



WELCOME TO DISTINGUISHED YOUNG WOMEN OF TAYLOR COUNTY PROGRAM!

We're so excited that you've decided to participate in the Distinguished Young Women of Taylor County scholarship program!

Distinguished Young Women of Taylor County is part of a nationwide program which awards scholarships for young women's achievement. Throughout your participation you will be encouraged to reach your goals, continue your education and be confident in your opinions. College scholarships are available to all participants and over \$1.5 billion scholarships are available nationally! The Distinguished Young Women program is definitely a once in a lifetime experience.

This packet includes all the information you will need in order to be a part of the DYW of Taylor County program. If you or your parents have any questions while reading this handbook or at any time during your participation, don't hesitate to contact Stephanie Johnson, at 270.403.9385. The better you understand the program, the more you will get out of your experience.

We look forward to an awesome program Saturday, September 21, 2019!

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PARTICIPANT'S HANDBOOK

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CHECKLIST

- **Please complete this step first.** Go to the website www.distinguisheddyw.org and click on APPLY NOW at the top of the web page.
Start the application process.
Do not upload a picture, we will upload your official headshot
- **Make sure you have an active email address. Your DYW password will be sent to your email address. Do not forget your email address or password! PLEASE WRITE IT DOWN!**
- Follow the instructions in the **FILLING OUT PARTICIPANT PROFILE INFORMATION ON THE WEBSITE** packet that is included in your orientation folder and is also included on the website www.dywofaylorcounty.com under participant information. This will help you complete your registration forms on the Distinguished Young Women website (www.distinguisheddyw.org). You can log in as many times as you need to complete all of the information up until the **DEADLINE ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2019.**
- Your folder contains all the online registration instructions, Local Participant Agreement, Academic Record Form, Health Form, Program Book Information, Talent Form, and Little Sister Registration Form. If not, please let me know right away.

The Local Participant Agreement, Academic Record Form, Health Form, Talent Form, and Little Sister Registration form are due by **SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2019.** We will meet Sunday, May, 5, 2019 at Taylor County High School Library to submit all forms and to size for fitness attire and t-shirts.

The next page contains a checklist with instructions concerning materials required by all participants to complete or submit before they participate in Distinguished Young Women of Taylor County. If you experience any problems or have questions; please contact Stephanie Johnson, 270.403.9385, however, please do not wait until the last minute to do so.

Class of 2020 LOCAL PARTICIPANT CHECKLIST

- Sign up for Remind - Participants this is our primary form of communication
- Register and start your on-line forms @ www.distinguishedyw.org
Instructions on FILLING OUT PARTICIPANT PROFILE INFORMATION ON THE WEBSITE is included in your orientation folder
Must start this process no later than SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2019
ALL ON-LINE FORMS DUE BY SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2019
- Complete DISTINGUISHED YOUNG WOMEN FOUNDATION LOCAL PARTICIPANT'S AGREEMENT 2020. **DUE BY SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2019**
- Complete the following sections of the academic record form:
PARTICIPANT
PHONE NUMBER
PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
ACADEMIC EXTRACURRICULAR
Please DO NOT fill out the remaining sections. I will submit to your counselor closer to the program date. Instructions are included in the folder.
DUE BY SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2019
- Complete Health Form
MUST BE SIGNED BY YOUR PARENT/GUARDIAN AND YOUR PHYSICIAN
DUE BY SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2019
- Complete Talent Form. **DUE BY SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2019**
- Complete Program Book Information. **DUE BY SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2019**
- Select and provide Little Sister with her folder. All of the Little Sister forms are **DUE BY SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2019**
- Be Your Best Self Essay ~ Prompt is included in the folder
DUE BY SUNDAY, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2019
- Pay \$65.00 fee for Fitness Attire (make checks payable to DYW of Taylor Co & include fitness in memo. You will be sized on Sunday, May 5, 2019. **DUE BY MAY 5, 2019**
- Complete DYW Photography Form and make checks payable to Beth McCubbin \$25 Fee.
DUE BY SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2019
- Email Talent Music to stephjohnson76@yahoo.com with participant name in the subject line. **DUE BY SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2019**

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

LOCATION

Distinguished Young Women of Taylor County will be held at Roger D. Cook Auditorium on the campus of Taylor County High School on Saturday, September 21, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.

**Taylor County High School
2705 Hodgenville Road
Campbellsville, Ky. 42718**

PRACTICE SCHEDULE AND EVENTS

****NO ONE EXCEPT DISTINGUISHED YOUNG WOMEN STAFF AND PARTICIPANTS ARE ALLOWED TO ATTEND THE REHEARSALS**

****ATTACHED YOU WILL FIND A CALENDAR OF PRACTICE TIMES AND EVENTS**

AREAS OF EVALUATION

SCHOLASTICS – 25%

This area is already over as it involves the effort you have put into your classes through your junior year. You will not meet the evaluator, as their work is completed before the program begins.

INTERVIEW – 25%

You will have an informal talk with the judges for 10 minutes which can cover everything from current events to your personal information sheet to your opinions on a variety of topics. Judges are looking for your ability to express yourself and communicate clearly. It is not a quiz.

