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Miss Nelson County Fair Pageant 2026

Rules & Application

Date: July 13, 2026

Time: 7:00 PM (EST)

Type: Open Pageant

Contestants must be 16-21 years in age to participate.

Entry Fee: \$70 (Cash or credit card accepted. Credit card payments include a processing fee.)

Registration Deadline: 6:30 PM (EST) the day of the pageant.

Pageant Rules

1. Contestants must have **reached their 16th birthday and must not have reached their 22nd birthday by October 31 of the current year.**
 - **A birth certificate is required** at registration.
2. Contestants must be **single, never married, and must not have had children.**
3. Contestants must be **permanent residents of the state of Kentucky.**
4. Contestants will be judged on **poise, appearance, and personality.** Please remember this is a **county fair pageant**, and judges will not be looking for excessive glamour.
5. **Previous winners are not eligible** to compete.
6. The winner is expected to **hold her title until the following year.** Marriage or motherhood during this time will result in **forfeiture of the title.**
7. **All judges' decisions are final.**
8. All winners must sign a **Code of Conduct.** Failure to comply with Pageant Committee

rules may result in dismissal. The winner will complete **state pageant paperwork following the pageant.**

9. The winner will be required to attend the opening day ceremonies at the Kentucky State Fair in August to accompany the Little Miss & Mister.
10. The winner will also be required to compete in the Miss Kentucky County Fair Pageant in January in Louisville and will be responsible for arranging and covering the cost of their hotel accommodations during the event.
11. Winners will receive **half of their prize money the night of the pageant**, and the **remaining half on the day of the state pageant.**
12. Contestants will compete in:
 - **Swimsuit**
 - **Evening Gown**
Top contestants will be asked an **onstage question.**
12. Due to limited space, **only one female attendant** is allowed in the dressing room with each contestant.
13. **Cell phones must be used respectfully backstage.** Any inappropriate photos may result in dismissal.
14. This pageant will be **held outdoors.** In the event of inclement weather, an **alternate location will be announced on the official social media page.**
15. All rules comply with the **Kentucky Association of Fairs and Horse Shows.**
16. All contestants must be **registered and signed in by 6:30 PM.** Please allow time for traffic.
17. Pageant entrance is located **behind the Samuels Hall Building.** Signs will be posted.

Release and Agreement

I hereby release the Nelson County Pageant Committee and any associated companies, persons, or organizations from any liability.

I authorize the Nelson County Fair Pageant Committee to use photos & videos of myself/my child and my/their name for publicity including social media, interviews, and promotional broadcasts.

I understand that if selected as Miss Nelson County Fair, I/my child will represent Nelson County to the best of my/their ability.

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the rules and regulations and that judges' decisions are final.

I certify that the information provided is correct and that good sportsmanship is expected from contestants and their guests.

Signature (if 18 & above): _____

OR

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

MISS Contestant Application

Please print or type clearly

Full Name: _____

Name You Go By: _____

Birthday: _____

Age: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Names(s): _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

School Attending: _____

Grade: _____

School Activities, Clubs, Awards: _____

Community Activities: _____

Hobbies, Talents, or Interests: _____

What word best describes you?: _____
