

## LITTLE MISTER & MISS FAIR & RODEO

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<b>ENTRIES DUE:</b>	<b>Thursday, February 27, 2025, no later than 5:00 p.m., at the Fair Office with a photograph for publication</b>
<b>ENTRY FEE:</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>
<b>INTERVIEW:</b>	<b>March 29, 2025, beginning at 11:30 a.m. in the Youth Building (following the Parade)</b>
<b>CROWNING:</b>	<b>April 11, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the Rodeo Arena</b>

1. Each Galveston County 4-H Club/Jr. FFA Chapter may elect and sponsor one (1) boy and one (1) girl in the 3<sup>rd</sup> through the 5<sup>th</sup> grade to represent them in this competition. **Only elected representatives may enter this competition.** Contestants must be registered in a Galveston County public, private or home school and be a current member of a Galveston County 4-H Club/Jr. FFA Chapter.
2. Contestants must have a) an animal project entered in the Fair (entries due January 23, 2025) OR b) eight (8) items entered in the Youth Project Show (entries due February 20, 2025).
3. Each contestant must meet the eligibility requirements set by their school. A Declaration of Eligibility Form will be sent to the contestant's school for verification of eligibility. Eligibility Forms will be handled by the Fair Office. You will be notified by the Chairperson if you are **not** eligible to compete. Refer to GCF&R Eligibility Rules.
4. Entry fee is \$30.00 and must be submitted with the contestant's entry form. **No Refunds for any reason.** The 4-H Club Manager/Jr. FFA Chapter Rep. signature is required for entry to be valid.
5. Deadline for entries is Thursday, February 27, 2025, and must be received in the Fair Office ***no later than 5:00 p.m.*** **A photograph for publication must accompany entry form. The photo must be no larger than a 4"X6" and be printed on photo paper.**
6. Parents and contestants are **required** to attend a meeting on ***Monday, March 24, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.*** in Ed Pickett Memorial Hall on the Fairgrounds. Parents of contestants that have float ideas are invited to contact me.
7. All contestants are required to ride in the Parade on **Saturday, March 29, 2025,** to "kick off" the Fair. Contestants should assemble at 9:00 am. at the VFW Post 5400 Parking Lot on Hwy.6 in Santa Fe. Western wear will be the attire for the parade. You are not required to provide your own vehicle, one will be provided for all contestants to ride in.
8. Scores for contestants are based on a point system. Each contestant may earn up to 100 points. Points are based on the meeting, parade, mandatory work shift and the interview (points for interview are based on the items listed in rule #10).
9. A private interview with the judges will be held on ***March 29, 2025, with scheduled times beginning at 11:30 a.m. (following the parade)*** Contestants will be judged on personality, attitude, dress (western wear), participation in fair activities, community service and will be asked to talk about a project that they have entered in the Fair. Interviews will be held in the Youth Building at the Fairgrounds.
10. It is **MANDATORY** for each contestant to work one-2 hour shift for the Youth Project Show in the Ed Pickett Memorial Hall. **(NO EXCEPTIONS)** You will be able to schedule the time to work the Youth Project Show at the meeting on Monday, March 24, 2025.
11. **The decision of the judges/committee is final. Under no circumstances shall CONTESTANTS/PARENTS attempt to contact judges before or after the contest.**
12. Announcement of winners will be on ***Friday, April 11, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. at the Rodeo Arena.*** Contestants **MUST** be present. Contestants should dress in western wear for this announcement. There will be **no** dresses worn and hat is optional.
13. Each participant is **required** to sign an **Indemnity Form and Emergency Medical Authorization Form** printed on the back of the **Entry Form**. Failure to complete these forms will result in disqualification.