



Miss Wabasha

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



The Miss Wabasha Scholarship Program Committee is looking for the new Miss Wabasha Royalty for 2026-2027. The committee is inviting individuals entering 9-12 grades in the fall of 2026. To be eligible contestants must have a Wabasha address or their parents must be members of the Wabasha-Kellogg Chamber of Commerce. The candidates will be judged on a short essay, academic achievements, community involvement/extracurricular activities and an interview. Read on for more details.

Why would you want to be Miss Wabasha?

You gaining the title of “Miss Wabasha” offers a wonderful opportunity to build your resume for future entrance into a college or a job. This title means you have been chosen because you are an asset to our community; you have proven yourself to be a leader and an outstanding citizen. You will also have the opportunity to meet new friends and enjoy new experiences and scholarships for your future.

What does Miss Wabasha get to do?

As your new reign as Miss Wabasha Royalty, you will appear in the Riverboat Days parade on July 25, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. (unless you are on the W-K school trip) and be an ambassador to Wabasha at other parades and events in our area and attend Chamber sponsored events.

OK, OK I’m interested. Now what?

First, you will need a sponsor. The sponsor pays the \$200 entry fee.

Second, you must fill out an application form and write an essay about a selected topic. You can pick an application up at the Chamber office or print one off the Riverboat Days website www.wabashamn.org/riverboat-days.

Third, return your application and money to the Chamber office by Sunday, June 7, 2026. You can return it by mail or dropping it off to:

PO Box 105, Wabasha, MN 55981

How is Miss Wabasha chosen?

The Miss Wabasha Scholarship Program represents community involvement and leadership. The winner is chosen based upon on your academics, extracurricular activities/community involvement, an interview, *and a short essay of 200-300 words describing a local issue, community need, or opportunity you believe could make Wabasha even better. Your essay should share your ideas for how you would help strengthen our community.* A panel of judges will review all participant applications and essays; they will conduct one-on-one interviews and choose the royalty. Miss Congeniality will be voted on by the other contestants.

How are the essays judged?

Essays will be judged based upon originality, grammar, punctuation, organization, flow and content.

When is the deadline to enter?

Sunday, June 7, 2026

When is Miss Wabasha chosen?

All participants will be interviewed by a panel of judges on Friday, July 10, 2026 during the Queens Luncheon. The participants, their families, and their sponsors are all invited. Contestants will have a break to prepare for the coronation at 6:00 pm at the Riverfront Amphitheater. After coronation the new royalty and contestants will participate in a photo shoot.

Important details you and your parents might want to know- at a glance:

- ❑ Deadline for applications and essays is **Sunday, June 7, 2026**. Applications are at the Chamber website or chamber office. The application, essay and \$200 sponsorship must be turned in by the deadline to be eligible.
- ❑ The Contestants must be available on **Sunday, June 21, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.** for contestant and parent meeting. We will also be doing our group photo at this time.
- ❑ The contestant must be available on **Friday, July 10, 2026 and (if they are not on the W-K School trip) Saturday, July 25, 2026** all day. These dates include interviews, luncheon, coronation and photo shoot. as well as the Riverboat Days Activities: The Queen's Tea, the Miss Minnesota Meet & Greet, and the Riverboat Days parade.
- ❑ If crowned Miss Wabasha, you must commit to 3 parades and 3 chamber events during your one year reign. The families of the royalty are responsible for getting the royalty and the float to the parades. The Chamber will help you register for the parades.
- ❑ The contestant will need a formal dress for coronation. Remember, you do not have to buy a new one; it can be used, borrowed, etc.
- ❑ Attire for interviews is business casual but select an outfit that represents YOU (the contestant).

Contact the Chamber of Commerce at 651.565.4158 if you have any questions. The website for the application is www.wabashamn.org/riverboat-days or you may pick one up at the Chamber office.

