



2026

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 19, 2026.
- All application materials must be postmarked, emailed, or dropped to the National Cattle Congress office by Tuesday, September 8.
- 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., Thursday, September 24 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 2026 National Cattle Congress Fair (September 24-27)

- Participate in the contest and coronation.
- Hand out ribbons with the NCC Queen at the open dairy show Friday, September 25 beginning at 8:00 A.M. and ending around mid-afternoon (if possible).
- Hand out ribbons with the NCC Queen at the Supreme Champion Dairy Heifer Scholarship Show, immediately followed by the youth dairy show Saturday, September 26, beginning at 8:00 A.M. and ending mid-afternoon.
- As guest of honor (along with NCC Fair Queen) attend both Friday and Saturday evening rodeos.
- Attend the baking contests, if available, in the Ag Building on Saturday, September 26 (depending on the dairy show schedule).
- On Sunday, join the NCC Fair Queen at the Chili Cookoff.

Additionally

- Participate in the 2027 Sturgis Falls, My Waterloo Days, Hudson Days, Independence parades and possibly others (when possible).
- Attend the 2027 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 19**
- Location: National Cattle Congress Pavilion
- A team of competent chaperones will always be with the girls. It is preferred that parents/guardians leave the Pavilion after check-in and during competition. However, if parents/guardians feel the need to remain, they may do so by sitting at a distance designated by committee away from the competition. They may return when the competition is concluded.
- Schedule:
 1. Check-In: 9:00-9:30 A.M., Saturday, September 19
 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 yous followed by discussion with contestants and parents/guardians regarding coronation activities and expectations.

Coronation details:

- **Date: Thursday, September 24**
- 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.

2026 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 19, 2026 _____ (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., Thursday, September 24 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 24-27, 2026, which includes the open dairy show (Friday), youth dairy shows (Saturday), Rodeo (Friday and Saturday evenings) and foods judging events (Saturday), Chili Cookoff (Sunday) (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. She will be asked to represent the National Cattle Congress in the My Waterloo Days Parade, the Sturgis Falls Parade, the Hudson Days Parade, Independence and others.
7. She will attend and participate in the 2027 Little Miss National Cattle Congress contest and coronation events.
8. I hereby allow the National Cattle Congress to use my child's name and image in press releases.
9. 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 19 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@gmail.com **(by Sep 8 at 11:59 PM)**
- Or MAIL to: Little Miss, National Cattle Congress, 257 Ansborough Ave, Waterloo, IA 50701 **(postmark by September 7)**
- Or DROP OFF in person to: NCC office 257 Ansborough Ave, Waterloo **(by Sep 8 at 3 PM)**

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