

2026 COLUSA COUNTY FAIR MINI MISS PAGEANT

INTRODUCTION: WHAT IS THE COLUSA COUNTY FAIR MINI MISS PAGEANT?

The Colusa County Fair Mini Miss Pageant is an exciting addition to our annual Fair. All contestants, whether successful or not, enjoy the experience of participating in the event and receive a memento of the pageant plus an entry pass to the **2026** Fair.

In addition, the pageant will be a memorable experience filled with lasting memories and new friendships. The pageant will be an opportunity for you to gain poise, self-confidence and to learn the valuable lesson of good sportsmanship.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Contestant must be between the ages of 9 and 12 years of age.
2. Contestant must be 12 years old on or before **January 1, 2026**.
3. Contestant must be a resident of Colusa County for at least six months prior to the pageant and a resident of the State of California for not less than one year prior to the opening date of the Fair.
4. Contestant must agree to abide by all the rules and regulations of the Colusa County Fair Mini Miss Pageant now in effect or as announced hereafter.
5. Contestant may run for Mini-Miss no more than two times. For example, once at age ten and once at age twelve. They may be consecutive years.

JUDGING AND AREAS OF COMPETITION

1. Contestant agrees that the time, manner and method of judging shall be solely within the discretion of the Colusa County Mini Miss Pageant Management and the decision of the judges will be final in all cases.

2. The contestants will be judged in the following areas of competition:

A. Personality Interview Competition.....25%

Each contestant will be interviewed separately on personality, mental alertness and awareness of communicative skills

B. Visual Poise Competition.....25%

Contestant will be judged on poise and grace and the ability to think on her feet when asked an impromptu question.

C. Stage Arts Competition.....25%

Contestant will be judged on a live 2 1/2 minute or less talent presentation.

D. On Stage Personality Communicative Skills.....25%

Contestant will be judged on communicative skills, stage personality, and confidence in speaking before a live audience.

SPONSOR AND APPLICATION FEE

1. Contestant and/or sponsor shall pay a sponsor or application fee of **\$150.00** per contestant.

Payment is to be made via cash or card only, NO CHECKS.

2. Sponsor or application fee may be paid by either parent, family member or business that wishes to sponsor the contestant.

3. Sponsor will be announced on stage during contestant's various areas of competition.
4. Sponsor or application fee must accompany the contestant's application to the Colusa County Fair office by no later than 4:00 P.M., **March 23, 2026**.
5. Contestants' applications that are not completed properly or accompanied by the sponsor fee will not be accepted or processed.

STAGE ARTS COMPETITION INFORMATION

1. Contestant must display a live talent presentation not to be less than 60 seconds in length with a maximum time allowance of not more than 2 1/2 minutes. Any contestant exceeding the 2 1/2 minute time limit will automatically be disqualified. Give this a lot of thought and think about the contestant's true talent. Is she a good speaker? Recite a poem, tell jokes, or give us a demonstration. Does she make things? Clothing? Art? Chef? Give us a demo on that. We want the contestants to showcase what their unique individual talents are. Singers, dancers, musicians, artists, actors, athletes, speakers, designers, inventors...there are a multitude of ways to display your talents.
2. Contestant's Stage Arts Competition performance must be live. A contestant who is a singer must perform that talent live. A contestant cannot be accompanied by a tape recording of her own voice. Contestant may, however, use a taped musical accompaniment.
3. Any contestant who pantomimes or lip-syncs to a recording must state that she is doing so and state same in writing. Contestant must state in writing the name of the artist or recording, as there can be no inference that the contestant is actually singing. This rule does not apply to a contestant whose talent is singing. Contestant must perform a vocal solo live.
4. Contestants are not permitted to perform a vocal solo to a professional recording which features or has the voice of a professional artist on the recording.
5. Contestants may not use a film, video or slide presentation in conjunction with her Stage Arts Competition presentation.
6. Contestants whose talent is sketching, painting, graphic arts, commercial arts, dressmaking, or creative sewing, and presents in conjunction with her Stage Arts Competition, items which were made prior to her performance in said competition, must present proof of authenticity and creation by Contestant. Said statement must be provided by individuals other than the contestant's family. Individuals qualified to provide said proof of authenticity would be school or private instructors, scout instructors, scout leaders, 4-H leaders, ministers, or community leaders.
7. Contestants who play a musical instrument must have selection memorized so that she does not need the music on stage. All music must be memorized.
8. Contestants only will be permitted on stage during her Stage Arts presentation performance. No other person can be a part of the contestant's act.
9. Contestant's stage entrances and exits will be determined by the Mini Miss Pageant Management.
10. Contestants who perform vocal presentations, sing and dance, or present dramatic reading or communicative presentations, are required under all circumstances to use a microphone as designated and determined by the officials of the Mini Miss Pageant Management.
11. Contestant is to select costuming for her Stage Arts Competition presentation which is appropriate for her talent presentation and her age.
12. No props. Props may only be used if they are an integral part of the talent. Like a baton for a baton twirler, a sketchpad for an art demo, etc. For example, a toy car on stage for a dance. Props may not be used as "décor", even if they are being danced with, around, or over. The talent is dancing, so this would not be an integral part of the performances.

