

**2026 WARREN ITALIAN AMERICAN FESTIVAL
MISS ITALIAN, JR. MISS ITALIAN and JR PRINCESS PAGEANTS**

The Warren Italian American Festival presents the **2026 Miss Italian, Jr. Miss Italian, and Jr Princess Pageant on Thursday, August 6th 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 and are different from previous years.

Our 2025 Titles and Age Groups:

Jr Princess - ages 8-11

Jr Miss Italian - ages 12-15

Miss Italian - ages 16 -19

*We must have at least 3 contestants in an age division to award a title. Pageant coordinators may make adjustments based on the age makeup of the applicants.

Categories of competition:

- Jr Princess will compete in formal wear and onstage 1 question.
- Jr Miss Italian will compete in formal wear and 2 onstage questions.
- Miss Italian will compete in formal wear and heritage speech (90 seconds).

Talent Showcase is an optional category. 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. There will be one Grand Talent Winner encompassing all ages 8-19. Subsequent awards will depend on the number of contestants who enter the talent competition.

Three Rehearsals: Sunday July 26th from 1:00- 2:30 and Sunday August 2nd from 1:00-2:30.

The rehearsal location for the Sunday rehearsals is TBD. An onstage rehearsal will be held **Thursday August 6th at 10:30 am.** (Time subject to change pending weather)

The winners of all three titles are expected to assist with the Tiny King and Queen pageant on Saturday August 8th at 3:00 and to ride in the parade on Sunday the 9th. Please be prepared to provide your own vehicle for the parade.

The deadline to enter is July 10th, 2026. The contestant is considered registered for the pageant when their application, photo AND non-refundable \$55 entry fee are received by the pageant chairperson. Checks are payable to the Warren Italian American Festival Committee. (Electronic payments are not available at this time.) The \$55 fee includes the cost of your pageant t-shirt. Miss Italian/Jr. Miss Italian/Jr Princess Pageant coordinators are Amanda Beagle and Natalie Suich and may be contacted via email at WIAFpageants@gmail.com.

WIAF Optional Talent Showcase 2026

Contestants who participate in the Jr Princess, 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 Princess, Jr Miss or Miss Italian. One Grand Talent Winner Will be awarded.

Contestant Name: _____ Age: _____

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, 2026.

Parent Name: (if contestant is under 18) _____

Parent/guardian signature: _____ Date: _____