

Miss Henry County 2026 Competition Packet



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Miss Henry County Application Form

Link can be found on the Facebook page @MissHenryCounty4H, Instagram @MissHenryCounty4H, or on the Henry County Fair Website <https://extension.purdue.edu/county/henry/county-fair.html>

Dates and Locations to Remember

Applications Open -March 2

Applications due - May 16

Workday –June 13

Location: Shenandoah High School 12:00 – 3:00 pm

Dress Rehearsal - June 26

Location: Shenandoah High School 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Competition - June 27

Location: Shenandoah High School 6:00 pm

Henry County 4-H Fair Queen Rules

1. Contestants must be an active member in the Henry County 4-H Program this year.
2. Contestants must reside either within Henry County or in an adjoining county.
3. Each contestant must be validated by a Henry County 4-H Club. Each 4-H Club is eligible to enter multiple Miss contestants.
4. There will be a non-refundable \$40.00 entry fee for each contestant (Venmo: @MissHenryCounty4H). There is financial assistance if needed. Financial needs should not impede anyone from participating.
5. Any contestant who has won their respective Henry County 4-H Fair Contest division and/or competed in the Indiana State Fair Pageant cannot compete in their category contest again. Example: If a girl wins Pre-Teen, she is not eligible to compete as a Pre-Teen again. The following year she would need to move up to the Teen group or compete as ineligible in the Pre-Teen group. If a contestant wins first runner-up, second runner-up, or Miss Congeniality they are still eligible for Miss Henry County the following year. The girl is still welcome to compete for practice.
6. The divisions for the competition are below. The grade of the contestant is based on the grade they just completed to match 4-H guidelines.
 - Miss Henry County – Grades 10-12
 - Teen Miss Henry County – Grades 7-9
 - Pre-Teen Miss Henry County – Grades 4-6
 - Junior Miss Henry County – Grade 3
7. The candidates selected to be Miss must fulfill their obligations by:
 - Promoting the Henry County 4-H program to residents, organizations, and youth.
 - Fulfilling their one-year term, beginning with the completion of the competition to the following year's crowning.
 - Participating in meetings related to the contest and speaking at local 4-H events
 - Assisting in all indoor project judging and hand out awards for all livestock events during the fair (schedule will be provided).
 - Being available for interviews with media, photo opportunities and meet & greets during the fair.
 - Participating in Mini 4-H Day Camp, Award Night, 4-H Fair and other 4-H calendar events
 - Selected Miss will represent Henry County at the Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant in January 2027.
 - The Queen must be at least 18 years of age on or before June 1, 2027 to compete at the state level. If the Queen does not meet the age requirement or is not available, first runner-up will take her place.
 - Exceptions are subject to approval by the Queen Committee prior to the day of the workshop or event. Failure to comply with the Committee's decision can be grounds for disqualification.

- Transportation for contestants and chaperones to and from the Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant will be the responsibility of each contestant (Queen only).
 - Should Miss Henry County not be able to fulfill her duties, first runner-up will take her place.
8. One winner will be selected for each of the following divisions: Junior, Pre-Teen, and Teen Miss Henry County. Miss Henry County division will also have a first runner-up, second runner-up, and Miss Congeniality. Points and score sheets are for the judges' assessment only. The decision of the judges will be final.
 9. Judges will consist of two to three impartial judges from outside of the county selected by the Miss Henry County 4-H Committee. Any committee members with a contestant in the competition will not be part of the judge selection or interact with the judges.
 10. Each contestant must provide two electronic, high-resolution pictures with the application form. One recent head and shoulders picture and one full body picture. These can be from an iPhone, Android, or a high-resolution school picture. Send these to MissHenryCounty4H@gmail.com.
 11. Each contestant must complete the Queen Application Form online at the provided link.
 12. If any of the rules listed are not followed by the contestant, the Henry County 4-H Queen Contest Committee will have the right to disqualify that contestant from competition.
 13. All applications must be to the Henry County 4-H Queen Contest Committee by **May 16, 2026** and must include the non-refundable \$40.00 entry fee.
 14. Each contestant and parent must sign a Queen Behavior Expectations form.
 15. The Queen must follow the Indiana State Fair Pageant guidelines to serve as Henry County's representative.

