

2026

Macon County Harvest Festival

PAGEANT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

1:00 PM

Dunn Barn

Macon County Fairgrounds

Welcome to the pageant

Thank you for joining us for the 2026 Macon County Harvest Festival Pageant! Today we celebrate our contestants, the confidence they bring to the stage, and the families and community members who support them.

To our contestants: enjoy your moment, be yourself, and know that we are proud of you. To our families, judges, sponsors, volunteers, and visiting royalty: thank you for helping make this day special.

Allison Stewart

Pageant Director

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Order of events

PAGEANT BEGINS AT 1:00 PM

01 Welcome & opening remarks

Welcome to the 2026 Harvest Festival Pageant.

02 National Anthem

Performed live on saxophone by Theodore Fisher.

03 Little Mister

Personal introductions • Onstage interviews with Queen Aurora
Group photo

04 Little Miss

Personal introductions • Onstage interviews with Queen Aurora
Group photo

05 Young-division awards & crowning

Little Mister, then Little Miss. Special awards and placements are announced before each new titleholder is crowned.

Please hold photographs until both crowning ceremonies are complete. Young-division photos may follow.

Judges transition to the older-division panel.

Order of events

JUNIOR MISS / TEEN MISS / MISS

06 Business-wear introductions

Junior Miss, then Teen Miss, then Miss.
Each division returns for a group photo after introductions.

07 Visiting royalty introductions

Visiting titleholders are invited onstage to introduce themselves and share their titles.

08 Evening gown & onstage pop question

Junior Miss, then Teen Miss, then Miss.
Each division returns for a group photo after its round.

09 Older-division awards & crowning

Junior Miss, then Teen Miss, then Miss.
Special awards and placements precede each crowning.

10 Closing remarks & congratulations

Thank you for celebrating our contestants and new titleholders!

Visiting royalty and families will be invited forward for final photographs after all older-division crowning ceremonies are complete.

Little Mister

CONTESTANT 01



Caylyn Reed

Sponsored by: Mom & Dad

Little Mister

CONTESTANT 02



Caleb Reed

Sponsored by: Grandpa

Little Miss

CONTESTANT 01



Romee Ray

Sponsored by: Steve's Lawn Care

Little Miss

CONTESTANT 02



Katherine Greer

Sponsored by: Nana

Little Miss

CONTESTANT 03



Kingsley Joyner

Sponsored by: DTown Kustomz

Little Miss

CONTESTANT 04



Karsyn Halliday

Sponsored by: Mom & Dad

Little Miss

CONTESTANT 05



Ja'Nessa Hall

Sponsored by: Jonaea & Devin Heise

Little Miss

CONTESTANT 06



Alma Murphy

Sponsored by: RAM Family Farms, LLC

Little Miss

CONTESTANT 07



Kamrynn Halliday

Sponsored by: Mom & Dad

Little Miss

CONTESTANT 08



Aurora Yancey

Sponsored by: Pokeshop Collectables

Little Miss

CONTESTANT 09



Rowan Karr

Sponsored by: Drake Excavating

Junior Miss

CONTESTANT 01



Kennedy Warnsley

Sponsored by: Mom & Dad

Junior Miss

CONTESTANT 02



Hadley Kirby

Sponsored by: Best Friends Distillery

Junior Miss

CONTESTANT 03



Adaline Sinnard

Sponsored by: Family

Junior Miss

CONTESTANT 04



Cadence Kitchens

Sponsored by: Celebration Creations

Junior Miss

CONTESTANT 05



Elaina Kater

Sponsored by: Decatur Counseling Center, LLC

Junior Miss

CONTESTANT 06



Avery Eaton

Sponsored by: Flooring Oasis

Junior Miss

CONTESTANT 07



Finley Braden

Sponsored by: Petals Gift Shop

Teen Miss

CONTESTANT 01



Elise Brown

Sponsored by: Midwest Siding & Windows

Teen Miss

CONTESTANT 02



Brittlynn Sturgeon

Sponsored by: DB's Automotive

Teen Miss

CONTESTANT 03



Kyliyah Halliday

Sponsored by: Mom & Dad

Miss

CONTESTANT 01



Saebra Curl

Sponsored by: Millikin Tabor Consulting

Miss

CONTESTANT 02



Chloe Kelly

Sponsored by: CK Events

Meet the judges

LITTLE MISTER & LITTLE MISS PANEL

Taryn Clarke

2025 Miss Chilli Pepper

Taryn Clarke recently retired her crown as the 2025 Miss Chilli Pepper. A Lincolnwood High School graduate, she is a freshman at Lincoln Land Community College majoring in radiology. She works as a radiology technologist assistant at Memorial Hospital. With 13 years of pageant experience, Taryn enjoys using her experience to help others. Outside of school and work, she enjoys family and friends, shopping, nature, and traveling.

Ada Prosser

2025 Miss Forget Me Not Queen

Ada Prosser lives in Shelby County and is a high school senior. She plans to become a youth pastor and nail technician. Her love of pageants began in seventh grade when she won the 2022 Scarecrow Daze Preteen title. She is the 2025 Miss Forget Me Not Queen, representing a pageant dedicated to Alzheimer’s awareness and research. Ada enjoys cheerleading and spending time with friends and family.

