

# 2026

## Miss Butte County

### SCHOLARSHIP

#### COMPETITION

## Official Contestant Handbook



# 2026 MISS BUTTE COUNTY APPLICATION HANDBOOK

The Miss Butte County Scholarship Program (MBCSP) is a community service based organization that fosters invaluable personal and professional skills in its participants. While empowering the youth of Butte County, the program also teaches how to give selflessly to the community. Our contestants participate in multiple training seminars, referred to as Competition Camps. These Competition Camps teach public speaking, speech making, resume building, interview skills, the ability to formulate their thoughts quickly and efficiently on the spot, leadership, poise, communication, sportsmanship, and confidence. Not only will these skills prepare them for the rigorous competition, but also for many facets of their future endeavors. All rules and regulations set forth in this and all documents provided by the Miss Butte County Scholarship Program, are designed to prepare participants to represent the Butte County Fair, Miss Butte County Scholarship Program, and Butte County.

## General Requirements

1. Contestant must be a resident of Butte County for at least six months and a resident of the State of California for no less than one year prior to August 27, 2026.
2. Contestant must meet the appropriate age requirements.
  - a. Missette Butte County and Jr. Ambassador Contestants must be ages 8-12 as of August 27, 2026.
  - b. Miss Teen Butte County and Teen Ambassador Contestants must be ages 13-16 as of August 27, 2026.
  - c. Miss Butte County and Sr. Ambassador Contestants must be ages 17-20 as of August 27, 2026.
3. Contestant must be of good moral character.
  - a. Contestant must not have any convictions on record.
  - b. Any parent(s)/guardian(s) that will be in attendance at any MBCSP function or activity may not have any violent convictions or convictions against children. Any participant and/or their parent/guardian may be subject to a DOJ and Megan's Law search at any time during their participation in the program.
4. Use of makeup at all program activities including competition is limited to maintain age appropriateness.
5. Apparel worn to all competition events will be modest in nature. Contestant will be required to wear bermuda shorts, pants, or capris, a t-shirt and gym shoes to all competition camps, unless otherwise stated.
6. Contestant must not hold any other pageant titles during the MBCSP Competition or their reign as a MBCSP titleholder. Contestant must retire any existing pageant type title upon the day of orientation. Should they hold a MBCSP runner-up title, they are welcome to participate as a contestant and retire their title upon the day of orientation for the new program year.
  - a. A current MBCSP runner-up is allowed to wear their sash only for the Biggs 4th of July Parade, National Night Out, and End of the Reign party.
7. Contestant and parent/guardian understand that the competition management will not be responsible for lost or stolen articles during any pre-competition and/or competition activities.
8. The Butte County Fair, its employees, and/or program director will not pay for cost of events (i.e. travel, clothing, parade vehicles, food, etc.).
9. Contestant and parent/guardian must attend the orientation meeting scheduled June 27, 2026 starting at 10:00am to be held at the Butte County Fairgrounds.
  - a. Contestant must arrive dressed in professional attire for press photos. Photos, for various publications, will be taken at the orientation meeting.
  - b. Examples provided in the back of this handbook. Please abide by modesty rules outlined in this handbook. (Cost of the photo is included in the application fee.)
  - c. Alternative Orientation Date: We understand that certain circumstances may arise and prevent contestants from attending the scheduled program orientation. To accommodate these situations, we offer an alternative orientation date for those who cannot attend the original date.
    - i. We strongly recommend attending the original orientation for the most up-to-date information and to meet with the program staff and photographer during the designated time frame. Contestants choosing the secondary date must schedule an in-studio portrait session with the program photographer at the photographer's availability within 14 days of the original orientation. The in-studio portrait session will be at the contestant's own time and cost (if applicable).

# General Requirements Cont.

10. Contestant agrees to attend all mandatory competition related activities and rehearsals.
  - a. Each contestant may request an absence or half-day participation for one mandatory rehearsal. If the missed mandatory rehearsal coincides with a competitive phase (such as the fair test or interview), the contestant will forfeit that portion of the competition and receive a zero-point score.
  - b. Each unapproved tardiness, early departure, or absence will result in a 5-point deduction from the overall contestant score.
11. Contestant understands that parent, guardian, family member, boyfriend, girlfriends, and/or friends are not to attend mandatory competition camps. Parent(s)/guardian(s) are welcome at orientation, their private one-on-one, optional rehearsals, and final rehearsal.
12. Except for the MBCSP approved designated helper, no parent, guardian, family member, boyfriend, girlfriend, and/or friend is allowed backstage once competition begins program night. Contestant will be released to their parent/guardians following the competition.
13. Contestant may be asked to appear for publicity reasons and any other similar type appearances so designated by the competition directors.
14. Props are not allowed during any phase of competition unless otherwise stated.
15. Each contestant and subsequent Royal Court member's parent/guardian will be required to download the "GroupMe" app to stay up to date on event dates.
16. All Royal Court members are required to attend the official royal court portrait session. If the titleholder is unavailable to attend, they will be required to privately reschedule their individual photos with the photographer and any costs incurred will be paid for by the titleholder and/or their family.
17. Contestant, if not chosen as the Missette/Teen/Miss Butte County/Ambassador, may compete in the following year.
18. The contestant agrees that judging governs the established policies and procedures of the Miss Butte County Scholarship Competition Management, and the decision of the judges will be final in all cases.
19. Contestant must agree to abide by all the rules and regulations of the Miss Butte County Scholarship Program (MBCSP) that are outlined in this application and any other documents requested by the MBCSP Management.
20. All contestants will be required to sign the Official Rules and Regulations for Titleholders by August 1st, 2026.
21. All communication regarding the competition, including but not limited to questions, complaints, requests, or concerns must go through the appropriate order of leadership of Miss Butte County Management.
  - a. That order is: Program Director, Miss Butte County Advisory Committee, Fair CEO, then Butte County Fair Board.
  - b. Once any communication has been addressed, the reporting party must cease and desist.
  - c. All decisions of Miss Butte County Management are final.
22. Failure to abide by any rules and regulations set forth by the MBCSP Management may result in action including but not limited to removal of the contestant and/or titleholder from the program, and relinquishment of any and all awards, gifts, and titles given to the contestant and/or titleholder

