



69th NATIONAL FINALS

JUNE 25 - 27, 2025

Dear Family and Friends,

Welcome to the Distinguished Young Women family! For 69 years, we have welcomed young women to Mobile to participate in our National Finals. I know you must be so proud and excited about your participant's upcoming experience.

While you're in Mobile to support your participant, we hope you'll take advantage of the opportunity to meet others from across the country by taking part in a host of activities we're 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 for your family and friends!

This packet includes a schedule of the daily activities available to you during the National Finals. Registration and Ticket Orders can be purchased online in the Family and Friends section at <https://www.distinguishedyw.org/national-finals/family-friends-registration>. Registrations for daily activities and the Mayor's Breakfast must be submitted by **June 5th**.

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!

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

Should you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me at 251.438.3621 or by email at Valerie@DistinguishedYW.org. We look forward to meeting you in June and celebrating with you the accomplishments of your Distinguished Young Woman!

Cordially,
Valerie Mothershed
Operations Director

Family & Friends 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 required to register, at a cost of \$10 per guest. This gets you a badge which grants limited access to certain activities where the participants are present (i.e. Post-Show Mixer after the programs). Any family member or friend may register for any of the daily packages as detailed in this packet. In order to make the necessary reservations for selected activities, please submit your forms by the **deadline on June 1**.

Registration on **Wednesday, June 24** will be held in the Family & Friends Hospitality Room located at the Holiday Inn Azalea Room from **2pm - 3pm** and again on **Thursday, June 25** from **8:30am - 9:30am**. The Parents Orientation and Luncheon on **Thursday, June 25** will be held at the Holiday Inn Azalea Room **from 8:45am - 9:30am**.



Family & Friends Schedule of Events

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

7:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Registration – The Azalea Room at The Holiday Inn
Community Night Performance – Saenger Theatre

General Admission Seating: free

Mixer With the Class of 2026

(must have badge) TBA – Family & Friends will meet their D



THURSDAY, JUNE 25

8:30 am – 9:30 am

8:45 am – 9:30 am

9:30 am - 4:00pm

Registration – The Azalea Room at The Holiday Inn

PARENT ORIENTATION

THURSDAY EXCURSION *(optional Thursday activity-\$120)*

- USS Alabama Battleship Memorial Park
- Bellingrath Gardens & Home
- Boxed Lunches (Foosackly's)
- Grab & Go Pre-Show Dinner – pick up in Azalea Room at the Holiday Inn *(included with Friday package only)*

5:00 pm

Grab & Go Pre-Show Dinner – Taco Mama at

The Azalea Room at The Holiday Inn

(included with Thursday package only)

7:00 pm

1st Preliminary *(ticketed event-\$22)* – Saenger Theatre

9:00 pm – 9:30 pm

Mixer *(requires badge for admission)*

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FRIDAY, JUNE 26

11:30 am - 1:00 Pm

Mayor's Leadership Breakfast *(optional Friday activity-\$60)*

5:30 pm

Grab & Go Pre-Show Dinner – Simple Greek at The Azalea Room at The Holiday Inn *(included with Friday activity only)*

7:00 pm

2nd Preliminary *(ticketed event-\$22)* – Saenger Theatre

9:00 pm – 9:30 pm

Mixer *(requires badge for admission)*

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Family & Friends Schedule of Events

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SATURDAY, JUNE 27

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

State Specialties Party (optional *Saturday activity*-\$15)

Mobile Cruise Terminal
(Participants arrive 11:45 am)

7:00 pm

69th Annual National Finals (ticketed event-\$44)

Saenger Theatre

9:30 pm – 12:00 a.m.

Host Family hosted parties (check with your Host Family)

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

9:30 am

Orientation for DYW 2026 and Parents at the National Office

