



Raylrode Daze Festival

2025

Established 1969

The 2025 Miss Raylrode Daze pageant will be held on Saturday, May 17 at 5:00 PM at the Branchville Christian Church gym on Freedom Road in Branchville. Contestants and one chaperone will be allowed backstage to prepare for the pageant before and during the contest. The pageant is open to girls from the following counties: Bamberg, Calhoun, Colleton, Dorchester, and Orangeburg. The age divisions are as follows:

Ages 1-3

Tiny Miss Raylrode Daze

Ages 4-6

Little Miss Raylrode Daze

Ages 7-9

Young Miss Raylrode Daze

Ages 10-12

Junior Miss Raylrode Daze

Ages 13-15

Teen Miss Raylrode Daze

Ages 16-19

Miss Raylrode Daze

*You will be placed in the category determined by age as of May 17, 2025.
The coordinator reserves the right to combine age groups based on participation, as necessary.*

Attire:

We are having a true pageant this year with pageant dress. Pageant dresses should be age appropriate. Ages 1-9 will wear short pageant dresses and ages 10-19 will wear formal dresses. No hairpieces, this is not a “glitz” pageant. *Contestants should model age-appropriate hair, dress, and makeup. Points will be deducted if you do not follow these rules.*

Scoring:

Judges will be scoring based on poise and modeling ability, eye contact, age-appropriate dress, natural beauty, smile, and stage presence and/or speaking ability. Teen and Miss contestants will also have an on-stage question to answer which they will randomly select from a bowl. Judges score sheets WILL NOT be shared with anyone.

Awards:

There will be awards for the winner, first and second runner-up (if more than four contestants) in each age division. The winners in each age group will receive a crown, medal, sash, and crown pin as well as be featured in the Raylrode Daze Program book. Winners will represent the festival in Raylrode Parade and be honored/ introduced multiple times throughout festival. The runners-up will receive a medal. Queens and runner ups need to remain for pictures to be taken following the pageant.

Photogenic:

There will be an optional photogenic competition with 1 photogenic award per age group. Entry fee for photogenic is an additional \$10 per photo. Contestants may enter multiple photos. Photos will be

judged on overall photogenic appeal, age appropriateness, and picture quality. Photo must be turned in by 3pm day of the pageant for judging and will be returned following the pageant.

Beauty Entry Fees:

The pageant entry fee is \$45. Each additional contestant from the same family will receive a \$10 deduction in entry fee. (For example, your first daughter is \$45, and your second daughter can enter for \$35. Entry deadline is Tuesday, May 13, 2025. Contestants may secure a sponsor to pay for their pageant fees or expenses. Sponsors will be announced during the pageant and will appear in the Raylrode Book for winners. Sponsors may be individuals or businesses. **The pageant is not responsible for applications delayed or lost in the mail.** There will be a \$2 entrance fee at gym door for spectators with free entry for age 6 and under.

Attached 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 fees.

Applications and fees can be mailed to Jan Wright 515 Cattle Creek Road, Rowesville, SC 29133 or emailed/ scanned to readnwright.jan@gmail.com Payment can be made using the following link or QR code to festival. <https://square.link/u/Uh0Ic61R>



Applications and fees may be dropped off in person at Farmers and Merchants Bank in Branchville or at Branchville HS to Laura Lytle.

Rehearsal is scheduled for the day of the pageant from 1-3 pm. Numbers 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 the start of pageant and should be attached to the right hip area. Several former queens and current Miss SC contestants will be on hand during practice and prior to pageant to assist contestants with modeling.

Teen and Miss contestants only: There will be an opening number involving Teen and Miss contestants. Practice for opening number will be Friday, May 16 at 6 pm at Branchville Christian Church. Dress for the opening number will consist of jean bottoms of your choice (no skimpy shorts, please), white shirt, boots or shoes of your choice, and a bandana.

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 at discretion of Raylrode Daze Board, no exceptions.

2025 Miss Raylrode Daze Pageant

Please make sure your application is completed in blue or black ink and is legible. This information will be used to introduce your daughter to the stage during the pageant and write-up for the festival program book

Full Name _____
 First Middle Last

Address: _____
 Street City/State Zip

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Sponsor: _____

Age as of May 17, 2025 _____ Current school grade: _____

School attending: _____

Parents: _____

Favorite subject in school: _____

Hobbies: _____

Scholastic Achievements: _____

Favorite Thing about Raylrode Daze _____

Career Aspiration _____

Sports and/or Extracurricular activities _____

Favorite movie or TV show: _____

2025 Raylrode Daze Pageant Requirements

1. I currently live in the county of **Orangeburg, Dorchester, Colleton, Calhoun, or Bamberg.** (Circle your 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-off shorts or outfits exposing my mid-section. Any shorts, skirts or dresses will be at least past my middle finger length.**
3. If chosen as queen, I will attend to Raylrode Daze Festival events including kick-off Sunday (Sept 21), Friday opening ceremony (September 26 at **12 noon**). I will give a short speech welcoming guests to the festival at the opening ceremony while wearing an appropriate **dress** with my sash and crown.
4. If chosen as queen, I will attend and assist coordinators with events during the festival September 26-27 dressing in my RR Daze t-shirt (to be provided) and appropriate shorts/ jeans and or appropriate dress while always wearing my crown and sash 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 27. Dress to be decided at a later date. 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 sash must be returned and will be given to my 1st 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. 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.
8. 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.

Signature of Parent/ Legal Guardian

Signature of participant