# Application Deadline

1. Contestant must submit the official application along with a 1st draft of speech, 1st draft of resume, 1st draft of Service Platform (Miss and Sr. Ambassador only), and pay the appropriate application fees to be accepted as a completed application.
2. A Parent/Guardian must sign all application documents and rules if the applicant is under the age of 18.
3. Applications will be accepted from April 17, 2026 until 5:00 pm June 24, 2026.
4. Applications are limited to the first twelve (12) applicants in each age division. Entries will be date and time stamped. The order of contestants will be selected by MBCSP director.
5. Once submitted, changes to the application may only be made at the discretion of the Miss Butte County Program Director.
6. Applications for the Butte County Fair can be submitted in one of three ways:
  - a. Delivered in person/mailed to the Butte County Fair Office.
  - b. Scanned as a PDF and emailed to [missbuttecounty@gmail.com](mailto:missbuttecounty@gmail.com).
  - c. Completed electronically, if an online application form exists.

# Application Fee

1. Each application shall be accompanied by a non-refundable application fee of \$250. This may be paid for by the contestant and/or any sponsors obtained by the contestant.
2. Attendance of the approved spring optional workshops will provide a \$25 discount. One discount per applicant. Applicant must attend at least 75% of the workshop to be eligible. NO transfer of discount permitted.
3. Payments may be in the form of cash, check (written to the Butte County Fair with the Memo of "Miss Butte County"), or card (service fees DO apply).
4. If submitting application online, payment MUST be received by the fair within 48 hours of application being submitted. (Please note that all payments are required by 5:00pm June 24, 2026).
5. If a refund of the application fee is needed, a formal request must be made to the program director. The program director holds the right to seek the advise of the Miss Butte County Advisory Committee to determine if the fee may be refunded. Refunds are NOT guaranteed. Please see contestant rules for qualifying reasons.

# Wardrobe Rules

EXAMPLES WILL BE PROVIDED AT ORIENTATION AND ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

1. All outfits must be electronically submitted to the program director for approval no later than August 10, 2026 at 5:00pm. The Director reserves the right to reject any outfit, shoe, accessory, or prop.
2. For ALL attire worn at MBCSP activities, attire must be modest, can be with or without sleeves. Low-cut or plunging necklines and low backs are not permitted. Miss and Miss Teen can have a modest slit that does not go above the knee (modesty panels may be added to accommodate rules). Slips or lined gowns are mandatory due to theatrical light that will penetrate the evening gown material.
3. The MBCSP has a "dress closet" available to contestants. Not all sizes/styles will be available. Contact [missbuttecounty@gmail.com](mailto:missbuttecounty@gmail.com) to view closet.

# Areas of Competition

## MISSETTE BUTTE COUNTY + JR. AMBASSADOR

Resume	10 Points (All-Or-Nothing)
Interview	40 Points/Judge
Butte County Fair Test	20 Points
Opening Number	Non-Judged
Speech	40 Points /Judge
Presentation of Skills	10 Points (All-Or-Nothing)
Impromptu Question	35 Points /Judge

## MISS TEEN BUTTE COUNTY + TEEN AMBASSADOR

Resume	15 Points (All-Or-Nothing)
Interview	50 Points/Judge
Butte County Fair Test	60 Points
Opening Number	Non-Judged
Speech	50 Points/Judge
Presentation of Skills	10 Points (All-Or-Nothing)
Impromptu Question	50 Points/Judge

## MISS BUTTE COUNTY + SR. AMBASSADOR

Resume	15 Points (All-Or-Nothing)
Service Platform	15 Points (All-Or-Nothing)
Interview	70 Points/Judge
Butte County Fair Test	80 Points
Opening Number	Non-Judged
Speech	70 Points/Judge
Presentation of Skills	10 Points (All-Or-Nothing)
Impromptu Question	70 Points/Judge

# Resume

Often one to two pages in length, a resume is an informational document that lists and summarizes your qualifications, such as skills and education. The goal of a resume is to introduce your qualifications and skills to potential employers (in our case, judges). For the purposes of Miss Butte County, the resume is designed to share your story while introducing yourself to the judges in an easy to read format. You will want to highlight activities, programs, and awards that you have been involved with that are important to you. You may choose to include academic, athletic, community, religious, or work activities or awards. Hobbies, skills, interests, and future endeavors might be added to your resume as well. A few examples are included at the end of this handbook.

The resume is judged All-Or-Nothing for all age divisions. If a resume is submitted and follows the rules below, the contestant will receive the full points. If the contestant does not follow all of the rules listed below, the resume will receive a zero (0) score. Resumes must be typed and include the contestant's name, age, and grade. They should be a minimum of ½ page but no more than two pages, with one full page being typical for most resumes. The body of the resume must be size 12 font. A photo is allowed but may not be more than 3" by 3". A final draft is required to be submitted to the program director no later than 5:00 PM on July 17, 2026. A point deduction of one point will be made for every day the final version is late.

# Service Platform

## MISS AND SR. AMBASSADOR ONLY

A service platform is your opportunity to demonstrate your passion to service to the community as well as your ability to create a plan in an easy to read format.

Your service platform will be presented to the judges and they may choose to utilize this to formulate questions for your interview. This 1-2 page document is a great opportunity to learn about the service opportunities offered in Butte County and possibly learn about creating your own.

You may select a community service project or organization that already exists or you may design your own service.

Your service platform may be referenced in your impromptu question.

A few examples are included at the end of this handbook.

