



2025

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:

- 5-8 years old as of the competition date, Saturday, September 13, 2025.
- All application materials must be postmarked, emailed, or dropped off to the National Cattle Congress office by Tuesday, September 2.
- If age is questioned, parents/guardians must be willing to provide a copy of the applicant's birth certificate for proof of age (only if requested).
- Must be an Iowa resident.
- Potential contestants who 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 17 at the Pavilion.
- Previous winners of Little Miss National Cattle Congress title are ineligible to compete in future Little Miss National Cattle Congress contests.

Little Miss NCC Commitments:

At the 2025 National Cattle Congress Fair (September 17-21)

- Participate in the contest and coronation.
- Hand out ribbons with the National Cattle Congress Queen at the open dairy show Friday, September 19 beginning at 8:00 A.M. and ending around mid-afternoon (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 20, beginning at 8:00 A.M. and ending mid-afternoon.
- Attend the baking contests, as available, in the Ag Building Saturday, September 20 (depending on the dairy show schedule).

Additionally

- Appear at the 2026 Friends of NCC Barn Bash fundraiser, Saturday, August 29, 2026 (tentative date).
- Participate in the 2026 Sturgis Falls, My Waterloo Days, and other area parade events as designated (when possible).
- Attend the 2026 Little Miss National Cattle Congress contest and coronation

Prize Package:

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

Attire:

- When checking in at the contest, participants will receive a Little Miss National Cattle Congress T-shirt that they will change into (with the assistance of a parent or guardian) for the contest and 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.

Contest details:

- **Date: Saturday, September 13**
- Location: National Cattle Congress Pavilion
- Parents or guardians are NOT allowed in the Pavilion after check-in and during competition. They may return when the competition is concluded. A team of competent chaperones will always be with the girls.
- Schedule:
 1. Check-In: 9:00-9:30 A.M., Saturday, September 13
 2. Mixer games
 3. Speaking Opportunity – Girls will individually go up on stage, introduce themselves and state their favorite thing to do
 4. Snack
 5. Small group craft activity
 6. Small group game
 7. Thank you and discussion with contestants and parents/guardians regarding coronation activities and expectations.

Coronation details:

- **Date: Wednesday, September 17**
- Location: National Cattle Congress Pavilion
- Schedule:
 1. Check-In: 6:15 P.M.
 2. 6:30 P.M. - Program
 3. One (1) parent or guardian will escort their participant to the stage as they are introduced
 4. Naming of Little Miss National Cattle Congress
 5. Photographs

Additional Information:

- Limited to the first 50 entries received.
- Only one winner, Little Miss National Cattle Congress, will be named.
- Judges will be interacting with the contestants during all competition activities.
- Little Miss National Cattle Congress must always act respectfully and dress appropriately for her age, 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.

2025 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 13, 2025 _____ (Must be 5-8 years old) Food allergies? _____
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., Wednesday, September 17 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 17-21, 2025, which includes the open dairy show (Friday), youth dairy shows (Saturday), and foods judging events (Saturday). (If there is a legitimate conflict, please discuss it on the competition day 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, August 29, 2026 (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, the Hudson Days Parade, and others.
8. She will attend and participate in the 2026 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 requirement, and I 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 on Saturday, September 13 at the National Cattle Congress Pavilion.

Check-in is 9:00-9:30 A.M.

APPLICATION DEADLINES (no exceptions):

- EMAIL form to: Deb Pullin-Van Auken at nccfairqueen.com **(by Sep 2 at 11:59 PM)**
- Or MAIL to: Little Miss, National Cattle Congress, 257 Ansborough Ave, Waterloo, IA 50701 **(postmark by September 2)**
- Or DROP OFF in person to: NCC office 257 Ansborough Ave, Waterloo **(by Sep 2 at 3 PM)**

If more info is needed: send an email to nccfairqueen.com or call Deb at 319-430-3171