

2026
HerrinFesta Italiana Children's Pageants
INFORMATION SHEET

Baby Contest

NEW CATEGORY E "special"ly Lovely—SEE PAGE 2

Little Miss and Mr. HerrinFesta

Junior Miss and Mr. HerrinFesta

PreTeen Miss HerrinFesta

Teen Miss HerrinFesta

Presented by the Herrin Woman's Club

Proceeds from this event support the local service projects of the Herrin Woman's Club.

Sunday, May 17, 2026

1:00p.m. Doors open at noon.

Herrin Civic Center

Admission \$5.00 per person (cash only)

(Children 8 & under are free)

The baby contest is open to babies from birth to 2 years of age on the day of the pageant.

There will be a break for Awards after the baby contest.

NEW CATEGORY- E "special"ly Lovely – Ages birth through 14 years

There will be a break for Award for the new category.

Little Miss/Mr. Pageant is open to children ages 3 to 5 years on pageant day.

Junior Miss/Mr. Pageant is open to children ages 6 to 9 years on pageant day.

Preteen Miss is open to girls ages 10 to 12 years on pageant day.

Miss Teen is open to girls ages 13 to 15 years on pageant day.

This year's theme is "Follow The Yellow Brick Road". A themed outfit can be worn OR a casual or dressy outfit of any kind. There will be no outfit changes

Please send separate form for each child entered, but one check is permissible. Entry fee is \$30 per child. Make checks out to Herrin Woman's Club.

Applications should be sent in advance. Doors open at noon. Baby Pageant begins at 1:00p.m. There will be a break after the baby contest. **Check - In for Little Miss/Mr., Jr. Miss/Mr., Preteen Miss, and Miss Teen will be 2pm to 2:30pm.**

Winners who wish to ride in the HerrinFesta Parade on Saturday, May 23, 2026, must arrange their own transportation. There will NOT be a Woman's Club float. Winners will be contacted with parade details.

Judge's decisions are final. Crowns will be given to the winners in each age division.

Applications are available on line at www.herrinfesta.com. Any question or additional information may be directed to Herrin Woman's Club at hwcfestapageant26@gmail.com. Applications may be picked up at Herrin City Library or First Southern Bank Herrin facility.

APPLICATIONS WITH FEE DUE MODAY, MAY 11, 2026

Mail or dropped off to Nikki Staley, 1012 Venice Drive, Herrin, IL 62948.

After May 11th applications may be completed at the door on the day of the pageant.

**E"special"ly Lovely Category
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The E"special"ly Lovely Category is designed for participants with moderate to severe disabilities that result in functional limitations in both learning and adaptive skills. Eligibility includes permanent physical, emotional, and specific learning disabilities. ((ADHD alone does not qualify.)

This category provides participants with the opportunity to demonstrate courage, experience joy, and achieve personal growth, while promoting meaningful community inclusion.

The E"special"ly Lovely Category focuses on fostering confidence, recognition, and self-esteem within a supportive and respectful environment.

This category is open to Male and Female participants with separate categories for each from birth through 14 years of age. Registration form for this category is page 2 in the registration form area.

Participants may be accompanied on stage by a parent, guardian or support individual. If special accommodations are required, please notify the organization in advance.

**This category incorporates adapted guidelines inspired by Special Olympics, Celebrating Lovely Pageant, and Miss Amazing organizations.