

Miss Deerfield Fair Scholarship Program 2023 Rules and Deadlines

Please download an application form (www.deerfieldfair.com). Fill it out and sign it. The application form and an original Essay (see below) must be returned to the Deerfield Fair Office (or mailed to PO box 156, Deerfield, NH 03037). The deadline for your entry to be received is September 20, 2023. You will receive confirmation of your participation by September 20th.

Eligible participants

The program is open to unmarried high school girls in their junior or senior year (or equivalent) by the date of the fair. You must live in Deerfield or the surrounding towns of Allenstown, Auburn, Candia, Epsom, Northwood, Nottingham, or Raymond. Students at the following high schools are also eligible: Bishop Brady HS, Coe Brown Northwood Academy, Concord HS, Dover HS, Epping HS, Jesse Remington HS, Pembroke Academy, Pinkerton Academy, and Raymond HS. Daughters or granddaughters of Deerfield Fair Association members are also eligible.

Judging criteria are four elements equally weighted:

- Original Essay on the Deerfield Fair
- Judges' interview
- Talent Presentation (plan on 90 to 120 seconds)
- Poise and personality during the program

Your essay should be an original composition of between 500 and 1,000 words titled "Why I love the Deerfield Fair". Essays will be judged on originality, quality of writing (style and flow), organization and conventions.

The program will all take place on Friday, September 29, 2023 on the Deerfield Fairgrounds. Specific instructions, tickets and parking passes will be included with your confirmation letter. The schedule will be something like this:

9:00am - 11:30am	Check in and rehearsal
11:30am – 12:30am	Pictures on the fairgrounds (group and individual) for a slide show
12:30am – 1:30pm	Judges' Interviews (about 10 minutes for each contestant)
1:30pm – 2:30pm	Rehearsal
2:30pm – 4:30pm	Judges' Interviews (if needed) and Talent walk through
4:30pm – 6:30pm	Rehearsals on stage
7:00pm	Show (consists of two group numbers - opening and formalwear) as well as talents and self-introductions)

Awards and Scholarships

- First place \$3,000
- Second place \$2,000
- Third place \$1,000
- Winner of Talent, Essay, and Interview \$100 each
- Winner of “Mary Mahoney Award” (voted by the contestants) \$100
- All contestants will receive a \$50 participation award

1st through 3rd place Scholarships will be in the form of a fully funded 529 college account in the winner’s name. Lesser prizes will be debit cards.

If a junior in high school wins first place, she is not eligible to compete in her senior year.

The winner is expected to appear on the fair grounds on Saturday (September 30th) and to appear at the following year’s program.

This event is not associated with Miss New Hampshire or the Miss America programs. The directors of the Deerfield Fair Association reserve the right to cancel the program if there is not enough interest and they reserve the right to restrict entry if there are too many applicants.

Please direct questions to Doug Leavitt (Director) 603-463-9322.