



2026 Pacific County Fair “Red, White, & Moo” Fair Court Application Packet

For Little Miss/Mr. & Miss/Mr. Pacific County

Dear Candidate,

It is with great excitement that we kick off the 2026 Pacific County Fair Court Programs! The Little Miss/Mr. and Miss/Mr. Pacific County Programs are designed to give the public a greater understanding and interest in the Pacific County Fair and agricultural heritage. It also serves each candidate through personal accomplishment and community involvement.

In the 2025 season, Little Miss/Mr. Pacific County positions were added to the Fair Court Program. This allowed for youth ages 7-10 to participate in the personal and community development that Fair Court Programs offer.

Each Fair Court candidate will grow personally and professionally. The program allows candidates to take pride in their accomplishments by building confidence in their abilities: enhancing communication skills, becoming comfortable with public presentations, and developing greater knowledge of the Pacific County Fair and the agricultural heritage therewith. Candidates will grow their skills in a supportive, mentoring, and fun environment!

We want to thank you for your interest and commitment to making the Pacific County Fair the best it can be.

Welcome to the Pacific County Fair Court Programs!

Sincerely,

Colton Nussbaum

Fair & Parks Manager

Pacific County

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CANDIDATE COMPETITION CRITERIA

Final score is based on the following categories, weighed at 100 points each.

Little Miss/Mr.

1. Fair Button Sales:

- Candidates will be paid 10% commission of the value for all Fair buttons sold.
- Candidates will be scored on the number of buttons sold.
- Scoring:
 - Less than minimum sold – 0 points
 - Minimum sold – 85 points
 - Top seller – 100 points
 - Between minimum & top seller – scaled between 85-100 points

2. Participation in All Events:

- Candidates will give every effort to be present at all events. Points are deducted for each unexcused absence or failure to meet the criteria.
- Criteria: being on time, having a positive helpful attitude and dressed within code.

3. County Commissioners Interview:

- Candidates are expected to arrive 10 to 15 minutes before their scheduled interview time. Candidates should prepare by knowing their favorite things about the Fair.
- Candidates are expected to introduce themselves and have an interview with the Commissioners.
- Parent(s) may be present, but not required.

4. Fair Speech:

- Speeches occur along with Fair Court Introductions at the Fair.
- The theme of the speech will be:
“WHAT THE FAIR MEANS TO ME”
- Total speech length should be between 1-2 minutes.
- Winning this category is based on criteria decided by the panel of judges chosen to score the speeches. Judges chosen will not be related to any candidates.

Miss/Mr.

1. Fair Button Sales:

- Candidates will be paid 10% commission of the value for all Fair buttons sold.
- Candidates will be scored on the number of buttons sold.
- Scoring:
 - Less than minimum sold – 0 points
 - Minimum sold – 50 points
 - Top seller – 100 points
 - Between minimum & top seller – scaled between 50-100 points

2. Participation in All Events:

- Candidates will give every effort to be present at all events. Points are deducted for each unexcused absence or failure to meet the criteria. Hours can count toward any high school community service graduation requirements.
- Criteria: being on time, having a positive and helpful attitude, dressed within code, and public speaking.

3. County Commissioners Interview:

- Candidates are expected to arrive 10 to 15 minutes before their scheduled interview time. Candidates should prepare by studying the Fair Premium Book and Pacific County's agriculture.
- Candidates will create a Commissioner Interview Packet that includes: a biography page with headshot, resume, a fair involvement page, and include any extracurricular activities or interesting facts about themselves.

4. Fair Speech:

- Speeches occur along with Fair Court Introductions at the Fair.
- The theme of the speech will be:
“WHAT THE FAIR MEANS TO ME”
- Total speech length should be 3-5 minutes.
- Winning this category is based on criteria decided by the panel of judges chosen to score the speeches. Judges chosen will not be related to any candidates.

CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Must be a resident of Pacific County and an upstanding citizen in the community.
2. At the time of Fair, must be between the ages of:
Little Miss/Mr. – 7-10 years old
Miss/Mr. – 16-18 years old
3. Must have reliable transportation and be on time to all commitments/events.
4. Must be able to commit adequate time to the Fair Court programming – see below.
5. Allow name, photo (any and all taken), and likeness to be published in media outlets, including but not limited to: local newspapers, social media outlets, and Fair website.
6. Complete and submit the following Little Miss/Mr. or Miss/Mr. Pacific County Application using the instructions provided on the application.

PROGRAMMING COMMITMENTS:

1. **Local Parades:** Candidates shall participate in two (2) parades with the 2025 crowned Fair Court prior to the 2026 Fair. If crowned, candidates may have to participate in up to six (6) more parades prior to the 2027 Fair.
2. **Local Meet & Greet (Miss/Mr. ONLY):** This is an introduction of the Miss/Mr. Pacific County to local groups such as the Elks, Kiwanis, Chamber of Commerce, etc. Candidates and/or crowned court will introduce themselves and discuss the Fair.
3. **Commissioner Interview:** Candidates will meet the Board of Pacific County Commissioners in South Bend, WA an interview.
4. **Fair:** Required to be on the grounds to help pass out ribbons, help on the grounds, and be social:
Little Miss/Mr. – 2 hours per day
Miss/Mr. – 4 hours per day
5. **Introductions & Speeches:** On the first day of Fair, each candidate will be introduced and will deliver their speeches on the Main Stage. Escorts are not required for this event.
6. **Crowning Ceremony:** On the second day of Fair, a Little Miss, Little Mr. Miss, and Mr. will be crowned. Each candidate shall be escorted on and off the stage by a chaperone such as a family member or close mentor.
7. **Term:** Candidates are to compete from application through Fair time. If you are not

crowned at the 2026 Fair, your duties are complete. If you are crowned (selected) at the 2026 Fair, your duties carry into the following season until your replacement is crowned at the 2027 Fair. If named Runner-Up (2nd highest final score in your category), you will be obligated to assume the role and responsibilities of Little Miss/Mr. or Miss/Mr. Pacific County in the event the selected winner is unable to fulfill their role or is dismissed.

