



MISS MADERA COUNTY PAGEANT

The Board of Directors of the Chowchilla-Madera County Fair are pleased to announce that applications are being accepted for the **MISS MADERA COUNTY PAGEANT** to be held as part of the Chowchilla-Madera County Fair in Chowchilla. A maximum of eight (8) participants will be randomly selected from all applications received by the application deadline date. The **MISS MADERA COUNTY PAGEANT** is for females only.

Applications must be submitted to the Chowchilla-Madera County Fairgrounds Office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday April 14, 2017. The Pageant will be held on, Thursday, May 18, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Chowchilla-Madera County Fairgrounds.

The pageant winners, Miss Madera County and Runner-Up, will be selected by an impartial panel of judges who do not reside in Madera County. Contestants will be evaluated on the categories listed below. Contestants may choose to seek organizations or business sponsors to help offset any pageant related expenses. The pageant show changes each year and contestants may be required to participate in an opening dance number or other event activities. The Director(s) reserves the right to make changes as necessary.

The contestants will be evaluated in the following categories:

- Scholastic Achievement
- Community Involvement
- Intellect, Poise and Personality
- Evening Gown Presentation
- Response to a Judges Panel Question

INDIVIDUAL TALENT PARTICIPATION IS OPTIONAL. Talent is a separate category and will be judged on its own merit separate from the pageant judging categories and will be given a separate award.

Pageant winners will receive the following:

Miss Madera County	\$ 300.00
First Runner-Up	\$ 100.00
Miss Congeniality*	\$ 25.00

**awarded only with a minimum three contestants and the selection is made by the contestants*

The Miss Madera County Pageant winner and Runner-Up will be obligated to participate in the Chowchilla Spring Festival parade on Saturday, May 20th.

In the event that the selected Miss Madera County is unable to fulfill her reign for the year following her appointment the Runner-Up will replace and hereafter represent the term of Miss Madera County.

Winners of the Miss Madera County Pageant will be required to be present daily at the Chowchilla-Madera County Fair, and other community events that may be scheduled throughout the year in Madera County. It is the responsibility of the winners and parent(s) to schedule their attendance to the events and activities.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- A completed Miss Madera County Pageant application must be submitted to the Chowchilla-Madera County Fairgrounds office by 5:00 p.m. on **Friday April 14, 2017**.
- Contestants must be between the ages of 16 and 20 years as determined by their age on May 18, 2016. **A copy of the applicant's birth certificate must accompany payment that will be collected at the mandatory Contestant/Parent meeting on April 24, 2017**
- Contestants must be a good student having a GPA of **3.0** (B) or better. **A copy of an official grades transcript from your school must be submitted along with the application. School graduates must submit a transcript of their final grades at graduation.**
- Contestants must have resided in Madera County for at least six (6) months prior to the date of the pageant (proof of residence may be required).
- Contestants must never have been married, nor have had a marriage annulled, nor be pregnant, nor have given birth to a child, including through the year following appointment as Miss Madera County.
- No contestant shall have won a prior Miss Madera County Pageant, nor have been a professional model, nor have appeared professionally on TV, radio or in print of any form for professional compensation. Having won another amateur contest for awards does not exclude a participant.
- Contestants must be knowledgeable of current events of their county and state.
- All applicants will be entered into a blind draw pool with selections to be drawn at the Chowchilla fair office Monday April 17, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. A representative will draw all the applicants who will be placed on a list in order of their draw. Applicants need not be present but may attend this meeting if they choose. All applicants will be notified of their status within 72 hours of the drawing by e-mail or telephone. **PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE FAIRGROUND OFFICE TO FIND OUT YOUR STATUS.**
- For those applicants selected to participate in the pageant they must pay a **\$250.00 Sponsor Fee** on the night of the Mandatory Contestant/Parent Meeting on **April 24, 2017** at 6:00 pm. Checks must be made payable to Chowchilla-Madera County Fair. (must have a minimum of (3) applications in order to proceed with the pageant)
- Applicants will need to submit three (3) letters of recommendation from your attended school, club, community leader, and/or job. All letters of recommendation will be subject to verification of authenticity.
- Specific dress attire will be discussed during the rehearsal sessions.
- It is important that the Miss Madera County Pageant contestants attend all rehearsals and be on time. Pageant meetings and rehearsal dates and times may be subject to change.
- The 2017 pageant schedule will be given at the meeting on **April 24,2017**

Questions? Please call or text Mindy Schnoor at (559) 223-0714 or the Chowchilla-Madera County Fair Office at (559) 665-3728.



