

# LITTLE MISS WINNEBAGO COUNTY FAIR QUEEN PAGEANT

Thursday, August 14, 2025 at 6:00pm at Moss Hall

\$200 Cash Award

## RULES/REQUIREMENTS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

1. **Personal Characteristics:** In order to be eligible to participate, contestants and their parent/legal guardian must certify to the Personal Characteristics in this section along with all of the other rules by signing this Form.
  - a. Candidates must be a minimum of 5 years of age to 10 years of age and not have achieved her 11th birthday by August 14, 2025.
  - b. Must be a U.S. Citizen. Contestant, Parent or Legal Guardian must currently be a resident of Winnebago County IL or the contestant is attending a Winnebago County school. Contestants from another county may compete if their country does not have a pageant for their given age division or if approved by the Winnebago County Fair Board. We will request a copy of your parent's/legal guardian's driver's license for proof of residency. If outside of Winnebago County, we will need proof of enrollment in a Winnebago County School for the 25-26 school year.
  - c. Can never have been convicted of a felony offense.
  - d. Was born female and have always been a female.
  - e. Does not use or consume any illegal controlled substances or abuse the use of alcohol or other dangerous substances.
  - f. Is of good moral character. Has never performed any act or engaged in any activity or employment that is or could be characterized as immoral or indecent. Attests that any and all online depictions associated with the contestant's name or likeness including but not limited to Facebook and any other social media pages are consistent with standards and dignity of the Winnebago County Fair Queen Pageants.
2. Anyone holding a current annual title (having a crown and/or sash) or any former Little Miss Winnebago County Fair Queen will not be eligible to participate.
3. Candidates must have parent's/legal guardian's written consent agreeing to the rules and requirements.
4. All visible tattoos must be covered with cosmetics or a band-aid and piercings are limited to a maximum of two in each
5. Each candidate will be required to appear on stage in a party dress of her choice, introduce themselves and answer a series of on-stage questions.
6. No talent performance is required for the county levels.
7. All clothing must be age appropriate and **NO MAKEUP** will be allowed. If it is determined by the pageant staff that they are wearing makeup, they will not be allowed to participate unless it is removed and will not receive a refund of the entry fee.
8. A rehearsal will be on Saturday, August 9, 2025 from 3:00 – 4:30pm. It is recommended that you come so your daughter has the chance to get up on stage and practice walking and turning and speaking to the emcee. If you cannot attend, please notify the Pageant Director via text, voice mail or email before August 10<sup>th</sup>.
9. Candidates will be judged as follows: On-Stage Interview (40%), On-Stage Modeling (35%), and Photo (25%). Photos need to be a snap shot no larger than 5x7 (**NO PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE ACCEPTED**) and are judged on the girl in the photo, not the quality of the photo. Photos will not be returned to you so make sure it is a duplicate of your favorite photo.
10. Parents/legal guardians of the newly crowned Little Miss Queen will use extreme caution and are encouraged to make certain there are no derogatory photos and written comments on Facebook or other media sites.
11. The newly crowned Little Miss Queen is **required to be at the fair all week** unless approved by the Pageant Director and Winnebago County Fair Board prior to competition. Because they are so young it is understandable that they will get tired and may need to take breaks and the basement of the fair office will be available for such breaks.
12. The newly crowned Queen and her parents/legal guardians agree to participate in all parades, and other events which may arise during the year. Activities connected with the Winnebago County Fair should take precedence over and above all other personal appearances. A list of all required events will be handed out at rehearsal or you can request one to be emailed to you (dates are as of the prior year and will be updated as soon as they are scheduled).
13. It is prohibited for the 2025 Little Miss WC Fair Queen 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, ring, all gifts and cash) to the next eligible Runner-up (Eligibility will be determined by the Pageant Director and Winnebago County Fair Board). This may also disqualify her from competing in the Little Miss, Jr. Miss and Miss Winnebago County Fair Queen Pageants in the future.
14. Cash award will not be awarded until the completion of her reign.
15. If for any reason the Queen cannot fulfill her duties the title and all that goes with it (tiara, sash, pin, ring, all gifts and cash) will go to the next eligible Runner-up.

16. Decisions of the judges are final. Any grievances or objections relative to the contest will be referred to the Pageant Committee of the WCFA. 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 Little Miss contestants competing this year.
17. Scores will not be given out to the contestants after the pageant. If you would like feedback or have any questions, please contact the Pageant Director for details.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Printed Parent/Legal Guardian Name) have read all of the above rules and agree that  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Printed Contestant Name) will abide by them during all rehearsals and reign if crowned queen.

\_\_\_\_\_, Parent/Legal Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date

2025 LITTLE MISS WINNEBAGO COUNTY FAIR QUEEN PAGEANT  
REGISTRATION FORM

**ENTRY FEE: \$50.00 DUE WITH THIS FORM**

(Each contestant can have up to 2 sponsors to cover the \$50.00 entry fee)  
(Any checks returned for insufficient funds may disqualify the contestant)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsors 1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please COMPLETE and SIGN the **REGISTRATION FORM, RULE/REQUIREMENTS, and DETAILED COMPETITION FORMS** found on the website and mail with the **PHOTO** and \$50.00 **ENTRY FEE** to the fair office. All paperwork and photo must be received by the fair office no later than Saturday, August 9, 2025. Please note that the mail can take approximately 2 weeks to deliver so plan accordingly. You can also drop everything off at the fair office during their business hours (I recommend calling first).

