

Welcome!

On behalf of the Logan County Fair Board, we want to welcome you as a potential **Junior Miss Logan County Fair Queen contestant**.

The Junior Miss Logan County Fair Queen Pageant is a part of the Miss Logan County Fair Queen Pageant. The pageant will be held on Tuesday, August 4th at 6:30 PM in the grandstands of the Logan County Fairgrounds.

- **Application Deadline:** Friday, June 5 at 11:59 PM
- The application is located on the final two pages of this packet
- Applications are accepted **via email only:** logancountyfairqueen@gmail.com
 - **Subject line:** Junior Miss Application – First Name Last Name
- Complete the application (**Contact Information** and **Resume** on the last two pages) and email those pages to the address above
- All submitted applications will be accepted
- Please carefully review all Dates, Pageant Information, General Rules, and Contract pages included in this packet
- These items will also be reviewed at the mandatory parent and/or guardian meeting on **Sunday, June 14 from 1:15 PM – 2:00 PM** to answer all questions

Notes:

- Wardrobe must be approved by a pageant crew member at the following practice:
 - Black Dress (for Personal Interview and Production Number): July 7
 - Evening Wardrobe (for On-Stage Speech and Stage Presence): July 7
- A \$50 application fee is due on June 23 at headshots
 - Make checks payable to: Logan County Fair (Memo: Junior Miss Application)
- Contestants are required to sell 75 raffle tickets
 - All raffle ticket money is due Sunday, August 2
 - Make checks payable to: Logan County Fair
 - You are welcome to sell more—please ask the Directors for additional tickets
 - Funds raised will be used to support awards presented on the evening of the pageant

Should your daughter be chosen as the **Junior Miss Logan County Fair Queen**, she will be the Junior Miss Hostess for the Logan County Fair Association for the year!

Sincerely,

Sarah Dean, Junior Miss Director

Amanda Pollice, Junior Miss Director

Dates for Junior Miss Logan County Fair Queen Contestants

Friday, June 5 at Midnight: Applications Due

Sunday, June 14: 1:15 PM – 2:00 PM at Logan County Fairgrounds (Blue Door Building)

Mandatory Informational Meeting – Junior Miss Contestant with a Parent or Guardian

- Review of the General Rules & Contract Sheets as a group
- Welcome activity, assign numbers & stage placement for contestants

Tuesday, June 23: 6:30 PM – 7:00 PM at The Boardroom (\$50 application fee is due)

Headshots, Resume Help & Track Tickets – Junior Miss Contestant with a Parent or Guardian

- **Headshots:** Please come dressed in appropriate attire for your headshot photo.
 - These will be from the waist up: No V-necks, No spaghetti straps, No strapless.
- **Resume Help:** Please bring a copy of your resume to be reviewed & edited by Michelle Ryan.
 - After receiving feedback, make revisions on your own time, then bring an updated final copy to the July 7 practice.
- **Track Seating** will be sold during this practice! All contestants will be able to purchase 4.
 - Tickets are \$7/each – Make checks payable to: **Logan County Fair**

Tuesday, July 7: 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM at the Elks Ballroom

Production Number/Stage Walking & Wardrobe Approval – Junior Miss Contestant Only, No Parent or Guardian

- **What to wear:** Black dress and heels that you will wear pageant day
- **What to bring:** Evening Wardrobe and pageant heels (There are private bathrooms to change)
- **Wardrobe Approval:** Your two pageant day outfits (Black Dress & Evening Wardrobe) must be approved at this practice. If any changes are needed, bring the updated wardrobe to the pool party on July 12. If you will not be attending the pool party, your wardrobe must be approved prior to the July 19 practice.
 - Please leave tags on all items and keep your receipts until final approval is given.
- **Resume:** Bring one copy of your final resume. This should be the revised version you updated after reviewing and editing it with Michelle Ryan during the June 23 practice.

