

**1. EMILY GRACE ANDERSON | MISS CALHOUN COUNTY TEEN USA****School:** Calhoun County High School**Year:** Freshman**Major:****Job Title:** Student**Interest #1:** Feature and competitive twirling.**Interest #2:** Traveling WV and studying WV history.**Interest #3:** Empowering young girls.**Why did you enter the pageant and what do you hope to gain from the experience?**

It has always been one of goals and dreams to compete in the Miss USA organization because it embraces a lot of the things I believe in and want to be. I hope to gain long lasting friendships, a broader network and the ability to share what I am passionate about and applying it to other girls so I can help them achieve their dreams.

When have you felt your biggest adrenaline rush?

I felt my biggest adrenaline rush when I was announced as Miss Majorette of WV. As a freshman from an A school I was competing against juniors and seniors from AAA schools. It was defiantly a huge surprise when I was announced as the winner. I was very honored and humbled. Even though I am young, I know I can do anything despite my age.

Other than your cell phone, what three items do you always keep in your purse?

I always have extra chapstick because I am obsessed with using it. Hand sanitizer because you can never keep your hands too clean! I have always kept a mini sized U.S. Constitution in purse, I picked it up at a banquet when I was little. I know it is something different to keep with me but with my future goals in mind it is a good thing to have.

If you could be great at one thing, what would it be and why?

If I could be great at one thing it would be to help young girls that are unable to have a strong voice for themselves and be able to express how they feel and what they believe in. I have always been able to express how I felt so it is very important to me to help others have a voice.

What is at the top of your bucket list?

In WV there are historical markers placed all over the state, when the first ones were placed there were about 1,000 and currently there are about 700 due to damages. At the top of my bucket list is to visit and take my picture with each marker throughout the state. Visiting each of these markers helps to broaden my knowledge of WV history.

Who is your favorite fictional character, and why?

My favorite fictional character is Belle from Beauty and the Beast because she confident and comfortable in being herself and she knows not to judge a book by its cover. She knows that it takes courage and kindness to see beauty where others do not. She loves without judgement and saw the goodness in someone that no one else did.

What are some small things that make your day better?

The sunshine because it always makes me happy. My two cats, Callie and Nikko because they always meet me when I come in the door and if I have had a bad day they instantly make it better. Being able to see my friends because after all the restrictions from COVID-19 it is nice to have some normalcy again.

What word best describes you?

Ambitious

What is your favorite movie?

Tombstone because it is a movie I have always watched with my dad and continue to do.

What is your favorite song?

Hall of Fame by The Script, it lets you know that if you are driven to do something, you can do it.

Who is your favorite actor/actress?

Jennifer Garner, in addition to her acting roles she plays a huge role in Save the Children.

What is your favorite sport?

Baton twirling even though some would not classify it as a sport.

What is your favorite book?

Although it is a children's book, my favorite book is The Hundred Dresses by Eleanor Estes.

**2. EMILEE BEGIL | MISS SUMMERS COUNTY TEEN USA****School:** Summers County High School**Year:** Junior**Major:****Job Title:** Student**Interest #1:** Softball**Interest #2:** Hunting**Interest #3:** Piano**Why did you enter the pageant and what do you hope to gain from the experience?**

I entered because I have always wanted to do something like this and see what other opportunities there could possibly be for me.

When have you felt your biggest adrenaline rush?

Playing softball on our last game for this year.

Other than your cell phone, what three items do you always keep in your purse?

Money, pictures of my pets, and random keychains.

If you could be great at one thing, what would it be and why?

Talking to strangers. Because it would help me talk to others without getting to embarrassed.

What is at the top of your bucket list?

Go on a vacation with just me and my friends with no worries.

Who is your favorite fictional character, and why?

Rin Okumura because he protects his friends and family from everything that can harm them.

What are some small things that make your day better?

Being able to talk to my friends, spending time with family, and loving in my animals.

What word best describes you?

Shy

Who is your favorite actor/actress?

Brice Papenbrook

What is your favorite movie?

Aladdin

What is your favorite sport?

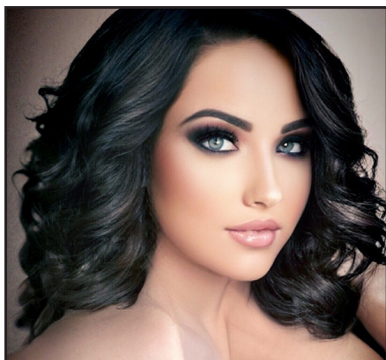
Softball

What is your favorite song?