The Service Platform document is judged All-Or-Nothing. If a Service Platform is submitted and follows the rules below, the contestant will receive the full points. If the contestant does not follow all of the rules listed below, the Service Platform will receive a zero (0) score.

1. On the applications, please include your service platforms. The approval of your final Service Platform topic will be at the discretion of the program director.
2. The director will notify you within 10 days of receiving your application if your platform has been approved.
3. A rough draft of your platform should accompany your application. A rough draft may be simple and does not have to directly reflect your final version.
4. Service Platform may not be in support of a political or religious organization.

# Service Platform Cont.

5. Your Service Platform document must include your name and the name of your service platform.
6. Must include a summary of your vision, what you plan on doing, how you intend on spreading your message, explanation why you chose this service platform, how you would utilize a title with the MBCSP to further your mission, and any other pertinent information.
7. Consider this similar to a business plan, while it can be in any format, design, or order you choose, it should include information needed for potential sponsors and community endorsements.
8. Must be typed.
9. May not be more than two pages.
10. A final draft is required to be submitted via email to the program director no later than 5:00pm on July 17, 2026. A point deduction of 1 point will be made for every day the final version is late.

## Personality Interview

### ALL AGE DIVISIONS

The personality interview is conducted on the Saturday prior to the fair. The purpose of this panel style interview is to introduce yourself to the judges in a personal yet professional environment. The judges will take turns asking questions from your resume and the provided interview questions (located in contestant handbook). This area of competition focuses on the contestant's areas of interest, sense of value, attitude, and personality. Personal appearance and poise also provide the judges with insight relative to the contestant being interviewed. You will be assigned an interview arrival time prior to interview day. If you arrive more than five minutes late to your scheduled time, a point deduction will be applied: five points for Missette/Jr. Ambassador, ten points for Teen, and fifteen points for Miss/Ambassador. No props are allowed during the interview.

**Miss and Ambassador only:** Judges may also ask questions about your submitted service platform.

#### *Interview times are as follows:*

**Missette + Jr. Ambassador: 6 Minutes**

**Teen: 8 Minutes**

**Miss + Sr. Ambassador: 10 Minutes**

## Opening Number

### ALL AGE DIVISIONS

The opening number is a non-judged icebreaker, allowing contestants to step outside their comfort zone. Contestants will wear a provided shirt, jeans or capris(no shorts), and comfortable shoes of any style. During this phase, contestants will share their name, age, city, and a short fun fact about themselves. Sample scripts: "My name is Cinderella. I am 16 years old and live in Great Gridley. I have been an active soccer player for 10 years, and this year I was voted team captain." "Howdy! I am Jessie. I am a 22-year-old resident of Chico, CA, and I plan on attending Colorado State University's Veterinary School next fall."

# Butte County Fair Test

## ALL AGE DIVISIONS

This phase of competition is to gauge a contestants preparedness to promote the Butte County Fair and the Miss Butte County Scholarship Program if they were to receive a title. This test will ask questions regarding the 2026 Butte County Fair and the Miss Butte County Scholarship Program. Contestants who are late, will receive a point deduction and will not be allowed extra time. Point deductions for tardiness will be five (Missette/Jr. Ambassador), ten (Teen), fifteen (Miss/Sr. Ambassador).

Contestant will be given 45 minutes to complete the test.

For contestants aged 13 +: All answers can be found in one of the following locations Butte County Fair Website, Contestant Application/Handbook, or handouts provided by the program director.

For contestants aged 8-12: A study guide will be provided by the director, and all questions will originate from this guide.

Most questions will be multiple choice.

The test will be the same for every contestant in their respective age division. If special accommodations are need, including needing a test assistant for reading limitations, a request must be provided in the application or by written request to the program director. If requests are not made a minimum of 30 days prior to date needed, acceptance is at the discretion of the program director.

## Speech

### ALL AGE DIVISIONS

The speech portion of competition is an opportunity for contestants to share their voice, ideas, and passions with the judges and audience. Contestants must present a speech that is at least 45 seconds but no more than 90 seconds in length. Composure, confidence, creativity, and content are all important elements judges will consider. All speeches must meet the minimum time limit and not exceed the maximum time limit. Speeches must be memorized. Contestants will not be permitted to read from note cards or a cell phone during competition.

A moderator will be present during competition to monitor speeches for major deviations from the submitted version. Significant changes from the approved speech may result in a 15-point deduction. Speeches will be timed at a mandatory competition camp. A rough draft speech must be submitted with the application.

**A final draft must be submitted to the program director no later than 5:00 PM on Friday, July 17, 2026.** Late submissions will receive a 10-point deduction per day late. 5:01 PM will be considered one day late. *Sample speeches are located in the back of this contestant handbook. Additional assistance with speech writing will be available during competition workshops.*

**Miss Butte County and Sr. Ambassador contestants** will present a *Platform Speech* based on the service platform topic submitted with their application. Contestants may choose to discuss: What their platform is, Why they chose this topic and why it is meaningful to them, The impact this issue could have on the Butte County community, Ways the community can become involved or support the cause, or any other creative approach to present their platform.

# Speech Cont.

**Miss Teen and Teen Ambassador contestants** will present a speech based on the following prompt: *"Growing Into the Person I Want to Be."*

Contestants may interpret this topic in any way they choose and are encouraged to share personal experiences, lessons they have learned, goals for the future, leadership experiences, or ways they hope to make a difference in their community.

**Missette & Jr. Ambassador contestants** will present a speech based on the following prompt: *"The Me I Am Proud to Be"*

Contestants may interpret this topic in any way they choose. They can share stories, hobbies, school, family, favorite activities, or anything that shows what makes them proud of who they are. This is a chance to let your personality shine in a fun and memorable way

## Impromptu Question

ALL AGE DIVISIONS

This phase of competition is to gauge a contestants preparedness to answer a question in front of a live audience. These questions are designed to challenge a contestants ability to think on their feet. It is important to use your voice to make an impact in a short statement. While there is no time limit for answers, contestant will be given instruction during competition camps on creating concise and effective answers.