Sunday, July 12: 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM at Michelle Ryan's home (address will be texted)

Pool Party, Please Send Towel – Junior Miss Contestant Only, No Parent or Guardian

Sunday, July 19: 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM at the Elks Ballroom

Mock Interviews & Stage Practice – Junior Miss Contestant Only, No Parent or Guardian

- **What to wear:** Black dress and heels that you will wear pageant day
- **What to bring:** Evening Wardrobe and pageant heels (There are private bathrooms to change)
- In between interviews, the girls will be practicing stage walking & their on-stage speech:
See the Pageant Information section for 'Speech & Communication Skills' for details

Tuesday, July 21: 6:15 PM – 7:00 PM at Logan County Fairgrounds (Blue Door Building)

Stage Practice – Junior Miss Contestant Only, No Parent or Guardian

- **What to wear:** Appropriate sundress with pageant heels (*You don't have to wear pageant day dresses*)
- Girls will continue practicing stage walking & their on-stage speech to build confidence

Sunday, August 2: 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM at Logan County Fairgrounds (Blue Door Building)

Full Dress Rehearsal – Junior Miss Contestant Only, No Parent or Guardian

- **What to wear:** Your approved black dress and pageant heels
- **What to bring:** Evening Wardrobe and pageant heels (There are private bathrooms to change)
- **Full Pageant Run-Through:** The entire evening will be practiced, including the production number, stage walking, on-stage speech, and a mock awards ceremony—so you know exactly what to expect. Our goal is for you to leave feeling prepared and confident!
- **Raffle Tickets due:** 75 are required – always able to sell more – just ask for more!

Tuesday, August 4: Interview Day at Lincoln Christian Church (Estimated Schedule)

- 2:30 PM – Junior Miss Contestant Interviews
- 6:00 PM – All Contestants Report Backstage
- 6:30 PM – Pageant to Begin
- 8:30 PM – 2026 Crowning & Conclusion to the Evening

Pageant Information for Junior Miss Logan County Fair Queen Contestants

Pageant Headshots:

- Pictures will be taken at the June 23rd meeting
- Please come dressed in appropriate attire for your headshot photo.
 - These will be from the waist up: No V-necks, No spaghetti straps, No strapless.
- These photos will be used in newspapers, the pageant program, social media, and your resume.

Practices:

- Practices are designed to support your success! We'll cover stage walking, posture, interview techniques, and speech skills; while also helping you build confidence and connect with others.
- Be sure to practice at home between sessions.
- What to wear: Always refer to the schedule for specific attire requirements. Most importantly, wear your pageant heels so you feel comfortable and confident on pageant day.

How Contestants are Scored:

Each category is judged and scored independently from all other categories. Categories include:

- Personal Interview 50%
- Speech and Communication Skills 25%
- Stage Presence 25%

Personal Interview:

Individual 3-minute interviews will take place the afternoon of the pageant at Lincoln Christian Church. Be sure to wear your approved black dress for this portion, as it is part of your overall presentation. These interviews are conducted privately with the judges and are your opportunity to make a strong personal impression. Judges will be paying close attention to your personality, communication skills, grammar, and overall presentation. They will have your application and resume in front of them, so questions will focus on you and your interests. Since the Personal Interview is worth 50% of your overall score, please be sure to practice on your own time outside of Junior Miss practices to feel confident and prepared.

Speech & Communication Skills:

The outline below is provided for reference and is subject to the Directors' discretion. We will enforce it to stay within the time constraints on pageant night. Please write your speech on a notecard—Directors can help edit for length if needed, as we want all speeches to be consistent in format and timing.

Example (from previous Junior Miss) – Good evening, Logan County! My name is Courtney Cecil! I am 13 years old and I live in Atlanta, Illinois. I will be attending Hartsburg-Emden Jr. High this fall and I will be entering the 8th grade. I enjoy playing volleyball, running track and doing art projects!

Outline to follow: *Warm Greeting to Audience!* My name is _____. I am ___ years old and I live in _____. I will be attending _____ this fall, and I will be going into the ___ grade. I enjoy (**list 3 short activities**) activity #1, activity #2, and activity #3.

Stage Presence:

Stage presence is the confidence, poise, and charisma you display on stage. It includes your posture, expressions, and engagement with the audience and judges. Strong stage presence shows you are comfortable and prepared, allowing your personality to shine through your walk, gestures, eye contact, speech delivery, and overall energy.

Production Number:

This portion is not judged. The production number is a fun way to start the pageant, ease your nerves, and become comfortable on stage. Our goal is to ensure every contestant feels confident in their performance before the competition begins. You are strongly encouraged to practice at home, applying what you've learned during rehearsals to refine your routine.

