

2026 Calvert County Fair

Miss Tranquility & Lord Calvert

Scholarship Contest

**2025 Lord Calvert
Daelin Rice**



**2025 Miss Tranquility
Katelyn Jackson**

The Miss Tranquility and Lord Calvert contest is open to all Calvert County residents between the ages of 16 and 19. The contest will be held on Sunday, September 20, 2026.

The selection of Miss Tranquility and Lord Calvert will be made not only based on public speaking ability and poise, but also on scholastic achievement and participation in school and community activities. The winners and first runner up will each receive a college scholarship, and all other contestants will each receive a check (if all required hours have been fulfilled). All participants will be required to attend and assist with events during the Fair. Miss Tranquility and Lord Calvert will also represent the Calvert County Fair at several countywide events during their one-year term; other participants are welcome to participate as well.

On the following pages you will find the rules & regulations for the contest, the schedule of events, and the application. If you would like to become a contestant, fill out the application and return it, along with your official school transcript and your sponsor's entry fee of \$50.00, by Saturday, September 5, 2026 by 12 Noon.

It is the desire of the Miss Tranquility and Lord Calvert Contest committee to promote pride in our county, and to continue to encourage and educate our local youth in our community. For this reason, we enlist your support. If you know someone who is eligible and would like to participate in the contest, please pass this information on to him/her. Donations to the scholarship fund are always appreciated and may be sent to:

Mrs. Nancy Zinn
Miss Tranquility and Lord Calvert Contest
150 Alverta's Way
St. Leonard, MD 20685

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Miss Tranquility and Lord Calvert Rules & Regulations

A. CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. The Miss Tranquility Pageant and Lord Calvert Contest is open to all persons between the ages of 16 and 19 as of August 31, of the participating year.
2. Each candidate must be enrolled in a secondary school, post-secondary school, or a continued education/ trade school program/ apprenticeship and have a 75% cumulative grade point average. "Cumulative grade point average" is defined as the average of the candidate's grade points for all years of secondary or post-secondary school attended.
3. Each candidate must have been a resident of Calvert County for at least three (3) years.
4. A candidate must never have been married nor have had children prior to or during the reign (September 2026 through September 2027).
5. Former winners are not eligible to participate in the contest. Please note: Miss Calvert Farm Bureau is eligible to participate in the Miss Tranquility Contest.
6. Application materials and entry fee must be received by **12 Noon, September 5, 2026.**

Completed applications can be hand delivered, mailed or emailed to:

The Calvert County Fair, Inc.
P.O. Box 224
Barstow, Maryland 20610
Attention: Miss Tranquility and Lord Calvert

Email: calvertfair@comcast.net

Applications may be obtained from any committee member, your high school's guidance office, or the Calvert County Fair website or you may use the application found at the end of these rules & regulations.

Application must be complete, legible, and filled out in blue or black ink or will be disqualified.

7. All contestants are required to participate in assigned events at the Fair, including "Youth Day" activities on Friday, October 2, 2026. Exceptions will be made for previous engagements that are specified in writing by the contestant to the committee by the evening of the orientation and creative assignment/ essay. Failure to meet this requirement will result in scholarship and/or money being withheld from the winner/contestant.

8. Miss Tranquility and Lord Calvert are required to be at the Fairgrounds a minimum of 40 hours each during Fair Week (4-8 hours each day + 6 hours on Youth Day), and their court a minimum of 30 hours each (3-6 hours each day, of which 6 hours on Youth Day). 4H contestants also need to put in their hours at the fair (showing and taking care of your animals are not considered part of your hours). In addition, these winners and their court are to represent the Calvert County Fair at selected county events. (See Tentative Schedule of Events)

B. SPONSOR REQUIREMENTS

1. Each Contestant must be sponsored by an individual, a club, business, church group or other organization from Calvert County.
(Please note: The committee is willing to help with this if notified prior to the **application deadline, September 5, 2026 @ 12 noon**).

2. Each sponsor is required to pay an entry fee of \$50 for their contestant. Please make checks payable to the Miss Tranquility and Lord Calvert Contest.

