

The contest is open to **young Cameroonian women aged 18 to 30**. Candidates must notably meet the general and entrepreneurial profiles outlined below:

General profile

- be of Cameroonian nationality or reside in Cameroon;
- be aged 18 to 30 at the application closing date;
- have a personality, attitude and conduct consistent with the values promoted by the YCC;
- demonstrate eloquence, creativity, charisma and interpersonal skills;
- show an interest in entrepreneurship, innovation, leadership or civic engagement;
- be available to take part in all activities related to the competition;
- accept the rules, selection criteria and provisions of the competition regulations.

Entrepreneurial profile

Particular attention will be given to candidates with an **entrepreneurial initiative, project or activity**, particularly in the fields of agri-business, digital technology, crafts, fashion, services, the green economy, cultural and creative industries, or any other sector with potential for value and job creation.

3. Application file

The application file must include:

- a duly completed application form;
- a copy of the National Identity Card or any official document establishing the candidate's identity;
- a recent photograph of the candidate;
- a curriculum vitae or a brief presentation of the candidate's background;
- a presentation note on her entrepreneurial project, activity or initiative;
- a very concise cover letter stating the candidate's motivations for taking part in the Miss YCC 2026 contest;

NB: No application fee will be charged for participation in the competition.

4. Selection process

Candidate selection will take place in the following two main phases:

- **Phase 1: Call for applications:** Launch of the call for applications and receipt of application files.
- **Phase 2: Selection:** The files received will be reviewed in accordance with the criteria set by the Organizing Committee.

5. Provisional schedule

Activity	Date
Regional selection of candidates	15-17 October 2026
List of the 20 candidates selected	18 October 2026
Coaching of candidates	From 20 October 2026
Retreat/preparation of candidates	04 November 2026
Start of YCCC 2026	09 November 2026
Opening ceremony of YCCC 2026	11 November 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
Miss YCC 2026 Contest final	12 November 2026 at 7:00 p.m.
Closing ceremony of YCCC 2026	13 November 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

6. Evaluation criteria

Candidates will notably be evaluated on:

- presentation and elegance;
- oral expression and eloquence;
- general knowledge;
- knowledge of Cameroon and its heritage;
- leadership and personality;
- civic engagement;
- creativity and innovation;
- the relevance and viability of the entrepreneurial project presented;
- the ability to defend and promote an initiative;
- the ability to embody the values of Youth Connekt Cameroon.

7. Distinctions

At the end of the competition, the following three positions will notably be awarded:

- **Miss YCC 2026**
- **1st Runner-up**
- **2nd Runner-up**

However, **special prizes** are planned in the following categories:

- Talent;
- Popularity;
- Tradition and culture;
- Leadership;

- Entrepreneurship/Innovation;
- Civic engagement.

8. Support for winners

Beyond the contest, the Miss YCC 2026 competition aims to promote and support the selected young women. Winners may notably benefit, depending on the mechanisms and partnerships mobilized, from:

- entrepreneurial support;
- mentoring and coaching sessions;
- networking opportunities;
- opportunities to showcase their projects and initiatives;
- connections with institutional and private partners.

9. A call to young Cameroonian women

The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Civic Education invites young Cameroonian women who meet the required criteria to seize this opportunity to showcase their talents, skills, initiatives and commitment to Cameroon's development.

The Miss YCC 2026 Contest thus aims to be a space for expression, empowerment, networking and recognition of young Cameroonian women. Its organization is underpinned by a strong slogan: **“Young Cameroonian woman, your talent counts, your project counts, your commitment counts.”**

10. Submission of applications

Complete applications will be received at the following locations:

- MINJEC Regional Delegations,
- Regional Multipurpose Youth and Empowerment Centers,
- FOGAJEUNES Regional branches.

10. Application submission deadline

The deadline for submitting application files: **10 October 2026.**

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The Minister of Youth Affairs and Civic Education



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