



Fayette County Fair Jr Miss Pageant Contestant Questionnaire and Handbook 2026

April 13, 2026

Dear Jr Miss Contestant,

Thank you for your interest in this year's Fayette County Fair Jr Miss Pageant. This is a great opportunity for you to earn prizes, meet new people in your community, increase your social skills and serve your community through serving as a "face and spokesperson" for this year's county fair!

In order for your application to be complete, these items must be submitted via email to FCFQUEENTX@GMAIL.COM no later than the deadline of **FRIDAY, JUNE 19, at 4:00 pm or before all 10 spots have been filled, whichever is sooner.**

- *Contestant Form*
- *Contestant Head Shot photo (to be printed on the fair contestant poster and published in the local newspapers and our Facebook page)*
- *Notice of Contestant Intent, Handbook Receipt and Rule Acknowledgement Form*

Once the 10 spots for Jr Miss have been filled, recruitment will be CLOSED, and a wait list will be created if a spot should become available. We will then see you at the required contestant's meeting and ticket kickoff event on Tuesday, June 30 at 6:00 pm to be held at Fayette County Fairground's Exhibit Hall!

If you have any questions or need any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact our Jr Miss Pageant Directors via call or text:

- Ashtyn Soto at 979/966-8609
- Kori White at 512-466-6305
- Harper Henneke at 979-525-3244

Thank you so much for your interest and we look forward to turning 2026 into a great one!

2026 Fayette County Fair Jr Miss Contestant Handbook

1. Contestant must have been at birth, born as a female; and be classified as a 6th, 7th or 8th grader in a Fayette County School or be Home Schooled within Fayette County in the 2026/27 school year. Contestant, if chosen Jr Miss or a part of the court, must remain enrolled as a student.
2. Contestant must in good standing within the community and school to promote a positive image, be in good health and have moral character.
3. Contestant must not engage in activities that if disclosed in public would result in bringing the contestant or Fair Association ridicule or embarrassment, including but not limited to inappropriate behavior on social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat, TikTok etc), any use of illegal drugs, alcohol, any illegal behavior or activity, professional or amateur nude or seminude dancing or modeling in any sexually oriented business or club, any type of nude or seminude photographs or video tapes, any felony convictions, deferred adjudication or probation, any conviction for a misdemeanor crime involving moral turpitude.
4. Contestants, parents, families, sponsors will be upheld to a NO BULLYING policy. Bullying is defined as intentional aggressive behavior that can take many forms (verbal, physical, direct, indirect and cyber bullying). Bullying can be one individual bullying another, a group ganging up against an individual, or targeting a group. No bullying will be tolerated towards other contestants, families, fair volunteers, business owners, fair patrons, etc. Acts of bullying can result in a warning and/or disqualification depending on the severity of aggression displayed.
5. Contestant understands that she nor family/members will disclose to anyone via verbal, text, social media, print including posters, brochures, or business cards, etc. her intent of running for 2026 Fayette County Jr Miss until the formal announcement is made via newspaper, radio and official fair website and Facebook page (approximately June 25, 2026).
6. The first 10 contestants completing their form, photo and consent will be accepted for the Queen's pageant. All forms and photo must be scanned and submitted electronically to email: fcfqueentx@gmail.com
7. Contestant must return **Completed Contestant Form and Photo** to be submitted to the newspapers and Notice of Contestant Intent Handbook Receipt and Rule Acknowledgement Form no later than 4:00 pm on Friday, June 19, 2026 or prior to the first 10 spots being filled to be considered as a Jr Miss Contestant. If you are contestant number 11, you will be placed as an alternate if any situation should arise for the first 10 contestants prior to the official announcement.
8. The Jr Miss Title will be determined on the following judging criteria:

