




# Contestant Packet

*Thank you so much for your interest in competing in the Miss YCHS Pageant. We are extremely excited about this being the 5<sup>th</sup> pageant in the history of YCHS. Miss YCHS is a character education program. The goal is to promote service, confidence, communication skills, poise, grace, and give a platform for the young women at YCHS to have a voice and to showcase their talents. We hope that this will be an exciting journey for you and a day you will never forget! Good luck!*

This packet contains very important information to make the Miss YCHS Pageant as memorable as possible. Please pay attention to important dates, requirements, and deadline contained in the packet.

## Important Dates & Deadlines

Pageant Interest Meeting	Wednesday, October 7 <sup>th</sup> – 12pm via Microsoft Teams Wednesday, October 7 <sup>th</sup> - 7pm via Microsoft Teams
Registration Fee & Electronic <a href="#">Contract/Application</a> Deadlines	Friday, October 9 <sup>th</sup> – “B” Cohort (Room H115-Mrs. Brooks or Main Office) Monday, October 12 <sup>th</sup> – Virtual Students (Drop off at YCHS Main Office by 4pm) Monday, October 12 <sup>th</sup> – “A” Cohort (Room H115-Mrs. Brooks or Main Office)
Headshots / Deadline to submit Electronic <a href="#">Contestant Bio</a>	Wednesday, October 21 <sup>st</sup> – Appointments to be scheduled (Media Center)
Ad Sales due by 4pm / Miss YCHS Contestants Talent Music Due	Thursday, October 29 <sup>th</sup> (Room H115-Mrs. Brooks or YCHS Main Office)
Pageant Training/Rehearsals (All Rehearsals are in the YCHS Auditorium)	<p><u>Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4pm-6pm Orientation Rehearsal for 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Division and ALL 1<sup>st</sup> time YCHS pageant contestants regardless of division</li> </ul> <p><u>Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4pm-6pm - 9<sup>th</sup> &amp; 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Division Rehearsal</li> <li>6:15pm-8:15pm - 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, &amp; Miss YCHS Division Rehearsal</li> </ul> <p><u>Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3:00pm-5:00pm - 9<sup>th</sup> &amp; 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Division</li> <li>5:15pm-7:00pm - Miss YCHS Division Talent Rehearsal (Miss YCHS Division Only)</li> </ul> <p><u>Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4pm-6pm – 10<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, &amp; Miss YCHS Division Rehearsal</li> </ul> <p><u>Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup> – Dress Rehearsal Day!</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4:40pm-6:15pm – 10<sup>th</sup> &amp; 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Division Dress Rehearsals</li> <li>6:30pm-8:30pm – 9<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade &amp; Miss YCHS Division Dress Rehearsals</li> </ul>
	<p><u>Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> – Pageant Day!</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12:30pm – Miss YCHS Interviews (FDJ Conference Room)</li> <li>2pm – 10<sup>th</sup> &amp; 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Division Competition (YCHS Aud)</li> <li>5pm – 9<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade &amp; Miss YCHS Division Competition (YCHS Aud)</li> <li>8pm – Crowning &amp; Awards Ceremony (YCHS Main Gym)</li> </ul>

After receiving contestant registrations, we will make the decision to either continue with the proposed schedule above or revise and combine some Divisions to rehearse/compete in the same time slot.

- We feel we can properly socially distance approx. 20 contestants with their 20 "Contestant Chaperones" in the band room - which is used as the dressing room.
- If we have 2 divisions with 20 contestants or less, we will combine the divisions.

## Competition Categories/Divisions/Awards

### 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, & 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Divisions

#### Competition Categories:

- Prideful Pink Wear/Pride Statement Presentation (40%)
- Evening Wear (60%)
- The Spirit Award

#### Possible Awards:

- Miss Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior
- Runners-Up
- Miss Spirit of YCHS

### Miss YCHS Division (12<sup>th</sup> grade only)

#### Competition Categories:

- Prideful Pink Wear/Passion Statement Presentation (15%)
- Evening Wear (25%)
- Private Interview (30%)
- Talent (30%)
- The Spirit Award

#### Possible Awards:

- Miss YCHS
- Runners-Up
- Miss Spirit of YCHS

## Judging Criteria

- There will be 3 qualified judges.
  - At least one will have a strong background in the performing arts.
  - Whenever possible there will also be judges from the Miss America circuit.

