

# Calaveras County Fair & Jumping Frog Jubilee

## Miss Calaveras Scholarship

### Miss Calaveras Scholarship Pageant

May 14, 2026

**Application Due Date: February 20, 2026**

Please return completed application to:

**Calaveras County Fair**

PO Box 489

Angels Camp, CA 95222



**Dropbox available outside the Fair Office**



**No postmarks accepted**



## GENERAL INFORMATION

Contestants entering the Miss Calaveras Pageant may be sponsored. Sponsorship funds are intended to cover expenses associated with the pageant. A list of potential sponsors is included in this application. There is **no entry fee**.

The winner will reign as **Miss Calaveras for one year**. The pageant seeks versatile young women who are intelligent, articulate, charming, talented, sincere, and healthy in mind and body, with warm and outgoing personalities.

All contestants must read and sign the **Code of Conduct, Social Media Policy, and Release of Liability**.

**A cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher** is required and must be verified by a school counselor.

Miss Calaveras serves as a **role model for young women** in our community.

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## International Competition

An international competition is available for **foreign exchange students**. These contestants will not compete for the Miss Calaveras crown but will share in the pageant experience and compete for a **special award**. Miss International is open to any foreign exchange attending a Calaveras County High School.

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Ages **16 (and a junior in high school)** through **23**
2. Must be a **resident of Calaveras County** and not attending high school in another county (college students exempt) Foreign exchange students are eligible for an alternate award
3. In good health; **never married, not pregnant, has not had a child, and not living with a male in lieu of marriage**
4. Never convicted of a criminal offense
5. Must be in good academic standing with a **verified cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better**
6. Body piercings and tattoos must be in **good taste**, as determined by the Pageant Director

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## RULES AND REGULATIONS

### AREAS OF COMPETITION

 **All outfits and costumes must be approved by the Pageant Director at least two weeks prior to the pageant.**

A professional hairdresser will be provided the evening of the pageant. Personal hair or makeup stylists are **not permitted backstage**.

Contestants may not make solo appearances as a Miss Calaveras candidate unless approved by the directors and directly related to their service platform. All other appearances must be with the group and directors.

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### Interview – 25%

1. A pant or skirt suit, skirt and blouse, or daytime dress is required
2. Jewelry, shoes, and accessories must be in good taste
3. The interview outfit may also be worn to the press dinner

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## Service Platform – 20%

1. Contestants will select a service project or organization to work with **March 14 May 14, 2026**
2. Project must be approved by the director
3. May be something the contestant is already involved in
4. On-stage presentation must be **2–5 minutes**
5. **No GoFundMe accounts**
6. All fundraising must be approved in advance
7. All promotional materials must be approved
8. Service should be **hands-on volunteering within Calaveras County**
9. Fundraising is a last resort and must be approved

### Examples:

Volunteering at the Food Bank, reading to elementary students, volunteering at the local library, babysitting for single parents, etc.

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## Talent – 25%

1. No live accompaniment (solo performances only)
2. Singing a cappella is not permitted unless approved by the Director
3. CD, thumb drive, iPod, or phone required for all musical presentations
4. Lyrics must be in good taste—no profanity or suggestive content
5. No lip syncing or singing along with recorded vocals
6. Background vocals on karaoke tracks are permitted
7. Instruments may not appear in background recordings

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## Evening Gown – 30%

- **10% Gown**
- **5% Impromptu Question**
- **15% Speech**

1. Contestants will answer an impromptu question on stage
2. Gowns may be tea-length or floor-length
3. Long sleeves, short sleeves, sleeveless, strapless, or one-shoulder allowed
4. No above-the-knee dresses
5. Necklines and backs must be flattering, not plunging
6. Appropriate undergarments are required

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## SPONSORSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS

- Contestants may select **up to five sponsors**
- Maximum total sponsorship: **\$500**
- Funds may be used for pageant-related expenses (gowns, shoes, etc.)
- Receipts should be provided to sponsors upon request

## WHERE TO LOOK FOR SPONSORS

Sponsors must be **local to Calaveras County**, unless family. Examples include:

- Local businesses, grocery stores, banks
- Doctors, dentists, churches
- Business associations and chambers of commerce
- Dance studios, salons, restaurants
- Friends and family

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## ENTRANT COMMITMENT

Each contestant agrees that if selected as Miss Calaveras or a Runner-Up, she will be available for public appearances throughout the year of her reign. Please consider this commitment carefully before applying.

## Expected Appearances (Tentative)

- Arnold 4th of July Celebration & Parade – July 5, 2026
- Mokelumne Hill 4th of July Celebration & Parade – July 4, 2026
- White Pines Logging Jamboree – September 2026
- Lumberjack Days, West Point – October 2026
- Valley Springs Christmas Parade – December 2026
- Angels Camp Light Up the Night – December 2026
- Murphys Irish Days – March 2027
- Whiskerino – April 2027
- Kick-Off Dinner – May 2027
- Dress Rehearsal – May 12, 2027
- Miss Calaveras Scholarship Pageant – May 13, 2027

## **TITLE HOLDERS**

Contestants holding a current title may not be introduced as such and may not wear a sash. Judges will not be informed of current titles.

