

2026 Little and Junior Miss Herbstfest Queen Pageants

1. Each Little Miss contestant must be between the ages of **5 and 7** by Friday, September 25, 2026. Each Junior Miss contestant must be between the ages of **8 and 10** by Friday, September 25, 2026.

****A **parent info meeting** will be held **Tuesday, September 15th at 7:00 p.m. at Market Street Park**. Girls need to attend with their guardian. Group pictures will be taken for the newspaper and social media advertising.

2. Each Little and Junior Miss contestant will be judged on the basis of poise, personality, and ability to converse. This judging is divided into two divisions:

Div. I – Backstage Interview: 40 points total

Ability to converse: 10 points

Poise/Posture: 10 points

Personality: 10 points

Attire: 10 points

Div. II – Onstage

(Little Miss): 36 points total

Introduction: 6 points

Poise/Posture: 10 points

Question 1: 10 points

Question 2: 10 points

(Junior Miss): 40 points total

Introduction: 10 points

Poise/Posture: 10 points

Question 1: 10 points

Question 2: 10 points

- ❖ Each contestant will have a personal introduction onstage where they must say the following:

Little Miss

-name

-age

-parents

Junior Miss

-name

-age

-parents

-school

-grade

- Each contestant will then be asked 2 random questions onstage (Little Miss 2nd question will be what do you want to be when you grow up)

The following attire is **REQUIRED** for the Pageant:

- ❖ Each contestant will have one, one and a half minute interview with the three judges, answering impromptu questions asked by each judge.

- ❖ Judges prefer a **COLORED** dress or skirt outfit. Dresses and skirts need to be knee length. Dresses should NOT touch the ground. This becomes a tripping hazard.
- ❖ Judges prefer **closed toe shoes** that are easy to walk in. Remember, you are being judged on how you walk. Practice in your shoes. Panty hose are not required due to the weather.
- ❖ Gloves and hats are **not** allowed. Jewelry is optional and should be kept minimal.
- ❖ Makeup is not allowed and will be discounted. Nails should be kept clean with no color. Judges prefer a natural and age-appropriate look.

3. The 2026 Queens will be crowned, along with the possibility of 1st Runner-Up, 2nd Runner-Up, and/or Miss Photogenic in each division, depending on the number of contestants. Double sashing is allowed for a title and Miss Photogenic.

4. Little Miss Photogenic and Junior Miss Photogenic is optional. If you wish to enter this, please submit a 5x7 or 8x10 headshot photo by Wednesday, September 23rd. Please have the contestant name on the back of the photo. Judges will pick Photogenic winners before interviews on Pageant Day. Photos will be returned after judging.

5. The Queens and Courts can attend the Herbstfest with their crowns and sashes but must stay with a parent/guardian. The Huntingburg Herbstfest Committee and Queen Committee are not responsible for the contestants after pageant day until parade day.

**The Herbstfest will begin Thursday September 24th
and will end Sunday September 27th**

6. Only the Queens and Courts will ride in the Herbstfest Parade on Sunday, September 27th. Those who want to throw candy must purchase their own. We are usually towards the front of the parade near the end of 4th Street. We will have more info.

7. ****There will be a MANDATORY rehearsal on Wednesday, September 23rd at Huntingburg City Park at 7:00 p.m.** This is where the contestants will learn how to walk, where to stand, how to sit, and any other information needed for Pageant Day.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to **call, text, or email me**.
There is also a Herbstfest Queen Pageants Facebook page. You can message me through there and can also send me pictures of outfits if you have any questions.

Good Luck to all and I am excited for the upcoming Huntingburg Herbstfest!

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