

2027 Junior Royalty Pageant

January 16, 2027. 6:00 p.m.

Charlie Grimes Family Agricultural Center

2026 Junior Royalty Court

Queen: Miss Dylan Hunt

Princess: Miss Ansley Judah

Duchess: Miss Georgia Padron

Baroness: Miss Kinsley Sheppard

2027 FLORIDA STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL®
JUNIOR ROYALTY PAGEANT

RULES AND REGULATIONS & GENERAL INFORMATION

Sponsored by the Florida Strawberry Festival®

Saturday, January 16, 2027

Florida Strawberry Festival

Location: Charlie Grimes and Family Agricultural Center, 6:00 P.M.

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IN-PERSON DRAWING: November 3, 2026 @ 7:00 p.m.

Mandatory Workshop: November 10th, 2026 (See time below)

5 to 15 year olds on or before January 1, 2027

There will be four age classifications as follows, with a winner, first maid, and three court members in each group. There will be a limited number of 30 contestants in each group. The 30 contestants for each age group will be chosen by Drawing.

Royalty Court:

5-6 year olds. ... Baroness
7-9 year olds..... Duchess
10-12 year olds. ... Princess
13-15 year olds. ... Queen

REGISTRATION AND PAGEANT DRAWING

ATTENTION: This year will be a live IN-PERSON DRAWING, it will not be live streamed.

Registration is in person only on the night of the drawing (November 3th, 2026).

YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO ENTER DRAWING/BE DRAWN.

In-person drawing will take place on Tuesday, November 3th, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the TECO Expo Hall, 2301 W. Oak Ave Plant City FL, 33563.

Any unfilled slots after the drawing (Tuesday, November 3th, 2026) will be filled on a first come - first serve basis through Tuesday, November 10th, 2026 at the Florida Strawberry Festival, Inc. office. No more candidates will be accepted after Tuesday, November 10th, 2026.

ENTRY FEE:
An Entry Fee of $30.00 will need to be paid IF YOUR CHILD'S NAME IS DRAWN, FEE MUST BE PAID THE NIGHT OF THE DRAWING. Payment will not be accepted after the drawing on November 3th,2026. Make checks payable to Florida Strawberry Festival®. No refunds. Card, Cash, and Check accepted.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. **Registration will be limited to one child per adult or legal guardian (18 years or older) unless they are sisters.**

2. Contestants must be between the ages of five and fifteen.

3. Contestants must be single, never have been married, and never have borne a child.

4. Contestants must be of good moral character and never have been convicted of a crime.

5. Contestant's domicile must be within Hillsborough County. (Proof of domicile may be required. Example: Electric Bill.)

6. Contestants will furnish their own apparel. Girls ages five through nine must wear short party dresses. Girls ages ten through fifteen must wear a long gown. No Gloves or Tea Length Dresses For Any Age Group! No slits above the knee on any gowns. *****Gowns with midriffs showing are Not Acceptable.**

7. Previous winners in the Junior Royalty Pageant are not eligible to compete in the same age group in which they won.
8. FOR SELECTED SEMIFINALISTS ONLY. The emcee will direct a question to the Contestant for a reply. **For the QUEEN DIVISION ONLY, they will draw from 3 questions on stage. These questions will be given at the mandatory workshop on November 10th, 2026.**
9. No farewell address or gifts of appreciation may be presented during the Pageant. No modification or replacement of banners or crowns presented during the pageant will be allowed

NEW RULES FOR THIS YEAR

1. **If a contestant is drawn but fails to show up on pageant day without the committee's consent, they will be prohibited from entering in the drawing the following year.**
2. **If a guardian comes backstage during any aspect of the pageant, the contestant will be disqualified and prohibited from entering the drawing the following year.**

PAGEANT WORKSHOP

Contestants **MUST** attend Pageant Workshop: **THIS WILL BE THE ONLY WORKSHOP**

Tuesday, November 10th, 2026 in the TECO Expo Hall.

Baroness & Duchess division, 6:00 P.M. - 7:00. Princess & Queen division, 7:30 - 8:30.

Failure to attend this workshop will be cause for elimination from the Contest.

COMPETITION REHEARSAL

There will be a required Rehearsal for all Contestants on **Friday, January 15, 2027, 6:00 p.m.** at the **Florida Strawberry Festival, Charlie Grimes Family Agricultural Center**.

Failure to attend Rehearsal will be cause for elimination from Contest.

*****All cell phones are to be turned off and no calls incoming or outgoing during the Workshop, during Rehearsal or during the Pageant***.**

COMPETITION

The competition will be held **Saturday, January 16th, 2027,** at the **Florida Strawberry Festival,**

Charlie Grimes Family Agricultural Center - 6:00 p.m.

Contestants will be judged on: **Personality (25%); Overall Appearance (25%);**
Natural Beauty and Smile (50%).

The backstage area will be closed to everyone except contestants, pageant directors, officials, and committee members.

JUDGING PROCEDURE

Judges' score sheets will not be reviewed with Contestants. Score sheets will be destroyed.

PRIZES

In addition to the crown, each winner will receive a sash and a trophy. The top winner in each category will represent the festival in her age group in the Grand Parade on **Monday, March 8th, 2027**, the annual Florida Strawberry Festival Fashion Show, on **Thursday, January 28th, 2026,** and other festival events.

Each Entrant will receive two admission tickets good for the Pageant. There will be a $10.00 admission fee for adults and children. Contestants will be admitted free of charge.

NOTE: YOUR SAFETY IS OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE. WE HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING THE GUIDELINES SET FORTH BY THE CDC, OUR LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. PLEASE BE AWARE OF THE CURRENT COUNTY REGULATIONS BEFORE ENTERING THE BUILDING. WE WILL CONTINUE TO MONITER THE EVER-CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES. THE FLORIDA STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL, INC. WILL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY EVENTS BEING CANCELED DUE TO UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES.