



2024

Little Miss National Cattle Congress

Contest Information & Forms

Purpose: The primary purpose of the Little Miss National Cattle Congress program is to give young girls a fun way to participate in the fair and shine a positive light on the organization. The Little Miss will represent the National Cattle Congress Fair as an ambassador, giving them an opportunity to develop their poise and citizenship skills. Participation in the event also gives the National Cattle Congress Fair a way to highlight the fair's Queen Contest opportunity to girls at an early age.

Qualifications: 4-7 years old as of the competition date Saturday, September 14, 2024

- All application materials must be postmarked or turned into the National Cattle Congress office by Friday, September 6.
- A copy of the applicant's birth certificate must accompany the application
- Must be an Iowa resident
- Potential contestants that have performed or competed at the professional level (for monetary gain) in anything other than amateur contests are ineligible for this competition
- All participants must attend the coronation event at the National Cattle Congress Fair at 6:30 P.M., Wednesday, September 18 at the Pavilion
- Winners of the Little Miss National Cattle Congress title are ineligible to compete in future Little Miss National Cattle Congress contests

Prize Package:

- Tiara
- Little Miss National Cattle Congress sash
- Flower bouquet
- Two (2) National Cattle Congress Fair super passes for fair chaperones

Little Miss National Cattle Congress Commitments:

- 2024 National Cattle Congress Fair
 - Participate in the contest and coronation
 - Hand out ribbons with the National Cattle Congress Queen at the open dairy show Friday, September 20 beginning at 8:00 A.M. (if possible)
 - Hand out ribbons with the National Cattle Congress Queen at the Supreme Champion Dairy Heifer Scholarship Show immediately followed by the youth dairy show Saturday, September 21 beginning at 8:00 A.M.
 - Attend the Cinnamon Roll Challenge awards event and the Mayors' Cookie Jar auction at the Ag Building Saturday, September 21 (if possible and depending on the dairy show schedule)
- Appear at the 2025 Friends of NCC Barn Bash fundraiser, Saturday, August 23 (preliminary date)
- Participate in the 2025 Sturgis Falls, My Waterloo Days, and Hudson Days parades (when possible)
- Attend the 2025 Little Miss National Cattle Congress contest and coronation

Contest:

- Date: Saturday, September 14
- Location: National Cattle Congress Pavilion
- Schedule:
 - Check-In: 9:00-9:30 A.M., Saturday, September 14
 - Mixer games
 - Speaking Opportunity – Girls will individually go up on stage, introduce themselves and state their favorite thing to do
 - Snack
 - Small group craft activity
 - Thank you and meeting with contestants and parents/guardians to discuss coronation activities and expectations

Coronation:

- Date: Wednesday, September 18
- Location: National Cattle Congress Pavilion
- Schedule:
 - Check-In: 6:15 P.M.
 - 6:30 P.M. – Program
 - One (1) parent or guardian will escort participant individually onto the stage as they are introduced
 - Naming of Little Miss National Cattle Congress
 - Photographs

Attire:

- When checking in at the contest, participants will receive a hot pink Little Miss National Cattle Congress T-shirt that they will change into (with the assistance of a parent or guardian) for the duration of the contest and will wear during the coronation event. Contestants should wear comfortable/casual items (e.g., shorts, jeans, casual shoes, sandals). No costumes or formal/pageant dresses are allowed.

Additional Information:

- Only one winner, Little Miss National Cattle Congress, will be named
- No parents or guardians will be allowed in the judging area at any time during the competition. Competition Committee members will be with the participants at all times.
- Judges will be interacting with the contestants during all the competition activities.
- Little Miss National Cattle Congress must act respectfully and dress appropriately for her age at all times, including when not officially representing the organization. The Little Miss may be required to relinquish her crown and title if it is determined that any conduct does not reflect positively on herself, her family, and/or the National Cattle Congress Fair.

2024 Little Miss National Cattle Congress Contest Application

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Street Address _____ City _____

State _____ ZIP _____ County _____

Parent(s) or Guardian (s) _____

Email _____ Cell Number _____

Age as of September 14, 2024 _____ (Must be 4-7 years old)

T-Shirt Size (Check one): Youth Small Youth Medium Youth Large

School Attending (if applicable) _____ Grade _____

Parent/Guardian MUST read the following and sign below:

1. The contestant is an Iowa resident.
2. She has not performed or competed at the professional level (for monetary gain) in anything other than amateur contests.
3. She will attend the coronation event at the National Cattle Congress Fair at 6:30 P.M., Thursday, September 18 at the Pavilion with check-in by 6:15.
4. If chosen as the National Cattle Congress Little Miss, we (parent/guardian and Little Miss) agree to be present at the following events: NCC Fair, September 18-22, 2024, which includes the open dairy show (Friday), youth dairy shows (Saturday), and foods judging events (Saturday). (If there is a legitimate conflict, please discuss at the time of contest with Deb Pullin-Van Auken.)
5. She will always act respectfully and dress appropriately for her age, including when not officially representing the organization. If it is determined that any conduct does not reflect positively on herself, her family, and/or the National Cattle Congress, she may be required to relinquish her crown and title. (If in doubt as to what constitutes appropriate attire or activities, ask someone on the National Cattle Congress Little Miss Committee for details.)
6. If chosen, she will attend and participate in the Friends of NCC Barn Bash on August 23, 2025 (date subject to change).
7. It is possible that she may be asked to represent the National Cattle Congress in the My Waterloo Days Parade, the Sturgis Falls Parade and/or the Hudson Days Parade.
8. She will attend and participate in the 2025 Little Miss National Cattle Congress contest and coronation events.
9. I hereby allow the National Cattle Congress to use my child's name and image in press releases.
10. I attest that my child meets the age requirements and understand that I may be asked to provide proof of age if requested.

I have read and agree with all the above.

Parent or Guardian's Signature

DATE

The electronic signature above is the legal equivalent of my manual/handwritten signature and I consent to be legally bound to this agreement.

The contest is Saturday, September 14 at the National Cattle Congress Pavilion. Check-in is 9:00-9:30 A.M.

This application MUST be received by Friday, September 6, 2024 at 11:59 PM (no exceptions)

(If mailing, must be postmarked by September 4, 2024, to be considered.)

Either MAIL to: Little Miss, National Cattle Congress, 257 Ansborough Ave, Waterloo, IA 50701

Or EMAIL to: Deb Pullin-Van Auken vanauken715@hotmail.com

More info needed: send Deb an email or call her at 319-430-3171