

Little Miss Caladium Pageant Rules

Caladium Festival Entertainment will be scheduled until 2:30PM. You are only permitted to be behind the stage from 2:45PM until just after the pageant. Please DO NOT be disruptive to entertainment viewers by walking in front of or behind the stage before 2:45PM. If you are early, you may sit in the audience until 2:45PM.

Parking:

You will not be permitted to pass the police barricades to park at the pavilion. You may park at the Greater Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce parking lot with the Permit issued. (1 Per contestant). Make sure the parking permit is placed in the front window of your vehicle. You do not have to park there, but it is an option to you.

Contestants must wear festive dresses showcasing the Caladium Colors or Caladiums. Dresses only! **NO BATHING SUITES. NO SHOWING MIDRIFT. NO BEAUTY PAGEANT DRESSES. (See attached photo examples)**

Please text Taylor Bittner, Pageant Director, for Dress approval at 863-441-4104

Registration and fee deadline is July 7th.

Outfit approval deadline July 18th.

Pageant Run-through - 1 hour practice, Thursday, July 24th. 5-6 pm Stuart Park Pavilion.

Enter online: <u>Caladiumfestival.org</u> or bring/mail application and payment to The Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce – 18 N Oak Ave., Lake Placid, FL 33852 **DEADLINE: July 8th.**

<u>There will be one Winner and one most festive outfit award for each</u> <u>Pageant.</u>

Attire: Contestants are required to wear a dress, long or knee length (dress and shoes) must be age appropriate and a NON PAGEANT DRESS OR COSTUME! NO MAKEUP OF ANY KIND IS ALLOWED! THIS IS A NATURAL PAGEANT. Please refer to the attire inspiration images below. Your dress must represent caladiums whether it be in color or

using caladium fabrics. Creativity is encouraged! Even your jewelry can be caladiums! I have seen caladium items on Etsy and locally sold at Heartland Crafted on Interlake. Caladium Co-op also has fabrics. Shoes must be lower than 1.5 inches. Each contestant must have their outfit approved by July 18th, 2025 by Taylor Bittner, Director. 863-441-4104. NO EXCEPTIONS! If contestant outfit is not approved by the due date, the contestant will not be able to participate. In order for dress to be approved via photo message, please message with first and last name and outfit must be ON THE CONTESTANT AND THE IMAGE MUST SHOW FROM HEAD TO TOE.

Practice: There will be ONE practice held Thursday, July 24th at Stuart Park at 5PM. Please arrive on time as the practice will only run from 5pm-6pm. We will go over lineups, numbers, walk and make sure your contestant is fully ready to shine bright on pageant day.

<u>Judging:</u>

<u>Tiny Miss Caladium</u>: Winner will receive a crown and sash, and one award will be given to the contestant with the "Most Festive Caladium Attire."

Little Miss Caladium: Winner will receive a crown and sash, and one award will be given to the contestant with the "Most Festive Caladium Attire."

Pageant Run Through:

Each contestant will walk on stage and be judged on their attire, stage presence, and bio. The emcee will be reading the contestants' bio while they walk. Bio will be filled out upon registration. Once registration/bio is submitted they cannot be changed. After each contestant from each age division has walked, all Tiny Miss contestants will be welcomed onstage for the crowning of *Tiny Miss Caladium 2025*, and the award of *Most Festive Caladium Attire*. After the winner is announced the remaining contestants will exit the stage.

We will then bring up ALL Little Miss contestants for the crowing *of Little Miss Caladium 2025* and the *Most Festive Caladium Attire* Winner. ALL WINNERS will be asked to stay on stage for press photos and a meet and greet with Taylor Bittner/Winners/Parents. Meet and greet will be held backstage after the pageant.

The winner of Tiny Miss Caladium 2025 and Little Miss Caladium 2025 will be required to attend the festival in crown and sash for a minimum of 1 hour both July 26th and 27th.