Say It Right by Nelly Furtado

What is your favorite book?

Glass Castle

**3. ABIGAIL BROWN | MISS MINGO COUNTY TEEN USA****School:** Belfry High School**Year:** Freshman**Major:****Job Title:** Student**Interest #1:** Traveling**Interest #2:** Going to church**Interest #3:** Sports**Why did you enter the pageant and what do you hope to gain from the experience?**

The reason I entered this pageant is because of the amazing opportunity it gives, but also to see what I am truly capable of. I hope to find my own strengths and weakness, as a person. I hope to gain better communication and leadership skills. I want to inspire everyone to be themselves, to be kind and confident, most importantly love one another.

When have you felt your biggest adrenaline rush?

I felt my biggest adrenaline rush when I was riding a Ferris wheel, and my dad and I got stuck on the main top. I also love a good haunted house!

Other than your cell phone, what three items do you always keep in your purse?

Three things that I always have in my purse are hand sanitizer, chap-stick, and pepper spray.

If you could be great at one thing, what would it be and why?

If I could be great at one thing, it would have to be the ability to speak different languages. This would give me the ability to connect with other people, in their own language,

What is at the top of your bucket list?

Skydiving and bungee jumping is at the top of my bucket list!

Who is your favorite fictional character, and why?

My favorite fictional character would have to be Mulan. She never gives up and she proves she can be just as good of a warrior, as any man.

What are some small things that make your day better?

A few, small things that make my day better would have to be breathing in fresh air, hitting the outdoors, and playing with my 2 dogs.

What word best describes you?

Dedicated

Who is your favorite actor/actress?

Tyler Perry

What is your favorite movie?

Boo! A Madea Halloween

What is your favorite sport?

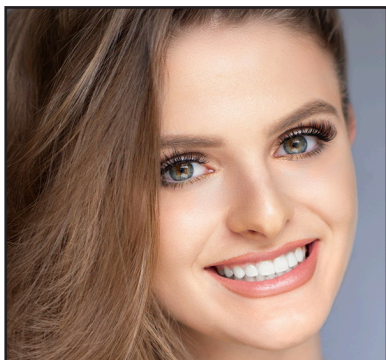
Cheerleading

What is your favorite song?

Work It by Missy Elliott

What is your favorite book?

Ruby & Me

**4. LAKYN CAMPBELL | MISS RIVERFEST TEEN USA****School:** Parkersburg High School**Year:** Junior**Major:****Job Title:** Student**Interest #1:** Tennis**Interest #2:** Community service**Interest #3:** Dermatology**Why did you enter the pageant and what do you hope to gain from the experience?**

I entered the pageant because at a very young age, I always looked up to the WV USA queens, and now I want to be that role model and represent my beautiful state where I've lived my whole life! From this experience, I hope to gain new pageant friendships and irreplaceable memories!

When have you felt your biggest adrenaline rush?

As a daredevil, I love feeling the rush of adrenaline! While visiting Hawaii, I had the opportunity to surf. This was totally out of my comfort zone, but I never pass up a challenge. After many fails, and a few wipeouts, I finally got the hang out of it! Catching those waves was one of the biggest adrenaline rushes I've ever felt!

Other than your cell phone, what three items do you always keep in your purse?

First, since the pandemic hit, I've always carried a mask. Most places require this, so I'm always prepared! Second, I have my lip-gloss. You never know when you are going to have to be photo ready! Last, and my most recent addition to my purse, my drivers license. As a new driver, this is definitely a necessity!

If you could be great at one thing, what would it be and why?

If I could be great at one thing, it would be influencing those around me in a positive way. With so much negativity in the world, I would like to be that role model that people look up to for happiness and inspiration.

What is at the top of your bucket list?

This may sound corny, but winning this pageant and going to Miss Teen USA ranks pretty high on my bucket list. I've been watching this pageant for as long as I can remember, and have always aspired to achieve the title! Getting to represent my state across that national stage would check that off!

Who is your favorite fictional character, and why?

My favorite fictional character would have to be Winnie the Pooh. When I was a baby, my first ever stuffed animal I received was Winnie the Pooh, which also inspired a nickname from my parents for me, Pooh. Winnie the Pooh's personality is thoughtful, caring, and always willing to help his friends, making him a great role model and loveable.