No contestant will be informed of their question ahead of time. Impromptu questions will be decided upon by the interview judges and a MBCSP Impromptu Question Delegate immediately following interviews.

The difficulty of the questions will vary based upon the contestant's age category.

### MISSETTE AND JR. AMBASSADOR

All questions will come directly from contestant resumes.

### TEEN

Questions will come from contestant resumes, or the approved list of all-ages or teen interview questions (located in contestant handbook).

### MISS AND SR. AMBASSADOR

Questions will come from contestant resumes, service platforms, or approved list of all-ages or miss/ambassador interview questions (located in contestant handbook).

# Presentation of Skills

## ALL AGE DIVISIONS

A presentation of skills is designed to demonstrate a contestant's ability to share a special skill or passion with the judges and audience. A contestant's skill may be anything from a demonstration on how to perform CPR or proper table setting to performing a song or dance. A full list of examples is provided in this handbook. A contestant is encouraged to be as creative as they wish. The presentation of skill must be at least 45 seconds but no more than 2 minutes.

It will be timed at a mandatory competition camp.

1. Props must be approved by the program director.
  - a. A prop is any item that is not attached to a person or other item. The director will make final decision to what is considered an additional prop.
  - b. Props are limited to two props. A request for additional props must be submitted in writing to the program director with explanation for why they are mandatory.
  - c. The Director reserves the right to deny any props.
  - d. Props must be easily moved.
  - e. Food/Items may not be given to Judges/Audience.
  - f. No live animals, a stuffed animal could be used as a substitute.
  - g. A contestant can use a large trifold poster to aid in their demonstration (counts as one prop). A single folding table (72"x30") will be available upon request.
2. If a contestant needs a stage hand/helper for their skill, this must be approved by the program director.
  - a. All helpers/assistants must behave, speak, and dress modestly in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Miss Butte County Scholarship Program at any Miss Butte County event including but not limited to rehearsal and program night.
  - b. Helpers/assistants must be at the final rehearsal and available program night. It is optional that they attend contestant one-on-one. They will not attend other competition camps.
3. If skill is singing, contestant must differentiate in application if live singing or lip singing. When live singing, contestant may not use vocal music tracks.
  - a. Miss Butte County Management reserves the right to require a substitute track.
4. No note cards/phones may be used. All skills must be memorized.
5. No fire, live firearms, or weapons may be used without explicit permission and follow strict guidelines.
6. Director reserves the right to require a change of presentation of skill.
7. To incorporate music into your skill/performance, please specify the song title and artist name on your application. A digital copy of the song (Spotify link, thumb drive, or CD) must be submitted to the Program Director no later than the conclusion of orientation.
  - a. Please choose a song with modest lyrics that avoid offensive language and negative or provocative themes. We encourage you to carefully review the song lyrics before submitting.

# Resume Examples



**GRACIE LOU FREEBUSH**

In the future, I plan to become an FBI Agent. I plan to enroll in a four-year university to earn my Bachelor's degree and to use my God-given talents to protect my peers and serve my beautiful community.

 11 years old

 Butte Elementary School  
6th Grade

 Butte Made Up City,  
Butte County, Ca

**MISSETTE CONTESTANT #1**

**Academic Honors/Awards**

- 4.13 Grade Point Average
- Student of the Month: October 2022
- Principal's Honor Roll

**School Sports/Clubs**

- Swim Team
- Basketball Team

**School Sports/Club Awards**

- Best Overall Champion in Swimming Age Division
- 1st Place in Swimming 100-Yard Fly
- 2nd Place in Swimming Age Division 200-Yard Free
- 5th Grade Basketball MVP
- 5th Grade Most Free Throws in Basketball Season

**Community Organizations**

- Boys and Girls Club
- Butte City 4H
- Mini Wilderness Explorer in Tribe 54, Sweat Lodge 12
- Miss Butte County Scholarship Program

**Community/Service Awards**

- Boys and Girls Club 2023 Volunteer Award
- Mini Wilderness Explorer Most Events Attended 2023
- Golden Presidential Volunteer Service Award 2023
- Missette Butte County 1st Runner Up 2023
- Missette Butte County Betsy Award

**Hobbies and Interests**

- Martial Arts
- Baton Twirling
- Glass Harmonica
- SING



**Amelia "Mia" Thermopolis**

Miss Teen Contestant #9

	19 years old
	Butte University
	Butte City

**OBJECTIVE**

Dedicated to giving back to others and her community. If selected as the next Miss Teen Butte County 2024, I would love to establish a community service event for children with cancer who need wigs. The community service event would incorporate my passion for helping children in unfortunate circumstances and bringing awareness for children's cancer by allowing the public to donate cut hair to be repurposed as children with cancer wigs.

<b>ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT</b>	<b>SKILLS EXPERTISE</b>
<p>Cumulative GPA: 4.0/4.0</p> <p>Class Rank: 1st in a class of 500 students</p> <p>SAT Score: 1550</p> <p>ACT Score: 36</p>	<p>1. Piano, Violin, and Music Abilities</p> <p>2. Communication Skills</p> <p>3. Leadership Skills</p>
<b>ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE</b>	<b>COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• President of the Senior Class: Led initiatives to improve student life and promote a positive school culture.</li> <li>• Debate Club: Developed critical thinking and public speaking skills.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Aldenaire &amp; Partners Foundation [2022]</b></p> <p>Volunteer at Aldenaire &amp; Partners : Assisted with fundraising events and provided support to those in need</p>

