



# Mint Festival Pageant

QUALIFICATIONS & INFORMATION



2025



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## IMPORTANT DATES

- The 2025 Mint Festival Pageant will be held on Thursday, July 17.
- Practices begin July 7, 2025.
- After reviewing the information in this document, apply by June 8, 2025.

## CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY

- Candidates must meet the following age requirements *as of the date of the pageant* to be eligible to enter:
  - Little Miss Mint: 8-10 years old
  - Junior Miss Mint: 11-15 years old
  - Mint Queen: 16-20 years old
- Candidates must live or go to school in Clinton County.
- No candidate may currently be holding a title from another pageant.
- If more than 10 applications are received per age category, names will be drawn at random. If you are not one of the ten names drawn, your entry fee will be returned.
- Former Mint Queens, Junior Miss Mints and Little Miss Mints are ineligible to hold the same title twice. Former Runners Up may run again for the Mint Queen title.
- There will be no talent or swimwear competition; however, there will be a fun, easy group dance for the opening number which contestants will learn during practices. Dance ability will not be evaluated by judges.
- The pageant committee requires contestants to show good conduct while participating in the pageant and throughout practices and rehearsals.
- Candidates must not be married, pregnant or already a parent. No candidate or court member shall have a police record. The Pageant Committee will review any misconduct.



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## 2025 PAGEANT SCHEDULE

**Orientation Meeting:** Monday, June 23 from 6 – 8 p.m. Location TBD

- 6 - 7 p.m. Introductions, pageant overview, candidate checklist
- 7 - 8 p.m. Candidate picnic and bonding
  - Committee will offer a parent/guardian Q&A session during candidate picnic
- If unable to attend, a virtual orientation can be arranged. Parent/Guardian attendance is strongly encouraged.

### **Practice Dates**

Monday, July 7

- 5 - 6 p.m. at Nicole's Salon (*tentative*, on-stage hair and makeup ideas)
- 6 - 8 p.m. Walking to Alissa's Dance Elite for opening number practice

Tuesday, July 8 – Wednesday, July 9

- 6 - 8 p.m. at Alissa's Dance Elite

Thursday, July 10

- 6 - 8 p.m. On-Stage Practice at St. Johns High School

Friday, July 11

- 6 - 6:30 at Alissa's Dance Elite
- 6:45 - Drive/carpool to Irrer's Mint Farm
- 7 - 8 p.m. – Mint Farm Tour (parents/guardians welcome)

Monday, July 14 – Tuesday, July 15

- 6 - 8 p.m. at St. Johns High School

**Dress Rehearsal:** Wednesday, July 16 from 5 - 8:30 p.m.

- Dinner provided for candidates
- Parent/guardian welcome

**Pageant:** Thursday, July 17 at 7 p.m.

- Arrival time for interviews will span from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. depending on age group.
- Dinner/snacks provided for candidates

**Grand Mint Parade:** Saturday, August 9 at 10 a.m.



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## EXPECTATIONS AND COMMITMENTS

*Being a member of Mint Festival Royalty is an exciting, rewarding and memorable experience. The Mint Queen and her Court serve as ambassadors of the Mint Festival and the St. Johns area as they travel around mid-Michigan to events, festivals and parades. The year-long reign is a special opportunity to grow closer to our community, make new connections, and flourish as a young leader.*

- The young woman selected as Mint Queen will receive a \$1,000 cash scholarship at the conclusion of her reign.
- At a meeting following the pageant, Court members, a parent/guardian, and the pageant committee will discuss commitments and court expectations. Court members will sign a statement that includes their commitment to represent the Mint Festival, attend scheduled events, and abide by all pageant rules and expectations.
- The pageant committee, chamber of commerce and Court members will stay in contact throughout the year, with the Mint Queen acting as the main point of contact.
- The Court must be available for appearances throughout the entire weekend of the St. Johns Mint Festival, including the Grand Mint Parade, as well as community functions and mid-Michigan parades during their one-year reign.
- Appropriate attire is expected while attending functions. The event schedule and dress code will be communicated by the pageant committee.
- Visiting local festivals and parades is an exciting part of being Mint Festival Royalty. This requires travel to and from events within the mid-Michigan area. A parent or guardian must accompany Court members who are under 18 to any community functions and events.
- Court members represent the Mint Festival and the greater St. Johns community, so it is expected that they, and their accompanying parent/guardian are courteous, friendly, and respectful at all times. Inappropriate conduct during the pageant or reign may result in dismissal from the Court.
- During their reign, court members may not participate in any other pageants without the express written permission of the Pageant Committee.