



Fayette County Fair Queen Scholarship Pageant Contestant Questionnaire and Handbook 2022

May 15, 2022

Dear Contestant,

Thank you for your interest in this year's Fayette County Fair Queen's Scholarship Pageant. This is a great opportunity for you to earn scholarship money to further your education, 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!

Please complete the questionnaire and provide a photo to be published in the local newspapers and our Facebook page as well as the Notice of Contestant Intent, Handbook Receipt and Rule Acknowledgement Form. These forms must be returned via email to FCFQUEENTX@GMAIL.COM no later than the deadline of **FRIDAY, JUNE 17, at 4:00 pm or before all 10 spots have been filled, whichever is sooner.**

THE FAYETTE COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION WILL ACCEPT THE FIRST 10 CONTESTANTS THAT TURN IN THEIR **COMPLETED APPLICATION AND PHOTO** via email. Once the 10 spots for Queen have been filled, recruitment will be CLOSED.

We will then see you at the required contestant's meeting and ticket kickoff event on Thursday, 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 in contacting Queen's Scholarship Pageant Chairperson, Shannon Hemmitt at 979/639-1776 via call or text.

Thank you so much for your interest and we look forward to turning 2022 into a great one!

2022 Fayette County Fair Queen Contestant Handbook

1. Contestant must reside in Fayette County, and must have been at birth, identified as female; and be classified as a Freshman, Sophomore, Junior or Senior in a Fayette County School or be Home Schooled with Fayette County in the 2022/23 school year. Contestant, if chosen Queen or a part of the queen's court, must remain enrolled as a student unless graduating in the spring.
2. Contestant's male escort for the Queen's pageant event must have the same scholastic status and age qualifications, and must be, and must have been at birth, identified as male.
3. Contestant must in good standing within the community and school to promote a positive image, be in good health and have moral character.
4. Contestant must be single, never married, not given birth to a child or currently expecting a child.
5. 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, 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.
6. 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 2022 Fayette County Fair Queen until the formal announcement is made via newspaper, radio and official fair website and Facebook page (approximately June 23, 2022). Under penalty of \$500.00 total sales deduction for violation.
7. Contestants will be sponsored by a Fayette County Non-Profit Organization. The Non-Profit Organization will provide their EIN number for our records as the organization receives 10% of the contestant's total season pass sales as a donation. The sponsor will support the contestant in her sale of tickets, this can include but not limited to: covering the cost of signage and banners, assisting in sale of tickets, listed as a contact persons on materials to buy tickets,

organize/host special ticket sale events within the community, etc. There is not an entry fee to participate in the queen's contest.

8. 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
9. 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 17, 2022 or prior to the first 10 spots being filled to be considered as a Queen's 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 June 24th announcement.
10. All tickets will be issued at the June 30, 2022 Contestant's meeting.
 - Season passes to be sold at a price of \$35 each.
 - A limited amount of Carnival Mega Passes (unlimited rides all 4 days of the fair until 11 pm) will be available for sale for \$70. This is optional to vie for a \$500 scholarship. Sales of these carnival passes will not be added to a Contestant's Queen total sales.
11. Season pass totals will be tallied by number of tickets sold.
12. Season passes will 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.
13. Photos to be judged in the "Miss Photogenic" contest must be submitted by 9:00 pm on June 30, 2022 (Following the Contest's Ticket Meeting). This photo must be a **submitted to fcfqueentx@gmail.com**
14. **Awards:**
 - Queen-\$2500 (minimum) scholarship, crown, sash, trophy
 - 1st Runner Up-\$2000 (minimum) scholarship, crown, sash, trophy
 - 2nd Runner Up-\$1500 scholarship (minimum), crown, sash, trophy
 - 3rd Runner Up-\$1250 scholarship (minimum), crown, sash, trophy
 - Top Carnival Mega Pass Seller-\$500 scholarship
 - Miss Photogenic- trophy, gift card
 - Miss Congeniality- trophy, gift card
 - Miss Poise and Beauty- trophy, gift card

All contestants must sell at least 50 season passes to receive the \$250 scholarship, the participant 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!

15. Incentive scholarship monies for placing queens are available as chart explains here:

16. Contestants must attend the Fair Appreciation Dinner at the Fairgrounds in late August (date TBA) at 6:00 pm wearing the 2022 Fayette County Fair T-shirt along with jeans. You will receive this T-shirt at the bank when you turn in your ticket sales.

Scholarship Incentives

Each contestant receives their base scholarship as stated in the Queen Contestant handbook; this incentive chart allows for the contestants to earn more money based on the number of season passes sold.

# of season passes sold	Queen	1 st runner up	2 nd runner up	3 rd runner up	Remaining contestants (min 50)
BASE	2500	2000	1500	1250	250
500	2600	2100	1600	1350	350
600	2700	2200	1700	1450	450
700	2800	2300	1800	1550	550
800	2900	2400	1900	1650	650
900	3000	2500	2000	1750	750
1000	3100	2600	2100	1850	850
1100	3200	2700	2200	1950	950
1200	3300	2800	2300	2050	1050
1300	3400	2900	2400	2150	1150
1400	3500	3000	2500	2250	1050
1500	3600	3100	2600	2350	1150

The contestant's escort and parents are also invited and encouraged to attend.

