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## **2019 Miss May Day Application**

**Applications are to be returned to the Merced County Spring Fair Office.**

**Address: 403 "F" Street  
Los Banos, CA 93635**

**DEADLINE TO TURN IN APPLICATIONS IS January 25, 2019 by 4:00 p.m.**

**A MANDATORY INFORMATION MEETING WILL BE HELD AT  
6:00 p.m. on January 25th.**

**EACH CONTESTANT MUST BRING A PARENT OR GUARDIAN TO  
THIS MEETING**

**Please meet at the Main Entrance to the Fairgrounds.**

**Merced County Spring Fair**

## Los Banos, California

### 2019 Miss May Day Scholarship Competition

The Board of Directors of the Merced County Spring Fair in Los Banos are pleased to announce that applications are being accepted for the MISS MAY DAY pageant (sponsor to the Miss California State Scholarship Competition) to be held prior to the Merced County Spring Fair.

Miss May Day will be selected by a group of judges who do not personally know the contestants. No ticket sales or other gimmicks are involved in this contest. We encourage contestants to have organizations or businesses sponsor you.

Miss May Day will be awarded a minimum One Thousand Dollar (\$1000.00) scholarship. Not including the scholarships that are awarded in conjunction with their participation in the Miss California State Scholarship Competition.

First Runner-Up will be awarded a minimum Five Hundred Dollar (\$500.00) scholarship and the Second Runner-Up will be awarded a minimum Two Hundred Fifty Dollar (\$250.00) scholarship.

The pageant will be divided into the categories listed below:

1. Personality Interview 25%
2. Communication Skills 25%
3. Scholastic Achievement 20%
4. Poise and Appearance 20%
5. Community Service 10%

Check with the pageant director(s) for requirements on attire for the pageant.

- 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 Candidate's attitudes, future goals and aspirations 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 Candidate's ability to assume the position of MISS MAY DAY.
  
- 2. Communication 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 Merced County Spring Fair. The winning candidate's commercial may be used in this year's Fair promotion on 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 Merced County Spring Fair is evaluated during the Poise and Appearance Competition.
- 5. Community Service:** 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.

\*\*The Winner of Miss May Day is expected to perform the duties listed on the following pages.

\*\*The First Runner-Up will represent and henceforth be termed Miss May Day in the event the first place winner marries, or is disqualified during her reign as Miss May Day, either prior to or after her appearance in the Miss California State Scholarship Competition.

**The deadline date for all entries to be received at the Los Banos Fairgrounds Office is January 25, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. A mandatory informational meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on that evening. Each contestant along with a parent or guardian MUST be in attendance.**

### **REQUIREMENTS:**

1. There is a \$50.00 entry fee that must be paid at the time the entry form is submitted.  
(Please make checks payable to Merced County Spring Fair) The check is non-refundable.
2. Contestants must be between the ages of 16 and 21, no later than May 1, 2019.
3. Contestants must be residents of the Merced County School Districts or individuals enrolled by way of intra-district transfer or attending private schools within Merced County; college students who were eligible to show at the Merced County Spring Fair the previous year and be a citizen of the United States.
4. Contestants must never have been married, have had a marriage annulled, have had a child or been convicted of a felony.
5. Contestants must be knowledgeable of Merced County and the State of California.
6. Contestants need to attend all rehearsals and be on time. Rehearsal times and places will be announced.
7. Contestants must provide a one-page biography and a 5x7 headshot when application is submitted.
8. Contestants must attend the Merced County Spring Fair Kick-Off dinner.

**The director(s) reserve the right to make changes as necessary. If you have any questions please contact LeAne Santos-Sousa at (209) 587-0958 or the Merced County Spring Fair Office at (209)826-5166.**

**MISS MAY DAY CANDIDATE APPLICATION**

*APPLICATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO VERIFICATION OF INTEGRITY*

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE OF BIRTH:** \_\_\_\_\_

**STREET ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TELEPHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Parents Names:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Grade Level:**      **10**      **11**      **12**      **College Freshman**      **College Sophomore**

**Degree (if any):** \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\* Application is not complete without the official (current) school transcript in a sealed official envelope.

**School or Last School Attended:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Employment:** \_\_\_\_\_

**List any volunteer work:**

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**List Community Involvement:**

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**List Honors or Awards:**

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**List Club Affiliations:**

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**List your hobbies:**

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**What are your plans for the future?**

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\*\*\*If you need more room, please attach extra pages. On each page make sure to identify yourself and which question you are continuing to answer. The applications will be reviewed by the judges so that they may better judge your abilities.

