

# 2026 CONTEST TIMELINE

## AUGUST 1, 2025

- ▶ Applications Available at [enf.elks.org/MVS](http://enf.elks.org/MVS)



## NOVEMBER 12, 2025

- ▶ Application Deadline

## DECEMBER 2025 - JANUARY 2026

- ▶ Lodge and District Judging
- ▶ Quarter-Finalist Application Opens  
Transcript Required

## FEBRUARY 2026

- ▶ State Judging
- ▶ Semi-Finalist Application Opens  
FAFSA Submission Summary Required

## MARCH 2026

- ▶ National Judging
- ▶ Top 20 Finalists Selected to Attend  
Leadership Weekend and receive \$30,000

## APRIL 30-MAY 3, 2026

- ▶ Leadership Weekend in Chicago



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National  
Foundation, Inc.

Applicants will be notified via email at each stage of the competition by the Elks National Foundation. It is the responsibility of the applicant to make sure all eligibility and application requirements are met.

**There is no guarantee of a financial award until applicants reach the national level.**

Many Lodges, Districts and State Elks Associations also award scholarships through the MVS contest. The ENF and its contest partner, International Scholarship and Tuition Services, Inc. (ISTS), are only responsible for administering the national competition.