

COGIC International Youth Department Southern Region

YOUNG WOMEN OF EXCELLENCE PAGEANT 2026

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2026 YWE Pageant Guidelines & Requirements:

- 1. A jurisdiction may have more than one participant entered in the YWE Pageant.**
- The applicant must be single (never been married), with no children, and between the ages of 13 and 21. She must be in good standing with the Youth Department and any area of the local church in which she serves.
- Each applicant must complete the online application and have the hardcopy permission slip signed by their pastor, along with a short bio and a picture when submitting the application. **All applications must be received by Monday, March 30, 2026.** Email to rippy35@gmail.com
- Each applicant will submit a 200-word typed essay on the Regional Rally Theme “STANDING ON WHAT I BELIEVE.” EPHESIANS 6:13*
- Each applicant should have a minimum of 1 hour of community service (include proof in portfolio).*
- Each applicant must include a required \$50.00 non-refundable application fee, which includes the cost of the Southern Region IYD T-shirt and rally registration. Each participant must obtain a minimum of 10 patrons at the cost of \$10 each. Submit the entry fee and patron fee at www.iydsouthernregion.com. **The application and entry fee are submitted online at the same time.**
- For additional points, each participant may submit additional monies/patrons. These additional monies/patrons should be submitted to the Regional Youth Dept. Chairlady Rhonda Rippy on **Friday, April 10, 2026.** **Note – You may add a page of your known patrons to your portfolio. ***
- Each applicant will take part in **The Power Room**, the Saturday morning workshop, and the pageant. Each applicant will participate and be evaluated in the areas of group interaction, presentation, and congeniality.
- The pageant attire will consist of:
 - The attire for Friday is Pink Cardigan, Black Skirt, White top, Pearls and sneakers (please have a lap scarf).
 - The attire for Saturday is the 2026 Regional Youth Rally T-shirt with a blue jean skirt. (Please have a lap scarf.)
- Each participant will display their talent presentation & portfolio on Friday night after the main service—April 10, 2026. The applicant’s portfolio will express the participant’s creativity. The portfolio should be at least 8x10 and 8 pages minimum. It is imperative to make a visually appealing and informative book, as points will be awarded based on submissions. ****Note – add a page of your known patrons to your portfolio.****
- There will be two awards given: **one for the most patrons and one for the most money. The applicant who submits the most patrons (more than 10) will get the Victory Patrons Award. The applicant who submits the most money over \$150 will get the Victory Financial Award. These honors may be won by many participants. Neither the most money nor the most patrons will ensure a win in the end. The contestant with the greatest overall score in ALL categories combined will be crowned the 2026 Southern Region IYD Young Woman of Excellence Queen.**
- The YWE Crown will be granted to the young woman that accumulates the MOST points in a variety of categories during the workshops as well as the pageantry.
- Once all applications have been received, **there will be a conference call on April 2, 2026, at 6:30 PM** to allow for questions and to meet the team and those participating.

Young Women of Excellence Point System:

A winner will be selected and will be bestowed the honor of the Southern Region IYD Young Woman of Excellence. The contestants will be judged by the following categories:

- *Timely Application Submission - **Deadline March 30, 2026***
 - *Attendance to all events (points will be deducted if not present)*
Power Room Friday Night After Service, April 10.
Saturday Workshop during the Empowerment Session—Friday, Apr 11,
YWE Conference Call—April 2, 2026, at 6:30 PM CST (information is below)
Meeting ID: 870-4245-8710
Passcode: 156704122
- *Portfolio Design and Articulation of Category Presentation*

YWE PORTFOLIO (Be Creative) (This is only a suggestive list of categories.)

Academics—Sample school work (presentation/project), school awards, scholarship letters, history of grades, original research

Music-- Video or audio footage of yourself singing, dancing, or playing a musical instrument, or a copy of an original song (please have a recording of you playing or be prepared to play).

Fashion—Video/Pictures of Original Work

Community Service—Community projects, awards, pictures/videos

Sports—Video of competitions, awards, scholarship letters

Fine Arts – Liturgical Praise, Sign Language: Video of Performance

Performing Arts – Ballet: Video of performance

Arts (Painting or Graphic Design)—The original picture, or a picture of your original art piece, must be submitted, or a video of the painting, graphic, or design work.

Church Involvement—sample programs, video/picture of evidence of church work, video of you speaking.

- ***Essay: 200-word typed paper titled “STANDING ON WHAT I BELIEVE.” EPHESIANS 6:13***
- *Social Interaction*
- *Question and Answer Pageant Segment*
- *Talent*
- *Patrons and Submitted Money*

APPLICATION FORM

Young Women of Excellence

Southern Region IYD

Email application to: rrippy@msn.com

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| Applicant's Name | | |
| Address | | |
| City: | State: | Zip: |
| Telephone: | Cell Phone: | |
| Email: | | |
| Age | Parent(s) Name(s) | |
| Grade Level | GPA | |
| Church: | | |
| Pastor: | | |
| Local President/Youth Leader: | | |
| Jurisdiction President & Chairlady: | | |
| District Superintendent: | | |
| District Missionary: | | |
| Jurisdiction Bishop: | | |
| Jurisdiction Supervisor: | | |

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Tell us about your interests and current activities: Please give a brief description of your activity involvement on each level. Please attach an extra sheet if needed.

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| Local Church: | |
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| District: | |
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| Jurisdiction: | |
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| Academic Involvement/Achievement: | |
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| Community Involvement/Achievement: | |
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| What category or categories are you entering? | |
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| Are you attempting to be Ms. Young Woman of Excellence?? | Yes or No |
| If yes, will you be attending the International AIM? Explain why you want to represent the Southern Region IYD. | |
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| Applicant Signature/ Date: | |

Parent(s) Signature

Pastor's Signature