### Prideful Pink Wear/Passion Statement

- \*Appearance, attire & fit, grooming
- \*Poise, presence
- \*Personality, sincerity, charm, charisma, wit
- \*Presentation content
- \*Voice, vocabulary, grammar

### Evening Wear

- \*Appearance, grooming
- \*Appropriateness & fit of gown
- \*Poise, grace, elegance

### Spirit of YCHS

- \*Raised most \$\$ in ad sales

### Miss YCHS Only (12<sup>th</sup> grade only)

#### Interview

- \*Appearance, attire, grooming
- \*Poise, presence
- \*Voice, vocabulary, grammar
- \*Personality, sincerity, charm, charisma, wit
- \*Intelligence
- \*Ability to think quickly
- \*Sense of values, strength of character

#### Talent

- \*Maximum time of 2 min.
- \*Execution, skill, technical difficulty
- \*Confidence, discipline, dedication
- \*Showmanship, facial expressions, stage personality
- \*Interpretation of selection
- \*Attire and proper fit
- \*In good taste – no suggestive lyrics or movements

# Possible Divisions Changes

In the event that we do not have a sufficient number of underclassmen contestants, the divisions will be as follows: (Note: We have not had to do this as of yet.)

- All 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade contestants will compete as one division called Junior Miss YCHS
- No change will be made to the Miss YCHS division mentioned above.

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In the event that we do not have a sufficient number of 12<sup>th</sup> grade Miss YCHS contestants – ALL Seniors will be eligible for the Miss YCHS title and will complete a private interview with no talent competition.

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# Requirements

- Your electronic Contract/Application and \$30 Pageant Registration fee is due:
  - Friday, October 9th – “B” Cohort (Room H115-Mrs. Brooks or Main Office)
  - Monday, October 12th – Virtual Students (Drop off at YCHS Main Office by 4pm)
  - Monday, October 12th – “A” Cohort (Room H115-Mrs. Brooks or Main Office)
    - May pay by cash or check. *Checks should be made out to YCHS.*
- Must be available for all pageant rehearsals and Pageant day.
- Each contestant is expected to turn in a minimum of 2 Ad Sales for the pageant program.
  - Ads may be purchased by family members, friends, or businesses.
  - Advertising prices and instructions are included in this packet.
- All Contestants MUST submit a Contestant Bio due Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>.
  - Contestants will provide their information in electronic format. Please be thoughtful and creative with this information. We want to know the “Real You”, not the “Packaged You.”
  - Answer ALL of the questions. The more information we have, the more we have to say about you while you are walking. This information will also be used by the judges in the interview portion for Miss YCHS Contestants.
- All Contestants will have their Headshot taken Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>.

# Eligibility

- ✓ Female student at YCHS on track for graduation, with good attendance records.
- ✓ At least a 2.0 GPA.
- ✓ Parent Permission (electronic signed contract)
- ✓ No charges or behavior contracts.
- ✓ Approval of school administration (all registered names will be given to YCHS administration for participation approval)  
\*If potential contestants have had school discipline referrals, they or their parents will need to contact school administration to see if the students is eligible for entry.
- ✓ \$30 non-refundable Registration Fee