What are some small things that make your day better?

First, whenever I wake up to the sun shining, I instantly know it's going to be a good day! Next, whenever I start out my day productive and complete any daily goals. Lastly, if I can make someone around me smile or laugh!

What word best describes you?

Charismatic

Who is your favorite actor/actress?

David Morse

What is your favorite movie?

The Odd Life of Timothy Green

What is your favorite sport?

Tennis

What is your favorite song?

Better When I'm Dancing by Megan Trainor

What is your favorite book?

Wonder by R.J. Palacio

**5. NINAMAE COBERLY | MISS SWEETHEART FESTIVAL TEEN USA****School:** Buckhannon-Upshur High School**Year:** Sophomore**Major:** n/a**Job Title:** Student**Interest #1:** Anesthesiology**Interest #2:** Modeling**Interest #3:** Traveling**Why did you enter the pageant and what do you hope to gain from the experience?**

I entered the pageant because it has been a dream of mine to hold an USA Title since I was a little girl. My current pageant director recommended that I compete and I am thrilled to have the opportunity. I hope to gain more self-confidence and meet several new people while reaching for my dream.

When have you felt your biggest adrenaline rush?

When I was in 8th Grade, while playing soccer, I received a concussion. After sitting out for several games, at the end of the season, my team and I were playing in the Championship Game. We were winning! I was so excited. Then, I got hurt within the last 20 minutes of the game.

Other than your cell phone, what three items do you always keep in your purse?

In my purse, you will find movie tickets, a \$2.00 bill, and a wallet.

If you could be great at one thing, what would it be and why?

If I could be great at one thing, I would choose cooking. Everyone must eat and why not eat something healthy and tasty.

What is at the top of your bucket list?

Skydiving is at the top of my bucket list.

Who is your favorite fictional character, and why?

Elena Gilbert, in The Vampire Diaries, is my favorite fictional character because she solves problems while keeping everyone happy.

What are some small things that make your day better?

My day gets better when I receive a hug or a smile.

What word best describes you?

Determined

Who is your favorite actor/actress?

Millie Bobby Brown in Stranger Things

What is your favorite movie?

Miracles from Heaven

What is your favorite sport?

Soccer

What is your favorite song?

Melodies by Madison Beer

What is your favorite book?

Wonder, written by Raelin Palacio

**6. ALLISON DODSON | MISS JEFFERSON COUNTY TEEN USA****School:** Washington High School**Year:** Freshman**Major:****Job Title:** Student**Interest #1:** Volunteer Work/Community Involvement**Interest #2:** Photography**Interest #3:** Baking**Why did you enter the pageant and what do you hope to gain from the experience?**

I entered the pageant not only because it has been a dream of mine, but a dream for many other young girls as well. If i could make a difference in even the slightest way, I would want to encourage other girls and to let them know that anything is possible. I hope to gain friendships, more confidence, and life long memories from this experience.

When have you felt your biggest adrenaline rush?

My biggest adrenaline rush is the competitiveness within myself when i'm playing volleyball on the court, or softball on the field.

Other than your cell phone, what three items do you always keep in your purse?

Three items other than my cell phone that i keep in my purse are lip gloss, money, and sunglasses.

If you could be great at one thing, what would it be and why?

If i could be great at one thing, it would be to have the ability to not only lead others around me, but to lead by example and to always give them great advice. I would love to be great at this because there are many others in need of help or guidance, and by having that leadership mentality, I can always help people around in need.

What is at the top of your bucket list?

The thing that is at the top of my bucket list is to be able to go to other countries around the world, not only take certain items they may need or to help them, but to focus on the youth and give them memories that they will never forget. In addition, I want to help the families as well because no family anywhere in the world should go without.

Who is your favorite fictional character, and why?

My favorite fictional character is Belle because she shows that you can always strive for what you want, not to settle for less, and that beauty is found within. She knows how far kindness gets you and that it doesn't matter what you look like or where you're from. Most importantly, is that it doesn't stop you from having your dreams come true.

What are some small things that make your day better?

Some things that make my day better are contributing to acts of kindness, no matter how big or small, and to see someone else smiling and being kind. Another thing that makes my day better is being with family and creating memories with them. Going outside, reading a book, and listening to music are also other things that make my day better.

What word best describes you?

