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Mila Gelbart Crowned International Junior Miss Jr. Teen 2025-2026

Mila Gelbart of Oakwood, Ohio, has been crowned the International Junior Miss (IJM) Jr. Teen International Queen, earning one of the most distinguished titles in the global IJM system. Representing her home state of Ohio, Mila brings warmth, talent, cultural curiosity, and a passion for community impact into her year as an international titleholder. Supported by her parents, Michael and Wincha Gelbart, she proudly steps onto the international stage as a young woman dedicated to serving others and inspiring girls around the world.

Mila is a 10th-grade student at Oakwood High School, a public school in Oakwood, Ohio, where she balances academics with a love for the arts and athletics. She leads two powerful service initiatives: Melodies for Memories, where she performs classic and seasonal songs at senior centers to spark joy and connection between generations; and Beyond Borders, a social media series exploring cultures from around the world to encourage global curiosity and understanding. Through these projects, Mila uses music and storytelling to bring people together, locally and globally.

As an international queen, Mila has ambitious goals for her year of service. She hopes to connect with girls across the country through service projects, travel, and shared musical moments - whether through casual sing-alongs or spontaneous open-mic opportunities. She wants every girl she meets to feel comfortable being herself. Mila chose International Junior Miss because it celebrates authenticity, valuing real connections over perfection. She appreciates that IJM encourages young women to show up as themselves, not a rehearsed version of who they think they should be. She also loves the system's fashion-forward style and international reach, both of which have strengthened her stage presence and modeling skills.

Her advice to someone considering competing: Take the step and go for it. She believes pageantry is about stretching beyond your comfort zone and discovering how capable you truly are. Mila recommends not stressing over small details, getting your outfits tailored, and choosing shoes you feel confident walking in, because confidence begins with comfort.

About International Junior Miss (IJM)

International Junior Miss is a premier global pageant organization proudly celebrating 18 years of empowering young women worldwide. IJM is known for its fashion-forward approach, emphasis on leadership, and a truly international sisterhood that spans countries, cultures, and continents. Each division winner receives up to \$10,000 in cash scholarships, and every international titleholder earns an expense-paid international trip, making IJM one of the most rewarding programs in pageantry. Now accepting at-large contestants representing their state, country, or heritage, IJM continues to expand its global footprint while welcoming diverse voices from across the world.

Additional photos and headshots available upon request.

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