

CALAVERAS COUNTY FAIR

& JUMPING FROG JUBILEE

2017 Calaveras Saddle Queen Application

Welcome to the 2017 Calaveras Saddle Queen Competition! Please complete and return the following application by Friday, March 1, 2017 to:

Calaveras County Fairgrounds

P. O. Box 489

Angels Camp, CA 95222

If you have any questions regarding the application or the competition, please call the Fairgrounds at (209)-736-2561 or email at info@frogtown.org. Please read the General Information and Areas of Competition Rules. Thank You!

Areas of Competition:

All outfits MUST be approved by the Pageant Director two weeks prior to competition.

1. Horsemanship Test
2. Interview
3. Equitation
4. Ranch Riding Pattern
5. Barrel Race
6. Flag Lap
7. Queen Lap

GENERAL INFORMATION

Contestants entering the Calaveras Saddle Queen Competition may be sponsored. The sponsorship dollars are to cover the contestants expenses associated with the competition. There is no entry fee. The winner will reign as Calaveras Saddle Queen for one calendar year representing Calaveras County and the Jumping Frog Jubilee. The Calaveras Saddle Queen Competition seeks versatile young women who are intelligent, articulate, charming, talented, sincere, and healthy (in mind and body) with warm, outgoing personalities. Contestants must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or greater and must be verified by a school counselor. All contestants are to read and sign a Code of Conduct included within this packet. Calaveras Saddle Queen will serve as a role model for young women in our community.

SPONSOR'S CONTRIBUTION: Entrants may select up to a maximum of five sponsors, with the total maximum sponsorship not to exceed \$500. These funds are to be used for expenses connected with the competition (i.e. shoes, gowns, etc.) Contestants should provide receipts for the sponsors to review.

ENTRANT'S COMMITMENT/REQUIREMENTS: Each contestant agrees that if she is the winner of the competition, or a runner-up, she will be available for public appearances. Your main duty as Calaveras Saddle Queen is to attend events in the county throughout the year of reign. Each contestant will be required to purchase a Fair t-shirt to wear during Fair time.

1. Each contestant must submit the following with a completed application
2. A signed Release, Waiver, and Hold Harmless Agreement
3. A signed Rules and Regulations document and Code of Conduct
4. Verification of academic standing and cumulative GPA

TITLE HOLDER: Contestant holding a current title cannot be introduced as such and cannot wear a sash. The judges will not be made aware of your current titles.

ATTENDANCE/PRACTICES: Attendance is mandatory at all practices, Media Night, Whiskerino, and Chamber Mixer. You will be awarded 1 point for being on time and 1 point for your presence for a maximum of 2 points per evening. Zero points will be given for an absence and 1 point if tardy. Over 2 absences will result in disqualification. It is extremely important that contestants attend ALL rehearsals. Contestants are expected to behave responsibly, arriving on time for all scheduled events and notify the Competition Director of any conflicts. Contestants are permitted one unexcused absence and 2 excused absences. Whether an absence is deemed excused is at the sole discretion of the Competition Director. Parents, coaches, teachers, and other directors are welcome to attend rehearsals but cannot actively participate. If an issue arises, then rehearsals and the dress rehearsal will become 'closed' and parents and/or friends will not be allowed to attend.

WARDROBE GUIDELINES: Calaveras Saddle Queen and her court are expected to dress in good taste at all times during the Fair and at the Required Appearances for 2017 & Court:

Contestants are allowed one outfit for the competition and it should consist of Wrangler brand or like western jeans of any style or color with a coordinating blouse that should be tucked in. Accessories (hat, boots, belt, etc.) may be any color. Chaps are not permitted.

Contestants should be prepared with at least 4 outfit changes of the above description; one for each day of the Fair. No holes in jeans.

Calaveras Saddle Queen Director will provide contestant sashes and numbers for the competition.

AMBASSADORS: Calaveras Saddle Queen and the members of her court are under the jurisdiction of the Calaveras County Fair:

While at and going to the Calaveras County Fair and Jumping Frog Jubilee

Attending Fair sponsored events

Attending special events as Calaveras Saddle Queen

Further, you are reminded that during the course of the year, even when you are not officially representing the Fair or the Calaveras Saddle Queen Competition you are expected to behave discretely, being careful not to embarrass themselves or others with their behavior during the four days of fair and all official appearances as a Calaveras Saddle Queen Court Member. Boyfriends will not be allowed to accompany Calaveras Saddle Queen or members of her court during the Fair, or at functions attended as Calaveras Saddle Queen. When you attend events as a Calaveras Saddle Queen Court member, your focus needs to be on your community, and your role as an ambassador for the Fair. Your friends and family need to be aware of this and understand that the nature and scope of your responsibilities will severely limit the amount of time you can spend with them.

