end of the competition. In the event two or more contestants have equal scores, the judges will vote to rank those contestants to break that tie.

### **Criteria:**

Judge's interview: contestants participate in a 10-minute panel interview with the judges. Questions typically come from the application information. Judging is based on poise, communication skills, personality, and content of responses.

Essay: an original essay submitted with the application (between 500 and 1,000 words). The topic is listed on the rules and deadline page. Essays are judged on originality, quality of writing, organization, and conventions.

Talent: each contestant performs or presents a 90 to 120 second talent of her own selection. Judging is based on skill and stage presence.

Poise and Personality: judges will observe the contestants during rehearsals and stage numbers. Judges will rank contestants based on personality, confidence, teamwork, grace, and stage presence.

Winners and scholarships will be announced and awarded at the end of the show on Friday.