



**“PROMOTING INTELLIGENT, STRONG YOUNG LADIES WITH  
THE POWER TO CHANGE THE WORLD!”**

The Miss Eustis Program is committed to the continued growth and development of young ladies within our community. With a spirit of service, both contestants and titleholders are encouraged to engage with residents, seeking an opportunity to make a positive impact on the lives of others. Working with many of our area's strongest leaders, it is the goal of our organization to provide all participants a variety of tools for continued life success.

Contestants selected to represent Eustis as a titleholder will be expected to actively attend community events, volunteer opportunities, and general public appearances. The following is a sample of the annual schedule;

### **February**

Eustis Recreation Character Day - TBD

Annual Georgefest Celebration – February 17 through 24, 2024

### **March**

Busker Festival – March 30, 2024

### **April**

The Amazing Race – April 6, 2024

### **May**

Eustis Recreation Special Needs Prom - TBD

### **July**

Hometown Celebration – July 5, 2024

### **September**

EHS Homecoming Parade - TBD

### **October**

Fall Fest – October 19, 2024

### **November**

Salute to Veterans – November 9, 2024

Light Up Eustis – November 29, 2024

### **December**

Snowflakes by the Lake – December 13, 20, and 27, 2024

Titleholders will additionally be encouraged to attend community parades and festivals in neighboring cities, on their own throughout the year as they wish to do so.

# PROGRAM RULES

1. Contestant's permanent legal address must be located within the following school districts;

<b>Elementary</b>	<b>Middle School</b>	<b>High School</b>
Astatula	Eustis	Eustis
Eustis	Mt. Dora	Mt. Dora
Eustis Heights	Tavares	Tavares
Seminole Springs	Umatilla	Umatilla
Sorrento		
Tavares		
Triangle		
Treadway		
Umatilla		

Lake County Schools School Locator Map will be utilized with regards to any questions of location eligibility. You can access this tool on their website, <https://www.lake.k12.fl.us/departments/operations/growth-planning/school-locator>.

2. Eligibility is based upon the contestant's birth year. A copy of the individual's birth certificate is required with the application packet.

<b>Division</b>	<b>Birth Year</b>
Tiny	2018 – 2019
Little	2015 – 2017
Junior	2012 – 2014
Teen	2009 – 2011
Miss	2006 – 2008

3. Contestants must have been born a female and have always been female.
4. Contestants must be single, never have been married or had a marriage annulled. Contestants can never have been pregnant and should not be the adoptive parent of a child.
5. Individuals may only win each title (Tiny, Little, Junior...) one time. They may compete in the next age-appropriate category the year after giving up their current title. I.E. If a contestant is named Tiny Miss Eustis in 2024, she may not compete in Little Miss Eustis until 2026. She may not hold a title and compete for a new title at the same time.
6. Titleholders must agree to commit a large portion of time to the City of Eustis for an entire year. If a titleholder travels out of the area for school, she will still be expected to attend many events. By participating in the pageant, contestants acknowledge this requirement and understand the duties associated with winning a title.

7. Any contestant with a current title from another must notify pageant leadership. Should the contestant also win a Eustis title, there will be an expectation that Eustis shall be represented first and foremost at local community events. Any “Miss” or “Teen” titleholders choosing to participate in Miss Florida’s Teen program will be required to relinquish any additional titles if required by that program’s contractual agreement.
8. Winners in both the “Miss” and “Teen” division will be eligible to be considered for the Miss Florida’s Teen program, through the Miss America Organization. The City of Eustis will facilitate communications and the application process through the Miss Florida Scholarship Program. If accepted, the City of Eustis will sponsor the contestant’s entrance fee, paid directly to the Miss Florida Scholarship Program. Contestants will be responsible for any additional costs.
9. Contestants agree that the decision of the judges is FINAL.
10. Contestants are prohibited from displaying, communicating and/or providing, or having knowledge of **inappropriate language, materials, or photographs** on the internet/websites including but not limited to **Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter, TikTok or personal blogs**. It is at the discretion of the City of Eustis to determine what is inappropriate. Such behavior could result in the individual being asked to forfeit their title, all prizes, and gifts received.
11. Contestants agree that all garments worn while representing the City of Eustis both on stage the day of the pageant or throughout the year as a titleholder shall be in good taste and age-appropriate. Furthermore, titleholders will be expected to dress for various occasions which could include a sundress for an event day in the park or Sunday best for a special meeting or appearance.
12. Contestants will be allowed one (1) chaperone (must be female) in the backstage area. This could be the contestants Mom, hairdresser, or best friend, but no additional visitors will be allowed. Each chaperone will be given a wristband for the day, providing them the ability to go from the dressing room to the audience. Choose someone who is helpful, supportive, and will not add to the contestant’s stress. We are here to have fun and enjoy the day!
13. If at any time a current titleholder is unable to continue fulfilling their obligations, they agree to notify the pageant team immediately and understand they may be asked to relinquish their title to a runner-up.
14. All contestants as well as friends and family shall exhibit good sportsmanship at all times. Those unable to do so will be asked to leave. Depending on the severity of the issue, contestants may be removed from the competition and asked not to return in the future.