CANDIDATE RULES AND CONDUCT:

1. Must be respectful to others, including other candidates.
2. Must always conduct oneself in an appropriate manner.
3. Must abide by all local, state, and federal laws. Conviction of a crime, other than a minor traffic offense, will result in dismissal.
4. Must always demonstrate honest and ethical behavior.
5. Must have integrity (to always do what is right even when no one is watching).
6. Must not use any social media for anything other than positive and helpful posts/messages.
7. Must be responsive to the contacts or requests of the Fair Court Superintendent/Fair Manager. If candidate will be late or absent, notification is required in advance. If unresponsive, you may risk your participation in Miss/Mr. Pacific County Program.
8. It is necessary to be prompt and properly groomed for all events. Candidates will lose points for being late, absent, unprepared, or improperly dressed.
9. No technology may be used during events, obligations, commitments, and/or meet & greets. This includes cell phones, tablets, laptops, or other devices that can distract from the role of the contestant. Phones may be used in case of an emergency or to coordinate transportation.
10. Candidates will be dismissed for any and all misconduct, or violation of any of the outlined categories within this packet and that is determined by Fair Court Superintendent/Fair Manager, and/or Board of County Commissioners.

CANDIDATE DRESS CODE:

1. **County Commissioner Interview, Parade, Meet & Greet:** Semi-formal such as dress, skirts, suites, khakis, and dress shirts. Country Western attire is acceptable only if jeans are clean, no fraying or holes, and worn with appropriate western shirts, scarf, belts, and/or cowboy boots. Attire should be age appropriate.
2. **Fair Introduction/Speech:** Formal attire is required during this event. Formal attire may consist of but not limited to full-length gowns, age-appropriate gowns/dresses, dressy separates, suits, slacks, button-down shirts and a tie or bow tie is preferred, but not required.
3. **Crowning/Coronation:** Formal attire is required during this event – see above for details. No headwear shall be worn for this event as it may conflict with crowning.
4. **All events:**
 - Anything that shows stomach or is questionable in length will not be acceptable. Shorts, pants with tears, clothing with logos/advertising, sneakers, tank tops, and T-shirts are not acceptable.
 - Sash and/or crown is required for all events as instructed by Fair Manger/team.
 - Candidates should always be well groomed.

CANDIDATE BUTTON SALE RULES

- Must sell the minimum number of Fair buttons determined by Fair Court Superintendent/Fair Manager to qualify and to continue in the competition. Presales end on Tuesday August 18, 2026 at 3:00 pm. Candidates may not sell buttons after this date/time.
- Parents, other family members, friends, and neighbors are not allowed to sell for the candidates. Others may accompany the candidates when selling but may not sell independently on their behalf.
- At least two (2) button boards shall be displayed and maintained at local businesses/vendors. Boards should have candidate's picture, name, and brief synopsis of why they are running for Miss/Mr. Pacific County. Locations of button boards should be shared with the Fair Office for purposes of advertising.
- It is confidential how many buttons each candidate has sold. Only the individual candidate, Fair Court Superintendent/Fair Manager should know this data.

Little Miss/Mr. Pacific County Application

Due by June 1, 2026

Name: _____ Applying for: Little Mr. Little Miss

School: _____ Grade: _____ Age: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Parent Phone: 1) _____ 2) _____

Parent Email: _____

Mother/Guardian _____ Father/Guardian _____

Siblings: _____

Pets: _____

Favorite animal: _____ Favorite color: _____

What are your 3 favorite foods: _____

What is your favorite tv show or movie?: _____

What do you want to be when you grow up and why?:

Please list all Past/Current Fair Involvement:

Awards /Honors:

What do you do for fun?:

Miss/Mr. Pacific County Application

Due by June 1, 2026

Name: _____ Applying for: Mr. Miss

School: _____ Grade: _____ Age: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: 1) _____ 2) _____

Email: _____

Mother/Guardian _____ Father/Guardian _____

Siblings: _____

Please list all Past/Current Fair Involvement:

Awards /Honors:

Extra-Curricular Activities:

Future Plans:

Candidate Release

- The candidate and parent/guardian (the undersigned) have read all the information contained in this Pacific County Fair Court Application Packet and agree to all terms within.
- The undersigned does hereby voluntarily assume all risks arising out of and/or connected with participation in the Pacific County Fair Court events, and does hereby release the Pacific County Fair, its employees, agents, volunteers, and/or offices, and all other persons associated with the organization, for any and all claims, and causes of action that may result in any injury to the undersigned or to the participating person which has been sustained or may be sustained, and from any and all damages to property belonging to the undersigned that may be a result of participation in the Pacific County Fair and Fair Court events.
- The undersigned candidate gives the Pacific County Fair, its employees, agents, volunteers, and/or offices, and all other persons associated with the organization, the right to take and publish photographs of the listed candidate (using their name, image, and likeness) and their family in connection with the Fair Court events.

Candidate **Printed** Name Date Candidate **Signature**

Parent/Guardian **Printed** Name Date Parent/Guardian **Signature**

Submit completed application:

Email	Mail	Fair Office	Office Dropbox
cnuusbaum@co.pacific.wa.us	Pacific County Fair	5 Fair Ln Raymond, WA	5 Fair Ln Raymond, WA
	PO Box 142 Menlo, WA 98561	Mon – Fri 8:00 am – 4:00 pm	24 hours

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