

VANDERBURGH COUNTY YOUNG MISS PAGEANT RULES - 2027

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

Complete entry online at vanderburghcountyfair.com

1. Each contestant must be at least 10 years old and not have had their 13th 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. Vanderburgh County Young Miss 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 Vanderburgh County Young Miss Pageant.
4. Each contestant must be an active member of at least one worthwhile organization in her community, such as church groups, Girl Scouts, 4-H, etc.
5. Any contestant who has won the title of Vanderburgh County Young Miss 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 (make checks payable to the Vanderburgh County Fair Association) 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 three categories: modeling of a fun outfit, interview, and an on-stage question.
9. The requirements for each division include:
Fun Outfit - An outfit that will show off the contestant's personality. Examples include: sports uniform, sundress, ballet costume. The outfit must be appropriate for 10- to 12-year-olds. No formal dress or pageant dresses will be allowed. Handheld props are permitted, and the contestant must hold the prop during the entirety of the pageant. The contestant must wear the same outfit for both the daytime and evening judging sessions. **The contestant will introduce herself at the evening pageant and briefly share why she selected her "fun outfit".**
Interview - Each contestant will have an interview with impromptu questions from the judges.
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 Vanderburgh County Young Miss Pageant will be held on Tuesday, July 27, 2027. The day judging will begin at 4:00 p.m. in the 4-H Center Auditorium. The evening pageant will be held in the 4-H Center Auditorium at 7:00 p.m., following the Little Miss and Mister Contest. 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 Vanderburgh County Young Miss 2026 will cast the deciding vote.
12. The Vanderburgh County Young Miss 2027, 1st and 2nd runners-up, and Miss Congeniality will be announced at the public pageant on July 27, 2027.
13. The winner of the pageant will be crowned "Vanderburgh County Young Miss 2027." Young Miss and Court should be prepared to spend July 27-31 at the fair, attending daily events. Additional information will be shared after the Young Miss Pageant.
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. Anyone who verbally complains to the judges, chairpersons, or emcee will be ineligible for next year's pageant.
15. There will be on-stage practice in the 4-H Center Auditorium on Sunday, July 25 at 3:30 pm. Bring the shoes you will be wearing with your fun outfit to the practice.
16. All contestants are expected to participate in community service, which includes working 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 pageant committee reserves the right to adjust the pageant rules according to the number of entries for the year 2027.