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Florida Strawberry Festival Crowns 2026 Junior Royalty Winners

PLANT CITY, Fla. (Jan. 10, 2026) – The Florida Strawberry Festival announced the winners of its annual Junior Royalty Pageant following the competition held Saturday, at the Charlie Grimes Family Agricultural Center in the Festival grounds.

A total of 120 contestants, ranging in age from 5 to 15 years old, competed in four age-based categories: Baroness, Duchess, Princess, and Queen. From the top finalists in each division, judges selected a winner and first maid based on personality, poise, confidence, and overall presentation.

The 2026 Junior Royalty Court is as follows:

Junior Royalty Queen: Miss Dylan Hunt

Junior Royalty Princess: Miss Ansley Judah

Junior Royalty Duchess: Miss Georgia Padron

Junior Royalty Baroness: Miss Kinsley Sheppard

“The Junior Royalty Pageant continues to be a meaningful tradition for our Festival and our community,” said Kyle Robinson, President of the Florida Strawberry Festival. “We are incredibly proud of every young lady who participated and the effort they put into this experience. The young ladies selected will have the opportunity to represent the Festival throughout the year, and we look forward to working with them as ambassadors while celebrating another great season.”

The Junior Royalty Pageant is one of the most anticipated events leading up to the Florida Strawberry Festival and serves as a celebration of the young leaders in the community. Contestants showcase their public-speaking skills and stage presence while demonstrating a commitment to the traditions and values of the Festival.

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Those selected as members of the 2026 Junior Royalty Court will serve throughout the year as ambassadors for the Florida Strawberry Festival, representing the Festival and the City of Plant City at community events, celebrations, and official appearances.

About the Florida Strawberry Festival

The Florida Strawberry Festival is an annual community celebration honoring the strawberry harvest of Eastern Hillsborough County. The Festival features headline entertainment, youth livestock shows, agricultural exhibits, commercial displays, and the Festival's world-famous strawberry shortcake. Each year, the Festival welcomes hundreds of thousands of guests to Plant City while celebrating agriculture, tradition, and community. For more information, visit www.flstrawberryfestival.com or follow the Festival on Facebook, Instagram, X, and TikTok. (#berryfest26)

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