

**2024 WARREN ITALIAN AMERICAN FESTIVAL
MISS ITALIAN AND JR. MISS ITALIAN PAGEANTS**

The Warren Italian American Festival presents the **2024 Miss Italian & Jr. Miss Italian Pageants** on **Thursday, August 8th at 6:00 PM** on the Festa Main Stage on Courthouse Square in Downtown Warren, OH. Please read this document carefully as some of our procedures have changed.

Jr Miss Italian Contestants must be ages 8-13, while Miss Italian Contestants must be ages 14-19. Categories of competition:

- Jr Miss Italian will compete in formal wear and onstage questions (2).
- Miss Italian will compete in formal wear and heritage speech (90 seconds).

Talent competition is optional. Though it will carry its own prize, the talent score will not affect the outcome of the pageant. The time limit for talent is 2 minutes.

The contestants will learn an opening number and group cultural dance that will not be judged.

Rehearsals: Saturday, July 27th from 10:15-11:45 and Saturday August 3rd from 10:15-11:45.

Rehearsals will be held at the Warren Fred Astaire Dance Studio in the Elm Road Giant Eagle plaza. An onstage rehearsal will be held **Thursday August 8th at 10:30 am**. (Time subject to change pending weather)

The winners of both pageants are expected to assist with the Tiny King and Queen pageant on Saturday August 10th at 3:00 and to ride in the parade on Sunday the 11th. Please be prepared to provide your own vehicle for the parade.

Winners receive a crown and sash and cash prizes. Talent winners will receive a crown and sash.

The deadline to enter is July 10th, 2024. The contestant is considered registered for the pageant when their application, photo and non-refundable \$50 entry fee are received by the pageant chairperson. Checks are payable to the Warren Italian American Festival Committee. The \$50 fee includes the cost of your pageant t-shirt. Miss Italian/Jr. Miss Italian Pageant coordinator Amanda Beagle may be contacted via email at WIAFpageants@gmail.com.

WIAF Optional Talent Competition 2024

Contestants who participate in the Jr Miss and Miss Italian pageants are eligible to participate in our optional talent competition. This category garners its own prizes and does not affect the overall score for Jr Miss or Miss Italian.

Contestant Name: _____ Age: _____

Are you competing for Miss Italian or Jr Miss Italian. (circle one) Miss Junior

Type of Talent: _____

(Contestants are encouraged to be creative. Sing, dance, play an instrument, show us a picture you painted or a cake you baked. Read us a poem or do a monologue. You have 2 minutes to showcase your talents.)

Name of talent routine: _____

If you require background music, please email your music to wiafpageants@gmail.com no later than July 10th, 2024.

Parent Name: (if contestant is under 18) _____

Parent/guardian signature: _____ Date: _____