Wardrobe Approval:

- **Black Dress:** A knee-length black dress is required for the personal interview and production number. Pair it with comfortable, chunky heels that have a back strap to prevent slipping or catching on stage stairs. You may wear the same heels throughout the day for convenience.
- **Evening Wardrobe:** A knee-length dress for your on-stage speech and stage presence. Choose a color that reflects your personality! Heels should follow the same guidelines as above—comfortable, chunky, with a back strap, and safe for stairs. Wearing the same pair all day is recommended. See the next page for examples from past Junior Miss Pageants.
- **Note:** All attire must be brought to practice and approved by the Pageant Directors on July 7. Keep tags on your dresses and retain receipts. Reach out with any questions.

About the Judges:

There will be a panel of three men and/or women who are genuinely interested in you. Our judges are serious, yet fun-loving people from various places throughout Illinois. They want to enjoy this experience as much as you. Be yourself!

The Junior Miss:

Our 2025 Junior Miss Logan County Fair, Courtney Cecil, will be present at practices to share information about her reign and your possible responsibilities, should you be chosen as Junior Miss Logan County Fair Queen.

The Pageant Crew:

Our crew is comprised of knowledgeable and helpful women that all have experience within the pageant circuit and share a goal of success. Please trust our experience in matters concerning your preparation for our local pageant and for the Miss Illinois County Fair Queen Pageant if you are chosen as the Miss Logan County Fair Queen.

- Bethany Rademaker & Michelle Ryan - Miss Directors
- Sarah Dean & Amanda Pollice - Junior Miss Directors
- Lindsey Guy & Alyssa Freed – Little Miss Directors (2025/2026)
- Kristen Harmsen & Lauren Grenlund - Little Miss Directors (2026/2027)
- Brande McCree – Choreographer/Stage Manager
- Tish Podunajec & Michelle Mayfield - Practice Coach, Day of Setup & Backstage Assistance
- Ellyn Martinez - State Pageant Coordinator

Dress and Heel Examples from Previous Pageants:



2026 Junior Miss Logan County Fair Rules & Regulations
Junior Miss Pageant Directors – Sarah Dean & Amanda Pollice

General Rules & Contract

1. Contestant must be a U.S. Citizen and have been a resident of Logan County, Illinois for a minimum of six months prior to the pageant date.
2. She must be at least eleven and no older than thirteen years of age by the pageant date.
3. Each contestant will have a three-minute personal interview with judges who reside outside of Logan County, worth 50% of her overall score. She will also appear on stage and will share basic information about herself, Stage Presence 25% and Speech and Communication Skills 25%.
4. Six awards will be presented (*all at the discretion of the pageant committee*) – Junior Miss; 1st Runner-Up, 2nd Runner-Up, Crowd's Choice Award (*awarded to the contestant who receives the highest monetary total in her container the evening of the pageant*), Most Raffle Tickets Sold, and Miss Congeniality (*voted on by the contestants*).
5. Contestants are prohibited from displaying, communicating, and/or providing, or having knowledge of inappropriate language, materials or photographs on internet/websites including, but not limited to: Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Musical.ly, TikTok, WhatsApp, Venmo, VSCO, or personal blogs. Social media handles will be shared with the pageant crew in the contact information sheet.
6. Crowd's Choice: Donation buckets will be available at the main grandstand entrance only on the evening of the pageant. The Crowd's Choice award is announced and presented pageant evening.
7. Raffle Tickets: Each contestant is required to sell 75 raffle tickets. All money for tickets is due by Sunday, August 2. Funds raised will help cover the cost of awards presented during the pageant, and an award will be presented pageant evening for Most Raffle Tickets Sold.
8. Whoever is chosen as Junior Miss Logan County must be able to attend the next year's pageant to relinquish her crown.
9. Contestants are to wear an approved black dress of their choosing for their interview and production number, then an approved evening wardrobe dress of their choosing for the stage presence and on-stage speech. Allowed accessories are: small hair adornments and jewelry. Cowboy boots, flip flops, gloves, hats, and large jewelry are not allowed. Hose and/or make-up optional.
10. On-stage speech guidelines must be followed or points will be deducted.
11. No additional contestants will be accepted after the deadline.
12. The young lady chosen may be asked to attend various events throughout the year such as parades, kid's day at the fair, scrambles, etc. They are all optional events and at the discretion of the Director.
13. Approval from the Pageant Director is required before attending any event or making any personal appearance representing Logan County as Junior Miss.
14. Parent/guardian supervision is required at all times when representing Logan County.