- 40% Carnival ticket sales (max of 40 points)
 - 20% pre-pageant interview (max of 20 points)
 - 20% on stage question (max of 20 points)
 - 20% pageant presentation (max of 20 points)
 - PERFECT SCORE=100
9. Carnival passes will be issued at the June 30 at the Contestant meeting.
 10. Carnival pass totals will be tallied by number of tickets sold at \$xx.00 each and ranked/points awarded.
 11. Carnival passes will also be sold online via FayetteCountyFair.org and can be purchased through the contestants NAME. A URL will be provided to you for a direct link to the Jr Miss page.
 12. Contestants may choose to print posters to endorse sales. Posters may be hung at area businesses and public areas with permission requested. Contestants are not to remove or move another contestant's poster for any reason.
 13. Before posters are printed, proofs must be emailed and approved by the pageant and theme/signage committee representative. Proofs are to be emailed to FCFQUEENTX@GMAIL.COM. Allow 48 hours for approval or corrections. This is only to ensure that information and spelling is correct per entertainer contracts.
 14. If you wish to "partner" with a queen contestant, this is encouraged but not required as the queens will be selling Season Passes while you are selling Carnival Passes.
 15. Photos to be judged in the "Miss Photogenic" contest must be submitted by 5:00 pm on July 14. This photo must be a [submitted to fcfqueentx@gmail.com](mailto:fcfqueentx@gmail.com)
 16. Personal interviews will be conducted on Sunday, August 30, time and place TBD. We encourage business casual dress.
 17. Awards:
 - Jr Miss-\$500 cash prize, crown, sash, trophy, gift basket
 - 1st Runner Up-\$200 cash prize, crown, sash, trophy
 - Jr Miss Photogenic- trophy and floral bouquet
 - Jr Miss Congeniality- trophy and floral bouquet

All contestants must sell at least 15 carnival passes to receive the prize bag filled with gift cards and gifts from area businesses in addition to participating in the Pageant. Volunteers work endless hours preparing for a night that everyone will remember, we want you to give 100% as well!
 18. The winner will use their crown and sash to represent the Fayette Co Fair throughout the year, if for any reason, her sash or crown is destroyed or broken outside of factory defect, the contestant is responsible for the exact replacement of the award presented.

19. Contestants must attend the mandatory Fair Appreciation Dinner at the Fairgrounds date to be determined. If the contestant does not attend, a fine may be enforced and decided upon by the pageant committee. The contestant's parents are also invited and encouraged to attend.
20. Ticket monies are turned in every Monday to the Jr Miss's account (NBT Bank, La Grange), you will be provided with deposit slips for each week at the ticket meeting.
21. The contestants must turn in all ticket sale proceeds on Wednesday, September 2 at 4:30 pm. Sale proceeds not turned in by 5:00 pm will be subject sales account of the tardy contestant to a penalty of \$100.00 at 5:01 pm with the same penalty applied for each 15 minutes of tardiness thereafter. The Pageant rehearsal will follow.
22. When contestants and representatives arrive for Wednesday count and rehearsal, all must park behind the main stage area in the grassy area or may be subject to towing due to vendor and ground policies.
23. The Fair Pageant will be held on the evening of Thursday, September 3. The contestant must be present and ready for the presentation at 6:30 pm (subject to change). All gowns must be in good taste and not too revealing. Contestants will wait for the pageant to begin in an air-conditioned facility. After the contestant's arrival, only touch-ups to hair and make-up will be permitted. Only the contestant will be allowed in the make ready area due to limited space.
24. Once crowned, "the court", consists of the Queen, Queen 1st and 2nd Runners Up, Jr Miss, Jr Miss 1st Runner Up, Little Miss and Little Mister. Representation of the Fayette County Fair will be as a court and those who are able to attend. If an event that is not on the GroupMe Calendar is an option for attendance, the event must be presented for ALL members of the court to attend if able. Solo Fayette Co Fair appearances must be requested in writing and approved by the FCF Pageant Committee and/or FCF Board of Directors. Queen sponsor appearances are not considered Fayette County Fair official appearances.
25. We understand that the Royalty Court is expected to fully participate as possible in the parades and public events scheduled for the Fall/Winter and Spring/Summer, and in no less the 60% of the events scheduled. The tentative schedule is 20 parades for the year and 2 community service activities. Fayette County parades require participation by the court. In each event, the participant must dress appropriately and wear the proper attire. Should the expected participation be difficult or impossible due to intervening factors, the Chairperson should be contacted at the earliest opportunity. Jr Miss and 1st Runner Up will be riding the float. The court is asked to download the GROUPME app for group text information and updates.

26. If a member of the court becomes absent/noncommunicative with the committee and/or group, she/he is subject to removal of their title effective immediately. Forms of communication are to include: phone call, text message, GroupMe message, letter with a final attempt of certified letter.
27. If for any reason Jr Miss is not be able to fulfill her duties in accordance to these rules and regulations, the 1st Runner Up shall be named Jr Miss and duly authorized to perform in this capacity.
28. The sole authority and judgement as to the sufficient performance or deficiency in performance of a contestant is stipulated to be within the sole discretion of the Board of Directors of the Fayette County Fair Association upon report and recommendation of the Pageant Committee Chairperson.