PAGEANT ACTIVITIES

1. Contestant agrees to attend all Pageant-related activities and rehearsals without exception.
2. Visitors are not allowed in pageant rehearsals at studio.
3. Contestant will be released to their parents following the actual Pageant.
4. Contestant shall make all appearances for publicity reasons and any other similar-type appearance so designated by the Pageant Management.

APPLICATION DEADLINE AND PHOTO REQUIREMENTS

1. Contestant must complete the official Pageant application.
2. All applications must be signed by parent or legal guardian.
3. Contestant must include a photo
4. Photos will not be returned.
5. All applications must be in the Colusa County Fair Office no later than 4:00 P.M. Monday, March 23, 2026.
6. The first 12 entries will be dated and time-stamped in their order of arrival. Applications may be picked up from the Fair office beginning 9:00 A.M. **Monday, March 2, 2026.**

WARDROBE

1. Contestants shall provide the following garments for Pageant competition.
 - A. Formal dress – (any length) Visual Poise Competition
 - B. Talent costume - Stage Arts Competition
 - C. Outfit will be provided – for Production Routine
 - D. Short dress - Personality Interview
 - E. On stage communicative skills competition outfit – this costume should represent the fair's theme.
2. The Pageant Management reserves the right to reject any wardrobe item selected by the contestant, which is not suitable for public appearance.
3. All outfits must be approved by pageant coordinators.

LOST ARTICLES

1. Contestants and parents understand that the Pageant Management will not be responsible for lost or stolen articles during any pre-Pageant or Pageant activities.

PAGEANT TIME AND PLACE

Pre-Pageant Rehearsal and Personality Interview **Saturday, June 6th**, at the Fairgrounds. The Colusa County Fair Mini Miss Pageant will be held Wednesday, **June 10th, 2026**, 7:00 p.m.

*All practices prior to these dates will take place at Stardust Dance in Maxwell- Tuesdays and Fridays. Contestants also appear in the Maxwell Rodeo parade, Williams Pioneer Day parade, and the Colusa Fair parade. Participation in all practices and events are mandatory.

What happens now?

The 12 contestants will be contacted the week of **April 2nd** to be confirmed and given a start day/time for practice. A schedule will be emailed to the email address on the application.

At the first practice the contestants will go into the dance studio's dance room and begin their rehearsal. A parent or guardian will be required to be present to go over more specific pageant rules. This is a good time to discuss pageant attire, ask any questions, and receive the schedule. This will be in the waiting room at Stardust Dance with one of the pageant coordinators.

RESTRICTIONS PERTAINING TO CONTESTANT'S

PARENTS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS

1. There will be no parents, guardians, family members or friends allowed backstage during the actual Mini Miss Pageant or on interview days.
2. Parents, guardians, family and friends of Pageant contestants are prohibited from talking with the judges before, during or after the Pageant competition.