## Greg Jones

### RESUME OF ACTIVITIES

<p><b>ACADEMIC AWARDS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4.13 Grade Point Average</li> <li>• Student of the Month: October 2023</li> <li>• Student of the Month: March 2023</li> <li>• Principal's Honor Roll Spring 2023, Fall 2023</li> <li>• Honor Roll Spring 2022, Fall 2022</li> </ul> <p><b>SPORTS/CLUBS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Debate Team</li> <li>• Cross-Country Running Team</li> <li>• Swim Team</li> <li>• Associate Student Body Secretary</li> <li>• Boys and Girls Club</li> <li>• Butte City 4H</li> </ul> <p>• WILDERNESS EXPLORER: TRIBE 54 SWEAT LODGE 12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Miss Butte County Scholarship Program</li> </ul> <p><b>SPORT/CLUB AWARDS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BCHS Hockey Team Captain</li> <li>• Gold Award at Duber Soccer Competition</li> <li>• Best Public Speaking in Debate Award</li> <li>• Overall Champion in Swimming 2023</li> <li>• Butte County Jr. Ambassador 2023</li> <li>• Golden Presidential Volunteer Award 2023</li> <li>• Boys and Girls Club Volunteer Award 2022</li> </ul> <p><b>HOBBIES AND INTERESTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Martial Arts</li> <li>• Soccer</li> <li>• Harmonica</li> </ul>	<p><b>PROFILE OVERVIEW</b></p> <p>Greg Jones</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 17 years old</li> <li>• Butte City Resident</li> <li>• 12th grader</li> </ul> <p>• Butte County High</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Study Abroad Student</li> </ul> <p><b>EDUCATION</b></p> <p>Class of 2027</p> <p><b>BUTTE COUNTY COLLEGE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concurrent Enrolled</li> </ul> <p>Class of 2026</p> <p><b>BUTTE COUNTY HIGH</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12th Grader</li> </ul> <p>Fall 2022-Spring 2023</p> <p><b>GENOVIA COLLEGE PREP</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11th Grade, Study Abroad</li> </ul> <p><b>FUTURE PLANS</b></p> <p>My future plans include graduating from a four-year university with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice, and a minor in Martial Arts. After obtaining my bachelor's degree, I would love to be an ambassador for harsher punishment for parole violators and World Peace to one day be an FBI Agent.</p>
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## GRACIE LOU FREEBUSH

**RESUME OF ACTIVITIES**

**Academic Honors/Awards**

- Magna cum laude
- Grade Point Average: 4.13
- Butte College Student of the Month: October 2016
- Butte County High School Principal's Honor Roll 2015

**School Sports/Clubs**

- Debate Team
- Cross-Country Running Team
- Swim Team
- Associate Student Body Secretary

**School Athletic/Club Awards**

- Butte County High School Dance Team Captain
- Best Public Speaking in Debate Award
- Butte County College Student of the Month: October 2016
- Butte County High School Principal's Honor Roll

**Community/Service Organizations**

- Boys and Girls Club
- Butte City 4H
- Wilderness Explorer in Tribe 54, Sweat Lodge 12
- Miss Butte County Scholarship Program

**Hobbies and Interests**

- Martial Arts
- Baton Twirling
- Glass Harmonica
- SING

**FUTURE PLANS**

My future plans include graduating from a four-year university with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice, and a minor in Martial Arts. After obtaining my bachelor's degree, I would love to be an ambassador for harsher punishment for parole violators and world peace while being an intern for the FBI to one day be an FBI Agent.



**PROFILE**

**Gracie Lou Freebush**

18 years old

**Butte University**

**Butte City**

**EDUCATION**

**Butte County University**  
Freshman

- Majoring in Criminal Justice
- Minor in Martial Arts

**Butte College**  
AS in Criminal Justice

- Class of 2024

**Butte County High School**  
High School Diploma

- Class of 2024

# Interview Questions

WHILE THE MAJORITY OF QUESTIONS SHOULD BE BASED ON THE CONTESTANT'S RESUME (AND SERVICE PLATFORM FOR MISS/SR. AMBASSADOR), INTERVIEW JUDGES HAVE THE ABILITY TO ASK ANY NUMBER OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS THAT THEY SEE FIT DURING THE PERSONALITY INTERVIEW.

- Why do you want to be {title you are competing for}? (All Ages)
- What are you most thankful for? (All Ages)
- If you could change one thing in your community, what would it be and why? (All Ages)
- What does community service mean to you? (All Ages)
- What color best describes you? (All Ages)
- What is your favorite thing about Butte County? (All Ages)
- What is one word that describes you? (All Ages)
- What is your favorite movie? (8-12)
- What is your favorite subject in school? (8-12)
- What do you want to be when you grow up? (8-12)
- What do you like to do after school? (8-16)
- What is a hobby or talent that you are proud of? (8-16)
- What is the most important personality trait you have? (13-20)
- Who inspires you the most and why? (13-20)
- What is your proudest accomplishment? (13-20)
- What is something most people don't know about you? (13-20)
- How do you handle challenges or setbacks? (13-20)
- How have your extracurricular activities shaped who you are today? (13-20)
- What makes a role model? (17-20)
- If you could give advice to a younger version of yourself, what would you say? (17-20)
- What has been your most life-changing moment up to this point? (17-20)
- What do you hope your legacy will be as {title you are competing for}? (17-20)

# Service Platform Example



## Cinderella's Glass Shoe Children's Charity

06/22/2025

### *Cinderella Charming*

#### Summary

What random act of kindness changed your life? For me, my life was changed the day a stranger gave me a special pair of shoes to attend the ball. Cinderella's Glass Shoe Children's Charity is designed to provide clothing and shoes to foster children in Butte County.

#### Plan

I am planning to speak with various businesses around Butte County where I hope to set up donation boxes where store patrons can purchase and donate clothing and shoes. Once a month, I plan on visiting these businesses to collect donations. These items will be delivered to Miss Pumpkin's Foster Agency to be distributed to youth in Butte County.

