

## **Rules and Regulations**

The Miss/Mister Medford Participation will take place in person, with crowning to take place at the Medford Veterans' Memorial during the Opening Ceremony of the Straight River Days weekend! Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. Arrival is no later than 6:30 pm, and the pageant is to start at 7:00 pm. There is a free meal and raising of the flags before the pageant, please make arrangements to come and enjoy! Please contact Erin Sammon 507-456-5119 with any questions or concerns.

1. Deadline for sign-up is June 1st, 2026. Please submit all required items by this date.
2. Contestants must currently attend Medford School or currently live in Medford.
3. Miss Medford Candidates only: If selected, you will be **expected** to volunteer for Medford community events throughout the year, including Straight River Days events and assist with the next year's pageant. Miss Medford will receive a \$500.00 scholarship once your first semester of college is complete. You must submit your grades to receive.
4. Contestants must complete the registration form and pay the \$20 registration fee on our website. [www.straightriverdays.com](http://www.straightriverdays.com). An acceptance letter will be **emailed** once you have been accepted into the pageant, with further instructions of the evening to come.
5. Please wear age-appropriate dresses/clothing and comfortable shoes for walking on grass!

### **2026 Age Brackets for the current 25-26 school year.**

**Tiny Miss/ Mister:** Kindergarten - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade—All will get a crown or medal

**Little Miss/ Mister:** 3<sup>rd</sup> grade - 5<sup>th</sup> grade – All will get a crown or medal

**Young Mister:** 6<sup>th</sup> grade —All will get a medal, but a drawing with all entrants will determine the “winner” if we have multiple people in this age group. 1 Mister. That person will get a sash.

**Young Miss:** 6<sup>th</sup> grade - 8<sup>th</sup> grade—All will get a crown, but a drawing with all entrants will determine the “winner” if we have multiple people in this age group. 1 Miss. That person will get a sash.

**Junior Miss:** 9<sup>th</sup> grade - 10<sup>th</sup> grade - All will get a crown, but a drawing with all entrants will determine the “winner” if 9th grade - 10th we have multiple people in this age group.

**Miss Medford:** 11<sup>th</sup> grade- 12<sup>th</sup> grade – See judging rules on other page.

## **Judging for Miss Medford:**

1. Attire should be a dress that is age-appropriate or a collared shirt with nice dress pants for the guys. Candidates that do not adhere to age-appropriate attire will not be allowed to participate. If you do not have a dress available to you, please inquire at Cinderella's Closet at Hope in Faribault. Please see their Facebook page for full details. They have dresses and shoes free of charge, or for a free will donation.
2. Contestants will be evaluated on natural beauty, overall personality, and stage presence. Excessive makeup is not encouraged.
3. Miss Medford entrants will be invited for an "interview" before the celebration held at City Hall with a panel of judges who are NOT from Medford so we can get to know you. No individual score sheets will be issued. The decision of the judges is final and will not be questioned. You will find out who was chosen at the Celebration.
4. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated by contestants, parents, or any audience that may be in attendance during crowning. Please be aware that rude or unsportsmanlike conduct or comments from the family or supporters will result in immediate disqualification of the contestant. All rules and regulations are the same for all age groups. Rules may be subject to change.

The contestants that are crowned in the Miss (required), Junior Miss (required), Young, Little, and Tiny categories will be requested to ride in the float in the Straight River Days Parade on Friday night, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026 and are required to wear their dress/ outfit and crown/medal.

A parental consent form will need to be signed and returned prior to the parade in order to participate in the parade.

**Thank you for your support, let's have a fun time!!**