Compassionate

Who is your favorite actor/actress?

Jennifer Lawrence

What is your favorite movie?

Beauty and The Beast

What is your favorite sport?

Softball/Volleyball

What is your favorite song?

This Is Me, From The Greatest Showman

What is your favorite book?

The Thing About Jellyfish, By Ali Benjamin

**7. DELANEY DUFFY | MISS SUTTON FALL FESTIVAL TEEN USA****School:** Winfield High School**Year:** Senior**Major:****Job Title:** Student**Interest #1:** Creating Art**Interest #2:** Ice Skating**Interest #3:** Traveling**Why did you enter the pageant and what do you hope to gain from the experience?**

The first time I entered the pageant was because, my mom had competed when she was a teenager, and I wanted to experience something she had as a teenager. I had such an amazing time! This time I entered because, I love meeting new people, had so much fun, and hopefully will become the next Miss WV Teen USA.

When have you felt your biggest adrenaline rush?

My most recent, was this past June at the beach. My mom and I decided to go on a bike ride. About a mile into the ride it started to rain and thunder. My adrenaline was pumping because, I wanted to keep going. Then my mom said, "there's no lightening, let's go!" We took off and riding in the rain, getting soaking wet was so freeing!

Other than your cell phone, what three items do you always keep in your purse?

I don't carry a purse! If I did, I would have my sketch book, a pencil, and band-aides.

If you could be great at one thing, what would it be and why?

Ice skating is one of my favorite things. To excel at ice skating, to be able to do the jumps and preform would be amazing.

What is at the top of your bucket list?

Sky diving!

Who is your favorite fictional character, and why?

"D.VA" from Overwatch. D.Va has style, is a fun character, very positive and she's a rebel because, sometimes she goes her own way but, has good intentions.

What are some small things that make your day better?

I love days I can sit outside on our swing and listen to music. Also, I love snuggling in a big blanket with my dog and of course, good food makes any day better.

What word best describes you?

Free

Who is your favorite actor/actress?

Robert Downey Jr.

What is your favorite movie?

My current "Cruella".

What is your favorite sport?

Ice Skating

What is your favorite song?

"Ignite" by Alan Walker

What is your favorite book?

The Outsiders

**8. LEAH HINCHEE | MISS WEIRTON TEEN USA****School:** The Linsly School**Year:** Junior**Major:****Job Title:** Student**Interest #1:** Aviation**Interest #2:** Living a healthy lifestyle**Interest #3:** Print Modeling**Why did you enter the pageant and what do you hope to gain from the experience?**

Ever since I was a little girl, I dreamed of yelling West Virginia's name in the microphone at Miss Teen USA. I want to be the girl to win the USA crown for West Virginia! Through this experience, I hope to gain new friendships, promote my platform, and have the chance to represent my hometown and state to the best of my ability!

When have you felt your biggest adrenaline rush?

My biggest adrenaline rush was when right before my cheering team went on the floor at States. I knew we had to hit our routine without any mistakes, and the two minutes we had between definitely caused an adrenaline rush.

Other than your cell phone, what three items do you always keep in your purse?

I always keep a small journal and pencil to write throughout my day, a protein bar for when I need a healthy snack, and of course my Beauty By Lady Code Lipgloss!

If you could be great at one thing, what would it be and why?

I would love to be a great ice skater so I would be a great hockey player. I have always enjoyed watching the sport, but have never gotten to play.

What is at the top of your bucket list?

Walking the Miss Teen USA stage is definitely at the top of my bucket list, along with traveling the world and learning about different countries and cultures.

Who is your favorite fictional character, and why?

My favorite fictional character is Giselle from Enchanted because no matter how many times people told her no, she never accepted no for an answer.

What are some small things that make your day better?

Some of the things that always make my day better are talking to the people I love, going to the gym, and spending time with my six kittens.

What word best describes you?

Bubbly

Who is your favorite actor/actress?

Will Smith

What is your favorite movie?

Aladdin

What is your favorite sport?

Hockey

What is your favorite song?

Mirrors - Justin Timberlake

What is your favorite book?

