

2014 Miss Virginia Pageant

When: 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday (7 p.m. Friday pre-show featuring former Miss Virginias and special guests); 9 p.m. Saturday

Where: Roanoke Civic Center

Cost: \$40 Thursday and Friday (Friday ticket includes pre-show); \$50 Saturday

Tickets/more info: roanokeciviccenter.com, 877-482-8496

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Twenty-six young women are set to compete at the 2014 Miss Virginia competition starting Thursday at the Roanoke Civic Center. If you're not attending the show, a live streaming package is available online for a fee, or you can watch the Saturday night finale live on WSET (Channel 13) at 9 p.m. Follow the show on Twitter at #missva.



Miss Apple Blossom Festival
Elizabeth Martin
Platform: Goal setting: overcoming obstacles
Talent: Singing/musical theater
Fun fact: Elizabeth is a Certified Wish Granter with the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Virginia.



Miss Arlington
Briana Hanafin
Platform: Global education
Talent: Broadway vocal
Fun fact: Briana played Division I collegiate softball for four years; holds eight softball hitting records at the University of Maryland.



Miss Bedford
Taylor Nicole Reynolds
Platform: Rachel's Challenge: A Chain Reaction
Talent: Lyrical dance
Fun fact: Taylor took dance lessons from actress Alyson Stoner, as well as Ade Obayomi from "So You Think You Can Dance."



Miss Chesterfield
Savannah Morgan Lane
Platform: The power of performance
Talent: Broadway vocal
Fun fact: Savannah is a member of the University of Virginia's water polo team.



Miss Commonwealth
Taylor Jessie-Marie Campbell
Platform: Ready, set, read! The race to literacy
Talent: Tap dance
Fun fact: Taylor is a game show junkie and hopes to be on a game show someday.



Miss Dominion
Veronica Robertson
Platform: Celebrating S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math)
Talent: Dance
Fun fact: Veronica enjoys doing arts and crafts, especially knitting.



Miss Greater Franklin County
Haylee Lucille Hunt
Platform: Everyone F.I.T.T.s (Fighting Injustice Through Tolerance)
Talent: Piano
Fun fact: Haylee loves to cook and bake.



Miss Greater Hampton Roads
Katie Pimblett
Platform: Give the gift of life: Be a bone marrow donor
Talent: Classical vocal
Fun fact: Katie has traveled to 22 states and five countries.



Miss Greater Prince William County
Lottye Olivia Lockhart
Platform: Early literacy
Talent: Vocal
Fun fact: Lottye was offered a job performing on a cruise ship before her high school graduation.



Miss Heart of Virginia
Wanda Allyn Christian
Platform: Living green
Talent: Jazz dance
Fun fact: Wanda has danced at Busch Gardens as Elmo and as a German man.



Miss Hill City
Vishaka Ravishankar
Platform: Spreading smiles through service
Talent: Bollywood fusion dance
Fun fact: Vishaka speaks four languages and is learning to fly airplanes.



Miss Lynchburg
Stefani Szkalak
Platform: SPARK change now (anti-bullying)
Talent: Vocal
Fun fact: Stefani was born in Hawaii and loves traveling and skydiving.



Miss Martinsville-Henry County
Mary Hannah Garber
Platform: Let's dance: Preventing childhood obesity
Talent: Musical theater
Fun fact: Mary is proficient in proper British and Cockney British accents.



Miss New River Valley
Michaela Sigmon
Platform: Youth Embracing Service (YES)
Talent: Jazz dance
Fun fact: Michaela's childhood dream became a reality when she became a professional dancer at 16.



Miss Northern Virginia
Addison Walker
Platform: Child and adolescent mental health: Four points breaking the cycle
Talent: Broadway vocal
Fun fact: Addison loves to bake pizza from scratch.



Miss Peninsula
Amy Reanne Bartgis
Platform: Youth skin cancer prevention
Talent: Vocal
Fun fact: Amy was two feet tall when she was born, and five feet tall by the age of 6.



Miss Piedmont Region
Sarah Grace Fitzsimmons
Platform: Fostering positive self-esteem in America's youth
Talent: Classical vocal/opera
Fun fact: Sarah lives on a 100-acre farm where she takes care of the animals.



Miss Pine Mountain
Katie Mitchell
Platform: The future is what YOU make of it
Talent: Vocal
Fun fact: Katie wants to work for the FBI as a crime scene investigator.



Miss Roanoke Valley
Victoria Maiden
Platform: Beating the odds: A living miracle
Talent: Baton
Fun fact: Victoria has more than 17 years of advanced baton twirling instruction and was the United States Twirling Ambassador to Peru.



Miss Smith Mountain Lake
Hailee Welch
Platform: From low self-esteem to achieving your dreams
Talent: Flute
Fun fact: Hailee is originally from Alaska and has had chicken pox six times.



Miss Southwestern Virginia
Miranda Paige Coble
Platform: S.W.A.G.: "Start with a goal"
Talent: Vocal
Fun fact: Miranda has danced at Madison Square Garden and Disneyland.



Miss State Fair of Virginia
Courtney Paige Garrett
Platform: Defying disabilities
Talent: Classical vocal
Fun fact: Courtney was pictured with her brother on a "Wheaties" cereal box representing the Special Olympics.



Miss Virginia Association of Fairs
Leah May Cordle
Platform: Live Equal Abolish Hate (LEAH)
Talent: Broadway vocal
Fun fact: Leah has created and published a coloring book and an anti-bullying website.



Miss Virginia Beach
Macy Ware
Platform: Breast cancer awareness
Talent: Tap dance
Fun fact: Macy has been a dancer for 14 years and a student dance teacher for six years.



Miss Virginia Dogwood
Delesia Amanda Watson
Platform: Communication 101: Let's talk!
Talent: Vocal
Fun fact: Delesia was invited to write an article on France's proposed ban on child beauty pageants.



Miss York County
Chrissy Ching
Platform: Informed voters: The key to the future
Talent: Piano
Fun fact: Chrissy is an avid shoe collector with more than 100 pairs.

Online voting
Internet voting for the "People's Choice" contestant is open and will continue through Friday, June 27, at 10 p.m. The contestant who receives the most Internet votes will become a "Top 11" finalist and will receive the "People's Choice" scholarship. Each vote costs 99 cents. To vote, go to www.missva.com.

Online streaming
All three nights of the pageant can be streamed online for \$29.99. The package includes the Thursday and Friday night Miss Virginia preliminary competitions, the Friday pre-show, the Miss Virginia Outstanding Teen 2014 competition and the Miss Virginia 2014 competition.