

PRESS RELEASE
MISS CLATSOP COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
September 18, 2026

Applications are now being accepted for candidates for the Miss Clatsop County Scholarship Pageant at the Seaside Convention Center January 30, 2027.

The Miss Clatsop County Scholarship Pageant is the official preliminary competition of the Miss Oregon Scholarship Program and is part of the Miss America Organization, the world's leading scholarship provider for women. The winners will go on to represent the county at the State pageant in June at the Seaside Convention Center.

In 2026, over \$6000 was made available for participants. This money can be used for any accredited college or university including trade schools and community colleges. In addition to receiving scholarships, contestants gain interview and public speaking skills. Each contestant must select a Community Service Initiative which they present to a panel or judges and to our local community.

Scoring for the competition are 30% private interview, 20% talent / HERstory, 20% Health & Fitness, 20% Eveningwear and 10% onstage question.

All competing participants must be U.S. citizens and a) be a resident of, b) work in, or c) attend school in Clatsop, Tillamook, or Columbia County for a minimum of six months prior to the local pageant. Participants must be female, single, and have no legal dependents. Teen participants must be 14 years old by September 1, 2026, and no more than 18 years of age by September 30, 2026. Miss participants must be 18 years old by September 1, 2026, and no older than 28 by September 30, 2026.

Applications will be available for the Miss Clatsop County's Shining Stars Program on October 15, 2026. Shining Stars is a non-competitive program for ages 5 – 13 as of January 30, 2027 and focuses on developing life skills including stage presence, poise, friendship-building skills and self-confidence. The program allows them to be exposed to the magical, empowering world of Miss America, Miss Oregon and the Miss Clatsop County Scholarship Program before they are of competition age.

For more information and the official application, please visit www.missclatsopcounty.org. The application process for contestants will be closing October 18, 2026.

The Miss Clatsop County Scholarship Program is a non-profit corporation established solely to provide contestants with the opportunity to enhance their professional and education goals, and to achieve those pursuits with the assistance of monetary grants and awards. It is run solely by volunteers. To make a positive difference in our community and in the lives of young women, consider spending your time helping with the program.



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