Hillbilly Elegy

**9. KOURTNEY JONES | MISS RANDOLPH COUNTY FAIR TEEN USA****School:** Elkins High School**Year:** Sophomore**Major:****Job Title:** Student**Interest #1:** First Responder Volunteer Work**Interest #2:** Ski Patrol**Interest #3:** Politics**Why did you enter the pageant and what do you hope to gain from the experience?**

I entered this pageant because I want to represent WV to the best of my ability and use my ongoing volunteering all around the state. I also want to teach younger girls that you can do anything you put your mind to no matter who you are or your lifestyle. I hope to gain more confidence in myself and the ambition to do whatever I set my mind to.

When have you felt your biggest adrenaline rush?

I have felt my biggest adrenaline rush while competing in Ohio for the Northwest Regional Swim Meet, to qualify for Zones swim meet.

Other than your cell phone, what three items do you always keep in your purse?

I never leave without a sparkling lipgloss, turquoise aviators and a small first aid-kit.

If you could be great at one thing, what would it be and why?

If I could be great at one thing it would be to help make people understand their worth and beauty. I believe so many people men and woman and of all ages struggle with appearances, and their flaws. I want to help them understand that we are all perfect in our own way and that true beauty is in the inside.

What is at the top of your bucket list?

The thing at the top of my bucket list is traveling to many different countries as well as states to meet amazing new people while learning about their cultures and way's of life.

Who is your favorite fictional character, and why?

Maggie Lockwood, because she is able to keep calm under pressure while holding a team both together and accountable, while fighting her own personal battles. As well as not allowing a rank to determine her worth or others.

What are some small things that make your day better?

Things that generally make my day better is helping others, seeing others happy and being outside.

What word best describes you?

Ambitious

Who is your favorite actor/actress?

Emma Watson

What is your favorite movie?

McFarland

What is your favorite sport?

Snowboarding

What is your favorite song?

"Girl" by Maren Morris

What is your favorite book?

A Vindication of the Rights of Woman

**10. BRYLEE KNOTTS | MISS THREE RIVERS FESTIVAL TEEN USA**

School: Recently graduated Grafton High School and will be attending Fairmont State University.

Year: Freshman

Major: Forensic Science

Job Title: Student

Interest #1: Crime and Investigation.

Interest #2: Advocating for teen mental health.

Interest #3: Ambition of becoming an entrepreneur.

Why did you enter the pageant and what do you hope to gain from the experience?

I entered this pageant because I want to show the world a new, empowered me. In the last year, I had a lot of time to self reflect, identify my strengths, understand my struggles, and find who I truly am. I hope to encourage other young adults to spread their wings and express themselves in whatever way they choose.

When have you felt your biggest adrenaline rush?

"The Cheerleading Worlds" which is the world championship for competitive cheerleading.

Other than your cell phone, what three items do you always keep in your purse?

1. Cheer and Tumbling Shoes. 2. Necklace of my cat's paw imprint. 3. Packet of Ranch.

If you could be great at one thing, what would it be and why?

I would choose to be great at painting. I have always painted but I have never been perfect. I wish I could paint to express my feelings and emotions in a more vivid way.

What is at the top of your bucket list?

To work as a FBI Special Agent.

Who is your favorite fictional character, and why?

My favorite fictional character is "Dumbo" because the movie proves everyone has one unique quality that makes them special and able to succeed in life.

What are some small things that make your day better?

1. Starbucks. 2. Sunsets and Sunrises. 3. My "Buddy the Bear". 4. Playing the Ukulele.

What word best describes you?

Hardworking

Who is your favorite actor/actress?

Matthew Gray Gubler

What is your favorite movie?

Elf

What is your favorite sport?

Acrobatics and Tumbling

What is your favorite song?

Pluto Projector

What is your favorite book?

"Then She Was Gone" by Lisa Jewell

**11. KASSIDY LANE | MISS BUCKHANNON TEEN USA**

School: Home schooled- Buckhannon upshur high

Year: Freshman

Major:

Job Title: Student

Interest #1: Four wheeling

Interest #2: Writing

Interest #3: Shopping

Why did you enter the pageant and what do you hope to gain from the experience?

I entered the pageant for the experience, and the opportunities that it could make possible. I hope to gain self confidence and the opportunity to give back to the community.

When have you felt your biggest adrenaline rush?

When I went zip lining with my 88 year old great grandmother.

Other than your cell phone, what three items do you always keep in your purse?

Money, flash light, make up.

If you could be great at one thing, what would it be and why?

Communication, because it opens the door to endless possibilities.

What is at the top of your bucket list?

To start my own reality show.

Who is your favorite fictional character, and why?