CAUSES FOR DISMISSAL- LOSS OF TITLE

The following behaviors are expressly forbidden and will be considered grounds for losing the title or Calaveras Saddle Queen, First Runner-Up, or Second Runner-Up.

- In possession of and/or under the influence of any controlled substance, an alcoholic beverage, or intoxicant of any kind
- In possession of and/or under the influence of any tobacco, including but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, smokeless tobacco, or miniature cigarettes
- In possession, for use or sale, of illegal drugs, inhalants, or any other mood altering substance not prescribed by your physician
- The use of vulgar language or profanity while appearing in public as either Calaveras Saddle Queen or a member of the court
- Breach of Saddle Queen application
- Breach of General Information
- Not meeting the General Eligibility Requirements

REQUIRED APPEARANCES FOR 2017 CALAVERAS SADDLE QUEEN & COURT

- Apr. 2017: Whiskerino (Required of all Contestants)
- Apr. 2017: Media Night/Press Dinner (Required of all Contestants)
- May 18th- 21th 2017: Calaveras County Fair
- Jun. 2017: Copperopolis Homecoming Parade
- Jul. 3rd & 4th 2017: Arnold 4th of July Celebration & Parade
- Jul. 4th 2017: Mokelumne Hill 4th of July Celebration & Parade
- Oct. 2017: Lumberjack Days, West Point
- Dec. 2017: Valley Springs Christmas Parade
- Dec. 2017: Angels Camp Christmas Parade
- Feb. 2018: Mother Lode Round-Up Queens Tea
- Mar. 2018: Murphy's Irish Days
- Apr. 2018: Oakdale Parade (optional)
- May TBA: Chamber Mixer
- May 2018: Mother Lode Round-Up Parade (optional)
- May 17th 2018 Competition Dress Rehearsal
- 2018 Competition: Thursday of Fair, 2018

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

Calaveras Saddle Queen: \$1000

First Runner-Up: \$600

Second Runner-Up: \$400

SCHOLARSHIPS MUST BE CLAIMED WITHIN ONE YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

Most Photogenic.....Special Award

Miss Congeniality.....Special Award

Miss Community Service.....Special Award

The winner of each area of competition will receive a special award

Attendance points will be added to the total score but will not receive an award

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Eligible Ages: 14-19 (*age based on as of January 1st*)
2. Resident of Calaveras County, not attending a school in another county, except college
3. In good health, never married, pregnant or had a child or 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 2.0 GPA or better.
6. No body piercing elements or tattoos may be visible
7. Appropriate attire at all times while as a contestant and during reign (see general information)
8. You must be committed to making public appearances at public events. If you think that you will not be able to do this then do not run. The best part of being Calaveras Saddle Queen or a Princess is donating your time to the community.

Please note: These eligibility requirements apply during your reign as Calaveras Saddle Queen or Princess, as well as your time as a contestant. Violation of the above eligibility requirements will be considered as cause for dismissal and loss of title and scholarship.

Appearance Guidelines

1. Attractiveness with self-confidence
2. Grooming: This should include neatness and cleanliness in every detail including complexion, hands, fingernails, hair, hat, boots, and other wearing apparel.
3. Photogenic Quality: The official Saddle Queen photographer will conduct a photo shoot with all contestants and horses. She will judge the prints for the contestant's photogenic qualities.
4. Poise and ladylike behavior in every situation: Judges will be looking for Contestants to handle each situation in which they are involved with grace and style. Judges will also be looking for Contestants to have a substantial knowledge of proper etiquette. How a Contestant carries herself is very important. The Judges will be looking for Contestants to carry themselves straight and tall and exude self-confidence and poise.
5. Western Fashion Sense: Contestants should pick outfits that reflect fashionable and tasteful western clothing. Judges will be paying particular attention to Contestant's ability to use colors to enhance her natural coloring, appearance and eye appeal. No holes in jeans permitted.
6. Proper fit of clothing: Contestants should pay particular attention to the fit of their outfits. Outfits should be figure flattering and altered to fit her personally. Judges will be looking for a properly fitting hat that is shaped to flatter the Contestant's face. Contestants should remember that this is not a clothing contest. It is not necessary to invest an excessive amount of money in clothing. Judges will be looking for versatility and imagination and a Contestant's ability to carry out a 'total look'.