Contest Requirements

Prepared Speech Requirements:

Teen

1. Speech will be given to the judges the day of the competition.
2. Speech will be 1 minute.
3. The topic will be of the contestant's choice.
4. Contestant to wear appropriate attire while giving the speech.

Miss

1. Speech will be given on stage the night of the competition.
2. Speech will be 1 minute.
3. The topic will be of the contestant's choice.
4. Contestant to wear business attire while giving the speech.

Impromptu Talk

Miss

1. Words will be pulled from a basket.
2. Contestant will have 1 minute to discuss what the word means to them.
3. Words will be provided at the workday session.
4. Formal attire will be worn during the impromptu talk.

Judging Criteria

Junior

- Closed door interview with the judges
- Stage presence and attire.

Preteen

- Closed door interview with the judges
- Stage presence and attire.

Teen

- Closed door interview with the judges
- Prepared speech for the judges
- Stage presence and attire.

Miss

- Closed door interview with the judges
- Prepared speech on stage
- Impromptu talk on stage
- Stage presence and attire.

FAQ

What do I expect the day of?

The contestants will meet with the judges in the morning through early afternoon and then participate in the competition that evening. The contestants will not be there all day.

What if I cannot attend a workday or rehearsal?

Contact one of the committee members and we will do our best to help you. Both are important for the contestants to be ready for the competition.

Can I rent or borrow a dress?

The committee is currently working with local retailers to help assist with girls who want a nice dress but do not want to spend a lot of money.

What are the prizes?

The committee is constantly working with area businesses on the awards. Previous prizes include gift cards, totes, beauty products and scholarships. There will be awards for category winners, runner ups for Miss Henry County and a Miss Congeniality.

Does my child have to speak on stage?

The Junior, Pre-Teen, and Teen will not be required to speak on stage. Miss Henry County will give a prepared speech and have an impromptu talk.

Is makeup and jewelry help provided?

Help for these services will be available at the workday.

Will the questions be preset, and will I know ahead of time?

Impromptu words will be announced just after applications are due. The specific impromptu word will be pulled from a basket.

How long will the competition last the day of?

The competition will be one hour.

Will there be a Miss Congeniality?

This depends on the number of contestants for Miss Henry County.

What is Miss Congeniality?

Miss Congeniality is the title awarded to the Miss contestant who are regarded as the kindest, most helpful.

How is Miss Congeniality chosen?

This is a vote among the other contestants.

Will there be monetary awards and scholarships?

The committee is working on gathering both monetary awards as well as scholarships. In previous years, the Miss winner received a \$500 scholarship.

Is the dress rehearsal optional?

No. It is important each contestant understands what they need to do as well as where to be. This will make the competition run much smoother and increase the chances for the contestant to do well.

What is acceptable attire?

For the closed-door interviews, business casual dress will be expected. This will be covered more at the workday.

What is considered formal wear?

For the Junior, Preteen, and Teen semi-formal wear will be acceptable. For the Miss contestants, a dress similar to a prom dress is ideal. This has been a popular selection in the past. The dress should be floor length or near floor length. Above the knee dresses, strapless dresses, and above the knee slits in dresses are frowned upon by the judges. It is preferred no slits in dresses. Wear shoes that are comfortable, dressy, and can easily be walked in.

What is considered business wear?

For the Junior, Preteen, Teen, and Miss contestants a business suit or knee length dress would be appropriate.

If there are any additional questions, contact Chris Denton at (765) 393-6964 or Renae Denton at (765) 730-6579 or any of the below committee members. You can also e-mail to MissHenryCounty4H@gmail.com.

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