



2023 Mint Festival Pageant

Qualifications & Information

After reviewing the information in this document, apply online by June 10, 2023.

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- The 2023 Mint Festival Pageant will be held on Thursday, July 20, with practices beginning July 10. See the detailed schedule on the next page.
- Candidates must meet the following age requirements as of the date of the pageant to be eligible to enter: Little Miss Mint: 8-10, Junior Miss Mint: 11-15, Mint Queen: 16-20
- Candidates must live or go to school in Clinton County.
- The young woman selected as Mint Queen will receive a \$1,000 cash scholarship at the end of her reign.
- 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 candidates selected in the drawing, your entry fee will be returned.
- Former Mint Queens, Junior Miss Mints and Little Miss Mints are ineligible to hold the same title twice.
- There will be no talent or swimwear competition; however, there will be a group dance number contestants learn for the pageant. 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.
- Per Chamber guidelines, 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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Important Dates

Orientation Meeting & Candidate Picnic: Tuesday, June 27, 2023 from 6 – 8 p.m.

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

Practice Dates

- **Monday, July 10**
 - 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 11 – Wednesday, July 12**
 - 5:30 - 8 p.m. at Alissa's Dance Elite
- **Thursday, July 13**
 - 5:30 - 8 p.m. at St. Johns High School
- **Friday, July 14**
 - 5:30 - 6:30 at St. Johns High School
 - 6:30 - Drive/carpool to Irrer's Mint Farm
 - 6:45 - 8 p.m. – Mint Farm Tour (parents/guardians welcome)
- **Monday, July 17 – Tuesday, July 18**
 - 5:30 – 8 p.m. at St. Johns High School

Dress Rehearsal: Wednesday, July 29 from 5 – 8:30 p.m.

- Dinner provided for candidates
- Parent/guardian welcome

Pageant: Thursday, July 20 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 12 at 10 a.m.

Mint Festival Royalty

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.

- At a meeting following the pageant, Court members, a parent/guardian, and the pageant committee will discuss detailed event schedules, commitments and court expectations. Court members will sign a statement that includes their commitment to represent the Mint Festival, their commitment to attend scheduled events, and their commitment to abide by all pageant rules and expectations.
- Official Court portraits will be scheduled between the pageant and the festival. Details will be coordinated with the committee, court, and photographer following the pageant.
- 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 chamber of commerce and pageant committee.
- Visiting area 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.