Wonder woman, because she is a powerful leading woman with the ability to help others.

What are some small things that make your day better?

My nephews sometimes, friends, long hot showers.

What word best describes you?

Silly

Who is your favorite actor/actress?

Emma Roberts

What is your favorite movie?

Perks of being a wall flower.

What is your favorite sport?

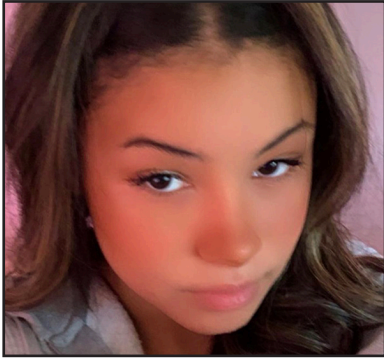
Volley ball

What is your favorite song?

Riptide by Vance joy

What is your favorite book?

Steven kings

**12. LAIAH LATHON | MISS HARRISON COUNTY TEEN USA****School:** Liberty High school**Year:** Freshman**Major:****Job Title:** Harrison co. Parks and recreation and Toni's ice cream parlor**Interest #1:** Cheerleading**Interest #2:** Time with friends and family**Interest #3:** Helping others**Why did you enter the pageant and what do you hope to gain from the experience?**

I want to be able to meet people. And share my values.

When have you felt your biggest adrenaline rush?

When traveling to complete my fashion training

Other than your cell phone, what three items do you always keep in your purse?

Pen paper and gum

If you could be great at one thing, what would it be and why?

Other languages to communicate more effectively

What is at the top of your bucket list?

Travel

Who is your favorite fictional character, and why?

Georgia from Ginny and Georgia she is very independent

What are some small things that make your day better?

Compliments. Happiness

What word best describes you?

Kind

Who is your favorite actor/actress?

NA

What is your favorite movie?

To all the boys I love before

What is your favorite sport?

Cheer

What is your favorite song?

ET Katy Perry

What is your favorite book?

Wonder

**13. SARAH LOJEWSKI | MISS MORGANTOWN TEEN USA****School:** West Virginia University**Year:** Freshman**Major:** Nursing**Job Title:** Student**Interest #1:** Fishing**Interest #2:** Golfing**Interest #3:** Band**Why did you enter the pageant and what do you hope to gain from the experience?**

I entered this pageant because I am so excited to see all of the growth that can come out of it! I hope to gain knowledge, confidence, and friendships out of the entire experience. I also want to show people how rewarding the Miss Teen USA Organization can be so that they may too feel "Confidently Beautiful!"

When have you felt your biggest adrenaline rush?

When I first stepped out as Field Commander onto the University High School football field. It was so nerve-wrecking to have everyone's eyes on me, but the thought of having the entire band's support calmed my nerves a little bit! I cannot wait to feel the same rush when I step out with the WVU Drumline at the football games this fall!

Other than your cell phone, what three items do you always keep in your purse?

Lip gloss, hand sanitizer, and a hair brush!

If you could be great at one thing, what would it be and why?

Singing! I have danced for the last 16 years, and my voice has not received the attention it needs! I wish I could belt out Christmas songs and sound fresh off American Idol!

What is at the top of your bucket list?

Skydiving! I think it would be so exciting, but scary! The thought of free-falling from the sky sounds like such a life-changing experience!

Who is your favorite fictional character, and why?

Rapunzel from the movie "Tangled." Not only am I obsessed with her hair, but I love how kind and determined she is!

What are some small things that make your day better?

I have three dachshunds which undoubtedly make any day 1,000 times better! They're nicknamed the "Candy Bar Crew," because their names are Snickers, Hershey, and Twix!

What word best describes you?

Compassionate

Who is your favorite actor/actress?

Adam Sandler

What is your favorite movie?

"Knives Out"

What is your favorite sport?

Hockey

What is your favorite song?

"Chicken Fried" by Zac Brown Band

What is your favorite book?

"Looking For Alaska" by John Green

**14. CADENCE RINGER | MISS UPSHUR COUNTY TEEN USA****School:** Buckhannon-Upshur High School**Year:** Junior**Major:****Job Title:** Student**Interest #1:** Being a child wellness advocate**Interest #2:** Traveling to unique destinations**Interest #3:** Physically train to become a better me**Why did you enter the pageant and what do you hope to gain from the experience?**

Competing in this pageant will allow me to express the astonishing battles of children in the foster care system. I hope to partner with foster care organizations at different levels to make a difference. This pageant is also a great way to empower small town girls to be confidently beautiful.