A contestant may be disqualified, and a reigning Jr Miss or member of the Queen's Court may be removed and her scholarship forfeited at any time within the sole and absolute discretion of the Board of Directors of the Fayette County Fair Association.

We understand that we should make an inquiry and receive approval from the Chairperson when we have questions. We and the Chairperson will always strive to be civil and cooperative in resolving problems and issues.

29. Contestants will request a second phone number via google (we will walk through this at the ticket meeting if assistance is needed) to assist in marketing and sales. This number is free of charge to create and will protect the contestant from outside intrusion. Contestants are advised not to use personal phone numbers for marketing and sales activity. However, this is optional and know it is a family affair.
30. We understand that the Fayette County Fair Association has no insurance coverage for health care or accidental injury to contestants, volunteers or family, nor liability coverage for any acts of contestants, queen, queen's court, volunteers and family.
31. To the extent provided by law, contestant, queen, queen's court, parent(s), and guardian(s) release, indemnify, and hold harmless the Fayette County Fair Association from any damage or injury to contestant, queen, queen's court, parent(s), and guardian(s), and volunteers while participating in furtherance of the contestant, queen, or queen's court activities, and any damage or injury to others by such activities,
32. We consent to the use of the contest, queen, queen's court likeness, photo, video, voice and biographic information for ticket sale and other Fair publicity, and the retention as an archive of Fayette County Fair Queen Contest history.

We and each one of us agree that the terms and requirements stated are fair and reasonable and each of us agree to abide by them.



Quick Guide of Important Information and Dates

- Fair Theme: America's 250th birthday, the Semi quincentennial (red, white & blue)
- Prizes:
 - Jr Miss-\$500 Cash Prize, crown, sash, trophy, floral bouquet, gift basket
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- **All contestants must sell at least 15 carnival passes to receive the prize bag filled with gift cards and gifts from area businesses in addition to participating in the Pageant. Volunteers work endless hours preparing for a night that everyone will remember, we want you to give 100% as well!**
- PLEASE understand that you nor your family/ members shall disclose to anyone via verbal, text, social media, print including posters, brochures or business cards, etc. your intent of running for 2025 Fayette County Jr Miss until the formal announcement is made via newspaper, radio and official fair website and Facebook page (approximately June 25, 2026).
- You can begin hanging posters, launching your personal sale pages on social media, passing out cards, calling customers, etc after the ticket meeting on July 1.
- Carnival tickets will be distributed at the REQUIRED ticket meeting on Tuesday, June 30 at 6:00 pm at the Fayette County Fair Grounds Exhibit Hall (400 W Fairgrounds Rd, La Grange, Texas 78945).
- Online Carnival Pass sales will be offered for the contestants, you will receive a URL for your online sales the week of June 22nd.
- Contestants must turn in all ticket sale proceeds on Wednesday, September 2 at 4:30 pm. Sales not turned in by 5:00 pm will be subject to a penalty of \$100.00 at 5:01 pm with the same penalty applied for each 15 minutes of tardiness thereafter.
- The Pageant rehearsal will follow at 6:30 pm on September 2, bring your shoes.
- The Fair Pageant will be on Thursday, September 3. Contestant must be present and ready for presentation at TIME TBD. All gowns must be in good taste and not too revealing. Contestants will wait for the pageant to begin in an air-conditioned facility. After contestant's arrival, only touch-ups to hair and make-up will be permitted.

- The court will receive a schedule of activities to attend for the weekend of the fair, the court is the face of the fair and is expected to be on the grounds to appear at events with their crown and sash.

