

Little Miss Plant City Contest
Sponsored by
Plant City Junior Woman's Club
Rules and Regulations

- a. Contestants must be 8 to 10 years of age on February 1, 2022.
- b. Contestants' domicile must be within the boundaries as printed below. In the event that Little Miss Plant City should move from the designated area during her reign, her position will be forfeited (this does not include court members).
- c. Contestants will furnish their own apparel, a party dress, or a church dress. We encourage contestants to bring shoes for dress rehearsal for extra practice.
- d. Current contest or pageant titleholders from Hillsborough County are not eligible to compete for Little Miss Plant City.
- e. Previous Little Miss Plant City titleholders, first maids and court members are not eligible to compete.
- f. Parents and guests will not be permitted backstage the night of the contest or dress rehearsal under any circumstances.
- g. All contestants must be backstage, dressed and ready for the contest and prejudging/interview at **4:00 PM**. Drop off will begin at 3:30pm. There will be someone outside of the school to intercept your child and direct them to where they need to go. Parents are NOT permitted to enter the school when dropping off your child for any reason. **Contestants will be disqualified from the contest if she is not backstage by 4:00 PM ready for the event.**
- h. No member of the GFWC Plant City Junior Woman's Club with a family member in the contest can be involved in any part of the planning of the contest.

Boundaries for the "Little Miss Plant City" contest

NORTH: Beginning at the extension of McIntosh Road, go east along Pasco County line to the Polk County line.

EAST: South on the Polk County line to State Road 672.

SOUTH: State Road 672 to Balm Boyette Road.

WEST: North to Balm Boyette Road to Boyette Road East, and then North on Boyette Road to Lithia Pinecrest Road. Northwest on Lithia Pinecrest Road to SCL Railroad. North on Railroad to Alafia River. East on Alafia River to Turkey Creek Road to Highway 60. West on Highway 60 to South Dover Road. North on South Dover Road to Sydney Road. West on Sydney Road to McIntosh Road. North on McIntosh Road to Pasco County line.

Important information and dates to remember

****LMPC is a fundraiser. Money raised benefits our Annual Shoe Project. ****

Registration: ****ONLINE REGISTRATION ONLY**** Wednesday, January 22, 2022. Registration application found at GFWCPLANTCITYJUNIORS.COM under the LMPC tab. Registration fee is \$60.00 per contestant. There is a \$3 fee for using PayPal. Contestant applications will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis and will be limited to 50 contestants. We will offer a wait list, should there be a need for one. Contestants will be moved from the waitlist to contest should a contestant drop out or is unable to complete the required first meeting.

Workshop (Mandatory): The workshop will take place Thursday, March 29th, 2022 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at First United Methodist Church, located at 303 N. Evers Street, Plant City, FL 33563. Contestants must attend the workshop. Failure to attend the workshop is cause for elimination from the contest. If for any reason you cannot attend, you must contact the LMPC Chair prior to the workshop date to be excused. Pictures will be taken at the workshop for the program. Please have your child wear a **solid color** shirt of the parent and/or contestant's choice. This picture will be taken at the workshop by a photographer provided by the GFWC PCJWC and used in the program as a "head shot" of the contestant.

Sponsorships: In efforts to raise funds for our Annual Shoe Project, contestants Contestants will need to attain at least \$100 worth of ads. You may go to local businesses, as well as friends and family.

Sponsorships are available for the following prices:

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| 1. Full page color advertisement / B&W | \$300 / \$200 |
| 2. Half page color advertisement / B&W | \$200 / \$150 |
| 3. Quarter page color advertisement / B&W | \$150 / \$75 |
| 4. Business card color advertisement / B&W | \$75 / \$25 |

"Love Notes" will also be available for purchase BEFORE the workshop for \$10.00 each (PayPal). **They are limited to ten words and a picture may not be included.** All monies for sponsorships and advertisements, including the "Love Notes" are due April 1, 2022. Information on ad size and dimensions will be emailed to parents when the confirmation email has been sent (Feb. 19). **Money for advertisement and sponsorships are non-refundable.**

Tickets: Tickets will be \$10.00 each (cash or PayPal). Tickets will be pre-sold during the workshop. Tickets purchased the day of the event will be \$15.00 each.

Tickets the night of the event will go on sale at 5:00 PM. Doors to the auditorium will open at 5:30 p.m.

Programs: Programs will be pre-sold at the workshop for \$12.00 each (cash or PayPal only). After workshop programs will be \$18.00.

Dress Rehearsal: The dress rehearsal will take place on Friday, April 29, 2022 at 6:00 PM at the Plant City High School Auditorium. **PLEASE BE PROMPT.** Rehearsal is mandatory for all contestants, **NO EXCEPTIONS.** Failure to attend will result in elimination from the contest. Please allow your child to wear comfortable clothing. We do encourage contestants to bring the shoes they plan to wear for the contest to practice on stage. We will be going through all routines on stage at rehearsal. Parents are invited to stay and watch the rehearsal. We have limited time to rehearse and will start on time. **DON'T BE LATE.**

Contest: The Little Miss Plant City contest will be held Saturday, April 30, 2022 at 6:00 PM. **All contestants must be dropped off backstage at 4:00 PM dressed and ready for pre-judging.** A late arrival will result in elimination from the contest. The backstage area will be closed to everyone except contestants, contest directors and committee members. GFWC Plant City Junior Woman's Club members with a family member participating will not be allowed backstage. Contestants will be allowed to bring in a small zip-lock bag with their belongings (lip-gloss, bobby pins, small snacks like pretzels, and a small water bottle) with them backstage. **NO CANDY, GUM OR COLORED DRINKS ARE PERMITTED.** GFWC PCJWC will not be responsible for the return of any items. **NO** cell phones or electronics, such as tablets are permitted backstage. If your child brings either of these items they will be confiscated and returned after the contest.

Judging Procedure: A Little Miss Plant City committee team will secure five (5) judges for the evening of the contest. All contestants will be judged on Personality, Appearance, and Stage Presence. Top 10 will then be judged on Public Speaking, via the Question provided at Workshop. The question portion is timed; each contestant will have 30 seconds to answer the question provided. A tenth of a point will be deducted per second over the allotted 30. Personality is based on pre-judging during the interview backstage. This is **NOT** a beauty pageant. Judges' score sheets will not be discussed or reviewed by contestants, contestant's parents or committee members. Our CPA will tally the score sheets backstage in a private room. Judges' decisions will be final and score sheets will be destroyed. In the event of a tie for top 10, the personality score will be used to determine the winner. In the event of a tie determining court position, the stage presence score will be used to determine the Court Member positions.

Concessions: We will have refreshments, as well as fresh flowers available for purchase during the intermission outside by the ticket booth. All concessions will be **cash only**.

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us by email at plantcitylmpc@gmail.com. We will get back to you as soon as we can.

Thank you,
Betty Medina and Gina Clark
LMPC Co-Chairs