#### Spread My Message

The "Social Mice" app will play a vital role in spreading my message. Posts will be made weekly on various pages including "The Royal Ball Boutique", "Here in Far, Far, Away", and "What's Happening at the King's Palace". White Horse News will allow me to do two live interviews a year to increase publicity.

#### Why

My stepmother and stepsisters only ever gave me a cold attic to sleep in and the cinder from the fire that I regularly tended stained all my clothes. The only special item I ever owned was my mother's old dress, but even that was ruined by my stepfamily. One day, my fairy godmother arrived out of the blue and presented me with a pair of glass slippers. Those glass slippers and my fairy godmother's kindness gave me the opportunity to meet my prince Charming which forever changed the trajectory of my life. It is amazing what a single act of kindness, like the giving of a pair of shoes, can change someone's life.

#### How I would utilize a title as Miss Butte County

With the title of Miss Butte County, I would have a larger social media platform to utilize in order to spread the word of my mission. While I am Miss Butte County.....

# Speech Examples/Topics

These examples are provided for inspiration and guidance only and should not be copied word-for-word. Your speech may look similar to an example or completely different. Judges want to hear your unique voice, experiences, and perspective.

Please review your divisions speech prompt on pages 8 and 9. You may also choose to include a meaningful experience, a quote, song lyrics, or another creative approach. Creativity and authenticity are an important part of your score.

Reminder: A rough draft must be submitted with your application. Your final draft is due July 17, 2026, allowing time to revise and refine your speech before submission.

*Hi, my name is Jerry, and I'm 17 years old. My service platform is "Hula Hooping for Health," a program that visits schools across Butte County to encourage kids to stay active through hula hooping. I was inspired by my little sister, who loved hula hooping so much that she could make it spin for hours without stopping. Watching her joy made me realize that staying healthy doesn't have to be boring—it can be fun, creative, and something everyone can enjoy. Through our program, we teach kids that small daily habits, like hula hooping for ten minutes, can make a big difference in their health and confidence. Seeing their smiles, laughter, and even their first successful hoop spin reminds me that a simple idea can spark a lifetime of healthy choices. Together, we're not just hooping—we're inspiring a healthier, happier community. Thank you."*



*"The future belongs to curious minds.' I've always loved that idea because curiosity is exactly what's helping me grow into the person I want to be. Hi, my name is Molly, and I'm 14 years old. Growing into who I want to be has been a mix of mud, microscopes, and making memories. Through 9 years of 4-H, I've learned to care for animals, grow crops, and tackle projects with patience and creativity. In Girl Scouts, I've built teamwork, earned badges, and discovered that leadership isn't about being the loudest—it's about lifting others up. These experiences are shaping me into the scientist I hope to become—one who explores, experiments, and innovates, especially as a woman in STEM and agriculture. Every seed I plant, every experiment I try, and every challenge I overcome brings me closer to who I want to be. I'm not just growing—I'm growing with purpose, curiosity, and a little bit of sparkle!"*

# Speech Examples

*"My favorite baseball player, Babe Ruth, once said, "Never let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game."*

*Hello fellow fair goers, my name is Sam Charming and I'm 15 years old. A quick fun fact about me is that I love baseball. I have been playing the sport since little league. My dad, Hal, taught me how to play. I love the thrill of scoring a homerun and creating new friendships with my teammates. Last year, I won the most homeruns in a season and MVP. It was even my first year playing for a team in Butte County. I grew up in Southern California until my family and I moved to Butte City two years ago. I just started my sophomore year at Butte High School and I am counting down the days until baseball season begins. In the meantime, I volunteer at my dad's diner by washing dishes and busing tables. My Dad's Diner is one of my favorite places. It is always filled with smiling faces and of course really great food. I hope I can attend Princeton one day to major in Business so I can take over our family diner! My sponsors tonight are Flower Pot Flowers and Gifts, Feather River Four Wheel Drive and Auto Service, T's Creations, and Hal's Diner. Remember, I am Sam Charming and I hope you enjoy the rest of your time at the Butte County Fair. Thank you."*

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*"I love running on the soccer field, riding my bike around the neighborhood, and building crazy LEGO creations that sometimes take forever to finish! The me I am proud to be is someone who tries new things, helps my little sister when she needs it, and always does my best in school. I'm proud that I cheer on my friends, work hard, and keep learning every day. I might be small, but I know that being kind, curious, and brave makes me feel big on the inside. My name is George, and that's the me I am proud to be!"*

# Presentation of Skills

## Examples



Archery  
Baton Twirling  
Comedy Routine  
Play an Instrument  
Jumping Rope  
Monologue  
Speed Painting  
Dancing  
Cooking Demonstration  
Singing  
Ventriloquism  
Magic  
Acrobatics  
Martial Arts  
Science Experiment  
Roller Skating  
Wrestling  
Parliamentary Procedure  
Debate Rules  
Hula Hooping  
Yodeling  
Soccer Routine  
Picking Locks  
Model Catwalk  
Build a House of Cards  
Hoverboard Demonstration  
Dancing with Drones  
Skit  
Mime  
Pet Tricks  
Skateboard Tricks  
Vocal Mimicry  
Spelling  
Physics  
Foreign Language  
Mathematics  
Woodworking



Signing  
Lip Sync  
Cheer Routine  
Rifle Twirling  
Photography  
Puzzle Solving  
Pumpkin Carving  
Hunting Tips  
Jewelry Making  
Boxing  
Dress Making  
Acting  
Juggling  
Fold Towel Animals  
Yo-yo Tricks

### How-To/Educational Presentations

Change a Tire  
Groom a Show Steer  
Perfect your softball pitch  
Set a Dinner Table  
Write a Resume  
Plant/Grow a Garden  
Choose Fishing Bait  
Swimming  
Parts of a Horse  
Firefighting Facts  
Knitting  
Fly a Plane  
Drive a Tractor  
Sailing  
Falconry  
CPR  
STEMonstration



