

Jefferson County “Junior Miss” Contest
Rules and Regulations – 2026

1. Event Details

The Jefferson County Little Miss Contest will be held on Wednesday, June 24, 2026, at 7:00 PM at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. Interviews will be conducted mid-morning on June 24 (location to be determined). Each contestant will participate in a 10-minute interview. Interview times will be assigned after registration closes.

2. Registration Requirements

All contestants must pre-register. A \$35 entry fee (sponsors' optional), payable to the Jefferson County Fair Board, along with a copy of the contestant's birth certificate, must accompany the entry form.

On-line registration opens May 4, 2026, and closes June 3, 2026.

<https://forms.gle/gChPs1kXAKGyj2qA7> No late entries will be accepted. **Participation is limited to the first 12 contestants who submit a completed application, fee, and required documentation.**

3. Judging Criteria

Interview judging will be based on demeanor, personality, poise, responses to questions, and overall presentation.

4. Eligibility – Professional Experience

Any contestant who has performed or competed at a professional level (for monetary gain), other than amateur contests, is not eligible to participate.

5. Residency/Participation Requirement

Contestants must either be enrolled in a Jefferson County 4-H Club, enrolled in a school within Jefferson County, or reside in Jefferson County.

6. Age Requirements

Contestants must be female, and at least nine (9) years of age and no older than eleven (11) years of age as of June 1, 2026.

7. Backstage and Interview Policy

Parents, guardians, and chaperones are not permitted in the interview room or backstage areas before or during the contest. Designated staff will assist contestants as needed.

8. On-Stage Participation

Each contestant will participate in an on-stage question and remain on stage for the awards presentation.

9. Title Responsibilities

The crowned Junior Miss must be available to assist with ribbon distribution at designated events during the 2026 Jefferson County Fair.

10. Attire Requirements

Contestants should dress in attire appropriate for a “day at the fair.” Acceptable attire includes dresses, skirts, jeans, or shorts. This attire will be worn for interviews, the on-stage question, and the awards presentation. Pageant dresses and swimwear are not permitted.

11. Contest Size

The contest is limited to a maximum of 12 contestants, with a minimum of 5 contestants required

to hold the event.

12. Previous Titleholders

Any contestant who has previously held the title of Jefferson County Little Miss is not eligible to compete.

13. Judging Decisions

All decisions made by the judges are final. Any disputes or unsportsmanlike conduct may result in immediate disqualification.

14. Photo Release

By entering the contest, parents/guardians grant permission to the Greater Jefferson County Fair to use photographs of the contestant for promotional purposes.

15. Right to Modify Rules

The Jefferson County Fair Board and Fair Coordinators reserve the right to interpret, amend, or modify these rules and regulations at any time as deemed necessary.

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