# General Pageant Rules & Expectations

1. Contestants must participate in the pageant in the grade level listed on their official YCHS transcript. If a student's academic status should change during the year, please contact Mrs. Brooks.
2. The Miss YCHS Pageant requires high moral standards; therefore, any contestant or winner caught engaged in such acts as drinking/drugs, smoking, swearing, etc. will be immediately disqualified at the discretion of the pageant sponsor and/or school administration.
3. Good sportsmanship is required at all times. Failure to show good sportsmanship (including parents and guests) will result in the disqualification of the contestant, without refund and with forfeiture of any and all awards received. It may also result in contestant not being allowed to compete in the pageant the following year. This includes texting and all social media outlets before, during, or after the pageant. Security will remove any guests who are disruptive during pageant night.
4. All judges' decisions are final. Speaking with the judges is prohibited. If any families, friends of the contestants, or the contestants themselves are caught violating this rule, the contestant will be disqualified.
5. Registration/entry fees are non-refundable (even if the contestant does not follow through with the pageant).
6. Friends, parents, and pageant coaches are NOT allowed during ANY rehearsals/workshops (virtual or in person), including the Dress Rehearsals – Contestants and Pageant crews ONLY.
7. Phones & Cameras are NOT permitted during ANY rehearsals, in the dressing room, and on Headshot day. Taking pictures & video is strictly prohibited. Contestants caught violating this rule will be disqualified.
8. Contestant Chaperones should not have phones or cameras out at any time in the dressing room. Contestant Chaperones caught violating this rule will be removed from the dressing room for the rest of the evening. Contestants & Chaperones may be asked to store their phones in a secure location outside of the dressing room before entering the dressing room.
9. The Miss YCHS Pageant and the host building are not responsible for any missing items.
10. Raising financial support (by selling ads) beyond the \$30 registration fee is STRONGLY encouraged and expected. At no time will the judges know who raised any funds until it is announced on the stage during the awards ceremony.
11. Judges score sheets and tabulation forms will not be available to contestants and/or parents following the pageant.
12. Contestants should let family/friends know that all contestants will be unavailable until after pictures and media opportunities following the pageant.
13. Missed rehearsals may result in a contestant not being able to fully participate in opening number, a category of competition, or the awards presentation.
14. Contestants may NOT perform as guest talent for the event.
15. ~~Students must be present for at least 2 blocks of school on the day of the pageant to be able to participate in the pageant (school policy).~~
16. Masks will be required for all contestants when social distancing might not be possible during rehearsals and on pageant day.

# Wardrobe Guidelines

**OPENING NUMBER OUTFIT** – This is not a judged portion of the competition, but it IS the first impression!!!

\*Pageant T-Shirt (provided)

\*Black Capri Leggings (mid-calf)

\*White ankle socks

\*Predominantly White Tennis Shoes

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**PRIDEFUL PINK WEAR** - Contestant is to wear a trendy outfit that shows off her sense of style with the theme of the color PINK! Pictures of suggested Prideful Pink Wear can be found on [www.missychs.com](http://www.missychs.com) under "Contestant Information" then "Resources." See example of the Rockn' Red Wear to give you ideas for PINK!

- Must be in good taste. (Age-Appropriate for a High School Girl-Nothing too short, too tight or too low cut)
- Please make sure that you accessorize your outfit to enhance the overall look. Accessories such as hats, jewelry & shoes can most definitely make or break your outfit.
- Can be any attire from casual to cocktail attire – as long as the theme is PINK!
  - No jeans except PINK jeans.
- During this portion of competition when students must speak into a microphone, 2 microphones will be used. While one is being used for speaking, the other will be sanitized by a YSD1 employee.

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**EVENING GOWN** - A floor-length evening gown that shows off sense of elegance & style.

- Must be elegant, classy & in good taste. (Age-Appropriate for a High School Girl-Nothing too tight or too low cut.)
- Gown can be strapless but not low cut or plunging (sheer fabric or lace may be added). Strapless Dresses must be tasteful.
- Gown can have a slit, but nothing higher than 3-4 inches above the knee.
- No Flats! Shoes must be dressy high heels. Make sure that you can walk in them!
- Gowns can be of any fabric or style that you like, just make sure that it flatters you. (body style/build, coloring, hair, etc.)
- No midriffs allowed in the evening gown competition.
- NOTE: High School Pageant judges are notorious for deducting points for gowns that are not age or pageant appropriate.

**PRIVATE INTERVIEW – Miss YCHS Contestants ONLY** - Contestant is to wear a dressy business outfit.

A skirt suit or a pants suit is suggested.

- Must be dressy (professional) & in good taste. First impressions & looking the part are important!
- Skirts/dresses should not be any shorter than mid-thigh.
- No Jeans, Jeggings or leggings are allowed to be worn for interview.
- No Flats! Shoes must be heels of some sort...they don't have to be really high if you don't want them to be, just a High Heel of some sort always looks best...accessories & shoes are what can make or break your outfit!
- Miss YCHS Interviews will be socially distanced in the FDJ conference room. Only 3 judges and 1 contestant will be in the room at a time. Other contestants waiting for interviews will be held in the upstairs work room and will be able to socially distance.
- Judges will have their temperature taken and will complete the Symptom Screener Form.

