

OCEAN CITY

NEW JERSEY

DIVISION OF RECREATION

LITTLE MISS OCEAN CITY PAGEANT



August 14th, 2026

OCEAN CITY DIVISION OF RECREATION PROGRAMS
LITTLE MISS OCEAN CITY PAGEANT

(AGES 8 – 11)

APPLICANT'S CHECKLIST

_____ Application Completed

_____ Picture Enclosed (wallet size is recommended)

_____ Copy of Report Card

_____ Copy of Birth Certificate

_____ \$100.00 Registration/Sponsor Fee

_____ Proof of Residency:

Ocean City Report Card

Sending District of Ocean City High School Report Card

Ocean City Tax Bill - Parent(s) of Contestant

All of the above items must be turned in to be counted as a contestant. Your application will be sent back to you if it is missing any of the items listed above.

The deadline for applications is ***Sunday, July 12, 2026***. The applications must be postmarked or received by that date.

Pageant Date: August 14, 2026



Little Miss Ocean City Pageant

Friday, August 14, 2026

Dear Parents and Contestants,

On behalf of the Ocean City Recreation Division and the Little Miss Ocean City Board we would like to welcome you to the 2026 Little Miss Ocean City Program. Below are a few points of interest to help make this an enjoyable and memorable experience for all.

Our very first meeting is **MANDATORY**. It will be on Friday July 17, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the Ocean City Sports & Civic Center, 6th & Boardwalk. At this meeting the contestants will have their photos taken for the program book. Also, contestants will answer an essay question. Although it is not part of the judging, the winning essays are recognized by the judges with a special award. The contestants will also select their number.

During practices and rehearsals at the Aquatic Center and Music Pier, **NO ONE** is permitted to attend as a bystander (including parents, siblings, grandparents and baby-sitting duties). The contestants must focus on what is being taught and not reactions of others.

Judging of the Little Miss Ocean City Pageant is as follows:

Judge's Interview.....	35%
Talent Potential.....	25%
Poise and Composure.....	20%
(gown/semi-formal)	
Scholastic.....	20%

A schedule of practices is attached. We cannot stress enough how important it is to attend all practices as the contestants will be learning the opening number and routines. Please call or email me if you cannot attend a practice or need further information.

For the day of the Pageant, contestants will receive a schedule for their time of arrival to the Music Pier. This is a very tight schedule so please arrive on time. There is no need to arrive early.

Good luck in the pageant and most of all have fun!!!

Sincerely,

Kristie Fenton

Kristie Fenton
Recreation Supervisor



LITTLE MISS OCEAN CITY PAGEANT



Coordinated by,
Division of Ocean City Recreation Programs

RULES

1. Contestants must live, attend Ocean City Schools, be daughters of Ocean City property owner (on or before May 1, 2026) or reside in a sending district of Ocean City High School.
2. Contestants must be 8 prior to pageant date (August 13, 2026) and must not have reached 12th birthday prior to August 1, 2026.
3. The winner agrees to hold only the title of Little Miss Ocean City throughout her reign. If the contestant holds another crown and wins Little Miss Ocean City she must relinquish the other title to fulfill her commitment as Little Miss Ocean City.
4. The winner agrees (without charge) to make appearances for the City's various events throughout the year of 2026 until August 2027. Ex: Baby Parade, Halloween Parade, Easter Parade & summer special events, etc. Parents are responsible for their child and for transportation to and from the events.
5. If selected as Little Miss Ocean City and any of the above rules are broken, the winner will forfeit any awarded scholarship money and prizes as well as the title of "Little Miss Ocean City."

REGULATIONS

1. Contestants must have available to wear; a semi-formal/formal dress, white socks and white sneakers. T-shirts will be provided (no swimsuits needed).
2. Contestants will be judged on poise and composure, scholastic record, talent potential and interview.
3. ***ALL DECISIONS OF THE JUDGES WILL BE FINAL.***
4. ***TALENT COMPETITION:*** will be judged on talent potential only. Use of fire and knives are prohibited. Talent is a ***minimum of 1-½ minutes and a maximum of 2 minutes.*** Judges will deduct points if longer than 2 minutes. Please bring your music on ***USB Thumb/Flash Drive to the first rehearsal! For vocalists the music must be instrumental ONLY. For pianists, violinists or any other instrumental talent NO background music is permitted.*** Your Thumb Drive must be marked with your daughter's name and her contestant number. Props for talent can not be larger than a folding chair and must be a usable prop. No back drops. We discourage props due to the number of contestants and available space behind stage. If a prop is going to be used you must advise Kristie Fenton ***prior to the last week of rehearsal. If props have not been approved we reserve the right to refuse their usage.***
5. The contestant must be available for all practices.
6. Contestants may be sponsored by a business, individual or group.
7. If any contestant, parent, or any member of contestant's party does not conduct himself or herself in an appropriate manner it may result in immediate disqualification. Good sportmanship is a must.

Little Miss Ocean City Social Media Guidelines

The Purpose

Social media is largely about sharing, connection, helping others and having fun.
Social media is also a valuable resource to learn and to contribute.
Social media is more than just Instagram, Facebook and Twitter. It also includes blogs, online networks, etc.

Expectations

Each individual is responsible for what she post online. This also includes monitoring comments and replies to posts.

Be respectful to the Little Miss Ocean City and City of Ocean City brand. Remember Ocean City is known as America's Greatest Family Resort.

Understand that you are legally liable for anything you write or present online.

Contestants/Little Miss Ocean City can be appropriately disciplined and/or face legal action for commentary, content, videos or images that are defamatory, pornographic, proprietary, harassing, libelous, unlawful or can create a negative image of Ocean City or the Little Miss Ocean City title.

