

Hutchinson Jaycee Water Carnival
Miss Hutchinson Candidate Information



Hutchinson Jaycee Water Carnival
June 15 – June 21, 2026

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 25, 2026

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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 15, 2026. The candidate or her parents must reside in or have ties to 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 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 the Royalty Party. 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.
- 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 14 – June 20, 2027.

CANDIDACY EVENTS AND DATES

Some dates are to be determined. Candidates will be given more information at the Royalty Party.

May 2025

Sunday, May 17th Candidate Pictures and Royalty Party, Time is TBD

Sunday, May 31st Button Sale Day

June 2025

Saturday, June 13th Candidate Fun Day, Time TBD

Monday, June 15 Music in the Park, 4:30 PM

Tuesday, June 16 Disc Golf at Ridgewater College, 5:00 PM

Wednesday, June 17 Program at Park Towers, Social, and Pageant Practice, 1:00-8:30 PM

Thursday, June 18 Program at Woodstone and Boat Parade, 4:15-8:30 PM

Friday, June 19 Candidate Pick-Up, Program at Harmony River, Teddy Bear Band, Commodore's Dinner, and Queens Dance, 8 AM-12 AM

Saturday, June 20 Judging Interviews, Community Day, and Pageant and Jr. Royalty Coronation, 8 AM-10 PM

Sunday, June 21 Candidate Hotel Check-Out, 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 25, 2026