\*\*\*Please attach your one-page biography to the application as well.

**I certify that the information I have provided on this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Applicant**

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

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**Parent/Guardian Signature**

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**Parent/Guardian Address**

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**City**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**State**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Zip**

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**Parent/Guardian Home Phone Number**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent/Guardian Work/Cell Phone Number**

**Press Release and Publicity Waiver**

**I hereby authorize and permit my photograph and other publicity information pertaining to myself to be released for radio, television, newspaper, and magazines in connection with the Miss May Day Pageant, the Merced County Spring Fair in Los Banos, and the Miss California State Scholarship competition.**

**Winners (including the runners up) of the Miss May Day Pageant will be required to be present DAILY at the 2019 Merced County Spring Fair in Los Banos, and must be present for the crowning of Miss May Day 2020.**

**The Miss May Day winner is eligible to compete in the Miss California State Scholarship pageant in San Jose, California as is prescribed by the California Department of Fairs and Expositions in Sacramento.**

**Following the 2019 Merced County Spring Fair, Miss May Day, 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-up and 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-up MUST acquire permission from the fair manager prior to wearing her crown or sash at community events.**

**I, the undersigned, do hereby declare that I have read the above statement of requirements and qualifications for judgment of the Miss May Day pageant. I understand the statements listed above and if I should be named Miss May Day or a runner-up, will do my best to honor these requests.**

**The undersigned hereby attests to the good moral reputation of the above entrant and has agreed to all of the stipulations in this official entry form.**

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**Signature of Applicant                      Date**                      \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Parent/Guardian                      Date**                      \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicants under the age of eighteen (18) must have the signature of a parent or guardian as well as their own.**

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**Address                                                              City                      State                      Zip Code**

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**Telephone Number                                                              Cell Number**

**CODE OF ETHICS**  
**MISS MAY DAY**

The Miss May Day Committee and Merced County Spring Fair Board of Directors and staff are prepared to guide you through a rewarding experience. The Pageant Committee and the Fair have certain basic expectations of this pageant 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 happy and constructive experience for ALL.

**GOALS AND INTENT**

I shall endeavor to understand and faithfully interpret the Merced County Spring Fair philosophy, objectives, and goals in my relationship with fellow contestants, management, staff and the general 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 Merced County Spring Fair.

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

I accept the challenge of helping my community increase their awareness of the Fair and Agricultural industries.

I shall refrain from the use of Alcoholic Beverages, Marijuana, Narcotics and Non-Prescription Drugs as all are prohibited and use of such will result in my disqualification from the Pageant.

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

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

**I shall accept the decision of the Judges as final.**

The Merced County Spring Fair staff and committee reserve the right to enforce all Rules, Regulations and Code of Ethics, at the discretion of the director(s) and Fair Management. The Pageant director(s) and/or Fair staff reserve the right to disqualify or forfeit title and awards.

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

Contestant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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



### **DUTIES OF MISS MAY DAY**

The following is a list of some of the duties Miss May Day will be expected to fulfill during the Merced County Spring Fair. This list is subject to change to accommodate the Fair schedule and entertainment.

- Fair Opening Ceremony
- Fair Parade
- Little Miss May Day Pageant
- Livestock Judging Events (various days & times)
- Fair Parade Awards Ceremony
- Exhibitors Awards Ceremony
- Entertainment at the Grandstands (various days & times)
- Junior Livestock Auction
- May Day Kick-Off Dinner

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**RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

We, the undersigned, contestant and/or parent, have read and understand the rules, regulations and Code of Ethics of the Miss May Day Contest. Permission is hereby granted to the Merced County Spring Fair Association to utilize the adjoining information in any way they see fit without recourse from me, my heirs, or immediate family. Contestant hereby releases the Merced County Spring Fair Association, the County of Merced, the Board of Supervisors, their Directors, Agents, and Employees from claims of any kind or nature arising out of damage to persons or property occasioned by or in connection with any portion of her participation. All appearances made by the contestant in the course of this activity will be done of the contestant's own volition in the interest of the Merced County Spring Fair Association for the current year. Contestant and parents have not received remuneration in any form for participation in the Contest other than the declared prizes.

Signature of Contestant: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**APPLICATION DEADLINE IS January 25, 2019 @ 4:00PM  
PLEASE REVIEW THE CODE OF ETHICS AND GOALS AND INTENT.  
PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.**

**Informational Meeting on January 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. is MANDATORY.  
A parent or guardian MUST attend this meeting with the Contestant.**