# Presentation of Skills Example

*Ariel demonstrates how to properly set a dinner table for a formal dining event. She uses velcro to attach plastic silverware to her poster board. While demonstrating this skill, she explains the importance of proper table settings.*



*Jason dances to his favorite song.*



# Presentation of Skills Example

*Mikey displays a magic trick for the audience.*



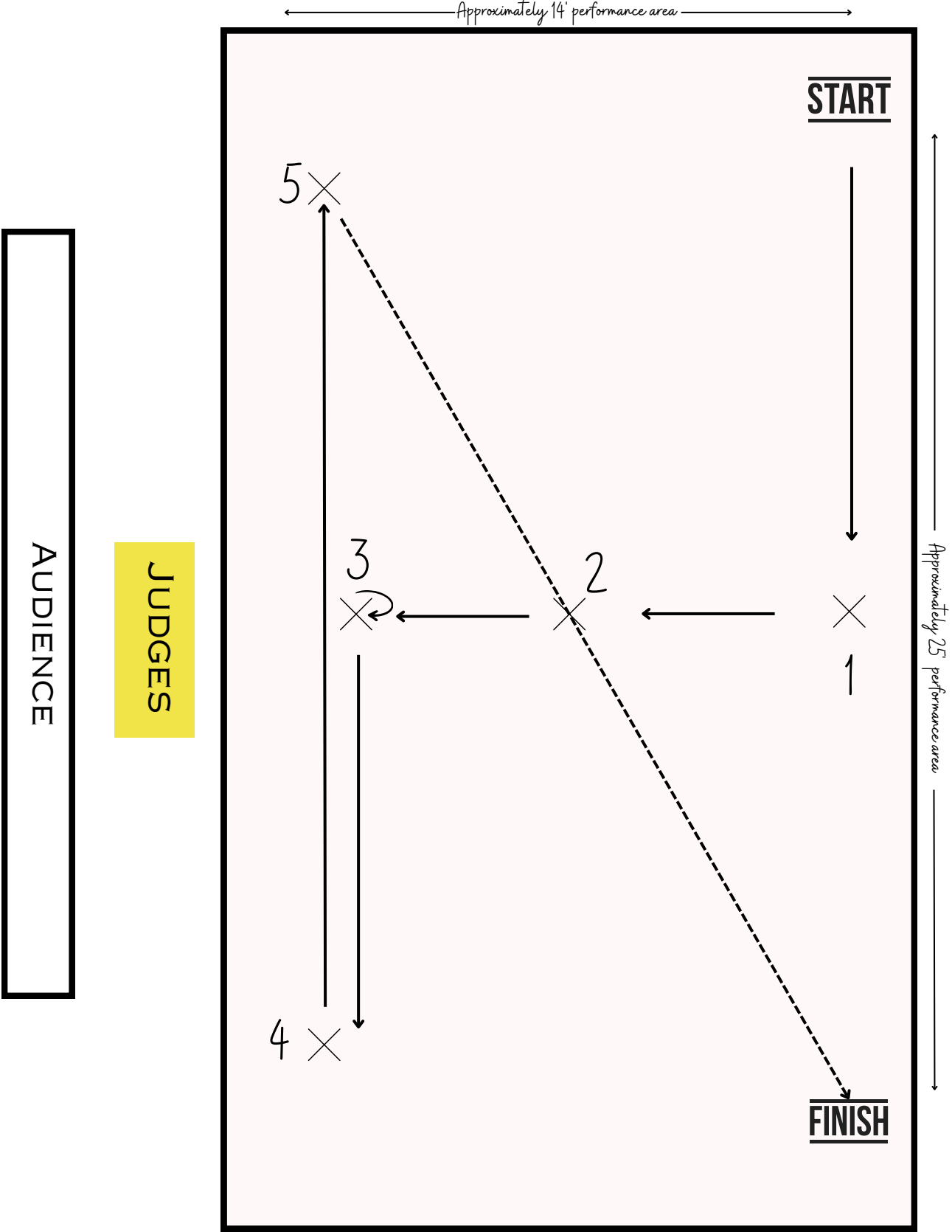
*Julia put 50 words in a bowl. She has the outgoing queen randomly select four words out of the bowl. Julia must spell each word on the stage.*



S-C-H-O-L-  
A-R-S-H-I-P



# Stage Layout



1- PAUSE HERE

2- STOP HERE, WAIT FOR MICROPHONE

3- STOP, SPEAK, WAIT FOR MICROPHONE TO BE TAKEN, PIVOTS

4- PAUSE

5- PAUSE, WAVE AS YOU LEAVE

# Missette/Jr. Ambassador Scoring Rubric

MBCSP DIRECTOR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS TO FINAL SCORING RUBRICS.

JUDGING IS SUBJECTIVE, AND RESULTS WILL VARY FROM JUDGE TO JUDGE.

## INTERVIEW

Poise, Posture, Personal Presentation	1-5 points
Confidence	1-10 points
Quality of Answers	1-15 points
Personality	1-10 points
	Total Possible : 40 points/judge

## RESUME

All-or-Nothing	Total Possible : 10 points
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## FAIR TEST

Personal Score	Total Possible : 20 points
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## PERSONALITY SPEECH

Creativity and Content of Personality Speech	1-10 points
Stage Presence, Composure, and Confidence	1-10 points
Contestant's Ability to Engage with Audience	1-5 points
Contestants Personality through Personality Speech	1-10 points
Age Appropriateness	1-5 points
	Total Possible : 40 points/judge

## PRESENTATION OF SKILLS

All-or-Nothing	Total Possible : 10 points
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## IMPROMPTU

Stage Presence and Confidence	1-10 points
Diction	1-5 points
Content of answer	1-15 points
Age Appropriateness	1-5 points
	Total Possible : 35 points/judge

# Teen Scoring Rubric

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JUDGING IS SUBJECTIVE, AND RESULTS WILL VARY FROM JUDGE TO JUDGE.

