

2016 Little Miss and Mister & Junior Miss Italian Fest Pageants

"Italian Carnevale"

Thank you for choosing to participate in the 2016 Italian Fest! The pageant is an activity of the Italian Fest and Chamber of Commerce, is organized by the Miner's Institute Foundation and serves as a fundraiser for the rehabilitation and reopening of the historic Miner's Theatre.

General Pageant Information/Rules

- The 2016 Little Miss and Mister & Junior Miss Italian Fest will be held on Saturday, September 10, 2016 at 3pm at CenterPointe Church, 2200 Vandalia Street, Collinsville. The contestants will need to arrive by 12pm to get dressed and get pictures taken. Pictures will be promptly at 12:30p.m.
- Relatives (daughters, sons, grandchildren, nieces, nephews) of pageant committee members are not eligible to compete.
- Contestants must be between 4 and 8 years of age on the date of the contest for Little Miss and Mr. Contestants must be between the ages of 9 and 12 on the date of the contest for Junior Miss.
- There is a maximum of 15 contestants for **each** title and applications are accepted on a first come basis.
- A nonrefundable entry fee of \$35 is required with each completed application. This application fee includes entry into the Italian Fest Pageant and admission for one parent or legal guardians to the pageant.
- General Admission to the pageant is payable at the door and is \$10 for adults and \$5 for ages 65+ and 10 and younger. Each contestant is allowed 1 parent or guardian a free admission wristband. You may purchase additional wristbands in advance for only \$8. Only those with wristbands will be allowed in the sanctuary before 2:30 pm.
- Please enclose a photograph of the contestant with the entry form. This can be any size, but not larger than 8½ x 11, and either color or black and white is acceptable. These photographs will not be used for judging, but may be used for publicity. Please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope if you wish to have your photograph returned to you.
- Contestants cannot be a current titleholder for any other pageant.
- Three mandatory rehearsals will be held prior to the pageant:
 - Rehearsal number 1 will be held on Sunday, September 4, 2016 at 3:00pm at CenterPointe Church. This is a choreography rehearsal to learn the production number
 - Rehearsal number 2 will be held on Wednesday, September 7, 2016 at 6:30pm at CenterPointe Church. This is a choreography rehearsal to learn the production number.
 - Rehearsal number 3 is a walk-thru rehearsal and will be held Friday, September 9, 2016 at 6:30pm at Navigation Church.
 - Rehearsals are closed and only parents, legal guardians and siblings may attend. During these rehearsals there will be an informational meeting for the parents/guardians. One parent or guardian for each participant is required to attend the meetings.
- This is "fun" pageant, not a beauty pageant. Personality plays an important part of the judging.
- Decision of the judges is final.
- Attire for this event is party/dress clothes. Anything from their Sunday Best to Formalwear is acceptable. There are no requirements on the length of the young ladies' dresses. A suit for the young men is suggested, but not required. In place of a suit, slacks and a collared shirt with tie are recommended.

- Any makeup should be age appropriate. Lip gloss, light blush or eyeshadow, light powder and light mascara is acceptable. No airbrushed makeup, fake eyelashes, heavy lipstick or foundation will be aloud.
- Contestants will be asked to state their name, age, and an interesting fun fact about Italian Fest. Parents are required to send the pageant director their child's Fun Fact. They will be approved on a 1st come 1st serve basis. We will advise you upon receiving each application if you need to pick a different one. Those chosen as finalists will also be required to answer one question about themselves. Those questions will be provide to the parents at the rehearsal on September 9th. One question will be drawn at random for each contestant.
- Contestants will be given 60 seconds in the talent portion to demonstrate their favorite skill or activity. There will be no outfit changes for this. Every contestant will wear the same outfit from start to finish.
- Five finalists will be chosen in each division. If there are fewer than 5 participants in any division all participants in that division will be finalists.
- Little Miss and Mister Italian Fest will each receive a crown and sash. All contestants will receive a medal for participation.
 - Little Miss and Mister Italian Fest will be expected to:
 - Participate in this year's Italian Fest Parade on Saturday, September 17, 2016. A car for this parade will be arranged. Line up for the parade begins at 2:30pm and the parade will start at 4:00pm.
 - Participate in at least two other parades during the next year. Parents of the winners are responsible for providing transportation to be used during the parades, as well as to and from these events.
 - Appear at the 2017 Little Miss and Mister Italian Fest Pageant.
 - The winners may also be asked to make additional, but optional appearances. They will be responsible for their own transportation and arrangements. The number of additional appearances is at the discretion of the parents.
 - (Optional) Appear at the Opening Ceremonies for the Italian Fest on September 16, 2016 at 11am
- For the safety of the contestants, flash photographs may not be taken during the pageant, however, professional photographs will available for purchase after the event. You may take pictures or video with no flash.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTAL

Pageant Entry Forms must be received no later than September 1, 2016. The following must be included with your submittal:

1. Entry Form
2. Entry Fee, payable to the Italian Fest
3. Photograph of contestant
4. Signed Indemnification Agreement
5. Order Form if you would like a t T-shirt
6. Fun Fact

You will be notified when your entry form has been received. Once approved, there will be no refund of Entry Fees. If your entry form is not approved, fees will be returned to you.

Mail Entry Form, Indemnification Agreement, and Payment to:

Kendra Ellis
1221 Constance Street
Collinsville IL 62234

Direct Questions to:

Pageant Coordinator Kendra Ellis
618.447.4681 or pageant@italianfest.net

ENTRY FORM

Please Print Clearly

Name of Contestant:

Age _____ Male _____ Female _____

Parent or Guardian Name:

Address:

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____ REQUIRED

I have read and understand the rules for the 2016 Little Miss and Mister Italian Fest Pageant and agree to abide by them.

Dated: _____
Signature of Parent or Guardian
Printed Name of Parent or Guardian

INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

This agreement made by and between the Italian Fest Committee (IFC), the Collinsville Chamber of Commerce, Inc. (CofC), Miner's Institute Foundation (MIF) and _____
Parent or Guardian
(hereinafter "Indemnitor"):

Indemnitor has made a request to participate in the Italian Fest and should the IFC/CofC/MIF desire to grant the request, the IFC/CofC/MIF requires that it be indemnified and held harmless from any and all liability, cost, and expense resulting or arising from such activity or activities.

NOW THEREFORE, it is agreed by and between the parties that in consideration of the Indemnitor being granted permission to participate in the Italian Fest, Indemnitor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless IFC/CofC/MIF, their members, employees, agents and assigns from any and all claims, demands, losses, expenses, attorney's fees, liabilities, causes of action, and all other liabilities or responsibilities arising directly or indirectly from the activities of Indemnitor in connection with its participation in the Italian Fest which shall include but not be limited to any negligent, willful, wanton, or intentional acts or omissions made by or on behalf of Indemnitor, its agents, employees, assignees, or activities within its control or supervision.

Dated: _____
Signature of Authorized Representative Printed Name of Authorized Representative

Order Form

Name: _____

Address:

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone:

Email Address: _____

T-shirts

Specially designed 2016 t-shirts are \$15. Order forms must be submitted by September 1, 2016. T-shirts will be available for pick-up at the pageant.

Please indicate quantity next to the size

Youth Small _____

Adult Small _____

Youth Medium _____

Adult Medium _____

Youth Large _____

Adult Large _____

Adult XL _____

Adult XXL _____