Lilly Coy

2025 Fall Festival Queen

Lilly Coy is the 2025 Fall Festival Queen and a junior at Rochester High School. She plans to study criminology after graduation. With 12 years in pageants, Lilly has a passion for confidence, leadership, and giving back to others. She is excited for the opportunity to bring her experience to the judging panel.

Meet the judges

JUNIOR MISS, TEEN MISS & MISS PANEL

Julia Kerkhoff

PAGEANT DIRECTOR & CERTIFIED PAGEANT JUDGE

Julia Kerkhoff of Tuscola, Illinois, has spent nearly her entire life surrounded by pageantry. Her passion began at four years old and grew into a lifelong love of pageants. Julia has held four titles, including 2022 Miss Moultrie-Douglas County Fair Queen. During her reign, she represented her county fair at the 2023 Miss Illinois County Fair Queen Pageant, where she received the Stage Presence Award. Her journey also includes 2021 Miss Tuscola, 2016 Jr. Miss Tuscola, and 2008 Little Miss Tuscola.

While Julia has retired from competing, she remains active in pageantry as a coach, judge, backstage helper, and director. She serves as Director of the Little Miss Tuscola Pageant, is a member of the Moultrie-Douglas County Fair Queen Pageant crew, and is a certified County Fair Queen Pageant judge through the Illinois Pageant Directors Association.

Outside of pageantry, Julia works as an Emergency Room Technician at Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana and as an EMT with Abbott EMS and at the State Farm Center. She enjoys researching her family history, sewing, exploring new places, and spending time with family and friends. She treasures visits to her nephew in Michigan and is excited to welcome a niece in February.

Julia is honored to be part of today’s pageant and hopes each contestant remembers that the experience is about so much more than a title. She wishes every contestant the best of luck and hopes they enjoy every moment of their time onstage.

Meet the judges

JUNIOR MISS, TEEN MISS & MISS PANEL

Kelly Aylesworth

FORMER ILLINOIS MODERN MISS

Kelly Aylesworth is from Mt. Pulaski, where she owns D’Tails Dog Grooming. With her husband Randy, she also owns North Fork Tree Farm, selling Christmas trees. They have two adult children: Kamryn, an equine photographer, and Dixon, who works in agriculture. Kelly enjoys fairs, festivals, parades, and special events like the Harvest Festival, and serves on committees that produce events in Mt. Pulaski.

Kelly has competed in local, regional, state, and national pageants. She served as Illinois Modern Miss and placed in the Top 15 at Nationals. Through Miss America preliminary competitions, Kelly earned college scholarships that helped her earn a bachelor’s degree from Eastern Illinois University, majoring in speech communication with minors in journalism and public relations.

She has also enjoyed serving as a judge for county fair pageants and the Illinois Homecoming Queen pageant.

Meet the judges

JUNIOR MISS, TEEN MISS & MISS PANEL

Jeffonne “Jey” Owens

FOUNDER, IMAGE UNIVERSITY

Jey L. Owens is an image coach, leadership professional, and entrepreneur who helps individuals cultivate a signature style and strategic presence that reflects who they are and where they aspire to go. Believing that image is more than appearance—it is confidence, credibility, communication, and character—Jey empowers clients to show up with purpose in every room they enter.

Drawing from her expertise in human resources, luxury retail, leadership development, and personal branding, Jey partners with professionals, emerging leaders, entrepreneurs, and young women to elevate their personal and professional image. Her coaching blends style with substance, helping clients strengthen executive presence, build self-confidence, refine their personal brand, and lead with authenticity.

As founder of Image University, Jey is committed to creating transformational experiences that inspire confidence at every stage of life. Whether coaching an executive preparing for the next level, mentoring young girls to embrace their individuality, or creating magical experiences through Barbie, Princess Tiana, sparkle, and imagination, her mission is to help every person recognize their value, own their story, and walk confidently in their purpose.

At Image University, your image is your introduction, but your presence is your legacy.

Happy Ads

LOVE & ENCOURAGEMENT FOR TEAM HALLIDAY

Good Luck Ky, Karsyn, and Kammy!

Love, Aunt Deb and Uncle Fred

Good Luck Ky, Karsyn and Kammy!

Love, Aunt Vick and Martha

Good Luck Team Halliday. I am so very proud of all 3 of you.

Love, Mimi

Happy Ads

KY, KARSYN & KAMMY



Good Luck, Girls!
We are so proud of you! Shine bright, have fun, and enjoy every moment. We love you!

Love, Mom & Dad

Happy Ads

CHEERING YOU ON, KATIE



Good luck Katie. We love you!

Special awards

CELEBRATING OUR CONTESTANTS

Most Photogenic

Most Raffle Ticket Sales

Most T-Shirt Sales

Congeniality

With gratitude

Thank you to Macon County Fair, our judges and volunteers, Queen Aurora, Theodore Fisher, visiting royalty, and every family and sponsor who supported a contestant. Your encouragement and generosity help make this celebration possible.

Contestant sponsors are recognized alongside each headshot throughout this program.



Thank you

for celebrating with us.

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