

2025 WHARTON COUNTY YOUTH FAIR

Queen Pageant Rules

1. Contestants must be female, who live in Wharton County or attend a Wharton County High School as a freshman, sophomore or junior. Any contestant who is home schooled **MUST** be a resident of Wharton County. Contestants cannot be or have ever been married or have a child, and must be eligible under the no-pass, no-play UIL requirement at the time of the pageant. This will be verified through the Fair office.
2. Each contestant will be responsible for securing an individual or business to sponsor them for the pageant. The sponsorship fee will be \$100. Each contestant will wear a sash with her sponsor's name and the sponsor will be acknowledged in the pageant program, the newspaper, with signage in Crescent Hall and announced during the pageant. Contestants are also encouraged to wear their sponsor sash during Fair week.
3. Entry forms can be downloaded at whartoncountyyouthfair.org or picked up at the Fair office. Entry forms, sponsor information and fees must be received in the Fair office no later than **Tuesday, January 7, 2025**. Release of liability must be signed and submitted with entry. Minors must have parent or guardian signature as well.
4. Each queen contestant will be required to sell Season Passes for the Wharton County Youth Fair. The \$45 season pass includes entrance to all fair events, including the Bar-B-Q cook-off and rodeo events. Special events, such as the Ag Day banquet, may require an extra ticket. Contestants must sell a minimum of 100 season passes to receive season pass points. Queens' contestants are required to turn in money on designated days, which will be announced at a later date. Attendance is required on these days, even if no passes have been sold. Contestants not attending will be asked to immediately turn in all passes and money and will not be allowed to continue selling passes. Contestant is responsible for all passes issued and money for sold passes. Any discrepancies will be at the contestant's expense. The contestant who sells the most season passes will be named Queen of Ticket Sales and will receive a \$350 scholarship from WCYF and a belt buckle. Each queen contestant will receive a 5% incentive on season passes sold in excess of the 100 required passes. This incentive will be awarded as an addition to any WCYF scholarship received by the contestant and will be awarded in accordance with WCYF scholarship guidelines.
5. A mandatory meeting for all contestants and a parent/guardian will be held **Monday, January 13, 2025** at 6:30 p.m. in the Director's Room. Publicity photos will be taken, season passes distributed and the scoring system discussed at this meeting. No reminder will be sent.
6. Mandatory rehearsal will be held **Tuesday, March 18** in Crescent Hall at 6:30 p.m.
7. The Queen Pageant will be held **Saturday, March 22, 2025**, beginning with individual interviews with the judges. This time will be determined closer to the pageant day. The pageant will begin at 7:00 p.m. In addition to the interviews, the pageant will consist of self-introduction and modeling of western attire of the contestant's choice, as well as a formal.
8. All Queen Contestants will be required to work a minimum of seven (7) hours prior to the 2025 Fair. Points will be awarded for working the required hours. Worksheets will be handed out at the January 13th meeting and must be turned in at the pageant rehearsal (March 18th). Worksheets will be kept by the contestant and must be signed by a committee member, office staff or director for hours worked. Work nights are held every Tuesday. Contestants may call the fair office to schedule a work time.
9. All Queen Contestants are eligible to compete for the Director's Award, which is awarded to the contestant who has worked the most hours prior to and during the fair. Only hours documented on the worksheets between January 22 and April 4 will count towards the Director's Award. To be eligible for the Director's Award the worksheets must be turned into the Fair Office no later than noon, Friday, April 4th. The committee will add up the cumulative time worked by each contestant and the contestant with the most hours will receive a belt buckle and a \$250 scholarship. The winner will be announced at the Awards

Banquet, Friday, April 4th. Time spent on required activities for fair projects or selling season passes does not count towards the Director's Award.

10. The contestant chosen as Queen will receive a \$500 scholarship, crown, leather sash and belt buckle. The 1st Runner-Up will receive a \$300 scholarship, sash and pin. The 2nd Runner-Up will receive a \$200 scholarship, sash and pin. One contestant will be chosen by her peers as Miss Congeniality and will receive a belt buckle. These scholarships are paid upon presentation of paid tuition for fall semester following your high school graduation.
11. Contestants or parents will not be allowed to view score sheets.
12. When asked, the contestant chosen as Queen must appear on behalf of the Wharton County Youth Fair & Exposition instead of representing any other title. If for any reason the Queen cannot or does not fulfill her duties, if she gets married and/or has children, the WCYF Board of Directors and the Queen Committee reserve the right to pass the honor, scholarship and prizes to the 1st Runner-Up.
13. Any contestant or family member of the contestant showing unsportsmanlike conduct toward WCYF, its directors or the Queen committee before, during or after the event may result in disqualification of the contestant. If contestant has placed, she will forfeit title and all prizes will be given to the next placing contestant. Previous contestants named as Queen of WCYF forfeit any rights to future entry in this pageant.
14. The WCYF&E will not be responsible for loss, injury or damage to a person or property while a contestant or parent of a contestant, either on the fairgrounds or at any fair-related activity.
15. Failure to comply with the above stated rules may result in forfeiture of points and/or contestants not being able to participate/continue in pageant.

