

Everything you wanted to know about being a Little Miss Clinton County Fair Parent

We are very excited that you are interested in having your daughter participate in our activities this year. We have some fun and exciting things planned.

The date of the pageant is July 18, 2026. The program will begin at 1:00 pm and will be held at the Kaskaskia College Auditorium.

We are very fortunate to have an air-conditioned venue with ample seating. The attire for the girls for the pageant is a nice dress. This is your choice. You can go as dressy or as casual as you wish. Any length dress is fine, as long as it does not hinder their ability to walk up and down a few steps. We ask that the Little Miss participants arrive no later than 12:00 noon on that day. Crown and sash photos will be taken at this time. During the pageant, the girls will go on stage two times individually; once to introduce themselves using a microphone and again to be crowned. We will also bring them on for a group photo after crowning. It would be great for you to have them begin to practice saying their name and town so they become more comfortable with this.

There are a few activities in preparation for the pageant that we would like you to attend. The annual Princess Tea Party will be held on the afternoon of Saturday, June 20, 2026 at 3:00 pm at St. Mary Parish Center in Carlyle. You will receive a formal invitation for this. The girls should be dressed in a cute dress, casual dress or sundress is fine. We will take a group photo as well as an individual photo for the program and a photo with our Reigning Queen Amanda Brink. We will quickly walk through the pageant day activities. The girls will be treated to a "Royal Tea Party" with the Miss Clinton County Fair contestants. During this time we will have a brief parents meeting. If you are not able to attend, please contact us in advance so that we can arrange a time to get a photo of your daughter for the program.

We will have a final walk through with the girls the evening of Wednesday, July 8 at 6:30 p.m. and will be held at the Kaskaskia College Auditorium. Casual attire is appropriate. This is just a refresher/reminder of what we will be doing the day of the pageant.

Again, this year we are continuing our commitment to encourage community service and fitness to the contestant program. The program, for the most part is self-sustaining and we would like this program to continue for many years. To do that we are having a fundraiser to kick off the 2026 Clinton County Fair. We will be hosting a 5K Run/Walk on July 11, details will follow. This is to benefit the Miss/Little Miss Pageant and a charity to be announced. We would like as many of our Miss and Little Miss Contestants to participate as possible. There is no charge for the Little Miss to participate, but we would like to ask that each contestant to try to assemble a team of walkers/runners. The participant with the largest team will be recognized as the 5K Fundraising Princess and will receive a gift as well as the opportunity to ride in a parade with the reigning Queen and the honor of helping crown the Little Miss Participants on stage the following year. The little girls should wear their Little Miss T-shirts so that they will be distinguished from other walkers/runners.

One of the highlights of the pageant is riding on a float in the Clinton County Fair Parade. This year will be no exception. A float is being created for the Little Miss contestants to parade through the streets of Carlyle to the fairgrounds on the evening of July, 13th. The line-up location will be at Nordike Funeral Home at 740 Fairfax Street in Carlyle, just east of the Courthouse. The parade begins at 6:00, so the girls should be at the float no later than 5:30 p.m. We will ask for a group of parents to walk with the float for safety purposes. The girls should wear a cute dress of your choice, keep in mind that even though the parade is in the evening, it is usually still very warm.

We love to see the participants at the fair. We recommend that the girls wear their official Little Miss T-shirts and tiara whenever they are attending the fair. The Miss contestants will be at the fair all week with "Queen-in-Training" duties. This will let the contestants easily identify any of our Little Miss participants.

The Little girls will receive a tiara at the tea party to wear at fair activities, at the pageant they will receive a beautiful crown, sash, crown pin, and a gift bag. Our gift bags last year were amazing. In addition to our donations and to nicely fill these bags, we ask that you or someone you know (business or individual) donate 20 small items (1 for each contestant) to the gift bags. This doesn't have to be an expensive item. Many businesses will offer promotional items. Having your help with the gift bags extends our network and makes the program better for everyone. We thank you in advance.

Additional information will be provided at the Tea Party and final rehearsal. Please let us know if you have any questions.

We will begin taking entries April 1, 2026 @ 9:00 am. Please refer to our Facebook page for updates.

The Facebook Page is: Miss Clinton County Fair Pageant

Your entry will only be complete once the entry fee of \$75 is received. You can send the entry fee to: Clinton County Fair Pageant, 1041 Fairfax Street Carlyle IL 62231 or drop it off at Traditions Portrait Design at the same address. Please make checks payable to Clinton County Fair Pageant. We also have Venmo available. We will take the first 20 entries. Last year we filled up within minutes.

We realize that this is a lot of information. Please let us know if you have any questions, comments or concerns,

Sincerely,

Clinton County Fair Pageant Committee

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Important Dates

April 1, 2026 – First day to enter

June 20, 2026– Princess Tea Party

July 8, 2026 – Rehearsal – Kaskaskia College Auditorium

July 11, 2026 - 5K Fundraiser – Clinton County Fairgrounds

July 13, 2026 – Clinton County Fair Parade

July 13-19, 2026 – Clinton County Fair

July 18, 2026 – Clinton County Fair Pageant – Kaskaskia College Auditorium