Glory fades, empires fall, but hotdogs are eternal. Hi, I'm Kailee Karr, a comedian and self-proclaimed hot dog influencer from Kansas City, Missouri. I have devoted my career to pursuing laughter and great hot dogs. At its core, being a comedian is about bringing people together and curating an atmosphere where tension can be released and stories can be told. Does a perfectly cooked hot dog not have the same effect? Does the snap of the casing as you take your first bite not ring reminiscent of your head flipping backwards in a fit of laughter? The condiments; simply flourishes in a story, additions that give the scenery depth.

You can find my reviews of local hot dog vendors on my instagram (instagram.com/kaileeposts) as well as my experiences frolicking about town in my hot dog suit. I’ve had The Suit for ten years now, and it has seen me through some of my life’s biggest moments. I graduated college at The University of Kansas in it. In certain parts of Tennessee, I am known simply as “Weiner Girl.” Throughout quarantine, when I wasn’t able to be on stage, I took my trusty hot dog suit to the streets and went for jogs. The sight of a sweaty hot dog trotting down the road gave many people pause and soon after, laughter. Next month I’ll be debuting my hot dog themed comedy show, where a local poet will read hot dog poetry, a band will play a hot dog tune, and of course comedians will tell hot dog jokes. All of this, because beyond enjoying hot dogs in a culinary sense, I have a deep love for them as a symbol. The hot dog is utterly American, as complex as they are simple. As customizable as they are classic. Being an official hot dog ambassador would truly mean the world to me, because it would be validation for what I already know: I am a hot dog ambassador in my heart.