Personality Guidelines

The purpose of this category is to select the young lady who rates the highest in:

1. Intelligence and good common sense
2. Conversational ability in varied circumstances, with an emphasis on grammar and enunciation
3. A good sense of humor
4. Self-confidence, high moral standards, sincerity, and integrity
5. Genuine interest in other people and consideration of others
6. Self-Projection – the ability to project one's personality, whether it be from horseback or appearing on stage before a crowd
7. A happy outlook on life
8. Promptness in keeping the pageant schedule
9. Maturity
10. The ability to clearly express one's educational backgrounds and educational goals.

Horsemanship Guidelines

The purpose of this category is to select the young lady who rates the highest in:

1. Horsemanship – Control of the horse and the way the Contestant handles each situation that may occur
2. Balance – The ability to sit steady in a saddle
3. Position of hands, feet, and seat
4. Mounting and dismounting
5. Understanding and skill will be judged and not the horse or equipment
6. Showmanship – How well a Contestant projects her personality to the audience from horseback

Ranch Riding Patten will be distributed at orientation.

Judging Guidelines

The Calaveras Saddle Queen Director and Fair Board will use the following procedures for judging:

1. At least three Judges will be used to judge all categories.
2. Judging will cover three categories: Personality, Appearance, and Horsemanship.
3. The services of an independent Auditor will be used to tally the Judge's scores.
4. Pageant Officials will not have access to completed judging sheets. The Judges assistant will gather the completed score sheets from all of the Judges, and personally see that the Auditor receives them.
5. Each Contestant will receive her personal scores in the mail following the Pageant.
- 6. *Decisions by the Judges are final.***
7. Contestant must have control of their horse at all times, i.e. must have at least one rein in at least one hand at all times.
8. If in the event of a tie for each category (Interview, Equitation, etc.), it will be broken by referring back to the score of Judge #1. That score will break the tie. If a tie still remains, the score of Judge #2 will be used... and so on until the tie is broken.
9. A tie in scoring for Calaveras Saddle Queen (and First Runner-up) will be broken by the Reining scores. The Contestant with the highest score in Reining will receive the higher ranking.
10. The Calaveras Saddle Queen Director will select the Judges based on their expertise in the various categories.
11. In the event a contestant loses control of their mount, it will NOT automatically disqualify them from the class. However, a 20 point deduction will be taken off the contestants total score at the end of the competition. The contestant will be asked to continue with the class if able.
12. Contestants will have at least one personal interview with the panel of Judges. Judges will ask questions pertaining to rodeo, horsemanship, current events, western attire, personal goals, opinions, etc. Judges will attempt to determine the character and knowledge of each Contestant.
13. Contestants will vote for the selection of Miss Congeniality. A tie in scoring will be broken by a second vote by Contestants with only those tied for the selection on the ballot.
14. The pageant photographer will select the Contestant most deserving of the Miss Photogenic Award. There will no points awarded to Contestants for this award.

CALAVERAS SADDLE QUEEN RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Contestants must conduct themselves in a proper lady-like manner and portray high moral standards. Contestants will not be permitted to consume alcoholic beverages, use tobacco and/or non-prescription drugs, or use foul language during the competition and reign as Calaveras Saddle Queen. Any contestant caught conducting non-ladylike behavior and/or partaking in disorderly conduct will be disqualified from the contest.
2. All applications must be at the Fair office by March 1. No postmarks please. No exceptions will be made.
3. Each contestant must have a completed and signed application, release waiver, hold harmless agreement, signed rules and regulations, and verification of Academic Standing and Cumulative GPA.
4. Contestants and winners must provide their own wardrobe and agree with the following wardrobe guidelines. Long western jeans (Wrangler brand or like western jeans). Accessories (hat, boots, belt, etc.) may be any color. Chaps are not permitted. Contestants should be prepared with at least 4 outfit changes of the above description; one for each day of the Fair. No holes in jeans. Calaveras Saddle Queen Director will provide contestant sashes and numbers for the competition. Chaps will be provided to the queen for parades and grand entries. These requirements are to be abided by the length of the fair, at every public event, parade and rodeo.
5. A contestant, or any friends or family member of the contestant, must not approach judges with intent to influence or harass. Action of this type will be reported to the Calaveras County Fair Board and disqualification of the contestant will result.
6. **All judges' decisions are final.** Neither the Calaveras Saddle Queen Director nor any assistant involved with the competition have control over points or judges' decisions. If in the event of a tie. It will be broken by referring back to the core of Judges #1. That score will break the tie. If a tie still remains, the score of judge #2 will be use... and so on until the tie is broken.
7. All contestants are expected to arrive promptly for all scheduled activities and provide their own transportation to and from each calendared event.
8. Contestants are expected to provide their own mount for the competition and for each parade, grand entry, etc. during your reign as member of the court and must be in control of your mount at all times by having at least one rein in at least on hand at all times.
9. After the coronation ceremony, contestants may not leave the arena until all awards are received. Press pictures are taken and you have been dismissed by the Director.
10. The contestant s crowned as Calaveras Saddle Queen, 1st and 2nd princess are required to be at the Miss Calaveras Pageant at 8:00 pm and will be introduced after the evening gown portion before the coronation.
11. In the event a contestant loses control of their mount, it will NOT automatically disqualify them from the class. However, a 20 point deduction will be taken off the contestants total score at the end of the competition. The contestant will be asked to continue with the class if able.
12. Calaveras Saddle Queen and her Court are required to attend a variety of events at the Fair. You will not have a lot of time to be with your friends. You will be very busy focusing on the needs of our community and your role as an ambassador of the Fair.