AWARDS

1. The newly crowned Mini Miss Colusa County will receive for her one-year reign a rhinestone crown and sash. First Runner Up for Mini Miss Colusa County will receive one tiara and one sash. Replacement of either items will be at the cost of the reigning Mini Miss Colusa County or the First Runner Up Mini Miss Colusa County. Notification of any damages or losses must be submitted to the Fair Office and replacements will be facilitated through the Fairgrounds.

2. Winner will receive various gifts from local area merchants.

3. Each contestant will receive an award on stage for the areas of competition in which she scored the most points by the judges.

4. FRIENDSHIP AWARD

One of the most meaningful awards given in the Mini Miss Pageant is the friendship award. It is certain that the recipient of the award realizes more than anyone the true depth of the award to the fact that the contestants are the only ones casting the votes for their choice who should receive the friendship award. You as a contestant in the Colusa County Fair Mini Miss Pageant, will have the opportunity to cast your vote for the girl who you feel personifies a Mini Miss Colusa County friendship award winner.

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE NEWLY CROWNED MINI MISS COLUSA COUNTY FAIR QUEEN

1. Winner agrees to attend all public appearances when asked by the Mini Miss Colusa County Pageant Management. Runner up will be asked to appear at approved appearances ONLY when Mini Miss Colusa County is unavailable.

2. Winner and parents understand and acknowledge that the Mini Miss Colusa County Pageant management shall have the right to choose and designate the winner's chaperone and traveling companion during her year-long reign for personal appearances in the case that the winner's parents or guardian could not attend.

3. If the contestant chosen Mini Miss Colusa County Fair **2026** should for any reason move from Colusa County, she shall forfeit her title and crown and the first runner-up will fulfill the title of Mini Miss for the remainder of the year.

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE NEWLY CROWNED MINI MISS COLUSA COUNTY FAIR FIRST RUNNER UP

1. First runner up agrees to attend all public appearances when asked by the Mini Miss Colusa County Pageant Management.
2. First runner up and parents understand and acknowledge that the Mini Miss Colusa County Pageant management shall have the right to choose and designate the chaperone and traveling companion during her year-long reign for personal appearances in the case that the first runner up's parents or guardian could not attend.
3. If the contestant chosen Mini Miss Colusa County Fair **2026** should for any reason move from Colusa County, she shall forfeit her title and crown and the first runner-up will fulfill the title of Mini Miss for the remainder of the year.

**2026 COLUSA COUNTY FAIR MINI MISS PAGEANT
OFFICIAL CONTESTANT QUESTIONNAIRE AND APPLICATION**

Due to Colusa County Fair Office, **Monday, March 23, 2026 at 4:00 P.M.**

(APPLICATION TO BE COMPLETED BY CONTESTANT)

CONTESTANT'S FULL NAME: _____

CONTESTANT'S AGE: _____

BIRTHDATE: _____ BIRTH PLACE: _____

AGE ON **January 1st, 2026:**

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT): _____

PHONE #: _____

OLD NAVY SIZES: DRESS: _____ SHIRT: _____ SHORTS: _____ SHOE SIZE: _____

HOW LONG HAS CONTESTANT RESIDED IN COLUSA COUNTY: _____

PARENT'S CONTACT INFORMATION:

MOTHER NAME: _____ PHONE #: _____

EMAIL: _____

FATHER NAME: _____ PHONE #: _____

EMAIL: _____

LEGAL GUARDIAN: _____ PHONE #: _____

EMAIL: _____

LIST ANY COMMUNITY SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

CONTESTANT'S HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: _____

OTHER INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT YOURSELF: _____

HOW MANY BROTHERS AND SISTERS DO YOU HAVE? _____

HAVE YOU WON ANY PREVIOUS TITLES OR AWARDS? _____

IF SO, NAME EVENT AND WHERE IT WAS STAGED: _____

WHY WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE MINI MISS COLUSA COUNTY? _____

SCHOOL ATTENDING: _____

GRADE IN FALL: _____

FUTURE GOALS: _____

HAVE YOU ANY SPECIAL TRAINING IN DRAMATICS, MUSIC, DANCING, ETC.?

TALENT INFORMATION

TYPE OF TALENT: _____

NAME OF SONG: _____

WILL CONTESTANT USE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING?

