



# Raylrode Daze Festival Established 1969

P.O. Box 158, Branchville SC 29432

April, 2023

Hello Raylrode Daze Contestants:

Thank you for your interest in the upcoming 2023 Raylrode Daze Pageant! The pageant will be held on Sunday, May 21st at 3:00 PM at Branch Junction. The pageant is held on an outside stage. Spectators are encouraged to bring chairs.

Enclosed is the application, rules and regulations sheet, and general information on the pageant. Please complete the attached application, sign the regulation form, and return both with your entry fee. Early Bird Applications are accepted through May 8th at the reduced rate of \$25.00, as of May 9th, the fee will increase to \$30.00.

Refunds will not be issued if you withdraw from the pageant after May 12. Deadline for entry is May 19<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. We will not be responsible for applications not received or lost in the mail. Applications can be mailed or turned in at the following locations:

Jan Wright 4669 Bowman Branch Hwy, Branchville, SC 29432

Farmers and Merchants Bank in Branchville, Tom Jennings

Branchville HS library to Mrs. Boan.

Rehearsal is scheduled for Saturday, May 20th from 1-3 pm. Branch Junction is also available for practice the morning of the pageant or any time during daylight hours. Numbered X's will be placed on stage for each spot to stop/turn. The stage area will be set up in a standard "T" formation. Pageant participant numbers will be handed out prior to start of pageant.

There will be a fundraiser ham dinner for pickup at Branch Junction from 11:00am-2pm before the pageant. Tickets are available for \$10/ plate in advance. There will also be a bake sale and drinks for purchase.

Thank you,

Pageant Committee: Carrie Johnson & Jan Wright

**Age Groups:**

**You will be placed in the category of your age as of May 1, 2023.**

<b>Ages 1-3</b>	<b>Tiny Miss Raylrode Daze</b>
<b>Ages 4-6</b>	<b>Little Miss Raylrode Daze</b>
<b>Ages 7-9</b>	<b>Young Miss Raylrode Daze</b>
<b>Ages 10-12</b>	<b>Junior Miss Raylrode Daze</b>
<b>Ages 13-15</b>	<b>Teen Miss Raylrode Daze</b>
<b>Ages 16-19</b>	<b>Miss Raylrode Daze</b>

**The pageant committee reserves the right to combine and/or delete age groups based on participation.**

**Attire:**

We are having a natural pageant. Dressy sportswear or casual dresses such as sundresses, church dresses, jumpsuits, or pant suits. Clothing must be age appropriate, no sequins, glitzy or pageant dresses. No jeans, shorts, or costumes. No hairpieces. Contestants should model age-appropriate hair, clothing, and makeup. Points will be deducted if you do not follow these rules.

**Awards:**

There will be awards for the winner, first and second runner-up if more than four contestants in each age division. Winners in each age group will receive a crown, medal, banner, and crown pin as well as be featured in the Raylrode Daze Program book.

**Scoring:**

Judges will be scoring based on poise and modeling ability, eye contact, age-appropriate dress/attire, natural beauty, smile, and stage presence. **Judges score sheets WILL NOT be shared with anyone.** Judges will deduct points for inappropriate attire and/or inability to follow attire guidelines.

**After the Pageant:**

Queens and runner ups need to remain for pictures to be taken following the pageant. Please be sure and keep a copy of the requirements for future reference throughout the year.

If a queen does not fulfill duties as outlined in regulations or does not maintain good character and behavior, the crown may be given to the 1st runner up, no exceptions.

# 2023 Miss Raylrode Daze Pageant

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City/State Zip

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
home cell

Age as of May 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Current school grade: \_\_\_\_\_

School attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents: \_\_\_\_\_

Names and Ages of Siblings: \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_

Scholastic Achievements: \_\_\_\_\_

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Favorite Thing about Raylrode Daze \_\_\_\_\_

Career Aspiration \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Movie or TV show \_\_\_\_\_

Sports and/or Extracurricular activities \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of parent or legal guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2023 Raylrode Daze Pageant Requirements

1. I currently live in the county of **Orangeburg, Dorchester, Colleton, or Bamberg.**  
Circle county
2. If chosen as queen, I will dress in an appropriate manner representing the Town of Branchville at the parade and all festivities related to RR Daze. I will not wear cut-offs, outfits exposing my mid-section. Any shorts, skirts or dresses will be at least past middle finger length.
3. If chosen as queen, I will attend to Raylrode Daze Festival events including kick-off Sunday (Sept 17), Friday opening ceremony (September 22 at 12 noon). I will give a short speech welcoming guests to the festival at the opening ceremony while wearing a casual dress with my banner and crown.
4. If chosen as queen, I will attend and assist coordinators with events during the festival September 22-23 dressing in appropriate sportswear/ casual dress while always wearing my crown and banner and behaving in a manner appropriate for a town representative.
5. If chosen as queen, I understand that I am **required** to ride in the annual Raylrode Daze Festival Parade the morning of Saturday, Sept 23 wearing casual dressy attire including my crown and banner. A parent or responsible adult may accompany the Tiny Miss on the float during the parade. I will also ride in the Branchville Christmas parade on the Cal Smoak Special wearing appropriate dress. I may bring candy to toss during the parades if I desire.
6. I understand that should I choose not to fulfill any of my duties, my title including crown and banner will be given to my 1<sup>st</sup> runner up for representation during the festival and thereafter. I understand that I will not be allowed to compete in the next age category.
7. As Queen, I will provide a bio for the festival program book before June 1<sup>st</sup>. This can be emailed to [carriej658@gmail.com](mailto:carriej658@gmail.com) or [readnwright.jan@gmail.com](mailto:readnwright.jan@gmail.com)
8. If chosen as queen, I understand that I will crown my successor as well as help with the pageant the following year. I will not be allowed to compete in the pageant if I am a reigning queen even in another age category.
9. As a participant or Queen, I agree to hold harmless the Raylrode Daze Festival, Board, and volunteers from damages through loss, theft, or injury caused by or during participation in the pageant or pageant related events.

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Signature of Parent/ Legal Guardian

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Signature of participant