MAIL TO: WCFA, Little Miss Registration, PO Box 810, Pecatonica, IL 61063

OR

BRING all Forms, Photo and Entry Fee to the Rehearsal on Saturday, August 9, 2025

DEADLINE TO HAVE SPONSORS BUSINESS CARDS IN THE PAGEANT PROGRAM is July 23, 2025.

Please contact Kim Mathieu at  
815-275-7364 or [bkbk4117@gmail.com](mailto:bkbk4117@gmail.com) once you have mailed your forms.

(If any check is returned for insufficient funds it could lead to disqualification of the contestant.)

An information meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 28, 2025 at 7:00pm in Moss Hall located at the Winnebago County Fairgrounds in Pecatonica, IL.

If you are unable to attend the Information Meeting, please contact Kim Mathieu at 815-275-7364 or [bkbk4117@gmail.com](mailto:bkbk4117@gmail.com) for more information.

Any questions? Contact Kim Mathieu at 815-275-7364 or email at [bkbk4117@gmail.com](mailto:bkbk4117@gmail.com)

Detailed information regarding On- Stage Interview, On-Stage Modeling and Photo:

**ON-STAGE INTERVIEWS (40%):** Each contestant will be asked a series of simple questions on stage by our MC, The girls will be asked things like their favorite food at the fair, favorite ride at the fair, about their family and a few other general questions. The judges are looking for a contestant who is outgoing and unafraid of speaking into the microphone.

**ON-STAGE MODELING (35%):** Each contestant will be guided through a simple modeling sequence on-stage with large “X’s” marking each spot they may stop and turn/spin. We will have someone by the runway also directing them on where to go, to stop at the end of the runway and introduce themselves by saying only their name into the microphone and then waving to mom and dad before turning around and heading to their next mark. They are NOT to spin at the end of the runway due to safety issues. They are asked to wear a dress of their choice, remember to allow your daughter to choose a dress in which she feels comfortable in. The girls are judged on their stage presence and how they model the dress; they are not judged on the dress. You will see all types of dresses from fancy, frilly, sparkly, Church, School to casual sun dresses. Again, it needs to be something that your daughter feels great in and loves! There will be a dress rehearsal on Saturday, August 9, 2025 from 3:00 to 4:30 to come and practice the modeling sequence. We will also have people there on pageant day between 4:30-5:30 to assist if they want one more walk through on stage.

**PHOTO (25%):** This is to be any photo of your choice (snap-shots only and no bigger than 5x7 – NO PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS PLEASE). Please remember these pictures are the judges’ first impression of the girls and the photos are judged prior to the competition. They are not judged on the quality of the photo but the girl in the photo. Photos will not be returned to you after competition so make sure you have a copy of it.

Our pageant is strictly for fun; please keep the dresses and hairstyles age appropriate. **NO MAKE-UP** is allowed and judges will be instructed to deduct points for visible make-up on-stage.

Contestants are asked to be present no later than 5:00 pm in Moss Hall on pageant day. At this time, they will be allowed to practice their on-stage modeling until 5:30 and will receive their contestant numbers for line-up. The number they receive will be determined based on when their registration, photo and fee were received, not who gets there first on pageant day.

There will be assigned seating for each Little Miss contestant and one chaperone by contestant # on the south side of the stage. Please make sure that the contestant behaves in a proper manner as not to disrupt the other contestants and spectators.

Before the crowning of the new Little Miss, each contestant will receive a medal for participating in the pageant. After the crowning and when the other contestants leave the stage, they will be given a gift in exchange for their contestant # badge.

**Dress Rehearsal:** There will be an optional, but recommended, Little Miss rehearsal on Saturday, August 9, 2025 from 3:00pm – 4:30pm in Moss Hall at the Winnebago County Fairgrounds. Contestants will be able to practice their modeling routine, speak into a microphone and get acquainted with the stage prior to the pageant. You do not need to bring their dress but I recommend you bring the shoes they will be wearing with their dress.

**\*\*A \$50.00 sponsorship (entry) fee and all paperwork** is required from each contestant by the REGISTRATION DEADLINE of SATURDAY 8/9/25 but in order to have an ad in the program you must have your sponsor's business card to Kim Mathieu (or fair office) no later than Wednesday, July 9, 2025. Contestants may have up to 2 sponsors; each sponsor will receive a business card size ad in the pageant program if the business card is received no later than Wednesday, July 9, 2025. (If a business card is not provided by the deadline of 7/9/25 there will not be an ad placed in the pageant program but their names will still be read during competition.) Any checks returned for insufficient funds may disqualify the contestant.\*\*

Thank you for your interest and I hope to see you at the Information Meeting on Wednesday, May 28, 2025 in Moss Hall at the Winnebago County Fairgrounds at 6:00pm. If you cannot attend this meeting, please be sure to have your registration information (photo and fee) mailed and received by the fair office no later than August 9, 2025 or bring everything to the rehearsal on August 9, 2025 from 3-4:30. Please feel free to contact me with any questions regarding the pageant and contact me once your daughter decides to complete so I can add her to my list. Our most important goal is to have fun, so come join us!

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Printed Parent/Legal Guardian Name) have read all of the above rules and agree that \_\_\_\_\_ (Printed Contestant Name) will abide by them during all rehearsals and reign if crowned queen. \_\_\_\_\_,

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date

Kim Mathieu, Pageant Director  
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