

## **2026 LORAIN INTERNATIONAL PRINCESS**

### **OFFICIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. Entrant must be a resident of Lorain County (including the entire city of Vermilion) for one year.
2. Entrant must be 16 years old or have completed her junior year of high school by June 25, 2026. Participant may have to provide proof of transcript and/or report card at the discretion of the Princess Committee.
3. Entrant must be single, never married or divorced, never had a marriage annulled, never pregnant or an unwed mother, and not be age 25 or older as of June 25, 2026.
4. Entrant must not have a criminal record or have been convicted of any type of crime (excluding minor misdemeanor traffic violations).
5. Entrant may be proposed as princess for not more than two years. If elected Queen or Court, she is not eligible to return as a princess in future years.
6. Both new and returning Princesses are eligible to be chosen as Queen or court members.
7. Entrant must not participate in another pageant from March 1 to June 30, 2026. If elected to the court, the commitment is extended through June 30, 2027.
8. Entrant agrees to abide by all the rules currently in effect or as announced hereafter by the Princess Committee. Final acceptance of entrants is at the discretion of the Princess Committee.
9. If entrant decides to withdraw as a Princess after March 14, 2026, she must return all items given to her by the Princess Committee, including but not limited to shirt, sash, pins.
10. Each princess is required to have a nonprofit sponsor. Cost to the sponsor is \$75.00 per princess and is due at or before the orientation on Saturday, March 14, 2026.
  - a) If the girl chooses not to continue as a princess within 3 days after the Orientation meeting, the LIA will return the sponsor fee directly to the sponsor. After the third day, no sponsor fee will be returned because the funds have been spent to purchase the sash, shirt, etc. It then becomes the family's responsibility to reimburse the sponsor.
11. Entrant's ethnic outfit must be ready by April 24, 2026.
12. Each princess will be required to attend, in ethnic outfit, the following activities: Princess Reception, all pageant rehearsals, International Breakfast, Outdoor Concert, Sacred Music Night, Pageant, Festival and Bazaar Opening Ceremony, daily appearances during the Festival and Bazaar, Parade, and a majority of the outside activities before and after the pageant.
13. Each princess and her parents/family/guardians MUST present the LIA in the very best possible light at all times. Being a LIA princess is a privilege bestowed by the LIA. The LIA reserves the right to discipline or expel any princess if she or her parents/family/guardians act

in a divisive or negative manner or if their words or actions damage or undermine the LIA and its reputation in any way. The decision to discipline or dismiss a princess will be final.

14. Entrant agrees that the time, manner, and method of judging shall be solely within the discretion of the Princess Committee. The decision will be final. Judges are professional members of the All American Judges Association and are secured from outside the Lorain County area. Scores will remain the property of LIA, and no scores will be shared with the entrant, their families, sponsors, or other community members.
15. Entrant agrees that if she is selected as Queen or Court, she will not sign a management contract with any written or verbal endorsement of any mercantile commodity or commercial organization, nor will she permit any photographs to be used in connection with any advertised commodity or service not associated with this contest without the written permission of the Princess Committee. If all obligations of the Queen and/or Court members are not met, each will be subject to loss of prize and scholarship monies, crown, sash, jewelry, and title.
16. Queen and members of the Court must each participate in a minimum of **TEN** Ohio Festival and Events Association (OFEA) parades as prescribed by the Princess Committee in order to receive scholarships and awards (including sash, crown, jewelry, cash prize, and title).
17. Queen and Court and their parents/guardians will sign an agreement outlining duties/requirements of the awarded positions and the expected conduct and demeanor of the girls and their families. Failure to comply with the agreement may result in disciplinary action up to and including forfeiture of awards (cash and scholarship), titles, crowns, sashes, jewelry and/or opportunities.
18. If the Queen cannot attend a majority of functions (as designated by the Princess Committee) from June 25, 2026, through June 30, 2027, the title, crown, sash, cash award, scholarship and jewelry will be passed on to the 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-up. The 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-up must relinquish all awards received as 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-up when accepting the role of Queen. The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Runners-up will remain status quo.
19. Prize money and scholarship awards will be at the discretion of the Princess Committee.
20. All scholarships will be awarded to winners after the next quarter/semester at college (or other post-secondary educational institution) that occurs after completion of the year-long reign. A copy of the completed quarter/semester's transcripts and registration for the next term must be submitted to the Princess Committee Chairperson in order for the scholarships to be awarded. The scholarship must be used within one year of the completion of high school, vocational school, or the year-long reign, whichever is latest. Failure to request the scholarship within one year of the completion of high school, vocational school, or the year-long reign, whichever is latest, will result in the forfeiture of the scholarship. After that one year time period the scholarship will not be issued.
21. Scholarships are awarded from First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Lorain. Scholarship and prize amounts will be announced at a later date.