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**Nineteen young women hope to be new National Sweetheart**

Nineteen young women have converged on Hoopeston for the chance to be named Miss National Sweetheart.

Each contestant - all affiliated with their state Miss Volunteer America Pageant - hope to win the coveted crown during the National Sweetheart Pageant September 2-3. This year's contestants are:

**ALABAMA:** Emily O'Rear, 25, of Birmingham. As her talent, she will dance to "This Will Be" by Natalie Cole. O'Rear attended Mississippi State and her volunteer cause is "Heart for the Arts."

**ALASKA:** As her talent, 19-year-old Crimzine Miller will sing the ABBA hit, "The Winner Takes It

All." Miller, is from Anchorage, and attends UAA Anchorage. Her cause is Suicide Prevention Awareness.

**CALIFORNIA:** Jireh Gerry, 23, of Hollywood, will sing "Rise Up" as her talent, originally done by Andra Day. She attends Biola University and her cause is "Stay Gorgeous Girls."

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA:** Kendall Danielle Martin, 22, of Washington, D.C., will perform the spoken word, "What Is A Woman," by various artists. Her cause is Learning Ability and she attends Johns Hopkins University.

**GEORGIA:** Catherine Leigh Slavich, 18, of Lanett, Ala., will perform the vocal, "La Vie en Rose" the signature song of French singer Edith Piaf. Slavich attends Auburn University and her cause is Heart Health.

**HAWAII:** Haley Fleming, 19, will play Mozart's "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik" on the violin as her talent. The Waipahu resident attends the University of Hawaii - Manoa, and her cause is "To The Next Generation."

**INDIANA:** Dyna Kristine Martinez, 26, of Indianapolis, will perform the operatic vocal, "Nessum Dorma," composed by Luciano Pavarotti, as her talent. Her cause is "Defy The Odds," and she attends Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis.

**KANSAS:** Olivia Pikul, 24, of Overland Park, attends Rockhurst University. Her cause is "Open Your Heart: Advocating for Homeless and At-Risk Youth." She will perform the spoken word "Hope," composed by Simon Folwar.

**KENTUCKY:** Maelyn Rease Porter Presley Jones, 20, of Fulton, will perform the vocal, "The House of the Rising Sun," made famous by The Animals. She attends the University of Tennessee at Martin and her cause is "Pain Into Purpose."

**MISSOURI:** Shaelyn Mae Matkins, 27, of Over-

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**Saturday, Sept. 2**  
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**Thursday, Aug. 31**

5 p.m. Gates open (\$3 Admission)  
Vendor Area & Midway Open  
5 - 10 p.m. Ride Special - Bracelet Night  
6:30 - 9 p.m. Bingo (Jaycees Shelter)  
6:30 - 9 p.m. Souvenir Sales (Jaycees Shelter)  
11 p.m. Midway & Vendor areas close

**Friday, Sept. 1**

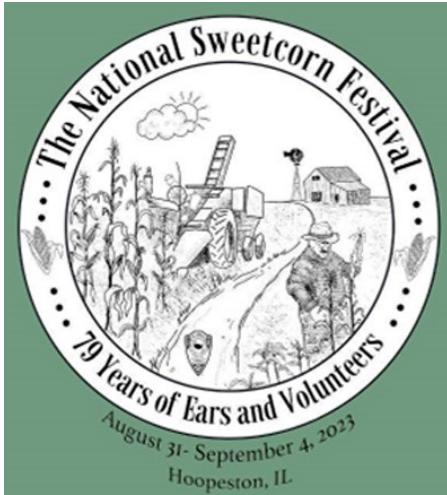
5 p.m. Gates open (\$3 Admission)  
Vendor Area & Midway Opens  
5 - 10 p.m. Ride Special - Bracelet Night  
6 p.m. Grandstand, Beer Tent open  
7:30 p.m. - Michael Ray concert with Beyond Carolina (Annex)  
11 p.m. Midway & Vendor Areas close

**Saturday, Sept. 2**

6 a.m. Flea Market opens  
6:30 - 7:30 a.m. Bill Orr Memorial 5K Registration (Sculpt Fitness - Downtown)  
7:30 a.m. 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk (Sculpt Fitness)  
8 a.m. Bill Orr Memorial 5K (Sculpt Fitness)  
8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Car Show Registration (southeast corner McFerren Park)  
8:45 a.m. Little Corn Eaters Fun Run (Sculpt Fitness)  
9 a.m. Gates open (\$3 Admission)  
10:30 a.m. Grand Parade (Downtown)  
12 p.m. Midway, Vendor & Food areas open  
Ride Special - Bracelet  
12:30 - 2 p.m. Jaycees Playlist (Center Stage)  
12:30 - 5 p.m. Souvenir Sales (Center Stage)  
1:30 - 5 p.m. **FREE SWEETCORN**  
2 - 5 p.m. Captain Rat and the Blind Rivets (Center Stage)  
3 p.m. Car Show Awards Presented (southeast corner)  
Grandstand Opens Beer Tent Opens (Annex)  
5 p.m. Demolition Derby I  
Classes: Vans & Compact Figure 8, Wire Trucks, Sweetcorn  
Shootout Drag Races, Gut 'N Go Compacts  
6:30 p.m. National Sweetheart Pageant Preliminary (Civic Center)  
11 p.m. Midway, Vendor Area & Beer Tent close