MISS MADERA COUNTY PAGEANT APPLICATION

Due by 5:00 p.m. on Friday April 14, 2017
Chowchilla-Madera County Fairgrounds Office

Applicant Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (1): _____

Parent/Guardian Name (2): _____

Telephone (1): _____ Name associated with this number: _____

Telephone (2): _____ Name associated with this number: _____

Which phones can receive text messages (circle all that apply): Telephone 1 Telephone 2

E-mail (1): _____ Name associated with this e-mail: _____

E-mail (2): _____ Name associated with this e-mail: _____

How long have you been a resident of Madera County? _____

School attending or last school attended: _____

Current grade (circle one): 10 11 12 13 14 Degree: _____

If employed, where? _____

I declare I have (or as a parent/guardian of my child who is under 18 years of age, my child has) not won a previous Miss Madera County Pageant or appeared professionally on radio, TV, or print, or professionally modeled, for any form of pay or compensation.

I hereby consent to (or as a parent/guardian of my child who is under 18 years of age, to have my child) enter the Miss Madera County Pageant.

Attach a copy official school grades transcript and (3) letter of recommendation for the applicant.

I hereby declare that I have read statements of requirements and qualifications for judgment of the Miss Madera County Pageant. I understand that if I should be named Miss Madera County or Runner-Up I will to the best of my ability honor the obligations of the appointment.

The contestant agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the fair, the county and the State of California from and against any liability, claim, loss or expense (including reasonable attorneys' fees) arising out of any injury or damage which is caused by, arises from or is in any way connected with participation in the program or event, excepting only that caused by the sole active negligence of the Fair. The Fair Management shall not be responsible for accidents or losses that may occur to any of the exhibitors or exhibits at the fair. The exhibitor (or parent or guardian of a minor) is responsible for any injury or damage resulting from the exhibitor's participation in the program or event. This includes any injury to others or to the exhibitor or to the exhibitor's property.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

For applicants under eighteen (18) years of age this form must also be signed by a parent or guardian.

Signature of Parent: _____ Date: _____



MISS MADERA COUNTY PAGEANT CONTESTANT BIOGRAPHY

This completed form must be submitted at the Mandatory Contestant/Parent Meeting on April 24, 2017.

All submitted forms and information will be reviewed by the judges as part of their evaluation.

List your volunteer work:

List your community involvement:

List your cultural talents and sports involvement:

List your club affiliations:

List your hobbies:

List your honors or awards:

What are your plans for your future?

Please list sponsors the way you want them announced at the pageant:

If you need more room, please attach extra pages and the corresponding question number.



PRESS RELEASE AND PUBLICITY WAIVER

This completed form must be submitted at the Mandatory Contestant/Parent Meeting on April 24, 2017

I, the undersigned, hereby authorize and permit myself or my child if participant is less than 18 years of age, to be photographed and/or recorded by audio means for use in publicity information that may be released for radio, television, newspaper, magazines and promotional materials in connection with the Miss Madera County Pageant and the Chowchilla-Madera County Fair and Fairgrounds.

Print Applicant Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____

For applicants under eighteen (18) years of age this form must also be signed by a parent or guardian.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____



MISS MADERA COUNTY PAGEANT

CODE OF ETHICS

The Miss Madera County Pageant Volunteer Director(s) and the Chowchilla-Madera County Fair staff are prepared to guide you through a rewarding pageant experience. There are certain basic expectations of all contestants related to conduct, dress, appearance, personal cleanliness, language and consideration of your fellow contestants. The intent is not to interfere with personal lives of contestants, but rather to insure a pleasant and constructive experience for all.

GOALS AND INTENT

I shall endeavor to understand and faithfully interpret the Chowchilla-Madera County Fair Contest philosophy, objectives, and goals in my relationship with fellow contestants, management, volunteers, staff and the public.

I shall conduct myself in an exemplary manner recognizing that I am a role model for my peers and my community. By my behavior, I will always try to demonstrate high moral values. I recognize that my conduct when I am away from the Fair premises also reflects on the Chowchilla-Madera County Fair.

I shall always seek to be truthful, honest and fair in my communication and interaction with contestants, management, staff and volunteers.

I accept the challenge of helping my community increase their awareness of the Chowchilla-Madera County Fair and agricultural industries.

I shall refrain from the use of alcoholic beverages, illegal narcotics and non-prescription drugs as all are prohibited and use of such will result in my disqualification from the contest.

I shall accept and adhere to the schedule set forth by the contest staff and volunteers unless pre-approved.

I shall present all clothing that is to be worn during the Contest and Fair Functions to the Pageant Director(s) for approval. Such clothing shall not be altered in any manner at a later time so as to amend the length, fit or style of the garment.

I shall accept the decision of the Judges as final.

The Chowchilla-Madera County Fair staff and Pageant Director(s) reserve the right to enforce all Rules, Regulations and Code of Ethics and the right to disqualify or forfeit title and awards of contest winners with the discretion for review and final decisions by the management of the Chowchilla-Madera County Fair and/or the Board of Directors.

Print Applicant Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____

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Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____