PIANO _____ INSTRUMENT _____ WHAT
KIND _____ MICROPHONE _____
STAND _____

HOW LONG HAVE YOU STUDIED YOUR TALENT

SPONSOR'S NAME

BUSINESS OR FIRM REPRESENTING:

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE #: _____

Each contestant may select an escort for the visual poise phase of competition. The escort may be male or female; a friend or family member. Please be advised that the escort whom you have chosen will be subject to a Megan's Law search. The Mini-Miss Pageant Directors reserve the right to deny participation of an escort if they deem necessary.

THE ESCORT WHOM I HAVE SELECTED IS:

Name: _____ Age: _____

Phone #: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Driver's license number: _____

Address: _____

CONTESTANT'S NAME:

Permission is hereby given to the Mini Miss Colusa County Pageant Management to utilize the information contained herein in any way they see fit without recourse from me, my heirs, or immediate family. Contestant hereby releases the Mini Miss Colusa County Mini Pageant Management, its directors, agents and employees, from claims of any kind or nature arising out of damage of persons or property occasioned by or in connection with any portion of contestant's participation.

SIGNATURE OF CONTESTANT

DATE

SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN

DATE

WE REALIZE THAT WE ARE NOT CONTESTANTS IN THE COLUSA COUNTY MINI MISS CONTEST UNTIL AFTER THE CLOSING DATE OF APPLICATIONS, **March 23, 2026** AND ARE NOTIFIED BY THE FAIR MANAGEMENT.

APPLICATION RECEIVED BY:

CONTESTANT APPLYING FOR CONTEST:

PHONE #: _____

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Monday, March 23, 2026, 4:00 P.M.

COLUSA COUNTY FAIR OFFICE

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MEDIA CONSENT, RELEASE, AND WAIVER

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I hereby give consent to **44th DAA/Colusa County Fair** (the “organization”) in my child’s participation in/for interviews, photographs, videotaping, or otherwise digitally recorded and use images and/or sound recordings of myself or my child or children (if applicable) to use in any public media, including radio, television, internet, social media, print or in any of the organization’s or its partners’ publications, productions, or posts. I understand that the intended use of such images and information is solely for the purpose of advertising, marketing, fundraising and/or the promotional and public awareness purposes for the organization. I hereby waive any rights or interest in the images or recordings, as contemplated in this release.

I acknowledge that this consent to use images and/or recordings is being made solely for the benefit of the organization and comes without any expectation of monetary compensation or other benefit to me. To the extent that any benefit accrues or might accrue to the organization from the use of images or information, I hereby and forever waive any interest in or claim to such benefits.

I hereby release and forever discharge the organization (including without limitation all corporate affiliates and officers, directors, trustees, donors, employees, agents and volunteers) from any and all claims, liability, actions, suits, demands, costs, expenses or indebtedness arising out of, related to, or in any way connected with the use of images and materials described herein, and I hereby waive all rights and interest in and to such information and materials.

I further acknowledge that there is no guarantee that any or all of the participants’ images or recordings will be used in any released media.

I have been informed that this authorization is voluntary and is subject to revocation at any time, except to the extent that action has been taken in reliance thereon, by notifying the organization in writing at:

Name of Adult (Parent or Legal Guardian if applicable) (please print)

Name of Child/Children (if applicable) (please print)

Signature of Adult (Parent or Legal Guardian)

Date

Phone Number



CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION FORM

CONTESTANT NAME: _____

Event Name: 2026 COLUSA COUNTY FAIR MINI MISS PAGEANT

Amount to be Charged: \$ _____

Sponsor Name: _____

Contact Name (Parent or Legal Guardian): _____

Contact Phone #: _____

Contact Email: _____

CREDIT CARD HOLDER'S INFORMATION
VISA OR MASTER CARD ONLY

Credit Card Number: _____

Exp. Date: _____ CVV #: _____

Billing Zip code: _____

Card Holder Name:

Card holder Billing Address:

PLEASE RETURN FORM VIA MAIL OR EMAIL TO:

ATTN: ARACELI PLAZA

1303 10TH STREET

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