**Sunday, Sept. 3**

8 am Flea Market opens  
9 am Gates open (\$3 Admission)  
11 am Children's Fishing Derby Registration (Crabtree Shelter)



12 p.m. Midway, Vendor areas open  
Ride Special - Bracelet  
12 p.m. Children's Fishing Derby (Lagoon)  
12 - 4:00 p.m. **FREE SWEETCORN**  
12- 5 p.m. Souvenir Sales (Center Stage)  
12:30 - 2 p.m. A Natural High (Center Stage)  
2 p.m. Pony Tail Contest (Center Stage)  
2:30 p.m. Kids' Pie Eating Contest (Center Stage)  
3 p.m. Grandstand, Beer Tent open (Annex)  
3 - 5 p.m. Hannah Rose & The Sweet Nothings (Center Stage)

5 p.m. Demolition Derby II  
Classes: Limited Weld Full Size,  
Limited Weld 110 FWD Compacts,  
Vans, 80s Wire Bonestock  
6:30 p.m. National Sweetheart Pageant Finals (Civic Center)  
9 p.m. National Sweetheart Pageant Reception (Civic Center)  
11 p.m. Midway, Vendor Area, Beer Tent close

**Monday, Sept. 5**

8 a.m. Flea Market opens  
9 a.m. Gates Open (\$3 Admission)  
Vendor, Food Areas Open  
9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Cream of the Crop Pretty Baby Contest Registration (Civic Center)  
10:30 a.m. Cream of the Crop Pretty Baby Contest (Civic Center)  
12 p.m. Midway Opens  
Ride Special - Bracelet  
12 - 1:30 p.m. Lee Anna Atwell (Center Stage)  
12 - 4 p.m. **FREE SWEETCORN**  
Souvenir Sales (Center Stage)  
12:30-1 p.m. Play 'N' Hooky Pedal Tractor Pull registration (Tennis Court)  
1 p.m. Play 'N' Hooky Pedal Tractor Pull (Tennis Court)  
2-4 p.m. Chicken Nugget Conspiracy (Center Stage)  
2:30 - 4:30 p.m. Bingo (Jaycees Shelter)  
9 p.m. Midway closes  
Vendor Area closes

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**Sweetheart continued from other side**

land, Mo., attended Avila University. As her talent, she will perform the vocal, "How Great Thou Art," originally performed by Carrie Underwood. Her cause is "Mirror Image."

**NORTH CAROLINA:** Sarah Beth Howard, 21, of Wilmington, NC, has chosen "Before It Starts: Natural Disaster Preparedness," as her cause. She attends the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill and will perform the semi-classical vocal, "Phantom of the Opera," composed by Andrew Lloyd Webber.

**OHIO:** Jacinda Alexis Gonzalez, 26, of Columbus, Ohio, will perform the vocal, "Over and Done - Schmigadoon" by Ariana DeBose. She attended the University of Kentucky and her cause is "The Magic of Now: The Power Within You."

**OREGON:** Payton Paula Idrogo, 21, of Klamath Falls, Ore. She attended the Oregon Institute of Technology and her cause is "Donate Life." As her talent, she will perform a jazz dance to "Higher Love" by the artists Whitney Houston and Kygo.

**RHODE ISLAND:** Caroline Shea, 21, of Avon-by-the-Sea, NJ. She will perform a musical theater pom dance to "What You Want," from "Legally Blond The Musical. She attends Johnson and Wales University - Providence and her cause is "Advocating for those with Mental Illness."

**TENNESSEE:** Miura Rempis, 24, of Nashville, Tenn., who will perform the vocal, "Never Enough," done by Lored Allred. She attends Middle Tennessee State University and her cause is "The Power of Civic Engagement."

**TEXAS:** Mary Kathryn France, 20, of Sarasota, TX. Her cause is "Royalty for Reading," and her talent will be the vocal, "On My Own," composed by Samantha Barks (Les Mis Movie Production). She attends Southern Methodist University.

**UTAH:** Rian May Haslam, 24, of Herriman, UT. She will present a monologue, "Tenacity," from Rise Up to the Challenge, which she composed. She attends Weber State University and her cause is "Serving Our Seniors."

**WASHINGTON:** Aly Welch, 26, of Pullman,

**Weather**

Sunny today. High 78. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 54. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 85, low 61.

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WA. The Arizona State University alumna will perform the vocal, "When Will I Be Loved," by Linda Ronstadt.

**WISCONSIN:** Emily Phillips, 24, of Sparta, WI, will perform a jazz dance to Tina Turner's "Proud Mary," as her talent. The Western Technical College student has as her cause, Mental Illness Awareness."

**Estate Sale of Darlene and Barney Hedgecock**  
**September 2, 2023 at 8 a.m.**  
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**Classifieds**

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