

**Hutchinson Jaycee Water Carnival  
Miss Hutchinson Candidate Information**



**Hutchinson Jaycee Water Carnival  
June 10 – June 16, 2024**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 15, 2024**

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## **ELIGIBILITY**

The Miss Hutchinson Royalty Program is open to female born candidates that are at least 17 years old, but no more than 23 years of age, by June 10, 2024. The candidate or her parents must reside in the Hutchinson area. Exceptions may be made by the Water Carnival committee on a case-by-case basis. The candidate must be currently enrolled in high school with favorable academic progress toward graduation or a GED, have recently graduated from high school with plans to further her education, or be enrolled in college or a specialized career training program. A candidate may never have been married nor have had a marriage annulled. Upon accepting the title of Miss Hutchinson and Princess, if chosen, she agrees that she will not marry during her reign or become pregnant. The candidate may also not be currently pregnant nor have children. Violation of these rules will result in forfeiture of the title of Miss Hutchinson or Princess and the scholarship award. Candidates are encouraged to run based upon their desire to serve as ambassadors of goodwill for the Hutchinson Jaycee Water Carnival and the City of Hutchinson. Qualifications include good interpersonal skills, enthusiasm, and commitment to the time and energy necessary to fulfill the one-year term as Miss Hutchinson or Princess.

## **TIME COMMITMENT**

### **CANDIDACY:**

- Candidates will be given \$250.00 by her sponsor to be used toward the purchase of a wardrobe. Additional details concerning the wardrobe will be given to the contestant by the Miss Hutchinson Candidate Committee at a later date.
- The Water Carnival Committee will pay the living expenses of the candidates during Water Carnival weekend, beginning Friday morning through checkout on Sunday morning.
- Candidates will receive a beautiful memento of their Water Carnival experience.
- Candidates will have many appearances during Water Carnival week in June. Candidates are expected to attend and be on time for all Water Carnival events.
- Candidates will be given a detailed schedule at Queen's Tea. Page 5 of this packet has the tentative schedule.

### **IF SELECTED:**

- Miss Hutchinson and Princess will each receive a cash scholarship to be used for educational expenses. The scholarship will be awarded at the completion of their reign.
- Miss Hutchinson and Princess will attend approximately 10 parades/events throughout their year of reign.



- Miss Hutchinson (or Princess if Miss Hutchinson cannot fulfill the obligation) will compete as a Candidate at the Minneapolis Aquatennial Queen of the Lakes Contest, upon approval by the Water Carnival Commodore. Miss Hutchinson will receive an additional \$300.00 to be used toward wardrobe expenses.
- Hutchinson Princess (or Miss Hutchinson if Princess cannot fulfill the obligation) will serve as an Ambassador at the St. Paul Winter Carnival festival, upon approval by the Water Carnival Commodore.
- It is agreed that Miss Hutchinson and Princess cannot represent any other organization or city in any other contests in the coming year, except under the sponsorship and prior approval of the Hutchinson Jaycee Water Carnival.
- Miss Hutchinson and Princess will participate in the following years Hutchinson Jaycee Water Carnival, which will be held June 9 – June 15, 2025.

### **CANDIDACY EVENTS AND DATES**

Some dates are to be determined. Candidates will be given more information at Queen's Tea.

#### **May 2024**

Sunday, May 5            Queen's Tea, 11:30-1:30 PM

#### **June 2024**

Sunday, June 2            Candidate Fun Day, TBD

Monday, June 10            Music in the Park, 4:30 PM

Tuesday, June 11            Frisbee Golf at Ridgewater College, 5:00 PM

Wednesday, June 12            Program at Park Towers, Social, and Pageant Practice, 1:00-8:30 PM

Thursday, June 13            Program at Woodstone and Boat Parade, 4:30-8:30 PM

Friday, June 14            Program at Harmony River, Teddy Bear Band, and Pageant, 8 AM-8 PM

Saturday, June 15            Judging Interviews, Community Day, Junior Royalty Coronation, Commodore's Dinner, and Queens Dance, 8 AM-12 AM

Sunday, June 16            Pancake Breakfast, Parade, Coronation, Band, Fireworks, 9 AM-10:15 PM



## **MISS HUTCHINSON PAGEANT**

During the Miss Hutchinson Pageant, each contestant will participate in a formal gown presentation, a question-and-answer session, and a 3-5 minute period of audience entertainment through demonstration of talent. All talent presentations must be approved by the Water Carnival Committee prior to the Pageant. Examples of talent include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Playing a musical instrument
- Singing
- Dancing
- Presentation
- Comedy

## **JUDGING**

Miss Hutchinson and Princess will be chosen based on personality, attitude, intelligence, talent, as well as other intangible characteristics. Six adult judges, who do not live in Hutchinson, will spend the weekend interviewing and observing the candidates and will make the final selections. Neither the Hutchinson Jaycees, nor the Hutchinson Jaycees Water Carnival Committee, have any involvement in choosing Miss Hutchinson or Princess.

## **APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

- Complete Candidate Contact Information Sheet & Waiver
- Signed Media Release Form
- Enclose a non-returnable, recent photograph
- Completed application packets must be received by March 15, 2024