

# National, State & District MIWW

## Competition Guidelines

### WHAT ARE THE OBJECTIVES?

- To promote the beauty and versatility of wool fabrics and yarns
- To encourage personal creativity in sewing, knitting, crocheting, spinning and weaving wool fabrics and yarns
- To recognize creative skills
- To develop life skills, including:
  - *Being responsible for one's self*
  - *Being a good sport*
  - *Accepting judges' decisions*
  - *Learning about and appreciating diversity*

### WHO CAN ENTER?

(age on January 1, 2018)

- Pre-teens, age 12 and under
- Juniors, ages 13-16
- Seniors, ages 17-24
- Adults, age 25 and older
- Anyone, regardless of race, creed or sex who meets age and other guidelines may participate.

### WHAT CAN I ENTER?

JUNIORS, SENIORS, ADULTS,  
MADE FOR OTHERS MAY ENTER:

- **One-piece garment:** dress, jumper, outerwear jacket, coat or cape.
- **Two-piece garment:** outerwear coat, jacket, cape; blouse/shirt/vest or sweater **with** dress, jumper, skirt, pants or shorts.
- **Ensemble:** 3 or more garments **worn together at one time:** outerwear coat, jacket, cape; blouse/shirt, vest and/or sweater **with** dress, jumper, skirt, pants or shorts.

### PRE-TEENS MAY ENTER:

Dress, jumper, skirt, pants, shorts, vest, sweater, shirt/blouse, jacket, or a combination of garments.

### MADE FOR OTHERS AND WEARABLE ACCESSORY:

District and State levels only.

Contact State Director for specific details.

### ALL CONTESTANTS:

Pre-teen, Junior, Senior and Adult must select, construct and model their own garment(s). Made for Others contestants have their "other" (the intended wearer) model the garment(s).

**To be eligible, a garment must have been completed after January 1, 2018.**

FOR MORE  
INFORMATION

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### National Winners



L to R: Junior winner Holly Schwartz, Wisconsin; adult winner Rachel Siegel, Pennsylvania; fashion apparel winner Jason Gagnon, Central Michigan University; model; senior winner Claire Lee, Indiana.

## NATIONAL FINALS

**JANUARY 24-26, 2019**

New Orleans Marriott Downtown

New Orleans, Louisiana

## WHAT FABRICS/YARNS CAN I USE?

- 100% wool or wool blend (minimum 60% wool or specialty wool fiber) for each fashion fabric or yarn used. Specialty wool fibers include alpaca, angora, camel, cashmere, llama, mohair, and vicuna.
- The **entire garment body** (front, back, and sleeves) must be wool or wool-blend fabric. Vests worn with a suit, sportcoat, or blazer may have a back of non-wool fabric. Vests worn as a top layer or with outerwear coat/jacket must have a wool back.
- Trims, facings, interfacings, linings, and underlinings may be fabrics other than wool or wool blends.

## HOW CAN I BE CERTAIN MY FABRICS/YARNS ARE WOOL? TEST THEM

- All fabrics/yarns for the **Junior, Senior and Adult Divisions** must be lab tested for percentage of wool content prior to the district or state competition. Testing is optional for all other age divisions/categories.
- Contact your state or district director for information regarding procedures, including testing fees, mailing dates, etc. for your state.

## WHAT ARE THE JUDGING CRITERIA?

- Appropriateness to contestant's lifestyle.
- Fit and overall appearance.
- Coordination of fabric/yarn with garment style and design.
- Contestant's presentation.
- Construction quality.
- Creativity in design and use of wool.
- Conveys/promotes the beauty, comfort, and versatility of wool.

Judging is private and decisions are final.

## HOW CAN I ENTER?

- You may participate in one district or state competition each year where you are a legal resident.
- You may enter more than one garment.
- Garments must have been completed **after** January 1 of the contest year.
- Use a separate form for each entry (forms may be duplicated).
- Pay a \$12 **non-refundable** entry fee (payable to National MIWW) for each garment and wearable accessory in all age divisions - Preteen, Junior, Senior, Adult, Made for Others, and Wearable Accessory.
- Complete and mail entry forms with appropriate attachments as directed on entry form.
- Your entry is not valid without all completed parts.
- Check your state requirements for entry deadline information and state fees.
- Past National Junior and Senior Ambassadors may not compete again in the same age division.
- National Adult Ambassador may not compete again for 3 years.

## SPECIAL COMPETITION FOR FASHION/APPAREL DESIGN STUDENTS

- For complete information visit website:
  - [www.NationalMakeItWithWool.com](http://www.NationalMakeItWithWool.com)
  - mail self-addressed stamped business envelope to National MIWW, P.O. Box 215, Encampment, WY 82325.
- You may participate in **either** the Fashion/Apparel Design Competition or the State MIWW Competition, not both.

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## WHAT ARE THE PRIZES?

- Fabrics, sewing books, equipment and notions may be awarded at District, State and National levels.
- Junior and Senior state winners advance to the National Competition.
- Adult state winners send 5"x7" photos and 3-minute video (on either DVD or thumb drive) of themselves wearing garment(s) to National MIWW Competition. National Adult winner receives travel and accommodations to attend the National Competition.

## SPECIAL NATIONAL AWARDS Junior & Senior Divisions (may include)

- Exemplary Construction - outstanding techniques (*donors vary*)
- Machine Embroidery - overall best use of machine embroidery (*donors vary*)
- Mohair Award - best garment made using mohair fabric/yarn. (*Mohair Council of America*)
- Handwork Award - best garment using knitting, crocheting, weaving, spinning, or felting techniques (*donors vary*)
- Needlework Award - best hand knitted garment (*Jennings Family Fibers*)

## NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS (may include)

**\$2,000 American Sheep Industry Women**  
(Two winners - Junior and Senior)

**\$1,000 Pendleton Woolen Mills**  
(Junior winner)

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(Fashion/Apparel Design)

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