

Trigg County Ham Festival Children's Pageant

Saturday, October 3, 2026

General Rules & Guidelines

- **Eligibility:** Contestants must meet the age requirements for the division in which they are entered. Age divisions will be based on the contestant's age as of the date of the pageant.
- **Entry Information:** All registration information must be complete and accurate. Entry fees are non-refundable unless the pageant is canceled by the organizers. Entry fee is \$40 and is payable to Trigg County 4-H. Contestants may seek sponsors to cover entry fee if they wish. Return signed rules page and contestant info page along with entry fee to: Trigg County Extension Office 2657 Hopkinsville Road PO Box 271 Cadiz, KY 42211
- **Parent/Guardian Responsibility:** A parent, guardian, or responsible adult must remain available and is responsible for the supervision of their child throughout the pageant.
- **Attire:** This is a **casual, country-style festival pageant**, and attire should reflect the fun, family-friendly atmosphere of the Trigg County Ham Festival. **Casual, country, western, or festival-style attire is encouraged.** Examples may include dresses, skirts, jeans, boots, button-down shirts, vests, overalls, or other age-appropriate country-inspired clothing. **Formal pageant attire, including elaborate pageant gowns or tuxedos, is highly discouraged.** Attire should be age-appropriate, comfortable, and allow each contestant's natural personality to shine.
- **Personal Belongings:** The Trigg County Ham Festival, pageant directors, volunteers, venue, and affiliated organizations are **not responsible for lost, stolen, misplaced, or damaged personal belongings**, including clothing, costumes, jewelry, accessories, electronics, or other items brought to the pageant.
- **Personal Safety:** Parents/guardians are responsible for the safety and supervision of their child before, during, and after the pageant. Participation is voluntary, and contestants participate at their own risk.
- **Sportsmanship & Conduct:** Good sportsmanship and respectful behavior are expected from all contestants, parents, guardians, and guests. Disruptive, inappropriate, or disrespectful behavior may result in removal from the event.
- **Judging:** Contestants will be judged by an independent panel of judges using the established judging criteria for the pageant.
- **Judges' Decisions Are Final: All judges' decisions are final.** Scores, placements, and judging decisions will **not be debated or discussed with judges following the pageant.** Parents, contestants, and family members should not approach judges regarding scoring or results.
- **Awards & Titles:** Winners are expected to represent their title and the Trigg County Ham Festival in a positive and respectful manner.
- **Ham Festival Kickoff Parade:** Pageant winners are invited and encouraged to participate in the **Ham Festival Kickoff Parade on Sunday, October 4, 2026.** Participation is optional.

- **Parade Transportation:** The kickoff parade is intended for **small, non-road vehicles**, such as golf carts, side-by-sides, or similar vehicles. Winners choosing to participate are responsible for providing and decorating their own appropriate vehicle/transportation.
- **Parade Entry Fee:** The parade entry fee is **\$25.00** and is the responsibility of the winner/parent or guardian. The pageant does not provide transportation or pay the parade entry fee.
- **Photos & Publicity:** By participating in the pageant, contestants and their parent/guardian acknowledge that photographs and/or video may be taken during the event and may be used for Ham Festival promotional, social media, or publicity purposes.
- **Schedule & Instructions:** Contestants and parents/guardians are responsible for following all check-in times, backstage instructions, and pageant schedules provided by the directors.
- **Rule Changes:** Pageant organizers reserve the right to make reasonable adjustments to the schedule, procedures, or rules when necessary for the safety, fairness, and successful operation of the event.

By registering a child for the Trigg County Ham Festival Children's Pageant, the parent or legal guardian acknowledges that they have read, understand, and agree to abide by these rules and guidelines.

Contestant name: / Age division:

Parent/Guardian Signature of Agreement to these rules:

Age Divisions are as Follows:

- *Baby Miss/Mister Trigg County* = Ages 0 – 11 Months the day of the Pageant
- *Toddler Miss/Mister Trigg County* = ages 1 & 2 years old day of the pageant
- *Tiny Miss/Mister Trigg County* = ages 3 & 4 years old the day of the pageant
- *Little Miss/Mister Trigg County* = ages 5 & 6 years old the day of the pageant
- *Junior Miss Trigg County* = ages 7 - 9 years old the day of the pageant
- *Preteen Miss Trigg County* = ages 10 - 12 years old the day of the pageant
- *Young Miss Trigg County* = ages 13 & 14 years old the day of the pageant

2026 TRIGG COUNTY CHILDREN'S PAGEANT

October 3, 2026 beginning at 9:30 AM

Contestant Entry & Emcee Bio Form

Please print clearly.

Information in the “Meet Our Contestant” section WILL be read aloud by the emcee during the pageant.

CONTESTANT INFORMATION

Contestant's Full Name: _____

Name/Nickname They Like to Be Called: _____

Birthdate: _____ **Age:** _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

School/Preschool/Daycare: _____

Grade: _____

Pageant Age Division: _____

REQUIRED ENTRY MATERIALS

- Completed Entry Form
- Entry Fee
- Signed Pageant Rules & Regulations
- Any other required pageant materials

ENTRY DEADLINE: September 22, 2026 turned into Trigg County Extension Office

I certify that the information provided on this form is accurate and give permission for appropriate biographical information provided above to be announced during the pageant.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

MEET OUR CONTESTANT

What are some of your favorite things to do?

(Sports, playing outside, dancing, hunting, fishing, crafts, video games, helping on the farm, etc.)

What is your favorite food or snack?

What is your favorite thing to watch, read, or listen to?

What is something you are really good at?

What is something that always makes you happy?

What do you want to be when you grow up?

What is something funny, silly, or unique about you?

Do you have any pets? Tell us about them!

Who is someone you look up to?

If you could have one superpower, what would it be?