When have you felt your biggest adrenaline rush?

Saving a life of one of our family cows was the biggest adrenaline rush I have experienced. I was able to assist in the delivery of an oversized breached calf. This task required complete concentration to guarantee the safety of both the mother and calf. I felt blessed that God allowed to the opportunity to experience the gift of life first hand.

Other than your cell phone, what three items do you always keep in your purse?

Three items I always keep in my purse include, Carmex chapstick, at least ten receipts, and a travel toothbrush. This collection of items in my purse expresses preparedness, hygiene, and self awareness.

If you could be great at one thing, what would it be and why?

I think being good at many things creates a well rounded individual. Doing your best at everything is what makes a person great. So, if I could be great at one thing it would be to do my best at everything.

What is at the top of your bucket list?

At the very top of my bucket list is to obtain my pilots license. This task demands a lot of hard work and dedication however, it builds character, confidence, and independence. Another dream is to start a program to guarantee each child in the foster care system is provided with the necessities they need to have a happy childhood.

Who is your favorite fictional character, and why?

My favorite fictional character is Merida, a princess from the Disney movie "Brave". I believe she empowers young girls to be fiercely independent and courageous by refusing to conform to any stereotypes. She breaks the mold of tradition but is loyal to herself and her family.

What are some small things that make your day better?

Implementing a plan at the beginning of my week can make each day have a sense of purpose. Going to the gym boosts my energy and confidence to accomplish more tasks. Knowing that I was able to improve someone else's day with a small gesture motivates me to start my day with a positive outlook. Ending my day with family conversation is the best part

What word best describes you?

Empathetic

Who is your favorite actor/actress?

Adam Sandler

What is your favorite movie?

"50 First Dates"

What is your favorite sport?

Volleyball

What is your favorite song?

"I Hope You Dance"

What is your favorite book?

Divergent Series

**15. SARAH SIZEMORE | MISS DELBARTON TEEN USA****School:** Homeschool**Year:** Freshman**Major:****Job Title:** Student**Interest #1:** Drawing/Painting**Interest #2:** Modeling**Interest #3:** Cooking comfort food for my family.**Why did you enter the pageant and what do you hope to gain from the experience?**

I entered the pageant because I saw a video of Halle Berry compete as Miss Ohio in Miss USA 1986 and it inspired me to compete in my first pageant. I hope to gain new friends, life lessons, and a platform for my career.

When have you felt your biggest adrenaline rush?

I felt my biggest adrenaline rush the first time I got on stage to model.

Other than your cell phone, what three items do you always keep in your purse?

I always keep lipgloss, a compact mirror, and my wallet in my purse.

If you could be great at one thing, what would it be and why?

I want to be great at singing because my ambition is to become a singer. It is something I continuously strive to improve.

What is at the top of your bucket list?

To drive La Cienega Boulevard.

Who is your favorite fictional character, and why?

Eliza Doolittle from My Fair Lady. Throughout the movie she goes through many changes and still remains kind and humble.

What are some small things that make your day better?

Spending time with my family, taking care of my pets, and spending time in the sun.

What word best describes you?

Optimistic

Who is your favorite actor/actress?

Audrey Hepburn

What is your favorite movie?

Breakfast At Tiffany's

What is your favorite sport?

Baseball

What is your favorite song?

Big Girls Don't Cry by Fergie

What is your favorite book?

Romeo and Juliet

**16. ALLY SPELLMAN | MISS NORTH CENTRAL WV TEEN USA**

School: Upcoming Freshman at West Virginia University

Year: Freshman

Major: Fashion Design, Dress, and Merchandise

Job Title: Student

Interest #1: Entrepreneurism

Interest #2: Snowboarding

Interest #3: Community Service

Why did you enter the pageant and what do you hope to gain from the experience?

I entered the WV Teen pageant because when I was younger every year my mom would bring me and my friends to watch the WV Teen USA pageant, and I always dreamt of one day being on that stage as well. Of course, I would obviously hope to gain the title of WV Teen USA, as well as lifelong friendships.

When have you felt your biggest adrenaline rush?

Stepping on stage for my very first pageant.

Other than your cell phone, what three items do you always keep in your purse?

A taser, gum, and hand sanitizer.

