

Linden-Peters Chamber of Commerce
presents the
2024 Linden Cherry Queen Contest

Since 1968, the Community of Linden Peters has chosen exceptional young women to represent the community as the Linden Cherry Festival Queen. The Queen is chosen on their academic excellence, generosity of time and service, knowledge of the agricultural community as well as being a positive influence among their peers. The Linden Cherry Queen serves as an ambassador for the Linden Peters Chamber of Commerce and the finest Cherries grown in the world. Her duties include attending community and regional events and as a mentor for our future princesses. A \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded to the 2024 Queen, along with \$1,000 awarded to the Runner-Up and \$150 to each princess.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Age 16-20 prior to May 30, 2024
*(**2024 will be the last year of this age range. 2025 will be Juniors in High School ONLY)*
- Residency in a Linden Unified School district zip code OR attend an LUSD school
- GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Involvement in local extracurricular and community service
- Commitment to attend 2024 and 2025 LPCC events as required
- Involvement in the 2024 Cherry Queen Contest

Contest Timeline:

- January 8 – February 16: Application Window
- February 16: Application Deadline
- February 26: Contestants Notified of Eligibility
- March 7: Contestant Orientation LHS District Office 5:00 p.m.
- March 18: Meet & Greet Wandering Fox 4:30-6:30 pm
- March 28: Competition Coaching 5:00 p.m. (Location TBA)
- April TBA: Service Project
- April 6: Photo Shoot 5:00 p.m.
- April 11: Competition Coaching 5:00 p.m. (Location TBA)
- April/May TBA: Spa/Hair/ Makeup
- May 10: Contest Rehearsal & Preparation
- May 11: 2024 Linden Cherry Queen Contest

Queen/Court Events:

One of the duties as Queen is to preside over the Linden Cherry Festival and events representing the Linden-Peters Chamber of Commerce throughout the year. Below is the current calendar of events. Dates may be added as needed by the Chamber of Commerce.

- May 18: Linden Cherry Festival 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. (Queen & Court participation)
- TBA: Lions Club Reverse Raffle (Queen only)
- TBA: Drop Ins at local businesses to film short reels promoting the community
- June TBA: San Joaquin County Fair (Queen only)
- July TBA: Linden Night at the Ports (Queen only)
- December 7: Linden Christmas Tree Lighting (Queen only, court encouraged to attend)
- May 10, 2025: Linden Cherry Festival Queen Contest

Entry Requirements:

- Application submitted by Midnight, February 16, 2024
- Application including essay: Why should you be chosen as the next Linden Cherry Queen?
- Proof of eligibility (report card, transcripts, etc.)
- Availability on all the above listed dates
- 1 letter of recommendation from a non-family member: coach, teacher, instructor, professional, or clergy

Contest Details:

Participants will be judged in front of an audience and by a judge's panel based on the following:

- Linden and Me Essay – A 200-word essay showcasing applicants' love for and participation in the Linden Community and why they should be chosen to represent LPCC for the 2024-2025 activities
- An interview with the judge's panel focusing on public speaking skills and community involvement
- A 5-minute speech showcasing the applicants' qualities and qualifications for the title
- Impromptu Question answered thoroughly in front of judges and audience