2026 Selma Railroad Days Pageant

Presented by the Town of Selma

Saturday, September 26, 2026 at Selma Elementary Auditorium

APPLICATIONS DUE BY AUGUST 21, 2026

We are excited to announce for the second year in a row, there will be Baby and Wee Miss age divisions! The pageant will be split into two parts.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

We welcome contestants that are beginners to pageants. If requested, we can provide interview and modeling training.

Residence: Must reside within a 30-mile radius outside of Johnston County. Residence is defined as the primary address that you use to establish residency for your driver's license, automobile registration, tax filings, etc. Proof of Residency may be requested.

Personal Characteristics: Contestants must not be married nor have ever been married; must not be pregnant nor have ever been pregnant; must possess high moral standards. Social media posts as contestants and queens will be monitored to ensure you can represent Selma with the utmost integrity.

Duties: If selected to be on the court of the Selma Railroad Days Pageant, your actions and conduct will be representative of the integrity and esteem of the Town of Selma. You should acknowledge that you are an official representative of the Selma area and will be required to fulfill your list of duties presented to you upon obtaining your title. These duties consist of but are not limited to Selma Railroad Days Festival on October 2nd, the Selma Christmas Parade on December 1st, Santa Train on December 12th and various town council meetings, and the 2027 Selma Railroad Days Pageant.

COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS:

Opening Number: Contestants will be required to provide their own costume correlating to this year's pageant theme which will be presented later. Opening number is not judged.

Interview (NOT required for Baby, Wee, or Tiny Miss): Attire requirement is a dressy outfit of your choice. This phase of the competition will focus on the ability to speak confidently, conduct a focused conversation, and portray one's individual personality. Interviews will be held at Town Hall on September 26th starting at 2:00pm. Interview questions will pertain to information provided on your emcee sheet or age-appropriate questions. At the start of the interview, please stand, self-introduce, and then sit in front of the panel of judges. Contestant interviews will last 6 minutes.

Evening Gown: Attire requirement is a party dress or semi-glitz pageant dress or evening gown and should be age appropriate. We are looking for confidence, beauty, and poise on stage and a lot of fun! Baby, Wee, and Tiny Miss will compete in a short party/pageant dress and all other divisions will compete in a long evening gown.

Fun Fashion: Attire requirement is an outfit that shows your personal style: Fashionable Outfit, Pantsuit, Sundress, Cocktail, etc. (No hats, no jeans, no flip flops). This is an exciting and upbeat competition. It is important for one to have fun and show their true personality during this phase of the competition.

Talent (NOT required for Baby, Wee, or Tiny Miss): This phase of the competition not only entertains the audience but allows you to showcase your natural talent in a presentation no longer than 3 minutes. A piano is available with advance notice. Email the music to pageant@selma-nc.com by September 18th. Must be MP3 or M4A format.

OPTIONAL (ALL AGES, $10 fee to enter per photo) – Photogenic: All photogenic entries should be a headshot only (head or head & shoulders only), 8x10 or 8.5x11, and color or black & white. Photos are judged on overall personality, quality, and age appropriateness. If multiple photos are entered, the highest scoring photo will be submitted for the Photogenic category. One overall photogenic winner per pageant will be awarded. This optional category has no bearing on division winners. No full glitz photos are allowed. Light/minimal retouching is allowed. Due on September 25th at the dress rehearsal.

