

GENERAL INFORMATION – MAEVA MERCED PAGEANT

REGISTRATION DEADLINE Registration postmark should be by February 15, 2026

Personal checks accepted until Feb 15th only.

Cashier's check and money orders accepted through Mar 1st

To:

SPDC

Tel. (209) 383-1435

c/o KIKI RAINA

453 N. Gurr Road

Merced, CA 95341

BACKGROUND

Before the Heiva I Tahiti festivities begin every year, each district of Tahiti et ses Iles sponsors a young lady and man to represent them in the Vahine Tahiti / Tane Tahiti Pageant. The winners reign over the Heiva I Tahiti celebrations and bring attention and pride to their community.

Our pageant also includes Maeva Iti category for 4 to 7 year-olds. The Maeva Merced pageant will be held on the Friday of our fete. The contestants selected will best represent the goals and spirit of the Kiki Raina Tahiti Fete and Polynesian community.

PRESENTATION CONTENTS

This will be divided into three (3) phases. For the first, contestants will be introduced to the judges and audience on stage in formal attire. The second will involve modeling their costumes. The final phase will be an interview.

PERFORMANCE DATE

Maeva Merced contestants will be awarded on Friday, March 20, 2026

CHECK IN

Each contestant and last year's winners must check-in between 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm on Friday in with the pageant director in order to gain free entry into the event. One hour before the pageant, all contestants must check in backstage with the pageant director and will be issued their contestant number. Contestants must be dressed and ready to go onstage.

DUTIES

Vahine, Tane and Iti winners are expected to attend the competition all three days and assist with festival activities and return the following year to "crown" the new winners. Past winners are also invited back to help with the pageant and the rest of the event.

Maeva winners may be asked to represent Kiki Raina in parades and at different functions. An \$80.00 per diem, as well as transportation expenses, will be provided for appearances other than the fete weekend.

Kiki Raina Tahiti Fete 2026

CATEGORIES

Miss Maeva Merced	One Winner
Mr. Maeva Merced	One Winner
Maeva Iti Merced	One Winner
Costume	One Winner
Most Photogenic (Optional)	One Winner

GOALS AND SPIRIT

1. To encourage the participation of members of the Polynesian community and the Polynesian at heart in brotherhood, respect, and cooperation.
2. To develop talent, self-confidence, and knowledge in the participants of the festival.
3. To educate the public about the culture and beauty of Polynesia.

AWARDS

Miss/Mr. Maeva will receive:

Trophy
Banner
Tahitian Mother of Pearl Pendant
Tahiti Fete T-Shirt and program
\$150 cash award
Per diem for future appearances

Maeva Iti will receive:

Trophy
Banner
Tahitian Mother of Pearl Pendant
Tahiti Fete T-Shirt and program
\$100 cash award
Per diem for future appearances

Costume winner will receive:

Trophy
Tahitian pendant
Tahiti Fete T-Shirt and program
Assorted costume materials
\$50 cash award

Most Photogenic will receive:

Trophy
Tahitian pendant
Tahiti Fete T-Shirt and program
\$50 cash award

SPONSORSHIP

For those who need to fundraise in order to enter the pageant, we highly encourage sponsorship by advertisement. The participant will receive 25% credit for ads placed for them on memory pages or placed by them for commercial ads in the event program. Contact Joanna Blakeman ASAP at jblakeman84@gmail.com if you would like to take advantage of this opportunity.

RULES AND REGULATIONS – MAEVA MERCED PAGEANT
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1. ELIGIBILITY

Contestants between 16-24 years of age.
Contestants must be unmarried with no children.
Maeva Iti contestants (female and male) 4-7 years of age
No more than 3 contestants per organization.

2. ENTRY FORM

To become a contestant, one must first fill out an entry form and return it with the entry fee by the required deadline (see entry form).

3. COSTUME

The traditional costume category is **MANDATORY**, so all contestants should come prepared with a separate costume. Contestants must provide the pageant director with a typed description in third person of their costume that the MC may read aloud during the pageant as the contestant models/displays the costume. (For example, describe materials used, the inspiration, symbolism, etc.).

Adornment and/or accessories are encouraged to be made of live flowers, shells, feathers and other naturally existing materials. **SILK, PLASTIC, FOAM FLOWERS OR ARTIFICIAL FOLIAGE ARE PROHIBITED. NO HOT GLUE.**

If you are performing in any other category on Friday as well, please notify the Pageant Director as soon as possible.

4. PHOTOGRAPHS

A 4" x 6" headshot photo with a plain background is required with your entry/registration and fees. Your photo will be used in the pageant section of the program. Photos must be sent to Joanna Blakeman at jblakeman84@gmail.com by March 01, 2026 in order to be included in the program.

If you are entered in the photogenic category, you must provide an additional, professional 8"x10" printed photo to the pageant director to be given to the judges for scoring on the day of the event. Only original photographs are eligible. This may be full body or headshot, wearing Tahitian style attire.

5. ENTRY FEES

An entry fee must accompany the application form.

Miss/Mr. Maeva Merced	\$100
Maeva Iti Merced	\$75
Photogenic (optional)	\$25

****Parents and Family of competitors must purchase their own tickets.**

6. COMMUNICATION WITH JUDGES

Contestants are not permitted to speak to or otherwise communicate with the judges about performers on their presentations before or during the competition until after the awards are announced on Sunday evening.

7. RULE INFRACTIONS

Any infractions of the rules will result in a point penalty.

REGISTRATION – MAEVA MERCED PAGEANT

NAME _____ TELEPHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ E-MAIL _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____ DOB _____

DANCE GROUP / DIRECTOR _____

BIOGRAPHY: Contestants will introduce themselves on stage with a short greeting.

EDUCATION: _____ T-SHIRT SIZE: _____

AMBITION / CAREER GOALS: _____

TALENTS: _____

WHAT IS SOMETHING UNIQUE ABOUT YOU? _____

ENTRY FEES

	Amount
Miss/Mr. Maeva Merced	\$100 _____
Maeva Iti Merced	\$75 _____
Photogenic (optional)	\$25 _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

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*For more information or questions please e-mail Pageant Director Joanna Blakeman: jblakeman84@gmail.com

For Office use only:

Amount Received: _____

Form of payment: _____

Date Received: _____