## **TALENT– Miss YCHS Contestants ONLY** - Outfits should enhance & compliment your routine.

- You MUST be in FULL Costume on the day of talent rehearsal. No changes in talent performance or in talent costume may be made without the approval of the Pageant Director after the rehearsal.
- The Pageant Sponsor, Pageant Director, and YCHS School Administration has the authority to assign performance changes or dismiss the performance altogether if the performance is not school appropriate.
- Costumes can be leotards, skirts, etc. but contestants MUST wear well-fitted undergarments such as bloomers.
- Understand that costumes that are too tight, too short, and not age appropriate will cause points to be deducted from individual score
- Any equipment or microphones used will be sanitized between contestants.

## Dressing Rooms & Contestant Chaperones

You will be allowed to have one female in the dressing room with you – your Contestant Chaperone.

- This person will be allowed to go back and forth from the dressing room to the auditorium with their assigned wristband.
  - Contestant Chaperones will need to re-enter and exit the auditorium each time using the rear spectator doors. Contestant Chaperones are allowed backstage, in the staging areas, on in the wings of the stage at any time.
- Contestant Chaperones are NOT allowed backstage or in the wings of the stage.
- No males will be in the dressing room at any time.
- No significant others will be in the dressing room at any time.
- Contestant Chaperones should not take ANY pictures while in the dressing room at any time. Pictures may be taken out in the hallway.
- The YCHS Band Room will act as the dressing room.
- Contestant Chaperones will have their temperature taken and will fill out a Symptom Screening Form before entering the building.
- Contestant Chaperones must wear a mask 100% of the time while in the dressing room, hallways, and auditorium.

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## Headshots

- Contestants will be given a Headshot appointment time.
- The procedure for head shots will be socially distanced in the YCHS Media Center.
- ONLY contestants will be allowed in the building and Media Center for Headshots due to YSD1 COVID Protocol.
- All Headshots will be taken by the same photographer.
- Additional headshots cannot be submitted for use (for the program or for ads).
- Attire should be dressy to business-casual.

- The picture will show your face/hair, neck, and a small portion of your shoulders down to just above the bellybutton.
  - The Headshot may appear in black & white and/or color.
  - These Headshots may be used in any Pageant publishing including promo signs, media, Official Miss YCHS Facebook page, Pageant program book, etc.
    - Tip: Wear a neckline, a color, and accessories that are eye catching and flattering to your face shape, skin tone, and features.
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## Tickets/Programs

### Tickets

- We plan to use GoFan as our electronic ticket provider (same as athletics).
- Only a limited number of tickets will be sold for the division competitions held in the Auditorium, and also for the Awards/Crowning which will take place in the Gym.
  - Ticket ordering will be open to all contestants' families first, and will then open to the community.
    - Division tickets - \$4 (Auditorium)
      - The auditorium will be cleared after each division.
    - Awards/Crowning tickets - \$2 (YCHS Gym)
    - Day Pass - \$12 (allows you to come to any portions of the pageant)
    - Seating will be general admission.

### Seating policies/Spectators

- Seating at 6 feet social distancing will be marked.
- Pageant staff ushers will help guests be seated appropriately.
  - Families from the same household may be seated together.
- The auditorium will be cleared after each division.
- All spectators will wear masks 100% of the time while in the building.

### Programs

- Programs will be available to purchase for \$15. Only a limited number will be available. Contestants usually have an opportunity to purchase programs in advance to ensure their families secure a program.
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## Opportunities Beyond Pageant Night

- All Sash/Crown Winners should wear their sashes to school the next school day.
- Miss YCHS should plan to be an entry for the York Christmas Parade, Hickory Grove Christmas Parade, and the York MLK Parade (possibly others). The sponsor will complete the entry for each parade.
- Miss YCHS will also have the responsibility of crowning the next Miss YCHS.

- Miss YCHS and other class winners may also have other appearances and opportunities through the year. The sponsor will communicate what these may be. These students should make every attempt to fulfill this role as an ambassador.

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## Communication

Pageant Coordinator & Director – Mrs. Laura C. Brooks

Email: [lbrooks@york.k12.sc.us](mailto:lbrooks@york.k12.sc.us) Room H115

Email Communication:

The Contestant and parent emails you provide on your electronic Contract/Application will be added to an email distribution list for the 2020 Miss YCHS Pageant. You will receive updates regularly.

Text Communication:

The Contestant and parent phone numbers you provide on your electronic Contract/Application will be added to our Miss YCHS Remind Text group. You may also sign up NOW by using the following instructions: Text @missychs to the number 81010.

