

2026 Dogwood Pageant

Open to Camden, Morgan, Miller, & Laclede counties
Little Miss Dogwood, Little Mister, Junior Miss Dogwood,
and Teen Miss Dogwood

This is an official invitation to join in the fun as a contestant in the 2026 Dogwood Contest to be held **Sunday, April 19th – Camdenton Middle School Little Theater**. The contest is run by volunteers in the community as part of the Dogwood Festival and the Camdenton Area Chamber of Commerce and is a non-profit event. This year's queens will have so many opportunities awaiting them throughout their reign.

Ages for the contest are as follows:

Little Miss/Mister Dogwood – 5-8 years old

Junior Miss Dogwood – 9-12 years old

Teen Miss Dogwood – 13-15 years old

**Groups are determined by the age of the contestant on April 1, 2026 **

Each contestant will develop in the areas of poise, self-confidence, and speaking ability all while having fun and meeting new friends. They will learn skills and techniques that will be used for a lifetime whether or not they receive the crown.

Competitions will include:

Queen or King Title: **Everyone competes in this event**. This title is determined by combining the scores from –

1.) Onstage Interview - Each contestant will participate in an onstage interview. During this portion of competition, the contestant will state their name and age, then respond to one interview question. The interview question will be the same for all contestants within each age division and will be distributed at orientation to allow time for preparation. Contestants will be scored on poise, confidence, personality, and speaking ability. This event will account for 50% of the contestant's total score. Contestants will compete in their formal attire for the onstage interview.

2.) Opening Number – this is NOT judged, contestants will wear their Formal Attire. The opening number will be a walking pattern this year. Please make sure the contestant's shoes allow them to do the walking pattern. The opening number walking pattern will be posted in the private Facebook group for the contestants to learn prior to rehearsal.

3.) Formal Wear – Little Miss Contestants can wear Easter dresses, Party/Pageant dresses, or flower girl dresses. These dresses may have sparkle. Absolutely NO MAKE-UP is allowed!!!! Little Mister Contestants can wear Easter Attire, Sunday Best, Slacks, Button Up Shirt or whatever makes them happy. Junior & Teen Miss Contestants may wear a short or long gown. These dresses may have sparkle.. NO MINI SKIRTS or SLITS HIGHER THAN YOUR KNEE. Light age-appropriate make-up is allowed. Makes up 50% of the contestant's score.

Optional Events:

Talent (Optional Event): Talent can be of any kind. Talent must be age-appropriate. Music must be submitted by the deadline to meet requirements for the event. Our sound crew must have time to prepare for the event.

School/Casual Wear (Optional Event): Contestants will need to be dressed in a casual, age-appropriate outfit. This may be an outfit they would wear on picture day at school or to a party. Please, no midriffs showing. These outfits can be custom made or off the rack. Contestants – Light age-appropriate make-up is allowed.

Mommy (or Grandma, or Aunt) & Me (Optional Event): Contestants and their partner whether it be Mommy, Grandma, Aunt, or a special female in your life will dress in a themed outfit of their choice. This outfit maybe be something you wear for family pictures, a day out shopping, or a party. Use your imagination!! Both will enter the stage and do their modeling routine. Contestants will be judged on personality and creativity.

Photogenic (Optional Event): Contestant will submit 1 photo via email to littlemissdogwood@gmail.com by **April 1st**. These photos can be professionally taken or snap shots taken by someone else. Light age appropriate make-up is allowed. Photos will be judged on clarity and overall appeal. If the photo is not received via email on the deadline above it will not be scored.

People’s Choice: Each contestant’s headshot will be posted on Facebook for votes. \$1 equals 1 vote. Votes MUST be made via Friends & Family to: littlemissdogwood@gmail.com The People’s Choice Winner will receive a crown & banner.

To enter the Dogwood Pageant please fill out the entry form and drop it off at the Camdenton Area Chamber of Commerce office [739 West US Hwy 54 in Camdenton] **by April 1st**. You may also email your application to littlemissdogwood@gmail.com along with sending your entry fees via FRIENDS & FAMILY on PAYPAL to littlemissdogwood@gmail.com – please make sure your contestant’s name is in the notes section of the payment.

Schedule of Activities [may be subject to change]:

Date	Time	Place	Event	Other
Wednesday, April 1st	6:00 PM	Central Bank Camdenton Community Room	Parent Orientation	Deadline for Entry & Fees MANDATORY for New Contestants
Wednesday, April 1st			Photogenic Deadline	Email pics to: littlemissdogwood@gmail.com
Wednesday, April 15th	6:00 PM	Central Bank Camdenton Community Room	Rehearsal	MANDATORY
Friday, April 17th	6:00 PM	Camdenton Middle School Little Theater	Optional Competitions	Winners announced that night!
Sunday April 19th	1 pm	Camdenton Middle School Little Theater	Pageant	MANDATORY Contestants arrive at 12:30
Sunday April 19th	4 pm	Camdenton Middle School Little Theater	Miss Dogwood Pageant	Winners – MANDATORY to attend
Saturday, April 25th	Line Up 9:00 am	Middle School Little Theater	Dogwood Parade	Winners will all ride

** We will create a private Facebook Group for Contestants once the deadline has passed that will have the opening number posted. Please make sure your contestants learn the walking pattern prior to rehearsal. This portion of the competition is not judged, so let’s have fun!**

** A minimum of three (3) contestants is required for a division to compete. In the event this minimum is not met, the organization reserves the right to appoint a representative for that division.**

2026 Dogwood Contest Entry Form

Application deadline is **April 1, 2026**. You will be added to the Contestant Facebook Page once your entry is received. Please make sure you accept the invite as all information will be given through this page.

Line Up for the pageant will be determined by when we receive your entry form. First entry form in will be last out on stage.

Name: _____

Age [as of April 1, 2026]: _____

Parents: _____

Address: _____

Phone for text: _____ Email: _____

Facebook Profile Name: (Needs to be someone who can join group) _____

Category:

- Little Miss Dogwood—5 to 8 Years Old
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- Teen Miss Dogwood—13 to 15 Years Old

- Contest Entry Fee.....\$30.00
- Talent -Optional.....\$15.00
- School/Casual Wear - Optional.....\$15.00
- Mommy & Me - Optional.....\$15.00
- Photogenic – Optional.....\$15.00

Total Enclosed:.....\$ _____

- No Refunds
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