15. Parental consent must be obtained by all legal parents for the contestant to participate in the pageant.
16. Junior Miss Awards will all be presented on the evening of the pageant on stage.
17. Your child should not hold another title while competing for Junior Miss Logan County.
18. If your child had her crown relinquished, she cannot run again for the Logan County Pageant system.
19. A \$50 application fee must be turned in on Tuesday, June 23 at pageant headshot photos. Make checks payable to: Logan County Fair (Memo: Junior Miss Application).
20. Admission into the Logan County Fair will be free for the contestant only.
21. Parents of the contestant agree that the personal data on the pageant application is correct and authorize the use of the contestant's name, professional photographs and all pageant paperwork completed by the parent to be used for publicity purposes for the pageant.
22. Parents of the contestant agree that the time, manner and method of conducting and judging the pageant shall be the sole discretion of the pageant officials and that the discretion of the judges shall be final.
23. Prerequisites and duties of the newly selected Junior Miss Logan County Fair Queen will be:
 - a. The Junior Miss Logan County Fair Queen will abide by all the contestant rules as stated previously.
 - b. The Junior Miss Logan County Fair Queen will not participate in or represent any other judged pageant during her reign.
 - c. The Junior Miss Logan County Fair Queen will represent the Logan County Fair at as many other area pageants and other functions as deemed necessary by the Director.
 - d. The Junior Miss Logan County Fair Queen must be chaperoned at all times while she is representing the Logan County Fair Association. She will be asked to have her own chaperone at all events and the Pageant Committee will attend, when able, for on-site direction and photos
 - e. She will appear in appropriate attire (crown and sash).
 - f. The Junior Miss Logan County Fair Queen will be required to help secure the prizes for the next year's queen.
 - g. The Junior Miss Logan County Fair Queen will be required to attend a meeting with a parent/guardian to sign their year contract the morning following their crowning.
24. Any photographic sessions and pictures released as the role of Junior Miss Logan County Fair Queen must be approved in advance by the Pageant Director.
25. If the newly selected Junior Miss Logan County Fair Queen cannot fulfill all the expressed duties or violates any rule set forth for a candidate, she will relinquish her title, crown, and all prizes upon the direction of the Pageant Director. The first runner-up will then be eligible for the title.
26. Any grievances or objections to the pageant will be referred to the Pageant Director of the Logan County Fair: Bethany Rademaker, logancountyfairqueen@gmail.com

2026 Junior Miss Logan County Fair Queen Pageant CONTACT INFORMATION

Email this page and the resume on the following page to: logancountyfairqueen@gmail.com

Subject line: Junior Miss Application – First Name Last Name

I hereby acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the rules and regulations that have been presented to us.

I understand that the time, manner, and method of conducting the Pageant is solely within discretion of the Pageant Officials and that the decision of the judges is final.

All contestants must have a parent/guardian signature for completion of application. Parents of the contestant agree that the personal data on the pageant application is correct and authorize the use of the contestant's name, professional photographs and all pageant paperwork completed by the parent to be used for publicity purposes for the pageant.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Signature: _____
(Please Print)

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Signature: _____
(Please Print)

Primary Contact Phone Number for Communication / Texts: _____

Email Address for Communication: _____

Contestant's Address: _____

Contestant's Name: _____ Contestant DOB: _____

Contestant's Height: _____ Contestant School: _____

Instagram: _____ Twitter: _____

Facebook: _____ TikTok: _____

Snapchat: _____ Other: _____

2026 JUNIOR MISS RESUME

HOMETOWN:

CONTESTANT #

CONTESTANT NAME:

SCHOOL:

GRADE/AGE:

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GROW UP:

HOBBIES & INTERESTS:

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES & SPECIAL HONORS:

WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT LOGAN COUNTY:

WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT THE LOGAN COUNTY FAIR:

WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE JUNIOR MISS LOGAN COUNTY:

SHARE A FUN FACT ABOUT YOURSELF OR A FUN EXPERIENCE: