



2024 Miss Little Italy

Saturday August 17, 2024

(Entry deadline 8/12/24)



The Miss Little Italy is a family-oriented festival pageant, celebrating a special Bloomfield tradition. Contestants DO NOT need to be of Italian heritage or reside in the city of Pittsburgh. Event Fee: \$35.00. Includes a goody gift bag for all. Miss Little Italy Winners receive a crown, sash & flowers.

Payment: Check/Venmo payable to Marianne Rieg

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For Questions call Marianne (cell) 412-889-0179 (home) 724-382-5474

Contestant Name: _____ Age _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ **Phone #:** _____

Email: _____

Division/Age Group Circle Correct Age Division	Saturday 8/17/2024 Bloomfield: TIME 11:15am First Commonwealth Stage	Pageant Fee Due: 8/13/2024
Baby Miss Little Italy (1-3yrs)	Report by 11:15am	\$35.00 First Child
Princess Miss Little Italy (4-6yrs)	No Dressing Rooms	
Junior Miss Little Italy (7-9yrs)	Outdoor Stage	Not Refundable for any reason
Pre-Teen Miss Little Italy (10-12yrs)	Arrive Dressed for Pageant	
Teen Miss Little Italy (13-15yrs)	Outdoor Porta-Johns	
Senior Miss Little Italy (16-19yrs)		

The Judge's Decision is Final. I agree to give Marianne Rieg and Bloomfield Little Italy Days, permission to use photos of my child for the purpose of event recognition on social media. (FB, Festival web site)

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT FOR PARTICIPATION:

I understand that Marianne Rieg, event staff, official festival, will NOT BE RESPONSIBLE for PERSONAL INJURY, Personal Property Damage, Lost or Stolen Items. My child is participating at their own risk. My family and guests are viewing at their own risk. This event takes place on an outdoor stage and the contestant line up is on a public sidewalk. Pageant is not responsible for falls or damaged gowns that might drag on the ground. EVERY CONTESTANT MUST HAVE AN ADULT TAKING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR CHILD. Pageant volunteers are not responsible for contestants during any part of the program, including line-up/exit of stage. I agree with the statements above and give permission for my child to participate at their own risk and take all responsibility for any incidents.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

2023 MISS LITTLE ITALY PAGEANT Information and Instructions

Day: SATURDAY AUGUST 17, 2024, PAGEANT START TIME: 11:30am Report: 11:15am

All contestants will arrive by 11:15am. Come Dressed & Ready to Go.

Please do not arrive too early, the stage is being set up in the morning prior to our event.

PAGEANT LOCATION: Bloomfield – Corner of Liberty Avenue & Gross Street. We are on the First Commonwealth Stage one block from West Penn Hospital. (End of the festival booths on the West Penn Hospital Side) (Close to 5001 Liberty Ave) **PARKING** available on side streets.

PAGEANT REQUIREMENTS: Showmanship, personality, confidence, and spirit for Little Italy Days. Contestants complete a stage model, a personal introduction & a 2 question interview.

DRESS: ANY STYLE OF DRESS or FASHION OUTFIT. Contestant's choice, Examples of attire: (flower girl dress, Sunday best, party, pageant, prom, homecoming attire)

STAGE EVENT: contestants will introduce themselves, "Hello, my name is _____"

1. **MODEL/STAGE WALK:** Contestants will do a graceful/slow walk on stage adding turns and any poses of their choice for on-stage modeling portion. VIDEO EXAMPLE WILL BE SENT OUT CLOSER TO THE EVENT.
2. **ON STAGE QUESTIONS:** Marianne will attempt to make every child as comfortable. Marianne is available to chat by phone with contestants and/or parents.

ON STAGE: 1-3yr

1. **This age group is not expected to be prepared. One Adult can escort child on stage to model and share their name and anything else they want to say to the judges.** THIS DIVISION IS DIFFICULT TO JUDGE AND WE OFFER IT ONLY BECAUSE WE HAVE RECEIVED REQUESTS FOR IT.

INTERVIEW 4-6yrs. 7-9yrs. 10-12yrs. 13-15yrs. & 16-19yrs.

1. **Tell us about your family.** This can be anything you want. A tradition, heritage, interesting facts, a memory, something fun you like to do with your family.
2. **Why do you want to be Miss Little Italy?**

OUTDOOR EVENT: Free to Watch. Every family takes care of their own child. Please bring whatever is necessary to wait in the sun. Umbrella, sunscreen, hats, bottled water. There is almost no shade and minimal space. **SEATING:** Seating is limited. Please bring a CHAIR if concerned.

ORDER OF EVENTS: We will start with the youngest divisions and keep moving quickly to complete all four divisions. We cannot give designated times of appearance due to the strict window of stage time we have. If a contestant **ARRIVES TOO LATE** or is a **NO SHOW**, there are **NO REFUNDS**. We cannot allow an onstage appearance if the age division is complete. Score sheets have already been tabulated.

CODE OF CONDUCT for Contestants, family & friends: This event is not a place to show negative resentment in anyway. Please do not approach our judges or director. Working with such a short time frame, very little criteria, the judges' results are final. It is always so close. Every year, the judges say the same thing: They wish they could pick everyone! The pageant will **NOT** accept or acknowledge negativity. We are trying to celebrate family, heritage, and the small businesses and vendors.

Thank you so much for your understanding. Please call with any questions. Marianne Rieg

