LITTLE MISS AND MISTER CONTEST RULES - 2027

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The deadline for entering the Little Miss and Mister Contest is **July 2, 2027**.

To enter, go to vanderburghcountyfair.com

For inquiries, please email us at Vanderburghlittlemissandmister@gmail.com

New for 2027! Please drop by the Expo Hall/Activities Center at the Vanderburgh 4-H Center on **July 7, 2027, between 5:15 PM and 6:00 PM**.
During this window, we ask a parent or guardian to bring:

- A recent picture of the contestant (maximum size 4x6")
- A copy of their birth certificate
- A $15.00 entry fee (please make checks payable to the *Vanderburgh County Fair Association*)

1. **Private Judging:** (Tuesday, July 27, 2027 in the Auditorium, times will be assigned) Each contestant will have a 2-minute interview with the judges. Questions will come from their hobbies and interests listed on the entry form. Contestants are to wear the same attire for private and public judging (see below). Private judging will begin at 4:00 p.m., though this time is subject to change based on the number of entries. Times will be assigned and communicated by email and/or text to the email and/or phone number provided on registration form at least 1 week before the contest. **Judging:** based on the ability to converse.
2. **Public Contest** (Tuesday, July 27, 2027, 6 p.m., in the Auditorium) Enter gate 2 on Boonville New Harmony Rd. Right Lane.
   Attire: Dress of contestant's choice based on the following: appropriateness for 5-7 year olds (Something comfortable: shorts, sundress, sandals, jeans, etc.). **No tuxedos or long, formal dresses or pageant dresses will be allowed. No costumes.**
   Judging: Based on poise, personality, and overall presentation.
   Onstage Question: Each contestant will answer an onstage question.
3. Parents or Chaperones are not allowed in the judging area anytime during the contest. Committee Members will be in this area to assist contestants if needed.
4. Vanderburgh County Little Miss and Mister contestants may enter a county fair contest/pageant in only one county during the 2027 pageant season. If the contestant has entered a contest/pageant in another county, he/she is ineligible for the 2027 Little Miss and Mister Contest.
5. Any contestant who has performed or competed at the professional level (for monetary gain) in anything other than amateur contests will be considered ineligible for this contest.
6. Contestants *must* be at least 5 years old and *cannot* have reached his/her 8th birthday as of July 27, 2027. Past county winners of the Little Miss and Little Mister contest are ineligible.
7. Each contestant must be an active member of at least one worthwhile organization in the Vanderburgh County community such as Mini 4-H, church groups, Scouts, etc., or be a Vanderburgh County resident.
8. One Little Miss and one Little Mister will be selected as winners.
9. Information will be given to the Little Miss and Mister about what events they may participate in at the fair, with a parent or guardian present. Throughout the year, Little Miss and Mister may be asked to participate in parades.
10. Contest entry fees are non-refundable once payment has been submitted.