

Fair Bluff Watermelon Festival Scholarship Pageant Application

Sponsored by Fair Bluff Chamber of Commerce

Saturday, July 25th, 2026, at the Fair Bluff Baptist Christian Life Center

1205 Main Street, Fair Bluff, NC

Entry Fee: \$150

*Optional Photogenic: \$10 for each photo

**Sponsors are accepted

Application Deadline- Wednesday, July 1st *No applications accepted after this date

DIVISIONS	AGES
Junior Miss	9-11
Pre-Teen Miss	12-13
Teen Miss	14-16
Queen	17-20
Mrs.	25-40

Categories: *(Judging will be scored in each category on a scale of 1-10.)*

- **Interview:** 5 Minutes for all divisions. Interview will come from your application.
- **Dressy Casual Attire:** Pantsuit, Jumpsuit, etc. You will wear this outfit for your interview.
- **Introduction:** This will be done during the evening gown competition, and you will tell why you want to be a representative of the Fair Bluff Watermelon Festival. You must not go over two (2) minutes.
- **Evening Gown**
- **Talent** *(Queen division only):* Must be uploaded to Google Drive and information will be provided later. Entries are due no later than rehearsal on July 19, 2026. Pageant judges will be the only ones who will see the entries. There will be a talent winner announced at the pageant.

The esteemed title of Watermelon Festival Queen is honored as the only division eligible to compete for the \$1,000 scholarship award. While each division plays a vital and celebrated role within the festival, the Queen division uniquely recognizes excellence in leadership, poise, dedication, and overall achievement, and is therefore designated for scholarship consideration.

Contact Information:

1. **Ashlie Simmons** *(Pageant Executive, Chamber Vice President)* (910) 207-7738
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Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Parents Names: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

County: _____ Phone Number: _____

Hair Color: _____ Eye Color: _____

Interesting Facts about Yourself: _____

Why would you like to become a Fair Bluff Watermelon Queen? _____

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Please print the contestant's name and the correct division at the bottom of this sheet.

*Optional - Photogenic Contest:

(**Circle** if entering) \$10.00 for each photo

Total: \$ _____

Cash: _____

Check # _____

Please make your check payable to: **Fair Bluff Chamber of Commerce**

Please carefully read the contents of this application before signing below.

Signature Required & Entry Fees must be paid before application may be accepted.

The Fair Bluff Watermelon Festival Association (including its Board of Directors, Committee Chairpersons, and volunteers), the Fair Bluff Watermelon Festival Pageant, the Town of Fair Bluff, and Fair Bluff Baptist Church, are not responsible for injuries, losses, damages, or accidents that may occur during the Fair Bluff Watermelon Festival Scholarship Pageant, or while traveling to and from events. I understand the Judges' decisions are final. Any act of disrespectful behavior or poor sportsmanship of any manner from contestants or family members will NOT be tolerated and will result in disqualification without refund.

By affixing your signature to this contract, you acknowledge that you have read and agree to the information therein and you grant permission to the Fair Bluff Watermelon Festival Pageant the right to use all pictures taken prior to, during or after the event for advertising and/or marketing purposes and to allow said pictures to be posted on our website. In the event the photos are used, you will be notified.

There will be a \$35.00 service charge for all returned checks.

Participation in this event is open to all individuals regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, or background. We are committed to promoting fairness, inclusion, and respect for everyone.

The Fair Bluff Watermelon Festival Pageant reserves the right to refuse entry to anyone.

Contestant Name

Contestant Division

Date: _____

Rules and Requirements:

