

BIG SANDY RANCHERIA
25th ANNUAL POW WOW & GATHERING
MAY 16th-17th, 2026

ROYALTY CONTESTANT RULES (Princess/Brave)

Application deadline 12:00 p.m., Friday, March 13, 2026, BSR Tribal Council Office.

Ticket Pick up 1:00 p.m. SAME DAY.

Ticket Sales begin March 13, 2026, and go on until May 14, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

Must be 10-17 years of age.

1. Must be currently enrolled in school.
2. Must be Native American descent and provide proof.
3. Must be drug and alcohol free.
4. Must not be pregnant or married.
5. Must have basic knowledge of your tribe.
6. Must be available for crowning, ceremonies, publicity, parades, and Native American gatherings, etc.
7. Must wear dance regalia for entire Pow Wow & Gathering.
8. Must be available to provide a picture for publicity.
9. Must have participated in Native American dance approximately one year.
10. Must provide transportation to events and be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
11. Must live within Fresno, Kings, or Madera Counties.
12. Parents/Guardians of minors under the age of 18 are liable for all tickets and monies not turned in.
13. The winner will receive 25% of their tickets sales and will hold a beaded crown/sash & shawl/brave medallion throughout the remainder of the year. The Pow Wow Royalty will be responsible for the care, maintenance, and safekeeping of the Royalty Princess Crown/ Sash/ Shawl, Brave Medallion.
14. The winner is determined by ticket sales. Should there be a tie, the winner will be determined by a short essay and cultural presentation.
15. All tickets must be turned in on or before **Thursday May 14, 2026 at 4:00 PM,** to the Tribal Council at Big Sandy Rancheria to count towards the Royalty contest.
16. It is **MANDATORY** for the Royalty crowned (Princess/Brave) to represent at the Head Staff Dinner, BSR Pow Wow, and at all local Pow Wows in Fresno & Madera Counties including other Native American Gatherings.
17. Big Sandy Rancheria requires that each Royalty contestant/Winner maintain a respectful reputation in the community.
18. The winners of the Princess contest will be announced at the Head Staff Dinner on Friday, May 15, 2026, at 6:00 PM. ALL Royalty contestants shall be present and dressed in regalia.

If you have any questions, please call, or email the Big Sandy Rancheria Tribal Council

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APPLICATION FOR PRINCESS/BRAVE

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Age _____ Birth Date _____

School _____ Grade _____

Tribal Affiliation _____

Parents _____

Grandparents _____

Number of Tickets Requested: _____

Contestant: Please initial and sign this section.

_____ I hereby wish to compete in the Royalty Contest for the Big Sandy Rancheria Pow Wow & Gathering.

_____ I have read and understand the qualifications, responsibilities, procedures, rules and obligations as a contestant.

_____ I agree to discontinue competing as Royalty Contestant if I do not comply with the rules, or fail to comply with my obligations throughout my reign as Royalty.

Signature of Contestant

Date

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Parent/Guardian: Please initial and sign this section.

_____ I understand that I will be financially responsible for all Pow Wow tickets checked out by my daughter/son and/or myself.

_____ I have read the rules and regulations and understand the qualification, responsibilities, procedures, rules, and obligations for my daughter/son to run for BSR Royalty Contest.

I, _____ hereby give permission to the Big Sandy Pow Wow & Gathering committee to take and use pictures of my daughter/son for publicity.

Parent Signature

Date