

MISS VANDERBURGH COUNTY TEEN PAGEANT RULES - 2027

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The deadline for entering the Miss Vanderburgh County Teen Pageant is July 2, 2027.

Complete your entry online at vanderburghcountyfair.com

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

1. Each contestant must be at least 13 years old by July 26, 2027, and have not had their 16th birthday as of July 26, 2027.
2. Each contestant must be a U.S. citizen, an Indiana resident, and a Vanderburgh County resident. The only exception: the contestant may reside in an adjoining county if the majority of their activities are in Vanderburgh County.
3. Miss Vanderburgh County Teen 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, they are ineligible for the 2027 Miss Vanderburgh County Teen Pageant.
4. Each contestant must be an active member of at least one worthwhile organization in their community, such as church groups, Girl Scouts, 4-H, etc.
5. Any contestant who has won the title of Miss Vanderburgh County Teen cannot compete again for this title.
6. **Please mark your calendars for our mandatory Contestant Meeting on July 7, 2027, held in the Expo Hall/Activities Center at the Vanderburgh 4-H Center. The meeting will start at 6:00 p.m. and is required for both contestants and their mothers or chaperones. We ask that you arrive by 5:15 p.m. so we can take official headshots between 5:15 and 5:55 p.m.**
7. A \$25.00 entry fee and **a copy of the contestant's birth certificate** must be submitted at the "Contestant Meeting." Pageant entry fees are non-refundable once payment has been submitted.
8. The contestant will be judged based on poise, personality, and the ability to converse. The judging is divided into four categories: a 30-second speech on the topic of the Vanderburgh County Fair, an interview, onstage modeling of a sundress, and an onstage question.
9. The requirements for each division include:
Speech: Prepare and present a speech no longer than 30 seconds on the topic of the Vanderburgh County Fair. Speeches will be scored on natural speaking ability, delivery, poise, and originality. Each speech will be timed, with one point deducted for exceeding 30 seconds. Speeches will be delivered before the panel of three judges at the preliminary judging and are closed to the public.

Interview: Each participant will engage in a private, three-minute interview with the panel of three judges. This session consists of impromptu questions. The interviews are private and closed to the public.

Attire for Speech and Interview: Denim (jeans/skirt/capris -contestant's choice) and Queen T-shirt that is provided to each contestant

Attire for the Evening Pageant: Contestants are asked to wear an age-appropriate sundress, with the hemline reaching fingertip length or longer. Low-cut necklines will not be permitted.

On-Stage Question – At the evening pageant, each contestant will be asked an on-stage question. The questions will not be provided before the pageant.

10. The Miss Vanderburgh County Teen Pageant will be held on Monday, July 26, 2027. The preliminary judging will begin at 1:00 p.m. at Blue Grass Church, 14200 Petersburg Rd, Evansville, IN 47725. The public pageant and crowning will be in the 4-H Center Auditorium at 5:00 p.m. Enter Gate 2 (Boonville-New Harmony Road), right Lane.
11. During the Preliminary Judging, the contestants will vote for Miss Congeniality. Contestants are encouraged to vote for a fellow contestant rather than themselves. In the event of a tie for Miss Congeniality, the Miss Vanderburgh County Teen 2026 will cast the deciding vote.
12. Miss Vanderburgh County Teen 2027, 1st and 2nd runners-up, and Miss Congeniality will be announced at the public pageant on July 26, 2027.
13. The winner of the pageant will be crowned “Miss Vanderburgh County Teen 2027.” Miss Vanderburgh County Teen and Court should be prepared to spend July 27-31 at the fair, attending daily events. Additional information will be shared during a meeting on Tuesday morning of the fair.
14. Points and score sheets are for the judges’ assessment only and will not be made available to the contestants. The judges’ decision will be final.
15. There will be on-stage practice in the 4-H Center Auditorium on Sunday, July 25 at 5:00 p.m. Bring the shoes you will be wearing with your sundress to the practice.
16. Contestants are expected to work a shift at Kids Corner on Saturday, July 31, 2027. Attendance will be taken. Sign-up for Kids Corner will occur at the “Contestant Meeting” on July 7, 2027.
17. The Miss Vanderburgh County Teen 2027 qualifies to compete in the November 2027 Indiana State Festivals Association (ISFA) Scholarship Princess Pageant, provided she is 15 or younger on the day of the pageant and has never won the ISFA Princess title before. If the winner exceeds this age limit or has won this pageant previously, eligibility passes to the highest-ranking runner-up who meets the requirements for the pageant. The contestant will receive additional information.
18. The pageant committee reserves the right to adjust the pageant rules according to the number of entries for the year 2027.