Mail Entry Form, Entry Fee & Release to:
Wharton County Youth Fair
P.O. Box 167
Glen Flora, Texas 77443

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QUEENS PAGEANT ENTRY FORM

Please complete the following. This information will also be used in your on-stage introduction during the pageant.

Name _____ Age _____ Date of Birth _____

Parent's Name: _____

(For the program)

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Parent's Cell: _____

Parent E-mail _____ Contestant Email: _____

School _____ Grade _____ 4-H/FFA Club: _____

SPONSOR: _____ Contact: _____

List the following:

School Activities (No more than 5): _____

_____, _____, _____

School Awards or Honors (No more than 3): _____

_____, _____

Church and Community Activities (No more than 3): _____

_____, _____

Fair and 4-H Activities (No more than 7): _____

_____, _____

_____, _____

Hobbies (No more than 3): _____

_____, _____

What do you like most about the fair?

Why would you like to be Fair Queen?

**EXHIBITOR/PARTICIPANT
WHARTON COUNTY YOUTH FAIR
RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**

In consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, for being allowed entry into and participation in activities (the "Activities") associated with the Wharton County Youth Fair & Exposition, the undersigned hereby enters into this RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT (this "Agreement") as of the date set forth below.

1. **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISKS:** The undersigned recognizes and understand that there are risks associated with their participation in the Activities including, but not limited to, bodily injury or death to persons and damage to property. The undersigned further acknowledges and understands that they and/or any persons (including, but not limited to, minors) under their care and control, and that arise out of, or are related to, the undersigned's entry into and participation in the Activities.
2. **APPLICABILITY AND SCOPE OF RELEASES AND INDEMNITIES:** for purposes of this Agreement, "Claims "shall mean any past, present and future claims, losses, costs, expenses, liabilities, demands, or causes of action, and costs of defense or settlement (including, without, limitations, attorneys' free and court regardless of whether the Claims to be release, waived, or indemnified against arise, or are alleged to arise, from(i) NEGLIGENCE(WHETHER SOLE, JOINT OR CONCURRENT), Gross NEGLIGENCE, NEGLIGENCE PER SE, and/or STRICT LIABILITY, of the Wharton County Youth Fair & Exposition or its present and former officers, directors, members, subsidiaries, affiliates, employees, volunteers, staff, and/or agents and any other person, firm or corporation bound to defend or pay judgments against them(the "Released Parties"); (ii) personal injury, death or property damage;(iii) acts under the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act("DTPA"); (iv) acts of any other persons or guests; (v) theft, burglary, assault, or other crimes;(vi)fire, water, wind, rain and/or smoke and/or(vii)any other risks and hazards associated with the undersigned's entry into and participation in the Activities, including, but not limited to, the general conditions at the Activities, animals both wild and domestic that may be diseased and/or potentially dangerous, persons with firearms both on and off the premises used in connection with the Activities, and the driving or riding in any vehicles, whether belonging to Released Parties or to other persons.
3. **RELEASE FROM LIABILITY:** The undersigned hereby RELEASES, ACQUITS AND FOREVER DISCHARGES, and WAIVES any and all Claims against any of the Released Parties that arise from or relate to their entry and participation in the Activities- including, but not limited to, the types of claims enumerated in Parties shall not be liable to them, their family, or their guests, for personal injury, property damage, or any other Claims arising from or related to the undersigned's entry into and participation in the Activities.
4. **AGREEMENT TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS:** The undersigned agrees to INDEMNIFY and HOLD HARMLESS the Released Parties against any and all Claims arising from or related to the undersigned's entry and participation in the Activities – including, but not limited to, the types of Claims enumerated in minors under their care and control and/or his or her parent/guardian, and for any Claims asserted by, through or under the undersigned, arising from or related to the undersigned entry into and participation in the Activities- including, but not limited to, the types of Claims enumerated in Paragraph 2. As used herein, "INDEMNIFY "means to agree to assume the Released Parties' liability in a situation, thereby relieving them of responsibility, and/or reimbursing the Released Party for Claims asserted against them.
5. **PHOTOGRAPH INTERVIEW RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT:** The undersigned GRANTS PERMISSION to be PHOTOGRAPHED or INTERVIEWED in connection with the Activities. The undersigned understands that any such photograph or interview may be used by the Release Parties or television, film video, visual, graphic or printed media. The undersigned agrees to RELEASE and INDEMNIFY the Released Parties with respect to any Claims related to the usage of such photographs or interviews by the Released Parties or any media – including, but not limited to, the types of Claim's enumerated in Paragraph 2.

