

West Virginia State Folk Festival Belle

Who

Each County may select ONE “Belle” who:

- * Is past her 70th Birthday
- * Possesses qualities consistent with the spirit of the pioneer woman
- * Will enjoy the Folk Festival and make new friends
- * Will participate in the Saturday Parade (walking three level blocks) in her own period costume(s)

WHAT

The West Virginia State Folk Festival is the oldest celebration of our Appalachian roots. The music is the primary focus, but visitors, as well as the Belle, will enjoy crafts, demonstrations, square dancing downtown, an old fashion spelling bee, gospel singing, and much more.

Why

The Belles represent their county and are honored guests during the Folk Festival. These ladies are “Good Will Ambassadors” and will be featured at different events—making new friendships and renewing old ones!

Where

The West Virginia State Folk Festival is held in Glenville, Gilmer County, West Virginia. The many activities during the Folk Festival are held in downtown Glenville or on the campus of Glenville State University. In fact, accommodations for the Belles will be in the residence hall on campus and is included in the sponsor’s fee, as well as meals (except any meal that reads “on your own.”)

When

Mark your calendars for 2023! The selected Belle should be on the campus of Glenville State University at Goodwin Hall, by noon on Friday, June 16th!

Hope to see you in June 2023!