Website:

Please access all Pageant documents at [www.missychs.com](http://www.missychs.com)

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## Miss Spirit of YCHS Ad Competition

Our young ladies have the opportunity to explore their community, community leaders and businesses to participate in a advertisement competition! Each contestant is given the opportunity to connect with local businesses by selling advertisements for the Pageant Program. Parents and businesses can show their support for the Miss YCHS Pageant or a particular contestant by purchasing an ad to appear in the Miss YCHS Pageant Program.

Ads sales made easy! This year all ad forms will be filled out electronically at <https://forms.gle/LMCwpzhEyTBV7Soq7>  
The ad form lists the various levels of advertisements available. The ads range in price according to size. Here are tips to help you recruit sponsors:

1. Read the letter below.
2. Send the letter below via email or US mail to businesses, friends, and family.
  - a. You may also create your own letter with a personal touch from you! Make sure you include the link!!!!
3. Send a reminder email as the due date gets closer also asking if they have committed to purchasing an ad, so you can put them on your Official Ad Tally Form. You will also need to find out if they are mailing their ad payment to the school, or if you need to pick up personally from them and turn in yourself.

NOTE: Ads will NOT be printed and will NOT be credited to the student unless ad payment is received.





Dear Business Owner/Manager OR my Personal Friends/Family,

On Saturday, November 21st, I will be competing in the 2020 Miss YCHS Pageant. The Miss YCHS Pageant is a character education program. The goal is to promote service, confidence, communication skills, poise, grace, and give a platform for the young women at YCHS to have a voice and to showcase their talents. I am excited about this journey I am about to embark upon and I'm looking forward to a day I will never forget!

In an effort to provide us with an experience that we will remember for many years to come, we invite your company to be a visible participant in our upcoming exciting and prestigious event. We are asking businesses/family/friends to support our Official Pageant program book. Last year's book had 112 pages full of local business ads and ads for contestants! Your assistance as a sponsor will not only publicize your company but it also helps me, as a contestant, compete in the **ad sales competition** to possibly be crowned as "Miss Spirit of YCHS" for my division.

When businesses purchase a full page or half page ad, your ad will be also shown in a slide show during the pageant, and later posted on social media as a Miss YCHS Pageant supporter (due to COVID The Miss YCHS Pageant wants to help promote your business even further this year!!) In addition to supporting the pageant and me as a contestant, you will also be reaching limitless potential customers from all around our region in an effort to provide the maximum possible exposure for your business!

We celebrate young, strong, committed women. By investing in the role models of today, we strengthen our collective tomorrows. As a sponsor, you will contribute to a hopeful future by helping one individual develop and refine personal attributes such as self-esteem, public speaking, and confidence that will assist throughout life.

Please support me and the Miss YCHS Pageant by filling out the Sponsorship Form at: <https://forms.gle/LMCwpzhEyTBV7Soq7> . This form will also allow you to upload your ad artwork as well. We are unable to accept electronic payments for ad at this time so please let me know if you need me to pick up payment from you, or if you will be mailing your ad payment directly to the Pageant Director at YCHS. **My deadline for ad sales is October 29<sup>th</sup>**, so please fill out the form and turn in payment by then, so that I may receive credit.

Thanks so much for your consideration!

*Contestant Name*

*Contestant's/Parent's Contact Information*

*The Miss YCHS Pageant - Laura C. Brooks, Pageant Director  
lbrooks@york.k12.sc.us - 803-818-6247  
York Comprehensive High School - 275 East Alexander Love Hwy, York, SC 29745*

Sample ads

**Congratulations to our  
2019 Miss South Carolina Teen**

*Kellan Fenegan*



**We are so proud  
of what  
you have  
accomplished!**

2 Half Page Business Ad Samples



*Supports Kayla Cash  
in the Miss YCHS Pageant!  
Go Kayla ! We love you!*

**Proud  
Supporters  
Of The  
Miss  
YCHS  
Pageant!**



*Go Jennifer White!*

## What are the first steps to get started?

Contestant [Contract/Application](#) & \$30 Registration Fee Due by:

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- Monday, October 12th – “A” Cohort (Room H115-Mrs. Brooks or Main Office)
  - <https://forms.gle/AgZGQkKPQ7xEGY2o8>