



Stephenson County Fair Queen Pageant

Junior Miss Registration Form

\$500 Cash Prize Awarded to the newly crowned 2025 Stephenson County Junior Miss

July 22nd, 2025 Entertainment Tent at the Stephenson County Fair

Pageant Director: Cindi Mielke 815-238-7492

(Entry fees payable by check to Stephenson County Fair Association)

Applications available at www.stephensoncountyfair.org or missstephensoncountyfair@gmail.com

RULES/REQUIREMENTS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

1. Contestants must be the ages of 11 - 15 years old by 2025 Pageant.
2. Must be a U.S. Citizen. Contestant, Parent or Legal Guardian must currently be a resident of Stephenson County IL or the contestant is attending a Stephenson County school. Contestants from another county may compete if their county does not have a pageant for their age division or if approved by the Stephenson County Fair Board
3. Must be born a female and have always been a female.
4. Contestants are of good moral character. Have never performed any act or engaged in any activity that is or could be characterized as immoral or indecent: including but not limited to Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter pages.
5. Anyone holding a current title (having a crown and/or sash) will not be eligible to participate.
6. Contestants who are under the age of 18 must have parent's/legal guardian's written consent agreeing to the rules and exceptions. (See rehearsal schedule for additional details).
7. Each contestant will be personally interviewed on Tuesday, July 22, 2025 by the judges in church attire. (skirt and blouse, nice dress or a jumpsuit. All must be at least knee length).
8. Each contestant will appear on stage in a dress of her choice. This dress may be knee length or longer, whatever the contestant feels most comfortable in.
9. All clothing must be approved by the Pageant Director by June 22, 2025. A picture will be taken for documentation. **Once the clothing is approved NO changes will be allowed.**
10. Rehearsals will be on Sunday afternoons from 5:30 pm to about 6:30 pm and you will be sent a schedule via email once your registration form is received. Rehearsals are subject to change so please be sure to attend each practice. We understand that summer vacations may happen but it is also very important to be committed to the pageant. **If you have over 2 absences you will be eliminated from the competition. If you are going to be absent you are to contact the director by noon (12:00 pm) the day of rehearsal.**
11. Contestants will be judged as follows: Personal Interviews, Crown Bowl Questions, and stage presence, and prepared topic/speech.
12. It is prohibited for the 2025 Stephenson County Fair Junior Miss to participate in any other scholarship or beauty pageants during her reign. If she chooses to do so she will be required to give up her title and all that goes with it (tiara, sash, pin, and all gifts and cash prize) to the next eligible Runner-up. This will disqualify her from competing in the Stephenson County Fair Junior Miss Pageant in the future.
13. The newly selected Junior Miss will assist the newly crowned Queen as hostess of the Stephenson County Fair, July 22-27, 2025. An itinerary of duties for the week of the Stephenson County Fair will be given to the Junior Miss by the pageant committee.
14. The newly crowned Junior Miss will abstain from public displays of affection toward her boyfriend(s) during fair week and at all appearances throughout the year.



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15. **The newly crowned Junior Miss agrees to participate in all functions becoming of a Junior Miss.** This includes all parades, and other events which may arise during the year. Activities connected with the Stephenson County Fair should take precedence over and above all other personal appearances. All personal appearances as the Stephenson County Fair Junior Miss shall be approved in advance by the Pageant Director; as well as any photographic sessions and pictures released as the role of Stephenson County Fair Junior Miss.
16. The newly crowned Junior Miss will be chaperoned either by the Pageant Director or a chaperone approved by the Director at any time she is representing the Stephenson County Fair.
17. Decisions of the judges are final. Any grievances or objections relative to the contest will be referred to the Pageant Committee or the Stephenson County Fair Board. Each judge will sign an affidavit stating that they do not know, are not related to, nor do they or have they ever coached any of the Junior Miss contestants competing this year.
18. Scores will not be given out to contestants after the pageant. If you would like feedback or have any questions, please contact the Pageant Director for details.
19. If there are not more than two (2) contestants in this category, a first runner up will not be announced.
20. A \$500 cash prize will be awarded to the 2025 Junior Miss Stephenson County Fair Queen.

Judging Categories

PERSONAL INTERVIEWS: are timed events – up to four (4) minutes for each contestant to present yourself and your personality. There are no wrong answers. The judges will be especially interested in your mental alertness, sincerity and general knowledge. They may ask personal opinion questions, but there will be no current event questions that you need to “study” for unless you “open the door” by inclusion on your application or in your response to a question. You will be seated across from the panel. Sit up and do not cross your feet. Dresses, skirt and blouse (no slacks) are appropriate. See the Pageant Director for details. Check to be certain your clothing fits correctly when seated and your skirt is not too tight or short. Be aware of your appearance, vocabulary and manners. Those who are confident and appear relaxed have always done well.

SPEECH & COMMUNICATION SKILLS: As Jr. Miss you may be called upon to speak to groups or individuals throughout your reign. You must be comfortable speaking and be able to express yourself naturally. You will give a speech that takes one minute or less. You will be using a handheld microphone, no podium. We will practice during a specified rehearsal to become comfortable on stage. You will be given a topic ahead of time so that you will have ample time to prepare. Make your speech stand out by using specific facts that create pictures in the listener’s mind. When preparing for this part of the competition, remember that;

*Singing part of your presentation is not allowed, and poems should be avoided.

*Props of any kind are not allowed. Remember, this is an opportunity for the judges to see how you will speak before and respond to a crowd.

CROWN BOWL QUESTIONS: These questions are usually more difficult than general interview questions and may refer to current events or issues.