

2018 Little Miss & Junior Miss Horseradish Festival Pageant

Thank you for choosing to participate in the 2018 Horseradish Festival Pageant! The pageant is an activity of the Horseradish Festival and Chamber of Commerce.

General Pageant Information/Rules

- The 2018 Little Miss and Mister & Junior Miss Horseradish Festival will be held on Saturday June 2 from 10:30-12pm on Main Street in Collinsville, IL. The contestants will need to arrive by 10am dressed and ready to go.
- Relatives (daughters, sons, grandchildren, nieces, nephews) of pageant committee members are not eligible to compete.
- Little Miss Contestants must be between 4 and 7 years of age on the date of the contest and Junior Miss and Mister Contestants must be between the ages of 8 and 12 on the date of the contest.
- All contestants must live in Madison, St. Clair, or Monroe counties (The Horseradish Capital of the World!)
- There is a \$20 participation fee for all contestants which includes a participation shirt.
- There is a maximum of 15 contestants for **each** title and applications are accepted on a first come basis.
- Contestants cannot be a current titleholder for any other pageant or a former Miss Horseradish Festival title holder.
- One mandatory rehearsal will be held prior to the pageant:
 - A walk-thru rehearsal will be held Thursday, May 31, 2018 at a later determined time.
 - Rehearsal is closed and only parents/legal guardians and siblings may attend with the participant.
- This is “fun” pageant, not a beauty pageant. Personality plays an important part of the judging. Please do not use make-up, wigs, or other enhancements on the contestants.
- Decision of the judges is final.
- Attire for this event is age and weather appropriate party clothes. Please keep all attire modest and youthful.
- Contestants will be asked to state their name, age, and an interesting fun fact about Horseradish Festival without prompting. Fun facts will be approved on a first come first serve basis. We will advise you upon receiving each application if you need to pick a different one. Those chosen as finalists will also be required to answer one question about themselves. Those questions will be provided to the parents via email before the event so you can prepare your child. One question will be drawn at random for each contestant.
- Contestants will be given 1 minute in the talent portion to demonstrate their favorite skill or activity. There will be no outfit changes for this. Every contestant will wear the same outfit from start to finish. Anything requiring music should be burned to a CD with only that talent on it. A microphone will be provided for anyone who will need it. We may or may not have time to rehearse their talent at the May 31 practice.
- A minimum of 2 finalists will be chosen in each division. If there are fewer than 5 participants in any division all participants in that division will be finalists.
- Each category winner will receive a sash, a crown, and flowers (girls). 1st runner up receives flowers. All contestants will receive a goody bag and a medal.
 - Little/Junior Miss Horseradish Festival will be expected to:

- Participate in this year's Italian Fest Parade on Saturday, September 15, 2018. A car for this parade will be arranged. Line up for the parade begins at 2:30pm and the parade will start at 4:00pm.
- Participate in at least two other parades during the next year. Parents of the winners are responsible for providing transportation to be used during the parades, as well as to and from these events.
- Appear at the 2019 Little/Junior Miss Horseradish Festival Pageant.
- The winners may also be asked to make additional, but optional appearances. They will be responsible for their own transportation and arrangements. The number of additional appearances is at the discretion of the parents.
- For the safety of the contestants, flash photographs may not be taken during the pageant. You may take pictures or video with no flash.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTAL

Pageant Entry Forms must be submitted no later than May 19, 2018. All submissions are done through a Google Form located at www.internationalhorseradishfestival.com under the "Events" section. The Google Form is where you will provide your participant's information, your contact info, indemnification agreement, bio, shirt size, talent, and fun fact. and your \$20 participation fee can be mailed to or dropped off at the address below. Checks should be made to the International Horseradish Festival.

Mail Check to:

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 Attn: Horseradish Pageant
 221 West Main Street
 Collinsville IL 62234

Direct Questions to:

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