TALENT – 20%

This is your time to entertain everyone; the one time you will be alone on stage to show off your unique talent. Use your talent(s) in the most creative way you can with your costuming, routine and presentation. Creativity and showing that you are enjoying yourself are important. **THIS IS YOUR OWN MOMENT TO SHINE!! USE IT WELL!!** Your talent cannot exceed 90 seconds. The clock will start when you begin to move, play, speak, sing or when your accompanying music begins. The clock will stop when you or the accompanying music stop (whichever stops last). We recommend limiting your talent to 87 seconds long so you don't have to worry.

* No Local, State, National Program, or participant is allowed to use Disney Music. Disney controls the licensing of their music and, at this time, licensing is prohibited thus illegal to use.

SELF-EXPRESSION - 15%

Communication ability, grace under pressure, and poise during answering a question on stage are all a part of this area of evaluation.

*Participants should receive the questions NO MORE THAN 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE of their Self-Expression performance.

FITNESS – 15%

This is a bouncy, energetic, aerobics-like routine where you will be evaluated for overall stamina, fitness and stage presence. You do not have to be a dancer to do this routine!

THE SELECTION PANELS

There are two selection panels for the program. One panel is made up of educators who evaluate the contestants' school transcripts and test scores to calculate with the Scholastics scores. This panel is often referred to as the "Scholastic Judges". The other panel is made up of people familiar with the Distinguished Young Women philosophy and who may have expertise in the different categories of judging. This panel may also be referred to as the "Program Judges". They evaluate the other four categories and, after adding in the points from the scholastic panel, the total point score determines the results.

WHAT YOU NEED

REHEARSALS

Any form of exercise clothing is fine so long as you can jump, dance, bend and stretch comfortably. You will be doing aerobic routines most of the time. PLEASE ATTEND ALL PRACTICES IN WORKOUT ATTIRE. Don't forget water.

INTERVIEW

Participants should wear business attire which includes a professional dress, skirt/slacks and blouse, or suit; it should be something you might wear to church or out to a nice restaurant. Treat this as you would a job interview and dress accordingly.

TALENT

Whatever you need to present YOU in the best possible way and make your performance the best it can possibly be. Please make your costume appropriate to your age. You will need to provide your own instrument, except a piano. You may use a prop during this portion of the program, however you will have to be able to carry it on and off by

yourself. We will need all talent music emailed to stephajohnson76@yahoo.com NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2019 in a MP3 file with your participant name in the subject line. Your MP3 file must be cut to the exact music you are using and be the only thing on that file.

SELF-EXPRESSION

- The Self-Expression dress must be mid-knee or just below your knee. The dress should move with you and not cling; it should be tasteful and age appropriate.
- Bare midriff, backless, and lace-up dresses are **PROHIBITED**.
- PLUNGING NECKLINES ARE **PROHIBITED**.
- Straps or over the shoulder dresses are recommended. Halter-style dresses are acceptable.
- No skin-tight dresses, you should have room to move without the dress clinging to you.
- It may have some bead or sequins as an accent, but fully beaded or sequined dresses are not recommended.
- Jewelry is permitted, however stoles, boas, and gloves are **PROHIBITED**.
- Hats or oversized hair ornaments are **PROHIBITED**.
- You may wear shoes that are appropriate for your chosen dress. Any heel height is acceptable, however make sure you can move easily. We recommend heels in the range of 2 1/2" for safety. Casual flats and open back shoes are **PROHIBITED**.

FITNESS

\$65.00 Fee will cover the cost of the following:

- Black Workout Capris
- Workout Tank
- White Hairbow

You Must Provide:

- Black fitness shoes
- Black no show socks
- Black sports bra

OPENING NUMBER

You Must Provide:

- Jeans - NO BLACK OR WHITE JEANS AND NO JEANS WITH HOLES
- Shoes of your choice (You might want to match with your Little Sister on this one!)

Committee will provide:

- DYW of Taylor County T-shirt

OTHER INFORMATION

AWARDS

At the end of the program we will name one young woman Distinguished Young Woman of Taylor County for 2020. She will receive a cash scholarship and the opportunity to represent Taylor County in the Distinguished Young Women of Kentucky in January 2020, where she will have another opportunity to win cash scholarships.

COMMUNICATIONS

During rehearsals and the program day, participants will not be allowed to use their cell phones. Parents and family are also not permitted to attend rehearsals or be backstage during the performance. If at any time your family needs to reach you or someone with the program, contact Stephanie Johnson, 270.403.9385.

TICKET INFORMATION

Tickets for admittance into the Distinguished Young Women of Taylor County can be purchased for the following prices:

Ages 4 and under	FREE	
Ages 5 - 18 years of age	\$10 Advance Price	\$15 Door Price
Adults	\$15 w/ program Advance Price	\$20 Door Price

Programs are \$5 the night of the program

Tickets are available to purchase on our website @ www.dywoftaylorcounty.com under ticket information. All tickets purchased through the website will be mailed directly to you.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS THE CONTACT INFORMATION IS AS FOLLOVED:

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