- Entrant CANNOT run in this pageant if holding ANY title.
- Entrant must have entry fee, *five copies of the application typed or clearly printed*, and any sized photo to be used for social media (black and white or colored) turned in by Wednesday, July 1st, 2026. **WE ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING COPIES!!**
- **Mandatory Pageant Rehearsal:** Sunday, July 19th at 5:00 p.m. at the Fair Bluff Baptist Church Christian Life Center
 - All Photogenic entries must be turned in by the end of rehearsal!
 - Contestant numbers will be assigned at rehearsal; no extras will be given out!
 - There will be a run-through of the pageant to allow contestants to walk the stage layout and practice turns! You may bring pageant shoes to practice in.
- **Birthdate:** The Division the contestant is in is determined by the age the contestant will be on the evening of the Pageant. There will be a 6-month waiver either way.
- **Contestant Contract:** Each contestant and parent or guardian is **REQUIRED** to sign the morality contract before competing. Contracts are included in all pageant application packets. We abide strictly by the morality contract of the Fair Bluff Watermelon Festival Pageant.
- **Residency:** The Fair Bluff Watermelon Festival Pageant is open to residents of Columbus County, Dillon County, Horry County, Bladen County, Brunswick County, Robeson County, and Marion County.
- **Grace Period:** Title holders **WILL NOT** be allowed to compete in another pageant until 60 days prior to relinquishing the Fair Bluff Watermelon Festival Pageant title on July 24, 2027. May 25th is the 60-day grace period mark. In the event the Fair Bluff Watermelon Festival Teen and Queen honor the requirements and do compete in another pageant within those 60 days and wins a title, they will be expected to complete their duties with the Fair Bluff Watermelon Festival through July 24, 2027. The Fair Bluff Watermelon Festival Pageant Queen is under contract to participate in ALL Fair Bluff Watermelon Festival and Fair Bluff events. Appearances and requirements are listed in the contestant contract.
- **Parade:** Participation in the Watermelon festival Parade is MANDATORY for all contestants. Each contestant must participate in the Fair Bluff Watermelon Festival Parade! You will be responsible for your own vehicle, signs and driver! Each contestant and driver must wear a Fair Bluff Watermelon Festival T-Shirt! Contestants are given a complimentary parade entry. Parade line-up begins on Causey Rd at 11:00 am. The parade will start @ 12:30 pm. (all times to be announced)
- **Photogenic Contest:** This is an optional area of competition, not required. It is open to all contestants. A 5x7 or 8x10 photo must be submitted on the night of rehearsal July 19th. Additional photos can be judged for \$10 per photo. Photos may be in color or black and white. NO HIGH GLITZ! Photos may be touched up. One photogenic winner in each division will be awarded.
- **Scoresheets:** All scoresheets are final. In our morality contract we discuss the positive atmosphere and excellent behavior of all contestants, and families. **NO SCORE SHEETS WILL BE GIVEN OUT DUE TO JUDGES DECISIONS BEING FINAL.**

- **NO** wigs, extensions, faux teeth, and no excessive makeup, etc. The judges are aware of our guidelines and the caliber of Queens we are seeking to represent our Festival and Fair Bluff. Judges will deduct points for those not complying with our directives and regulations.
- Each contestant competing in the Junior Miss, Preteen Miss, Teen Miss, Queen and Mrs. divisions will be **required** to decorate a hat and participate in the hat contest held during the festival downtown.
- There will be an ambassador title for the most raffle ticket sales. Tickets will be \$1 for a Case Knife, \$2 for a Simply Southern Lighted Travel Case, and \$2 for a Watermelon Wreath. You do not have to be present to win. This is only open to contestants.
- T-shirt purchases may be made at: the Lumber River Visitor’s Center in Fair Bluff, NC, Uptown Revival in Fair Bluff, NC, United Bank in Chadbourn, NC, Secondhand Smiles in Fair Bluff (Tuesday-Saturday only) and Fowler’s Jewelers in Whiteville, NC. Prices and availability will be announced later for T-shirts.
- All applications and fees must be turned in at Uptown Revival, located at 16 Rogers St. Fair Bluff, NC 28439.

Day of Pageant:

- Each contestant must arrive, ready to compete **NO LATER THAN 3 PM!**
- Each contestant will only be allowed one (1) parent/guardian to be in the dressing room with them. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** All other supporters must pay an admission fee!
- **Pageant admission:** Admission is \$10.00 per person at the door and will include a program.

Court Requirements and Information:

Fair Bluff Watermelon Festival Royalty will NOT have an all-expense paid reign. The Queen will be responsible for Cars, Parade Fees, Shirts, Car Signs, Clothing, etc. The Fair Bluff Watermelon Festival Committee will attempt to minimize costs whenever it is possible.

Contestant Name: _____

Contestant Signature _____ Date: _____

Parent/ Guardian Name: _____

Parent/ Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS ISSUED AFTER JULY 1, 2026