



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**. The Pageant will 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 by no later than 5:00 pm on Tuesday, April 9, 2024. A Mandatory Parent/Contestant Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 16th at 6:00 pm in the Little Theater 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 Award along with a Crown, Sash and Trophy
First Runner-Up	\$100.00
Miss Congeniality*	\$25.00

*Awarded only with three minimum 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 11, 2024.

In the event that the Miss Madera County Pageant winner 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.

The Miss Madera County Pageant winner 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 winner and parents to schedule their attendance to the events and activities.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- **Applications must be submitted by no later than 5:00 pm on Tuesday, April 9, 2024. A Mandatory Parent/Contestant Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 16th at 6:00 pm in the Little Theater at the Chowchilla-Madera County Fairgrounds.**
- Contestants must be between the ages of 16 and 20 years of age as determined by their age on **Tuesday, May 8, 2024. A copy of the applicant's birth certificate must accompany payment that will be collected at the Mandatory Parent/Contestant Meeting on Tuesday, April 16, 2024.**
- 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 not have been married, had a marriage annulled, be pregnant, or have given birth to a child including through the entire year following appointment as Miss Madera County.
- No contestant shall have won a prior Miss Madera County Pageant, have been a professional model, appeared professionally on TV, radio or in print of any form for professional compensation. Having won another amateur contest for awards does not exclude someone from participating.
- Contestants must be knowledgeable of current events in their county and state.
- Those applicants selected to participate in the pageant must pay a **\$75.00 Pageant Fee** on the night of the Mandatory Parent/Contestant Meeting on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at 6:00 pm. Checks must be made payable to the Chowchilla-Madera County Fair. (There must be a minimum of (3) applicants in order to proceed with the pageant)
- Applicants will need to submit three (3) Letters of Recommendations 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 2024 Pageant schedule will be handed out on **Tuesday, April 16, 2024**, at the Mandatory Parent/Contestant Meeting.



MISS MADERA COUNTY PAGEANT APPLICATION
Due to the Chowchilla-Madera County Fair Office by
no later than 5:00 pm on Tuesday, April 9, 2024

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 of your official school grades transcript, (3) Letters of Recommendation for the applicant.

I hereby declare that I have read statements of requirements and qualifications for judgment of the 2024 Miss Madera County Pageant. I understand that if I should be named 2024 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 contestants or exhibits at the fair. The contestant (or parent or guardian of a minor) is responsible for any injury or damage resulting from the contestant's participation in the program or event. This includes any injury to others or to the contestant or to the contestant's property.

Applicant's 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 form must be completed and submitted at the Mandatory Parent/Contestant Meeting on Tuesday, April 16, 2024

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 your sponsors the way you would like them to be announced at the pageant:

If you need additional space, please attach extra page(s) along with the corresponding question.



PRESS RELEASE AND PUBLICITY WAIVER

*This completed form must be submitted at the Mandatory Parent/Contestant Meeting on Tuesday,
April 16, 2024*

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 Coordinator(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) shall enforce all Rules, Regulations and Code of Ethics and have 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: _____

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

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

1. **Personality Interview:** In this phase of competition, the judges meet with each of the Candidates in an informal interview. At this time, the judges evaluate the Candidate's performance in response to a variety of questions. The Candidate's knowledge perception, mental alertness and awareness of current events are evaluated. Articulation and self-expression are carefully reviewed. This area of competition provides an opportunity for the judges to focus upon the Candidates' attitudes, future goals and aspiration and that number one quality so important in life, personality. Personal appearance and grooming habits provide the judges with a greater insight relative to the Candidates' ability to assume the position of Miss Madera County.
2. **Communications Skills:** In the Communication Skills competition, **the Candidate is to provide a 30 second Commercial Spot to advertise and draw patrons to this year's Chowchilla Madera County Fair.** The winning candidate's commercial may be used in this year's fair promotions on the radio and/or television spots as the Board of Directors determines is appropriate. During the presentation, the judges evaluate the Candidate's articulation, manner of presentation, grammar, confidence, mental alertness and creativity. Each candidate will also be asked an impromptu question as part of this phase of competition. The question may be related to the theme of this year's fair, current events and/or the agricultural industry but will not be rehearsed with the candidates.
3. **Scholastic Achievement:** In this phase of the competition, each candidate will submit a certified copy of their transcript, in a sealed official envelope, from the school that they are currently attending. The candidates will also list any education awards or achievements they have attained prior to the pageant.
4. **Poise and Appearance:** This phase of the competition is judged simultaneously with all other phases. During the entirety of the pageant, the judges will evaluate the Candidate's manner of presentation, grammar, confidence, and mental alertness. Overall appearance relative to the Candidate's potential as a community ambassador and public relations specialist for the Chowchilla Madera County Fair will be evaluated during all phases of the competition.
5. **Community Involvement:** In this phase of the competition, each candidate will list and detail their involvement in community service activities. The judges will review this information and evaluate the candidates not only on the number of community service projects they participate in, but also on the depth of their participation in each project.