## INTERVIEW

Poise, Posture, Personal Presentation	1-5 points
Confidence	1-15 points
Quality of Answers	1-20 points
Personality	1-10 points
	Total Possible : 50 points/judge

## RESUME

All-or-Nothing	Total Possible : 15 points
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## FAIR TEST

Personal Score	Total Possible : 60 points
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## PERSONALITY SPEECH

Creativity and Content of Personality Speech	1-15 points
Stage Presence, Composure, and Confidence	1-15 points
Contestant's Ability to Engage with Audience	1-5 points
Contestants Personality through Personality Speech	1-10 points
Age Appropriateness	1-5 points
	Total Possible : 50 points/judge

## PRESENTATION OF SKILLS

All-or-Nothing	Total Possible : 10 points
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## IMPROMPTU

Stage Presence and Confidence	1-15 points
Diction	1-10 points
Content of answer	1-20 points
Age Appropriateness	1-5 points
	Total Possible : 50 points/judge

# Miss/Sr. Ambassador Scoring Rubric

MBCSP DIRECTOR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS TO FINAL SCORING RUBRICS.

JUDGING IS SUBJECTIVE, AND RESULTS WILL VARY FROM JUDGE TO JUDGE.

## INTERVIEW

Poise, Posture, Personal Presentation	1-10 points
Confidence	1-15 points
Quality of Answers	1-20 points
Personality	1-15 points
Passion of Topics	1-10 points
	Total Possible : 70 points/judge

## RESUME/SERVICE PLATFORM

All-or-Nothing Resume	Total Possible : 15 points
All-or-Nothing Service Platform	Total Possible : 15 points

## FAIR TEST

Personal Score	Total Possible : 80 points
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## PERSONALITY SPEECH

Creativity and Content of Personality Speech	1-20 points
Stage Presence, Composure, and Confidence	1-15 points
Contestant's Ability to Engage with Audience	1-10 points
Contestants Personality through Personality Speech	1-15 points
Age Appropriateness	1-5 points
Diction	1-5 points
	Total Possible : 70 points/judge

## PRESENTATION OF SKILLS

All-or-Nothing	Total Possible : 10 points
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## IMPROMPTU

Stage Presence and Confidence	1-15 points
Diction	1-15 points
Content of answer	1-20 points
Age Appropriateness	1-5 points
Passion of Topic	1-5 points
Use of examples/personal experiences	1-10 points
	Total Possible : 70 points/judge



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## 2026/2027 Event List

List is subject to change. If a titleholder would like to request an additional event, a request must be made to the program director.

**Events highlighted in yellow count towards community service events for the scholarship. The queen/ambassador titleholders are required to attend 15 of the highlighted events during their reign. Red indicates non-negotiable mandatory dates for queens/ambassadors to be eligible to receive scholarships. Runner-Ups are required to attend 10 of the highlighted events during their reign to be eligible for a scholarship. All other events are encouraged but are not required and will not count towards the 15 mandatory events.**

Date	Event Location
8/28/27	Butte County Fair Butte County Fairgrounds
8/29/26	Butte County Fair Butte County Fairgrounds
8/30/26	Butte County Fair Butte County Fairgrounds
September	Palermo Parade Palermo and Festival
September	2026 Royal Court Photos TBA
September	Gridley Truck Show Butte County Fairgrounds
September	Oroville Salmon Festival Color Run Oroville
October	Johnny Appleseed Days Paradise
October	Chico Concour's De Elegance Car Show Chico (Miss Court and Sr. Ambassador, others subject to availability)
November	Oroville Veterans Parade Oroville
November	Holiday Card Making (location TBD)



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November	Downtown Holiday Decorating Gridley
December	Salvation Army Bell Ringing (locations TBD)
December	Chico or Oroville Christmas Lighting Chico or Oroville
December	Paradise Tree Lighting Paradise
December	Biggs Tree Lighting Biggs
December	Gridley Tree Lighting and Parade Gridley
December	Oroville Parade of Lights Oroville
TBD	MBC Honorary Royalty Project (Location TBD)
TBD	State Capitol Tour Sacramento
April	Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt Gridley
April	Yellow Door Autism Walk Chico
April	Gold Nugget Parade Paradise
April	BCF Volunteer Day Butte County Fair
May	Grazing Festival Paradise
May	Miss Tehama County Red Bluff
May	Kiddie Day Parade Oroville
May	Feather Fiesta Parade Oroville



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May	Durham Parade and Picnic Durham
May	Red Suspenders Day Parade Gridley
May	Memorial Day Ceremony (Miss, Sr. Ambassador, (pending availability) Miss Teen as speakers, others as guests) Gridley/Biggs
June	Mini Miss Colusa Visiting Royalty Colusa
June	Miss Colusa Visiting Royalty Colusa
June	Miss/Teen Yuba Sutter Yuba City
June	Mini Miss Yuba Sutter Yuba City
July	Biggs 4th of July Parade Biggs
July	BCF Board Meeting Presentation Butte County Fairgrounds (Queens/Ambassadors to present, others invited)
TBA	2026 Orientation Butte County Fairgrounds
August	2027 End of the Reign Awards TBA 2027 Stage
August	Practice Butte County Fairgrounds*
August	2027 Stage Practice Butte County Fairgrounds*
August	2027 Stage Practice Butte County Fairgrounds*
August	2027 Interview Day Butte County Fairgrounds
August	2027 Rehearsal Butte County Fairgrounds
August	2027 Crowning Night Butte County Fairgrounds

\* Queens and Ambassadors MUST attend at least two stage practices. Any titleholder NOT re-competing but interested in assisting competition night is required to attend at least two stage practices and final rehearsal. Attendance at all practices is highly encouraged. If the outgoing titleholder does not meet these requirements, they will not be able to assist competition night.

# Orientation Attire Examples

