

MISS GOLDEN PAGEANT RULES

(Pageant for Females with Special Needs)

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The deadline for the Miss Golden Pageant is July 3, 2026.

To enter, contact Lauren Durchholz. A \$10 entry fee is due at the time of registration.

The Vanderburgh County Fair “Miss Golden Pageant” is a pageant for females ages ten to thirty - five with special needs. Hair styling and makeup will be available as well! If help is needed with the entry fee, please contact Lauren at (812) 664-8152

1. All contestants must be at least 10 years old and cannot have reached their 35th birthday on or before June 1, 2026.
2. Contestants will be judged on their abilities and interview.
3. Information will be sent out by July 13, 2026.
4. Each contestant must be an Indiana resident, a U.S. citizen, and represent her home county. One of her legal guardians must also be an Indiana resident. The only exception: she may reside in an adjoining county in which she enters the contest.
5. Contestants cannot have a child or be knowingly pregnant at the time of the county fair Miss Golden pageant. If the 2026 Miss Golden becomes or is pregnant anytime during her reign, she will be required to relinquish her title.
6. Each contestant must be an active member of at least one worthwhile organization in her community, such as Girl Scouts, Kiwanis, 4-H, Rotary, Women in Construction etc.
7. Each participant will be scored on her individual ability through the Vanderburgh County Miss Golden Pageant, using the experience as building blocks for life skills.
8. The categories that each contestant will have the opportunity to participate in are: A. Interview: Each contestant will be asked 2 or 3 questions out of the 5 she picked from the list provided. Appropriate outfit for interview that will take place on the day of the pageant includes a sundress, fun outfit showing personality, or an outfit showing one of her interests. B. On stage modeling: For this event, the girls may wear a formal dress or a dressy outfit. The dress may not be low cut or come more than 2 inches above the knee.
9. The Vanderburgh County Fair Miss Golden Pageant will be held on Saturday, July 25, 2026. Preliminary judging will occur in the daytime leading up to the pageant. The public pageant will be held early evening at the fair.
10. Points and score sheets are for the judges' assessment only. Final selections are the judges' decision.
11. All parts of the contest will occur on July 25, 2026. All information will be provided through email or mail.