Do not use ethnic slurs, insults, obscenities, etc.

Do not engage in conduct that would not be acceptable behavior.

Be considerate of others' privacy and topics that could be considered, such as religion of politics.

Do not pick fights or bully.

Post when you are thinking clearly. Do not post emotionally.

Post useful information and act as an ambassador for the Little Miss Ocean City program and the City of Ocean City.

Self-promotion can be good if done in an honest and humble way.

Avoid negative posts and pictures.

Remember, posts never go away! Content lives on the internet forever.

Be sure to set your privacy settings to the appropriate levels. However NEVER trust privacy settings 100%.

The Little Miss Ocean City Committee and City of Ocean City encourages contestants and titleholders to express themselves, let their voice shine and demonstrate their skills and creativity on social media.

I understand the guidelines listed above and agree to adhere as a contestant and potentially as Little Miss Ocean City. Not following the above guidelines can result in disqualification as a contestant, disqualification as Little Miss Ocean City and loss of award money and prizes.

Signature of Contestant: _____ Date: _____

Print Name of Contestant: _____

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Print Name of Parent/Legal Guardian: _____

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Ocean City Division of Recreation Programs
PRESENTS
Little Miss Ocean City Pageant
Friday, August 14, 2026

Name: _____ Age: _____
(as of 8/1/26)

Date of Birth: _____ Email Address: _____

Winter Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Winter Phone # _____ Summer Phone # _____

Summer Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Grade Entering this Fall: _____ Sponsor: _____

Ambition: _____

Talent: _____ Props: _____
(refer to regulation #4)

Gymnastics Mat: _____

Microphone Needed? Standing Mic _____ Body Mic _____ Cordless Hand Mic _____

Name of Music: _____

I have read and understand the rules and responsibilities of Little Miss Ocean City. If I am selected as Little Miss Ocean City, I will accept the terms and conditions of the title throughout my year of service.

Signed: _____ Signed: _____
(Contestant) (Parent or Legal Guardian)

Name: _____ Name: _____
(Please Print) (Please Print)

Date: _____ Date: _____

DEADLINE FOR ALL APPLICATIONS IS JULY 14, 2026.

Register online at: ocnj.recdesk.com. Mail application, picture, copy of your report card, Ocean City tax bill and a copy of your birth certificate to: LMOC Scholarship Pageant, 861 Asbury Avenue, Ocean City, NJ 08226.

Little Miss Ocean City Pageant

Name: _____

Costestant #: _____

What is your favorite...

Color? _____

Holiday? _____

Favorite Snack? _____

Outdoor Activity? _____

School Subject? _____

Vacation Spot Other Than Ocean City? _____

TV Show? _____

Actor/Actress? _____

Movie? _____

Song? _____

Book? _____



Little Miss Ocean City Pageant 2026

Ticket Order Form

Contestants Name _____

Contestant # _____

Number of Tickets _____ \$12.00= _____

Phone # _____

Please make checks payable to the City of Ocean City.

(Please return order form with payment by August 1, 2026.
Tickets will go on sale to the general public on August 3)



Little Miss Ocean City

Name: _____

T-shirt size (check one)

Youth small _____

Youth medium _____

Youth large _____

Adult small _____

Adult medium _____

Short size (check one)

Youth small _____

Youth medium _____

Youth large _____

Adult small _____



You will need to provide your own white socks and white sneakers.
At-shirt and shorts will be provided for you.

Please bring this to the first meeting on July 17, 2026.
Thank you!



2026 Little Miss Ocean City Pageant Schedule

DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Friday	July 17	6:00 PM	Civic Center - Orientation
Monday	July 27	3:00 - 4:45 PM	Aquatic & Fitness Center
Wednesday	July 29	3:00 - 4:45 PM	Aquatic & Fitness Center
Thursday	July 30	11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Minature Golf - Playland Pier 9
Thursday	July 30	5:00 PM - 8:00 PM	1st Street Beach - OCBP
Friday	July 31	3:00 - 4:45 PM	Aquatic & Fitness Center
Monday	August 3	3:00 - 4:45 PM	Sports & Civic Center
Tuesday	August 4	11:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Boardwalk Adventures Waterpark
Wednesday	August 5	3:00 - 4:45 PM	Sports & Civic Center
Friday	August 7	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Music Pier
Monday	August 10	3:00 - 4:45 PM	Sports & Civic Center
Wednesday	August 12	1:00 - 4:00 PM	Music Pier
Thursday	August 13	9:30 AM - ? 3:00 - 4:45 PM	Baby Parade Civic Center
Friday	August 14	All Day (Schedule to follow)	Music Pier - Pageant
Monday	August 17	TBA 3:00 PM 4:00 - 6:00 PM	Bowfish Kids Prep's Pizza Playland

Schedule Subject to Change

Any questions ~ Kristie Fenton - 609-525-9304 (w) or 609-231-7332 © or kfenton@ocnj.us

Little Miss Ocean City Advertisement Form

Name: _____	Contestant #: _____
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Name of Business: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

Advertisement Size

Photo Included			NO Photo		
Full Page with Photo	\$195		Full Page - NO Photo	\$175	
Half Page with Photo	\$115		Half Page - NO Photo	\$95	
Quarter Page with Photo	\$75		Quarter Page - NO Photo	\$55	
Business Card	\$40				
Patron (1 Line)	\$10				

Advertisement Message

Payment

Check		Cash
Amount: _____	Check #: _____	Amount Enclosed: _____

CHECK ONE:

- Advertisement ATTACHED
- Advertisement EMAILED to lmoc.programbookchair@gmail.com

Advertisements must be submitted by **July 31, 2026**
 Checks Payable to City of Ocean City