If you could be great at one thing, what would it be and why?

Fashion Design< I already have experience with designing clothing pieces, but I hope to excel more in this field as I go into college and study Fashion Design.

What is at the top of your bucket list?

That would definitely have to be me creating my own clothing line that is very size-inclusive. My dream is to create pieces that make every person feel beautiful and confident.

Who is your favorite fictional character, and why?

Anakin Skywalker because I loved watching the inner conflict and turmoil of his character who later developed into Darth Vader.

What are some small things that make your day better?

Working out, going on drives on country back roads, and hanging out with my friends and family.

What word best describes you?

Determined

Who is your favorite actor/actress?

Selena Gomez

What is your favorite movie?

Mamma Mia

What is your favorite sport?

Baseball

What is your favorite song?

Vienna by Billy Joel

What is your favorite book?

Live By Sadie Robertson

**17. DAKOTA SWIGER | MISS BRIDGEPORT TEEN USA**

School: Graduate of Bridgeport High School. Will be attending college in the Fall.

Year: Freshman

Major: Journalism

Job Title: Student

Interest #1: Playing the violin

Interest #2: Writing

Interest #3: Spending time with family and friends

Why did you enter the pageant and what do you hope to gain from the experience?

The title of Miss West Virginia Teen USA comes with a large audience and a platform of great influence. I want to use that platform to raise awareness on issues that mean the most to me, while also being a role model and representative of teens everywhere. I hope to most importantly learn more about myself and make memories from this experience.

When have you felt your biggest adrenaline rush?

A very laid back person, I don't often seek out an adrenaline rush. Any time I can get myself to try something new, such as a roller coaster at an amusement park or a new food at a restaurant, is a great enough victory.

Other than your cell phone, what three items do you always keep in your purse?

I can always be found with way too many chapsticks of various flavors, spare bobby pins, and plenty of coins I'll never use.

If you could be great at one thing, what would it be and why?

I would love to be able to speak multiple languages so that I can have a better understanding of the world around me and be able to communicate with those around me.

What is at the top of your bucket list?

It is a goal of mine to visit each continent once, and hopefully more times than that, so that I can see at least a little bit of the world.

Who is your favorite fictional character, and why?

I greatly admire Dr. Henry Jekyll from "The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" because of his desire to make the world a better place and his willingness to always put the needs of those he loved most before himself.

What are some small things that make your day better?

If I am able to watch my brother play baseball for a few hours and find a good iced coffee with friends, then I could not ask for my day to be spent any better.

What word best describes you?

Ambitious

Who is your favorite actor/actress?

Zendaya

What is your favorite movie?

A Beautiful Mind

What is your favorite sport?

Baseball

What is your favorite song?

"hope ur ok" by Olivia Rodrigo

What is your favorite book?

The Things They Carried

**18. JADE THOMPSON | MISS INWOOD TEEN USA****School:** Musselman High School**Year:** Graduate**Major:** Business & Theatre**Job Title:** Incoming College student**Interest #1:** Reading fictional novels**Interest #2:** All things theater, mostly costuming**Interest #3:** Cheer stunts & tumbling**Why did you enter the pageant and what do you hope to gain from the experience?**

I've only done small town pageant, & wanted to challenge myself to do something much larger than usual. I hope to gain more self confidence in myself, such as my appearance & how I present myself.

When have you felt your biggest adrenaline rush?

My very first wrestling match for the Musselman High School female wrestling team, during my senior year.

Other than your cell phone, what three items do you always keep in your purse?

Extra cash, a phone charger, & tissues are always handy!

If you could be great at one thing, what would it be and why?

Dancing! I love to dance and feel the energy surge as I let go of all negativity, but unfortunately I'm not technically trained.

What is at the top of your bucket list?

To hike the Grand Canyon alone to watch the sun rise.

Who is your favorite fictional character, and why?

From the Netflix series Reign, Mary Queen of Scotland. She's a young queen who treats others with respect & kindness no matter what power they possess.

What are some small things that make your day better?

A simple smile or a 30 second dance party, goes a long way!

What word best describes you?

Outlandish

Who is your favorite actor/actress?

Joey King

What is your favorite movie?

The Perks of Being A Wallflower

What is your favorite sport?

Cheerleading & Wrestling

What is your favorite song?

Love Myself Haylee Steinfeld

What is your favorite book?

After by Anna Todd