**Please encourage your sponsor to attend the program on
Sunday, September 27 @ 2:30.**

C. MISS TRANQUILITY and LORD CALVERT SELECTION

Miss Tranquility and Lord Calvert will be selected based on the following items:

1. School Transcript - 10 percent

School Transcript points will be awarded based on the cumulative G.P.A.

2. Personal Interview - 40 percent (with a panel of out-of-county judges)

The contestants will be judged on poise, neatness of appearance and the content of their answers to the judges' questions, as well as their involvement in school, community, and extra-curricular activities.

3. Essay and/or Creative Project - 10 percent

Contestants will be given 2 hours, in the presence of a committee member(s), to write their essay.

4. Autobiographical Speeches - 30 percent

The autobiographical speech will be at least **3**, but no more than **5** minutes in length. It will be given the day of the program (on the stage) and will be judged on the content, public speaking ability, poise, and length by the out-of-county judges.

5. Extemporaneous Question - 10 percent

Each contestant will be asked the same extemporaneous question on stage. Contestants who have not answered will not be able to hear the question or the answer

D. AWARDS

1. Miss Tranquility and Lord Calvert will each receive the Elmer W. Fisher Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1,250 to the post-secondary school of choice. The 1st runners-up will each receive \$500, 2nd runners-up will receive \$250, and all other contestants will each receive a check (if required hours have been fulfilled).
2. Scholarship monies must be requested in writing **within 6 months of the winner's high school graduation**. Proof of enrollment in a post-secondary school, continued education/ trade school program/ apprenticeship must be provided to receive the scholarships.
3. The committee reserves the right to allow judges to not award first place in either contest if no contestant receives at least 80 points.

E. TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

September 5, 2026 - Deadline for **ALL** application materials and entry fee to be received by **12 noon** at the address listed on the application.

September 20, 2026 – Orientation and essay / creative project will begin at 1:00pm. Snacks will be served. We will inform you of any items that may be needed prior to this date.

September 27, 2026 –**Interview** times will be given at orientation for each participant.

September 27, 2026 - 2:30 p.m. **The Miss Tranquility and Lord Calvert Contest**
Personal interviews will be held early that same day. Sponsors are encouraged to attend and the public is also invited to attend the program that afternoon where the autobiographical speeches will be given, the extemporaneous question answered, and the new Miss Tranquility and Lord Calvert will be announced. This will be held in the Main Building at the Fairgrounds.

September 30, 2026, October 4, 2026 - The Calvert County Fair - All contestants are required to be present as described previously.

October 18, 2026 – 2:00 p.m. – Fair board Appreciation Dinner

December 6 or 13, 2026 – (TBD)Christmas Parade

Miss Tranquility & Lord Calvert will reign for one year.

He/ she must be available to attend various functions during the 2026 Calvert County Fair deemed necessary by the Miss Tranquility and Lord Calvert committee.

He/ she must attend and participate in other civic/ agricultural activities and functions throughout his/ her reign as deemed necessary by the Miss Tranquility and Lord Calvert committee.

***You may want to check your email and cell phone occasionally for update**

APPLICATION

Miss Tranquility and Lord Calvert Contest

Please print legibly! Blue or black ink ONLY!

Name _____

Nickname _____

Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

E-mail*: _____ I have lived in Calvert Co. since: _____

School: _____ Year in school: _____

PLEASE ATTACH MOST RECENT OFFICIAL SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT

I have received the following academic honors: *(Please include dates)*

I have belonged to the following school clubs/organizations: *(Note offices held, if any, and dates of participation)* Mention whether School or community related please.

I have been involved in the following community activities: (Please *include non-school clubs & sports, volunteer work, church activities*)

Additional Information: (Include any info about yourself you feel would be useful to us)

Please attach no more than one additional page if needed.

Sponsoring Organization/Individual

Sponsor Representative Signature

Phone #

Sponsor's mailing address

I agree to the terms and conditions of the Miss Tranquility and Lord Calvert contest. I will not hold the Calvert County Fair Board liable for any accident or injury which may occur to me while participating in the Calvert County Fair.

Signature of applicant _____ Date _____

I will not hold the Calvert County Fair Board liable for any accident or injury which may occur to my child while participating in the Calvert County Fair.