## **Phase of Competition**

### ***Junior and Little***

When I Grow Up:

Contestants are encouraged to dress for the career they hope to have when they grow up! Maybe they want to be an astronaut or a teacher, just have fun and look around the house for items that you already have and will work. No need for anything fancy. As the ladies walk across the stage, our emcee will ask them, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" and give them an opportunity to speak on stage. The judges are looking for fun personality and confidence on stage.

Sunday Best/Fancy Dress:

A favorite church dress or sparkly dress-up attire, this is a chance for our young ladies to shine on stage and give us a twirl. Judges are simply looking for a contestant who is having fun, being herself, and enjoying the moment.

### ***Tiny***

Sunday Best/Fancy Dress:

A favorite church dress or sparkly dress-up attire, this is a chance for our young ladies to shine on stage and give us a twirl. Judges are simply looking for a contestant who is having fun, being herself, and enjoying the moment.

Each judge will score the contestants, 1-10 in each of the categories listed above. They will additionally rank their top 3 contestants in each division, giving 20 bonus points to the contestant they select as queen, 15 bonus points to their 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-Up, and 10 bonus points to their 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-up. Score will be tabulated with the highest score resulting in the winner for their division. Ties will be broken based upon individual category scores in Sunday Best/Fancy Dress.

## **Pageant Dates – Junior, Little, Tiny**

Saturday, February 24, 2024  
2:00 p.m.  
Alice McClelland Memorial Bandshell  
Ferran Park  
250 Ferran Park Dr.  
Eustis, FL 32726

Dressing areas will open at 1:00 p.m. Contestants should arrive and check-in no later than 1:30 p.m.

The pageant is free to attend and seats are first-come, first-served.

## **Prize Packages**

All contestants will receive a special gift courtesy of our sponsors and the City of Eustis.

People's Choice winner will receive ½ of the funds collected from the contest. The remainder of the funds will be a fundraiser for the Miss Eustis and Miss Georgefest Scholarships.

Division winners will each receive a crown, sash, and \$100 Visa gift card.

## **Application Deadline**

Contestants must submit the following;

Completed Application  
Digital Photo – This does not need to be a professional image.  
Copy of Birth Certificate

The deadline for submission is 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 31, 2024.  
**Late applications will not be accepted.**

**Paperwork can be emailed to [events@eustis.org](mailto:events@eustis.org) or dropped off at the Events & Tourism Department inside City Hall.**

## Tiny, Little, and Junior Miss Eustis Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Division:    Tiny            Little            Junior

Parents: \_\_\_\_\_

Siblings: \_\_\_\_\_

What do you want to be when you grow up and why?

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What is your favorite thing to do for fun?

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Why do you enjoy the City of Eustis?

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Tell us a fun fact about yourself:

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Is there anyone special that will be in the audience you want to say hello to while on stage?

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I have received and read the rules for the Tiny, Little, or Junior Miss Eustis program. I understand the decision of the judges is final. I agree to participate in City of Eustis events through the coming year, should I be chosen as a winner. I understand I need to keep in close contact with the City of Eustis Events & Tourism team to ensure my calendar is up to date and I am providing excellent representation throughout the year.

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Contestant Signature

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Date

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Contestant Printed Name

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Parent's Signature

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Date