Information for your posters and social media

- Before posters are printed, proofs must be emailed and approved by the pageant and theme/signage committee representative. Proofs are to be emailed to FCFQUEENTX@GMAIL.COM. Allow 48 hours for approval or corrections. This is only to ensure that information and spelling is correct per entertainer contracts.
- Carnival Passes are to be sold at \$xx (we will send this information as soon as we have confirmation of pricing) each, unlimited rides Thursday-Sunday.
- Online season ticket sales will be offered for the contestants, you will receive a URL for your online sales the week of June 22th.
- Entertainment (entertainer photos are not allowed on your posters, only the date and names):

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4: Kings of Neon

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5: Gannon Fremin & CCREV

Tyler Nance

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6: Terri Clark

- (THIS INFO IS NOT REQUIRED ON JR MISS POSTERS BUT PROVIDED IN CASE SOMEONE ASK)

Season Passes are to be sold at \$40 each. In case someone asks, daily admission to the fair is as follows:

Thursday - Free to all

Friday - \$15.00

Saturday - \$35.00

Sunday - \$35.00

Season Passes sold at the gate - \$45

Children 4 and under - free every day

Children 5-15 years: free before 6 PM each day, after 6 PM the daily price of \$10.00

Youth 16 and older require an adult ticket or season pass

JUNE - SEPTEMBER 2026

(subject to change)

6/19: All paperwork & photo (for newspaper) due by 4 pm
6/25: Contestants released in newspapers, on radio and online on Facebook!
6/30: Ticket meeting, 6:00 pm at Exhibit Hall. Posters may be hung, contestant Facebook Pages, may go LIVE after the meeting. This ensures that you have the accurate information needed to display.
7/1: Ticket sales begin!!
7/6: Required Bank Deposit
7/13: Required Bank Deposit
7/14: Most Photogenic photos due via email by 5:00 pm (if you wish to update the photo that was originally sent with application)
7/20: Required Bank Deposit
7/27: Required Bank Deposit
8/3: Required Bank Deposit
8/10: Required Bank Deposit, Escort's name due.
8/17: Required Bank Deposit
8/20: Optional Bank Deposit, but encouraged!
8/24: Required Bank Deposit
8/27: Optional Bank Deposit, but encouraged!
8/29 and 8/30: Fair Kick Off Activities: Commercial Heifer Sale, BBQ Cookoff, Etc
8/30: Contestant Social
8/31: Last Required Bank Deposit
9/2: Final ticket turn in, 4:30 pm. Pageant Practice, 6:30 pm.
9/3: Pageant, Opening night of the Fair!
9/5: Fair Parade for Court
9/6: Final day of the fair
9/12: Parade in Columbus, Colorado Co Fair

Notice of Contestant Intent, Handbook Receipt and Rule Acknowledgement

- I, _____, (contestant’s name) understand that I nor my family/members will disclose to anyone via verbal, text, social media, print including posters, brochures or business cards, etc. my intent of running for 2026 Fayette County Fair Jr Miss until the formal announcement is made via newspaper, radio and official fair website and Facebook page (approximately June 25, 2026).
- I acknowledge that I may begin hanging posters and/or banners, handing out business cards, posting on any social media and/or website with a contestant page, etc. on July 1, 2026. You may share any post made by fair association and other news partners after announcement is made!
- I acknowledge that I may begin selling tickets on July 1, 2026.
- I have received the Fayette County Fair Jr Miss Contestant Handbook and abide with the rules stated within.
- I understand that all information must be completed by the deadlines stated with all proper signatures and turned in to the Pageant Chairperson via email (fcfqueentx@gmail.com) to be considered as a Queen’s Contestant.
- I will be attending the REQUIRED meeting and ticket kickoff event on Monday, June 30 at 6:00 pm at the Fayette County Fair Grounds Exhibit Hall (400 W Fairgrounds Rd, La Grange, Texas 78945).

Contestant Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Parent Name: _____

Witness Signature: _____ Date: _____

[COMPLETE, SCAN AND EMAIL THIS FORM TO FCFQUEENTX@GMAIL.COM](mailto:FCFQUEENTX@GMAIL.COM)

Fayette County Fair Jr Miss Contestant Form

****Digital photos must be emailed to fcfqueentx@gmail.com in JPEG format****

Contestant Name (how do you want it to run in all publications)		
Student's Grade for 2026/2027 School Year:	Age as of 9/1/26:	
School Contestant is Attending:		
Hobbies:		
Organizations (4-H, Girl Scouts, Sports, Etc), School, Church Activities, Volunteer Work, etc.		
Address		
City	State	Zip
Contestant Primary Phone Number (if applicable)	Contestant Email (if applicable)	
Mother's Name	Father's Name	
Mom's Primary Phone Number	Dad's Primary Phone Number	
Mom's Email	Dad's Email	

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