Signature of parent/guardian _____ Date _____

**Please send, along with
Official school transcript, 2-1/2" x 3-1/2" current facial photo, & \$50 sponsor fee, to:**

**The Calvert County Fair, Inc.
P.O. Box 224
Barstow, Maryland 20610
Attn: Miss Tranquility and Lord Calvert
Email: calvertfair@comcast.net**

**Deadline September 5, 2026
ALL items must be filled in or the application will be disqualified.**

Miss Tranquility and Lord Calvert Consent Form

I, _____ parent/ guardian of _____ hereby give permission for my child to compete for the 2026 Miss Tranquility & Lord Calvert Scholarship Program. If my child is selected as the 2026 Miss Tranquility or Lord Calvert participant, I understand the role and responsibility that he/she will need to perform as well as the required appearances. I also understand that parental involvement will be required until my child turns 18, and is selected as the Miss Tranquility & Lord Calvert participant. I have also reviewed the competition rules & regulations and understand that failure to follow criteria will result in immediate removal as a Miss Tranquility & Lord Calvert participant and forfeiture of any titles, crown, sash, and the scholarship check.

☐ I will allow photographs to be taken of my child that have the potential to be used in the Calvert County Fair exhibits, published in local newspapers, tv, social media, & fair publications or published on the Calvert County Fair websites or other digital/ social media platforms.

☐ I will not allow photographs of my child to be taken to be used by the Calvert County Fair.

Parent/ Guardian's Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

Parent/ Guardian's Signature: _____

Agreement by Contestant to Participate

I, _____ have reviewed the necessary criteria with my parents/ guardian and agree to follow the criteria during the Calvert County Fair & my one year term. If selected as Miss Tranquility / Lord Calvert, I will follow the criteria during the required appearances. I understand that failure to follow competition rules will result in immediate removal as the Miss Tranquility/ Lord Calvert and forfeiture of the title, crown, sash and scholarship check.

Participant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please make sure to have completed all the steps and paperwork
when submitting the application.

1. COMPLETED Application Form
2. COMPLETED consent form
3. Any scheduling conflicts week of fair

General Rules and Regulations

Adult entries will be received from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm and Youth/4-H entries from 11:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Monday of Fair Week. In order to expedite the entry process, please arrive prior to 6:00 pm if you have more than 10 entries. Bakery products will also be received on Tuesday between 8:30 – 9:30 pm in the Adult/Homemakers' Building ONLY.

Judging will begin at 10:00 am Tuesday. During judging building entry will be limited to Fair Board members, judges, and clerks assisting with the judging process. Doors officially open to the public at 4:00 pm Wednesday.

All entrants must have an entry number. Entry Numbers may be obtained from the fair office for adults; Entry numbers for youth may be obtained in the Youth and 4-H building.

All entrants must have been made or grown by the exhibitor, a resident of one of the five Southern Maryland Counties – Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's, and St. Mary's, between September 22, 2025 to September 27, 2026.

4-H and Youth will be judged by the **DANISH SYSTEM** unless otherwise noted.

Prizes will be given for listed items **ONLY**. Champion ribbons or trophies will be awarded in each department to residents of Calvert County only.

The Fair Board reserves the right to deny any entry.

Exhibit halls will close at 5:00 pm on the last day of the fair. Exhibits must be removed Monday following the fair from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm for adults and 11:00am to 8:00pm for Youth/ 4-H.

Every animal and article will be handled with appropriate care; however the fair will in no case be responsible for any loss, damage, or accident that may occur.

Every effort will be made for the safety of the public; however, the Fair board will not be responsible for any accident. If the patrons do not accept this, they may go the office and their admission will be refunded.

Anyone removing entries from the Fairgrounds before 11:00 am Monday will forfeit their premiums. Any exhibit not claimed will be discarded and the premium forfeited. All entrants are responsible for cleaning their display areas at the Fair's close.

One entry per class, unless otherwise noted.

All adults and leaders working with junior exhibitors are under the affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts and behavior. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Those who, by their actions, exhibit less than model behavior will be escorted from the premises at the discretion of the Fair Board or their representatives.