As further inducement to the Wharton County Youth Fair & Exposition to permit the undersigned's entry into and participation in the Activities, the undersigned represents that they thoroughly and completely understand that this a complete and final release and indemnity agreement, that they are freely and voluntarily entering into this Agreement, and that no representations, promises or statements made by and Released Party, or any agent, attorney or other representative of any Release Party has influenced the undersigned in causing them to sign this Agreement.

The undersigned understands that this agreement shall be binding on their heirs, executors, successors and assigns, that the Agreement will be governed by the laws of Texas, and that jurisdiction and venue for resolution of any dispute regarding this Agreement shall lie in a Texas State Court in Wharton County, Texas. If any part of this Agreement is determined to be invalid or unenforceable, it does not affect the validity of the remainder of the Agreement. The undersigned agrees to the terms and conditions above, and acknowledges receipt of the Agreement.

Signature – Exhibitor/Participant

Date

Name Printed

Signature- Parent/Guardian

Date

Name Printed

The undersigned represents that he/she is the parent/guardian of the exhibitor above and that the signing parent/guardian has the legal right to enroll the child in this activity.

FAIR WEEK

- It is **highly recommended** the royalty attend all livestock shows after school to help hand out livestock awards and be a part of the Champion pictures. For safety reasons, the Princess, Little Miss and Little Mister are asked to not be present in the show arena during the Commercial Heifer, Steer and Jr. Breeding Beef shows. They may still be part of the Champion pictures.
- It is **recommended** the Royalty attend the Sr. Citizens Day on Tuesday, April 1st in Crescent Hall.
- All royalty are **required** to attend all pageants and the exhibitor awards banquet.
- All royalty are **required** to attend the **Sale of Excellence for the buyer pictures on Saturday, April 5th beginning** at 11 a.m. Bring lawn chairs, snacks, etc.
- It is the **Responsibility** of the Queen to coordinate all attire for any event the royalty will be attending (fair, parades, pictures, etc.).
- The dress for the Royalty the week of the fair should be Western attire. Button down shirt, jeans, sash and crown should be worn when attending all official Fair activities. **Please remember you are representing Wharton County and should be dressed neatly during the fair.**
- **NO CELL PHONES ALLOWED IN JUDGING AREA. See rule #31 in the general rules.**

Thanks!

Tricia Potts

Assistant Fair Coordinator

tricia@whartoncountyyouthfair.org

AFTER FAIR

- The Queen will be responsible for coordinating all royalty to work on the float for the parades. (The float should be taken care of in plenty of time so that if anything needs to be repaired the office has plenty of time to order material.) **Parents of royalty are responsible for pulling the float in parades or arranging for this to be done.**
- The Fair office will keep in contact through email, be sure that Tricia has everyone's email address in the office. tricia@whartoncountyyouthfair.org
- During the holiday season there is a Christmas parade almost every weekend.
- The WCYF board of directors strongly encourages the Royalty to attend all parades.
- The Fair office will send in all the entries and notify the royalty with the itinerary for the parades.
- The Royalty will be asked to represent the county at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Wharton County night. Rodeo Houston only allows 4 spots in the Grand Entry on Wharton County night. Thus far, approval has been granted each year for the fifth rider. If this should change, we would only take 3 and the Little Mr. and Miss would not be allowed to ride. Tickets to the Houston Rodeo are provided for the Royalty by the Wharton County Go Texan committee. Additional tickets are available for purchase at parent's expense.
- A PowerPoint presentation to recap the Royalty's year is optional and it is your responsibility to bring all of the equipment to show the presentation. The PowerPoint should only include photos from your reign as Little Miss and Little Mister, not the contestants for this year.
- The Fair office would like to have a group picture of the Royalty to hang in our office. It is the Queen's responsibility to coordinate the photographer and the dress.
- The parades listed below are the ones the royalty has participated in the past. The only ones we ask you make every effort to participate in are local parades in the county.
 - September – Rice Festival in Bay City
 - November – Wharton Christmas Parade
 - December – El Campo, Bay City, Boling, Garwood & East Bernard
 - March – Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Grand Entry
- Last of all have a good time, enjoy yourself and make plenty of memories and new friends. Be proud that you are representing Wharton County Youth Fair.