Age Divisions

(based on age as of the date of the pageant)

Baby Miss (12mo-2 years old)

Wee Miss (3-4 years old)

Tiny Miss (5-6 years old)

Little Miss (7-9 years old)

Junior Miss (10-12 years old)

Teen Miss (13-15 years old)

Miss (16-18 years old)

COMPETITION SCORING

Baby, Wee, and Tiny Miss

Party Dress – 60%
Fun Fashion – 40%

Little and Junior Miss

Evening Gown – 35%
Fun Fashion – 20%
Interview – 20%
Talent – 25%

Teen Miss

Evening Gown – 25%
Fun Fashion – 15%
Interview – 30%
Talent – 30%

Miss

Evening Gown – 20%
Fun Fashion – 15%
Interview – 35%
Talent – 30%

APPLICATION DEADLINE: AUGUST 21,2026

2026 Selma Railroad Days Pageant Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

City:_____ State:_____ Zip:_____

Telephone: _____Email:_____

Parents/Guardians: _____

Age: _____ Birthdate: _____ T-shirt size: _____

INDICATE PAGEANT TITLE COMPETING FOR: BABY MISS WEE MISS

TINY MISS LITTLE MISS JUNIOR MISS TEEN MISS MISS

Mail Application & $100.00 Fee:
Town of Selma
114 N. Raiford St.
Selma, NC 27576

OR

Email Application to:
pageant@selma-nc.com
Invoices will be sent electronically.

We follow the "first in, last out" rule. No door entries are accepted.

MEET & GREET – August 30, 2026 @ Jernigan Building, 110 East Anderson St., Selma at 3pm.

ALL OPENING NUMBER PRACTICES – SEPTEMBER 13 @ Selma Civic Center, 3pm. September 19 @ Selma Elementary School 10am. Mandatory attendance.

FINAL REHEARSAL - SEPTEMBER 25 @ Selma Elementary Auditorium 6pm located at 311 W Richardson Street, Selma. Be prepared to practice talent. Mandatory attendance.

INTERVIEWS - SEPTEMBER 26 @ The Selma Town Hall at 2pm located at 212 N Raiford St., Selma. Interviews will proceed in order by age division and contestant number.

I hereby acknowledge that I have read the official rules and regulations, that I am complying with them in every way, and that the personal data as set forth herein is correct. I understand that registration fees for the Selma Railroad Days Pageant are nonrefundable, and I agree to abide by all the rules of the pageant. Do not approach the judges at any time during the pageant. I further agree that the decisions of the judges are final. I understand that the pageant and members of the committee are not responsible for the loss or theft of items brought to the pageant or left behind after the pageant. Further, I release and agree to not hold the Town of Selma and its agents responsible for any claim arising out of injury resulting from the pageant and any activities associated with the pageant. No poor sportsmanship during any portion of the competitions. If this is witnessed, then you will be asked to leave immediately with no refund.

Photography Waiver: I grant the Town permission to use, for any legitimate reason, any photographs, motion picture, or recording of my participation in this activity.

Non-Discrimination Policy: The Town of Selma prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities based on race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, and marital or family status. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact the Town of Selma at (919) 965-9841.

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Contestant's Signature Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature Date

Additional Information

- Program Book/Social Media Photo due: **September 1** (Photo must be in color, high resolution, headshot only). The digital image must be emailed to pageant@selma-nc.com Subject Line: Railroad Days Pageant – Name of Contestant.
- Emcee form due: **September 17** (A google form will be emailed to you by September 1)
- Tickets will be sold electronically only and a link will be shared via email once sales open. Seats are first come, first serve. Tickets will be sold electronically in advance and at the door.
- There will only be **ONE** chaperone allowed in changing area with each contestant but no men will be permitted. This **DOES NOT** provide any chaperones with a seat in the audience. If a seat is needed, it must be purchased. The changing area is **VERY** limited. Please arrive at the pageant with hair and makeup ready for opening number.
- Copy of birth certificate to verify age must be available if needed.
- Score sheets will be given out after the pageant.
- Program Ad Sales information will be shared via email at the Meet and Greet.
- If crowned, winners will be required to pay **$50** fee for car magnets for parades. Please pay the Pageant Director after crowning as they will be ordered the next day.
- Winners should also be prepared to wear red, white, or royal blue/combination dress or long jumpsuit for the Selma Railroad Days Parade on Oct. 3rd. The Queens will be provided with a professional float.