



## Lil' Miss Meeker Contest Rules and Regulations

The 8th Lil' Miss Meeker Pageant will be held Saturday, June 17, 2017 from 1-3 p.m. on the Rotary Stage located in Pioneer Park in downtown Puyallup during the Meeker Days Arts & Music Festival.

1. Contestants must be between the ages of 6 and 9 years old on or before the date of the pageant. Past contestants and runner-ups are eligible to apply. Past winners are excluded from participation.
  2. The contestant must reside in OR go to school in Puyallup, Sumner, Bonney Lake or Orting.
  3. Contestants are required to attend two rehearsals (date, time and locations TBD). There will also be a mandatory tea/etiquette class on a date to be determined.
  4. All contestants must submit:
    - a completed application signed by parent or legal guardian
    - \$25 non-refundable application fee
    - A recent photo of contestant
    - A statement of recommendation (from a teacher or school official) that accounts for the child's academic achievements and/or leadership qualities.
  5. Completed entries must be turned in by May 19, 2017. Only the first ten paid entries will be accepted.
  6. Contestants are required to be at the Rotary Stage Pageant Check-in table by 12:30 pm on Saturday, June 17 in order to be eligible to compete. Any contestant that does not check-in by 12:30 pm will not be allowed to participate.
  7. Only one winner will be chosen as Lil' Miss Meeker.
  8. The winner of Lil' Miss Meeker will be required to make special appearances throughout the year, including but not limited to the following: Trick-or-Treat Downtown, Santa Parade, Daffodil Parade, and opening day of Farmers' Market 2017. Lil' Miss Meeker will also be required to attend the 2017 Lil' Miss Meeker Pageant to hand over her crown to the 2017 winner. Winner is to provide own transportation to and from each scheduled event.
  9. A crown and sash will be presented to the winner of Lil' Miss Meeker Pageant. This crown and sash will be stored at the Puyallup Main Street office until needed for special appearances. A special souvenir crown will be given to the winner. All participants will receive a certificate of participation.
- ### Program Agenda
10. Each contestant will be introduced to the audience and must wear their provided Lil Miss Meeker shirt with denim shorts (blue or white).
  11. The talent portion will follow the introductions.
  12. After the talent portion is complete each contestant is brought back onto the stage and should wear a "Sunday Best" dress with appropriate accessories. The winner will be announced at this time.
- ### Judging:
13. A panel of judges will be selected by the Puyallup Meeker Days Festival Manager.
  14. Contestants will be notified of their selection the week of May 22.
  15. Each participant will receive a Miss Meeker Days t-shirt to be worn during the initial introduction. Denim shorts (blue or white) must be worn with the t-shirt.
  16. Each participant will be interviewed on stage based on the answers provided in their application. Participants will be critiqued on their poise and stage presence.
  17. A creative segment will be required. Creative section should be no longer than two (2) minutes in length. Participants should wear appropriate attire for the creative portion of the pageant and provide all props.
  18. Contestants must look their age. No makeup (except lip gloss) is permitted.