

2022 Horseradish Festival Pageant
June 4, 2022 | 11:00 a.m. | Laura Buick Stage

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Thank you for your interest in the 2022 Horseradish Festival Pageant! This pageant has a long tradition of being part of the International Horseradish Festival. There will be two age categories for children to compete in for the titles of Little Miss and Mister and Junior Miss and Mister.

General Pageant Information and Rules

1. The pageant will be held on Saturday, June 4 at 11:00 a.m. on the Laura Buick Stage on Main Street in Collinsville. Contestants must arrive no later than 10:30 a.m. dressed and ready for the pageant.
2. Relatives (children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, etc.) of pageant committee members are not eligible to compete.
3. Little Miss and Mister contestants must be between the ages of 4 and 6 on the date of the contest, and the Junior Miss and Mister must be between the ages of 7 and 10 on the date of the contest.
Little Miss: 4-6 years Little Mister: 4-6 years
Junior Miss: 7-10 years Junior Mister: 7-10 years
4. All contestants must live in the Horseradish Capital of the World – Madison, St. Clair, or Monroe counties in Illinois.
5. A non-refundable entry fee of \$20 is required with each completed application. For families with 2 or more children competing, the fee is \$15 per child.
6. To compete, applications must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 17.
7. Contestants cannot be a current title holder for any other pageant or a former Horseradish Festival pageant title holder. All contestants are required to attend the walk-thru rehearsal to be held Tuesday, May 31, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Horseradish Festival Stage in Woodland Park. Rehearsal is not open to the public, and only parents, legal guardians, and siblings may attend. One parent or guardian for each contestant is required to attend to receive important updates.
8. This is a “fun” pageant, not a beauty pageant. Personality plays an important part in the judging. No make-up, wigs, or other enhancements are permitted, and contestants will be disqualified if they are used.
9. All decisions of the judges are final.

Pageant Preparation

- The pageant will consist of an introduction round, horseradish fact round, talent round, and a question round for finalists.
- Attire for the pageant is weather-appropriate party wear. Please keep attire youthful and age appropriate.
- Contestants will be asked to state their name, age, and an interesting fun fact about horseradish or the Horseradish Festival without prompting. Fun facts are first-come, first-serve basis. Facts may not be repeated among contestants, and parents will be advised upon receiving the application if a different fact should be provided.
- Contestants selected as finalists will be required to answer one question about themselves. Those questions will be provided to the parents via e-mail before the event so you can prepare your child. One question will be drawn at random for each contestant.

- Contestants will be given 1-2 minutes in the talent portion to demonstrate their favorite skill or activity. **There will be no costume or outfit changes for this or any other round. All contestants will wear the same outfit from start to finish.** We will let you know the final time that will be allotted per contestant when we see the total number of entries we receive. The contestants' parents or guardians will be required to submit music or sound files for any talent that requires such. A microphone will be provided for anyone who needs it.
- Up to five finalists will be chosen in each division (i.e. Little Miss, Little Mister, Junior Miss, and Junior Mister). If there are five or fewer participants in any division, all participants in that division will be finalists.
- Each division winner (i.e. Little Miss, Little Mister, Junior Miss, and Junior Mister) will receive a sash, a crown, and flowers. First and second runners up will each receive a medal and flowers. All contestants will receive a goody bag.
- Little and Junior Miss/Mister Horseradish Festival will be expected to:
 - Participate in this year's Italian Fest Parade on Saturday, September 17. Parents of the winners will need to provide a car for the dignitary to ride in. Lineup for the parade is TBD.
 - Participate in two other parades during the next year. Parents/guardians of the winners are responsible for providing transportation to be used during these parades as well as to and from these events.
 - Appear at the 2023 Little/Miss and Mister Horseradish Festival Pageant.
 - The winners may also be asked to make additional, but optional appearances. They will be responsible for their own transportation and arrangements. The number of additional appearances is at the discretion of the parents.
- Flash photography is not allowed during the pageant. You may take photo or videos without flash.
- The pageant will go on – rain or shine.
- Updates and information related to the pageant will be shared via email to the parent or guardian email provided on the registration.

How to Register a Contestant for the Pageant

1. Submit the [online registration](#) form and pay the \$20 registration fee no later than 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 17, 2022.
2. You will be notified when your registration has been received and approved. **There is no refund of entry fee.**

Direct questions to Pageant Coordinator:

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