Contestant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

CALAVERAS SADDLE QUEEN ENTRY APPLICATION

Application deadline is Wednesday, March 1st, 2017 to the Calaveras County Fairgrounds and must be typed or handwritten in blue or black ink

Competition Date: Thursday, May 18th, 2017

Contestant Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zipcode: _____ Email: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Age (as of Pageant Date): _____ Birth Date: _____

Grade: _____ School: _____ GPA: _____

School Counselor's Signature: _____

Hobbies/Sports (non-horse related) :

Horse Related Awards:

Parent Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Rodeo, Horseshow, or other horse related activities:

Prior Competition Experience and/or Titles Held:

Other accomplishments, awards, honors, etc.:

Parent/Guardian Signature (if under 18 years of age) _____ Date _____

Contestant Signature _____ Date _____

MISS CALAVERAS CONTESTANT SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT

Dear Sponsor,

Thank you for sponsoring a Calaveras Saddle Queen Contestant. Your sponsorship is to defray the contestant's personal competition related expenses. The funds are not used to produce the competition. There is not an entry fee.

Date: _____ Sponsor: _____

Contact Name: _____ Contact Phone: _____

Address: _____

Amount of Sponsorship: _____ Authorized Signature: _____

Name of Contestant: _____

Please copy this page to use for additional sponsors

Release & Waiver of Liability Agreement

I, _____ ("Participant") acknowledge that I have voluntarily applied to participate in the following activities on the grounds of the 39th District Agricultural Association. (Calaveras County Fairgrounds – Frogtown -"The Fair")

Saddle Queen Competition

I AM AWARE THAT THE ABOVE DESCRIBED ACTIVITIES ARE HAZARDOUS ACTIVITIES, AND I AM VOLUNTARILY PARTICIPATING IN THESE ACTIVITIES WITH KNOWLEDGE OF THE DANGER INVOLVED, AND AGREE TO ASSUME ANY AND ALL RISKS OF BODILY INJURY, DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.

I VERIFY THIS STATEMENT BY PLACING MY INITIALS HERE: _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN'S INITIALS (if under 18): _____.

As consideration for being permitted by the Fair and the State of California to participate in these activities and use their facilities, I hereby agree that I, my assignees, heirs, distributees, guardians, next of kin, spouse and legal representatives will not make a claim against, sue, or attach the property of the Fair or the State of California or any of their affiliated organizations as a result of my participation in the activities described above. I forever release the Fair and the State of California and any of their affiliated organizations from any and all action, claims, or demands that I, my assignees, heirs, distributees, guardians, next of kin, spouse and legal representatives now or hereafter have for injury or damage resulting from my participation in the activities described above.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND A CONTRACT BETWEEN MYSELF, THE FAIR, AND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND/OR THEIR AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS, AND I SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

The owner agrees, for his/her heirs, executors, administrations, or assigns to indemnify and hold harmless the State of California and the 39th District Agricultural Association, its directors, officers, agents, employees, successors or assigns, from any and all losses, claims, actions, or proceedings of any kind which may be initiated by purchasers, handlers or consumers of owner(s) animal(s) and/or any other person or organization; including reimbursement for all legal costs and attorney fees incurred by the indemnified parties or any of them for defense of any such actions which may hereafter impact directly or indirectly from the sale, handling, and human consumption of owner(s), animal(s).

Executed in: Angels Camp, California, Date: _____

PARTICIPANT/RELEASOR: _____

Signature Address City, State Zip

PARENT / GUARDIAN: _____

Signature Address City, State Zip

IF YOU ARE UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE, YOU AND YOUR PARENT / GUARDIAN MUST SIGN AND INITIAL THIS FORM WHERE INDICATED.