



69th NATIONAL FINALS

JUNE 25 - 27, 2026

Dear State and Local Volunteers,

We hope you are making your plans to join us for our 69th National Finals. This is an exciting time to connect with the program, meet other amazing volunteers, and celebrate the incredible work Distinguished Young Women continues to do around the country. We see the National Finals as a time to not only celebrate the fifty distinguished young women representing their hometowns and states, but also an opportunity to celebrate each and every one of YOU – our dedicated volunteers who start the ripples that make the DYW experience happen!

While you are in Mobile, we hope you will take advantage of the opportunity to meet others from across the country by taking part in a host of activities we are offering. Plus, we invite you to get to know the beautiful Gulf Coast community that serves as our home and the backdrop for National Finals. Make this a fabulous summer vacation too! This packet includes a schedule of the daily activities available to you. Tickets, Registration Packages, Mayors Leadership Luncheon tickets, and Photo Button orders are available for purchase through our website this year. Click on the links on the State and Local Registration page (<https://www.distinguishedyw.org/state-local-volunteers-registration>) to make your purchases. Everything should be submitted by the June 1st deadline to allow us to meet vendor deadlines.

We have secured room blocks at The Holiday Inn Hotel/Mobile Downtown Historic District and The Admiral downtown. These hotels are within walking distance of the Saenger Theatre and are supporters of our program. New this year, we also have some area hotels in West Mobile and on the Eastern Shore (Daphne) who are offering special room rates. See all the hotel offers inside!

Stay up-to-date with the details of the program by periodically visiting the Distinguished Young Women website at <https://www.distinguishedyw.org/national-finals>. All information will be posted on the website. And, watch your email for the latest news and updates!

Should you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me at 251.366.2831 or by email at Lisa@DistinguishedYW.org. We look forward to seeing you in June and celebrating our 69 years of impact. See you in June!

Lisa Lawley Burnette
National Field Director

Volunteer Information

HOST HOTELS

Volunteers will enjoy staying at the **the Historic Downtown Holiday Inn** or **The Admiral**. Both hotels are within short walking distance of the Saenger Theatre, the venue for the 69th National Finals, and all the shops and restaurants in downtown Mobile.

The Holiday Inn room rate is \$159/night for a double queen room. Reserve your room(s) by booking online at [THIS LINK](#) OR by calling 251.694.0100 and requesting a room in the **DYW** block by **May 30**.

The Admiral room rate is \$169/night and can be booked at [THIS LINK](#) or by calling 251-432-8000 by **May 24**.

Other area hotel options are also offering special room rate this year, too!

WEST MOBILE: The Hyatt Studios Mobile / Tillmans Corner is offering rooms for \$119 a night. Book using [THIS LINK](#) by **May 22**.

DAPHNE, ALABAMA:

Hampton Inn Mobile-East Bay (14 minutes from Downtown Mobile) has rooms for **\$135 - \$148**. Book using [THIS LINK](#) by **May 24**.

Homewood Suites Mobile-East Bay (15 minutes from Downtown Mobile) has rooms for **\$135 - \$148**. Book using [THIS LINK](#) by **May 24**.

Hilton Garden Inn Mobile-East Bay (15 minutes from Downtown Mobile) has rooms for **\$135 - \$148**. Book using [THIS LINK](#) by **May 24**.



TRANSPORTATION FROM MOBILE REGIONAL AIRPORT

Check out all the transportation options available from the Mobile Regional Airport on their website: <https://www.mobileairportauthority.com/mra/transportation>. This includes rental cars, taxis, Uber and Lyft.

REGISTRATION

All guests are asked to register – this gets you a badge that grants limited access to several events (see schedule). Anyone traveling with state or local volunteers may pay for additional ticketed events but is not required to register for Volunteer activities. In order to make the necessary reservations for selected activities, please submit your forms by the deadline on June 1.

Check-in takes place in The Magnolia Room in the lobby of The Holiday Inn. The check-in room will be open on Wednesday, June 24 from 10am-4:45pm. Volunteers arriving after that can pick up their packages at the Saenger Theater during Community Night or should contact the National Field Director at 251.366.2831 for directions to check in.

Schedule of Events

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

10:00 am – 4:45 pm

Registration – The Magnolia Room at The Holiday Inn
(packets can be picked up at the Theatre after 5pm)
(next door to the National Office)

6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Community Night Performance

Saenger Theatre (*free admission*)

7:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Mixer With the Class of 2026

(*must have badge*) TBA – State/Local

Volunteers will meet their DYW after the show

8:00 pm – 12:00 am

Welcome Fiesta

Magnolia Room & Skyview Lounge at The Holiday Inn
(*included in Registration*)



THURSDAY, JUNE 25

8:30 am – Noon

Volunteer Workshop & Continental Breakfast

Government Plaza Atrium and Auditorium, Ground floor, 205 Government Street (*included in Registration*)

12:00 pm – 1:15 pm

Simple Greek Boxed Lunch

(*included in Registration*)

1:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Roundtable Discussions

Share ideas and strategies with other State and Local chairs/committee members and National Support Team

7:00 pm

1st Preliminary – Saenger Theatre

Talent: Participants 1-25

Fitness & Self-Expression: Participants 26-50

9:00 pm – 9:30 pm

Mixer – TBA

9:30 pm - 11:30 am

Cammie's Old Dutch Ice Cream Meltdown and TALENT SHOW

Magnolia Room at The Holiday Inn (*included in Registration*)



FRIDAY, JUNE 26

9:00 am - 11:00 am

Volunteer BYBS Community Service Project

Come help make blankets for the United Way in the Magnolia Room at the Holiday Inn! (*no cost*)

11:30 pm - 1:00 pm

Mayor's Leadership Luncheon (*extra ticket*)

Bienville Ballroom at The Holiday Inn– Sit with your DYW, her parents, and anyone from your state!

Schedule of Events

FRIDAY, JUNE 26 (continued)

7:00 pm

2nd Preliminary – Saenger Theatre

Talent: Participants 26-50

Fitness & Self-Expression: Participants 1-25

9:00 pm - 9:30 pm

Mixer – TBA

9:30 pm – Until

Volunteer Appreciation Celebration

TBA – ****Food and fun!****

(included in Registration) 7:30 am – 9:00 am



SATURDAY, JUNE 27

8:00 am – 9:30 am

Continental Breakfast

Cafeteria at the Mobile Cruise Terminal (included in Registration Package)

9:30 am – 10:30 am

Early Set-up for State Specialties Party (Optional)

Mobile Cruise Terminal - load-in at Cafeteria doors on 2nd floor of parking garage

10:30 am – 11:30 am

General Set-up for State Specialties Party

Mobile Cruise Terminal - free parking in garage

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

State Specialties Party

Visit each state's booth, enjoy a taste of each state and experience a mini-Mardi Gras parade with the Class of 2026

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Alum Pre-Show Party

Magnolia Room at The Holiday Inn – All alumnae from every level are invited to enjoy a reception and catch up with friends (included in Registration Package)

7:00 pm

69th Annual National Finals

Saenger Theatre

9:30 pm – 12:00 am

After Finals Party

TBA (included in Registration Package)

