

2024 Miss Manatee County Fair Pageant

Mini, Little, Junior & Miss Divisions

Thank you for taking the first step towards becoming our Fair Queen for your age category! Winners will make appearances throughout the year representing the Manatee County Fair.

Please read the calendar of events and be present every time you see your age division the day of the pageant. Pageant Sponsors (not required) will be announced on stage.

Titleholders Receive

- **Miss:** \$1,000.00 Academic Scholarship, Crown, Banner Sash, Trophy, & Flowers
- **Mini, Little, & Junior:** Crown, Banner Sash, Trophy, & Flowers

Contestant Receive

- Manatee County Fair Pageant T-Shirt
- Pair of Manatee County Fair Entry tickets (for contestant and 1 parent/guardian)

Entry fees \$40.00 for Mini and Little Age Divisions
 \$50.00 for Junior Age Division
 \$125.00 for Miss Division

Tickets for the pageant will be available for purchase at the Orientation meeting or at the door prior to the pageant starting.

To Enter:

1. **Complete on-line Contestant Resume** on the MCP website
<https://www.manateecountypageants.com/fair-pageant> by Friday, Nov. 10, 2023
2. **Submit entry fee** in-person to the Manatee County Fair Office at 1303 13th St. W., Palmetto by 5 PM on Friday, Nov. 10, **or** bring to the Orientation Meeting on Nov. 12, 2023.
 - Make Checks payable to the **Manatee River Fair Association** (cash or money order also accepted). No entries (paperwork or fees) will be accepted after the Orientation meeting on .
3. **Attend the Orientation meeting on Sunday, Nov. 12, 2023.** Orientation is not required for contestants to compete, however, due to the content of the meeting, Orientation is strongly recommended for all contestants.
 - Meet current Fair Queens and pageant staff
 - Overview of competition, including attire, call times, etc.
 - Expectations of titleholders
 - Contestant Line Up Determined (bring contestant formal wear shoes, if available)

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Contestants must meet the following requirements and rules as stated.

All contestants must be physically able and will participate without limitation in all Fair Pageant and Fair activities. Contestants must be of good moral character and never been convicted of a crime or have charges pending. All contestants must be childless, never have been married, or had a marriage annulled. Competition is only open to females in the following age divisions: Mini Miss Division, 7 - 9 years old; Little Miss division, 10 - 12 years old; Junior Miss division, 13 - 16 years old; Miss division, 17 - 22 years old. Contestants must be a Manatee County resident and within their age category limits as of Dec. 2, 2023.

Competition Criteria:

Judges will select winners from the following criteria (all attire must be no higher than approximate knee length):

- In-person interview with judging panel
- On-Stage Questions
- Western Wear
- Formal Wear

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<u>WHEN</u>	<u>WHAT</u>	<u>WHERE</u>
Nov. 12, 2023 1:00 pm	Orientation Mini Miss & Little Miss Orientation	Kendrick Auditorium Manatee County Fair Grounds 1303 17 th St. W., Palmetto, 34221
2:00 pm	Junior Miss & Miss Orientation	
Dec. 2, 2023	Fair Queens Pageant	Palmetto High School Auditorium 1200 17 th St. W., Palmetto, 34221
1:00 pm	Mini Miss Interviews	
1:30 pm	Mini Miss On-stage rehearsal	
1:30 pm	Little Miss Interviews	
2:00 pm	Little Miss On-stage rehearsal	
2:00 pm	Junior Miss Interviews	
2:30 pm	Junior Miss On-stage rehearsal	
2:30 pm	Miss Interviews	
3:00 pm	Miss On-stage rehearsal	
6:00 pm	REHEARSE OPENING NUMBER with ALL DIVISIONS	
6:45 pm	CLEAR STAGE/DOORS OPEN to Public <i>No reserved seating available</i>	
7:00 pm	PAGEANT BEGINS <i>Winners of all divisions stay for photos after competition ends.</i>	