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## **FAMILY, FRIENDS & COACHES**

Supporters may attend rehearsals but may not participate. If issues arise, rehearsals may become **closed** at the discretion of the directors.

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## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

- **Miss Calaveras** – \$5,000
- **First Runner-Up** – \$3,000
- **Second Runner-Up** – \$1,500

 Scholarships must be claimed **within one year of high school graduation**.

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## **SPECIAL AWARDS**

- Miss Community Service – Sponsored by Laurie Giannini & Family
- Miss Congeniality – Sponsored by Sonny & Sharon Canepa
- Miss Photogenic – Sponsored by Sonny & Sharon Canepa
- Most Talented – Sponsored by Sonny & Sharon Canepa
- Special Scholarship – Soroptimist International of Calaveras County, (Separate application provided)
- Most Fair Spirited – Sponsored by the Bowsher Family

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**Rehearsal Schedule will be given to contestants at orientation.**

**Director: Mrs. Karan Bowsher,**  
**email: [blackdiamondgraphics@volcano.net](mailto:blackdiamondgraphics@volcano.net)**  
**Co-director: Miss Alara Bowsher**

## CALAVERAS COUNTY FAIR MISS CALAVERAS

Thank you for sponsoring one of the 2026 Miss Calaveras Contestants. This scholarship program is more than a pageant. We believe it is adding to the young women they are becoming. The program gives 10 scholarships. Checks can be made payable to the contestant.

**Thank you,**

**Laurie Giannini**

**CEO/Fair Manager**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: CA

Amount of Sponsorship:

Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Contestant:

# Miss Calaveras Scholarship Pageant Application

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**Applicant's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State: CA Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Age:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Emergency Contact Information

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

## School Verification

**School Counselor's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Parent / Guardian Information

**Parent / Guardian Name:**

**Parent / Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Stage Talent

(Please briefly describe your planned talent performance.)

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## Application Submission

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Angels Camp, CA 95222

**OR**

Place completed application in the **drop box at the Fair Office**

 **Applications must be received no later than February 20, 2026**

## Miss Calaveras Pageant – Code of Conduct

### Dress Standards

Miss Calaveras and her court are expected to dress in **good taste** during the fair and all events listed above.

Specifically:

- Sexually suggestive clothing is prohibited.
- Tank tops, halter tops, t-shirts, etc. are acceptable **only if bras are worn and bra straps are not visible.**
- Shorts, dresses, and skirts may be worn but must not be so short as to restrict appropriate movement (such as bending over).
- Clothing, jewelry, and accessories may not contain sexually explicit, racially offensive, or inappropriate words, slogans, or illustrations.
- Attire that depicts, advertises, promotes, or encourages the use of **illegal substances, alcohol, or tobacco products** is strictly prohibited.

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### Displays of Affection

When wearing a sash and crown, Miss Calaveras and her court are expected to behave discreetly and professionally at all times.

- Personal displays of affection toward a partner are not appropriate while in sash and crown.
- Friends are **not permitted to accompany** Miss Calaveras or members of the court during official appearances.
- Miss Calaveras and her court are the official representatives of Calaveras County and will be attending numerous events throughout the fair and year.
- Friends and family should understand and respect the obligations and responsibilities of the titleholders.

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## Causes for Dismissal / Loss of Title

The following behaviors are **strictly prohibited** and will be grounds for immediate dismissal and loss of title as Miss Calaveras, First Runner-Up, or Second Runner-Up.

Being proven to be:

- In possession of or under the influence of any controlled substance, alcoholic beverage, or intoxicant of any kind (**regardless of age**).
- In possession of or using tobacco products, including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, smokeless tobacco, vaping devices, or miniature cigarettes.
- In possession of, for use or sale, illegal drugs, inhalants, or any mood-altering substance not prescribed by a physician.
- Using vulgar language or profanity while appearing in public as Miss Calaveras or a member of the court.
- Engaging in inappropriate use of social media as defined in this Code of Conduct and the Social Media Policy.

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## Acknowledgment

It is important that you fully understand these expectations. Please read this Code of Conduct carefully.

By signing below, you acknowledge that you understand and agree to comply with all rules and standards outlined above.

**Contestant Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION – DUE MARCH 7

**This award is not included in the judge's scores.**

Please list your past community service involvement in the space given or on a separate piece of paper. Please list organizations by name, any office held and date of involvement.

Please answer following prompt in the space given or a separate piece of paper:

What does “Let Freedom Ring” mean to me.