



Stephenson County Fair Queen Pageant

Junior Miss Registration Form

Entry Fee: \$50 - Must be received to the Fair Office/Pageant Committee **No Later than June 1st, 2026** – May turn in at the first practice on June 1st, 2026. Please complete this registration packet and mail to the fair office by the deadline below and keep a copy for your records.

Mail to: Stephenson County Fair Association Queen Registration
2250 S Walnut Rd. Freeport, IL 61032
Or contact Cindi Mielke at 815-238-7492
or missstephensoncountyfair@gmail.com

Full Name: _____ Preferred or Nickname: _____

Birthdate: _____ Age (by July 1st 2026): _____

Height (no shoes): _____ Hair Color: _____ Eye Color: _____

School/Grade (Fall): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone number: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone: _____

Parent/Guarding Email: _____

The information supplied on this form will used during the pageant and contestant’s interview.

My favorite color: _____ My favorite song: _____

My favorite game: _____ My favorite hobbies: _____

My favorite movie: _____ My favorite superpower : _____

My favorite book: _____ My favorite snack: _____

Siblings: _____

Pets: _____



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My favorite subject in school is and why:

What other extra curricular activities have you been involved in (Sports, arts, church, etc.)?

Clubs and Organizations:



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What I want to be when I grow up and why:

My favorite part of the Stephenson County Fair:

My favorite ride at the fair:



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\$500 Cash Prize Awarded to the newly crowned 2026 Stephenson County Junior Miss

July 22th, 2026 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 2026 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 21, 2026 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, 2026. 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 21-25, 2026. 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 2026 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.



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STAGE PRESENCE: This competition is designed for the contestant to make an on-stage statement of her personality, gracefully moving with poise and confidence. Choose a dress that reflects your own individual style. You will see a wide variety – partially beaded, chiffon with fuller skirts, halter style with straight skirt, fully sequined and beaded, with trains and without. Choose one in your best color that compliments you and makes you feel like a queen; but follow these guidelines:

- It may be floor length, but doesn't have to be.
- Splits in skirts must be no further than 4 inches above the middle of the knee and will be checked by pageant director.
- No hoop skirts (the stage is crowded).
- If you choose a dress with a train **it must be bustled for group entrances & exits** (like a wedding dress). You do not want to have your gown ruined due to an accidental misstep by the contestant next to you. Make sure to practice in your gown, including short flights of steps and simple pivots.
- Pads to increase bust size are not permitted.
- "Cut outs" in the front or sides must be filled with a sheer fabric that matches the color of the dress.
- Open backed dresses must stop at your natural waistline. Anything open or with nude sheer fabric below the natural waistline must be filled in with solid color fabric to match the color of the dress.
- All visible tattoos and body piercings with the exception of pierced ears (max 2 per ear) must be covered or removed.
- There are many pretty evening gown shoes available; however, you do not want to draw attention to your feet rather than your face. The best bet are shoes the same color as your hemline or taupe. Remember if you choose "clear plastic shoes" they have a tendency to either stretch or force your foot forward making it difficult to either keep the shoe on or walk on stage. If clear shoes absolutely make your outfit, make sure they fit properly.

To avoid surprises, it is wise to try your interview outfit and dress on the week before the Pageant for a final fitting and to get the total look.

****Approval of speech, and dress is required and photo taken by the Pageant Director no later than **June 20, 2026** unless authorized by the Pageant Director. If anyone is having problems finding the appropriate attire, please notify the Pageant Director for assistance. If purchasing clothing for this pageant, please keep all tags on for return until approved.**

**** **A \$50 entry fee is required from each contestant and due on the registration deadline (or at the latest the first rehearsal on June 7th, 2026**

**** **A Bio/Questionnaire is due by the second rehearsal on **June 20th, 2026****

Please feel free to contact me with any questions regarding the pageant or rehearsals. I can be flexible but need to be fair to all and I need commitment from all of our contestants. Our most important goal is to have fun, so come join us!



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Please Sign and Complete that you have read and acknowledge all rules and judging categories for the Stephenson County Fair Little Miss Pageant

I, _____ (Contestant), and _____ (Parent/Guardian) have read all of the above rules and agree to abide by them during all rehearsals and reign if crowned Junior Miss. I agree to abide as a contestant of the Miss Stephenson County Fair Pageant. _____ (Contestant Name) will abide by them during all rehearsals and reign if crowned Little Miss.

Contestant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____



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Photography / Video Release Form

I understand that while attending functions associated with the Miss. Stephenson County Fair Pageant that photographs and videos may be taken. I hereby give consent to have photos and videos containing my likeness to be used on the web site, in electronic publications, social networking sites, distribution materials, newsletters and publicity materials such as local newspapers.

- I understand and agree that this consent will remain valid for an indefinite period of time.
- I **DO NOT** consent to the use of my child's/my photo or video being used by the Stephenson County Fair Pageant.

I am the parent or legal guardian for _____.

Printed Name: _____

Signed: _____

I am over the age of 18 _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____