

Miss Henry County
2022 Competition Packet



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Mr. and Miss Henry County Application Form

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

Dates and Locations to Remember

Q&A Session 1 – March 17

Location: Smith Building 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Q&A Session 2 – May

Location: Tri-High School 7:00pm

Applications due - May 15

Workday –June 11

Location: TBD

Dress Rehearsal - June 24

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

Competition - June 25

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 & Mr. contestants.
4. There will be a non-refundable \$35.00 entry fee for each contestant (send checks to Mr. and Miss Henry County 4-H PO Box 84 Middletown, IN 47356 payable to Mr. and Miss Henry County 4-H or 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. If a contestant wins first runner-up, second runner-up, or Miss Congeniality they are still eligible for Miss Henry County the following year.
6. The divisions for competition are below. The grade of the contestant is based on the grade they just completed to match 4-H guidelines.
 - Mr. Henry County - Grades 10-12
 - 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/Mr. 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 2023.
 - The Queen must be at least 18 years of age on or before June 1, 2023 to compete at the state level.
 - 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, Preteen, Teen, and Mr. 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 Mr. and 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 15, 2022** and must include the non-refundable \$35.00 entry fee.
 14. The Queen must follow the Indiana State Fair Pageant guidelines to serve as Henry County's representative.

Contest Requirements

Essay Requirements:

Junior

1. Typed and submitted electronically
2. 100 words max
3. The topic will be sent out after the applications have been received.
4. There is an essay award the night of the competition.

Preteen and Teen

1. Typed and submitted electronically
2. 350-500 words
3. The topic will be sent out after the applications have been received.
4. There is an essay award the night of the competition.

Mr. and Miss

1. Typed and submitted electronically
2. 750-1,000 words
3. The topic will be sent out after the applications have been received.
4. There is an essay award the night of the competition.

Prepared Speech Requirements:

Teen

1. Speech will be given to the judges the day of the competition.
2. Speech will be 2-3 minutes.
3. The topic will be sent out after the applications have been received.
4. Contestant to wear appropriate attire while giving the speech.
5. There is a speech award the night of the competition.

Mr. and Miss

1. Speech will be given on stage the night of the competition.
2. Speech will be 2-3 minutes.
3. The topic will be sent out after the applications have been received.
4. Contestant to wear business attire while giving the speech.
5. There is a speech award the night of the competition.

Impromptu Talk

Mr. and Miss

1. Words will be pulled from a basket.
2. Contestant will have 1-2 minutes to discuss what the word means to them.
3. Formal attire will be worn during the impromptu talk.

Judging Criteria

Junior

- Closed door interview with the judges
- Optional essay on a topic to be judged anonymously by an unbiased panel
- Stage presence

Preteen

- Closed door interview with the judges
- Optional essay on a topic to be judged anonymously by an unbiased panel
- Stage presence

Teen

- Closed door interview with the judges
- Optional essay on a topic to be judged anonymously by an unbiased panel
- Optional prepared speech for the judges
- Stage presence

Mr. and Miss

- Closed door interview with the judges
- Essay on a topic to be judged anonymously by an unbiased panel
- Prepared speech on stage
- 1-2-minute impromptu talk on stage
- Stage presence

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 (Miss) or tuxedo (Mr.)?

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 currently working with area businesses on the awards. The committee is working on gift cards, totes, beauty products and scholarships. There will be awards for category winners, runner ups for Mr. and Miss Henry County and a Miss Congeniality. Each category essay and speech winner will have an award as well.

Does my child have to speak on stage?

The Junior, Pre-Teen, and Teen will not be required to speak on stage. Mr. and 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?

The essay, speech topics, and 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?

Depending on number of contestants, the competition will likely be one to two hours.

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 awards based on just speech or essays?

There will be awards for best presented speech as well as essay awards at each level.

Will there be monetary awards and scholarships?

The committee is working on gathering both monetary awards as well as scholarships.

When will I get the essay topic?

Shortly after the applications are due. The contestant will have 4 weeks to write their essay. Essays will need to be submitted electronically.

When is the essay due?

Essays will need to be submitted electronically by June 12th.

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 casual or semi-formal wear will be acceptable. For the Miss contestants a dress like a prom dress is ideal. The dress would preferably be floor length, but a knee length dress is acceptable. Above the knee dresses are frowned upon by the judges. For the Mr. contestants, suit, or a pair of dress pants and a long sleeve collared shirt. A tux is also an option. Wear shoes that are comfortable, dressy, and can easily walk in.

What is considered business wear?

For the Junior, Preteen, Teen, and Miss contestants a business suit or knee length dress would be appropriate. For the Mr. contestants, a pair of slacks and a collared shirt. A tie is optional.

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.

Mr. and Miss Henry County 4-H Committee members:

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