17. Ticket monies are turned in every Monday to the queen's account (Bank TBD) you will be provided with deposit slips for each week.
18. Contestant must turn in all ticket sale proceeds on Wednesday, August 31 at 5:30 pm. Sale proceeds not turned in by 6:00 pm will be subject sales account of the tardy contestant to a penalty of \$500.00 at 6:01 pm with the same penalty applied for each 15 minutes of tardiness thereafter. The Queen Pageant rehearsal will follow.
19. The Fair Queen Pageant will be held the evening of Thursday, September 1. Contestant must be present and ready for presentation with escort 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 contestant's arrival, only touch-ups to hair and make-up will be permitted.
20. We understand that the Queen and Queen's Court are expected to participate to the fullest extent possible in the parades and public events scheduled for the Fall/Winter and Spring/Summer, and in no less the 80% of the events as may be scheduled. Tentative schedule is 20 parades for the year. Fayette County

parades are required 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 shall be contacted at the earliest opportunity. The court is asked to download the GROUPE app for group text information and updates.

21. If for any reason should the Fair Queen not be able to fulfill her duties in accordance to these rules and regulations, the 1st Runner Up shall be named Fair Queen and duly authorized to perform in this capacity.
22. 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 Queen Contest Committee Chairperson.

A contestant may be disqualified, and a reigning Queen 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 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.

23. Contestants will be issued an optional wireless telephone to assist in marketing and sales. Your cell phone and number will be assigned to you on June 30 at the ticket meeting. Lost or damaged phones will require a \$100.00 payment by the contestant. 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. Contestant must turn in phone in with the sales proceeds on August 30.
24. 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.
25. 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,

26. 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: A Whole Lotta Country!
 - Prizes:
 - Queen-\$2500 scholarship (minimum), crown, sash, trophy
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 - 2nd Runner Up-\$1500 scholarship (minimum), crown, sash, trophy
 - 3rd Runner Up-\$1250 scholarship (minimum), crown, sash, trophy
 - Top Fun Pass Seller-\$500 scholarship
 - Miss Photogenic- trophy, gift card
 - Miss Congeniality- trophy, gift card
 - Miss Poise and Beauty- trophy, gift card

All contestants must sell at least 50 tickets to receive the \$250 scholarship (minimum), the participant prize bag filled with great donated gift cards and gifts from area businesses as well as participate in the Pageant that volunteers must endless hours of time preparing. We want everyone to give 100%...this will be a night to remember, we promise!
 - Fair Entertainers are as follows:
 - Saturday, September 3rd: Austin Meade will open for Headliner Ian Munsick
 - Sunday, September 4th: Womanless Talent Show with some of Fayette County's Best and McBride & The Ride will Co-Headline with Gene Watson
- This information can be printed on your posters and printed material.**
- 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 2022 Fayette County Fair Queen until the formal announcement is made via newspaper, radio and official fair website and Facebook page (approximately June 23, 2022).
 - Tickets go on sale July 1, 2022 to patrons.
 - You can begin hanging posters, posting on social media, passing out cards, calling customers, etc on July 1, 2022! Don't jump the gun, PLEASE!!
 - Fair tickets and Carnival Passes will be distributed at the REQUIRED ticket meeting on Thursday, June 30, 2022 at 6:00 pm at the Fayette County Fair Grounds Exhibit Hall (400 W Fairgrounds Rd, La Grange, Texas 78945). **Pictures**

for Miss Photogenic Contest due at 9 pm on 6/30/22 (these are JPEG electronic copies sent to the FCFA queen's email, no exceptions).

- Season Passes are required to be sold at \$35 each. In case someone asks, the daily admission to the fair is as follows:

Thursday - Free to all

Friday - \$10.00

Saturday - \$30.00

Sunday - \$20.00

Children 5 and under - free every day

Children 6-15 years: free before 6 PM each day, after 6 PM the daily price

- Carnival Mega passes (discounted unlimited carnival rides until 11 pm all 4 days of the fair) are optional to sell at \$70 to vie for an additional \$500 Scholarship. The Carnival pass does not include admission into the Fair BUT Children 5 and under are free every day and Children 6-15 years are free before 6 PM each day.
- Online season ticket sales will be offered for the contestants, you will receive a URL for your online sales the week of June 20th after the contestants are released.
- Contestants must turn in all ticket sale proceeds on Wednesday, August 31, 2022 at 5:30 pm. Sales not turned in by 6:00 pm will be subject to a penalty of \$500.00 at 6:01 pm with the same penalty applied for each 15 minutes of tardiness thereafter.
- The Queen Pageant rehearsal will follow at 6:30 pm on August 30, bring your shoes and your escort.
- The Fair Queen Pageant will be on Thursday, September 1, 2022. Contestant must be present and ready for presentation with escort 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 Queen's 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.
- Contestants will be issued a wireless telephone (optional) to assist in marketing and sales. Phones will be distributed on June 30 at the meeting. Lost or damaged phones will require a \$100.00 payment by the contestant. Contestants are advised not to use personal phone numbers for marketing and sales activity. Contestant must turn in phone in with the sales proceeds on August 31.

JUNE - SEPTEMBER 2022 (subject to change)			June 1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 All paperwork & photo (newspaper) due by 4 pm	18
19	20	21	22	23 Contestants released in newspapers, on radio and online on Facebook!	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 Ticket meeting, 6: 00 pm at Exhibit Hall. (Ms. Photogenic photo due)	July 1 Ticket sales begin!!	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 BANK DEPOSIT	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 BANK DEPOSIT	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 BANK DEPOSIT	26	27	28	29	30
31	Aug 1 BANK DEPOSIT	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 BANK DEPOSIT Escort's name due.	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 BANK DEPOSIT	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 BANK DEPOSIT	23	24	25	26	27 Heifer Sale at Fairgrounds
28	29 BANK DEPOSIT	30	31 Ticket/phone turn in, 5:30 pm. Pageant Practice, 6:30 pm.	Sept 1 Queen's Pageant	2	3 Parade for Court
4 Final day of the fair	5	6	7	8	9	10 Parade in Columbus

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 2022 Fayette County Fair Queen until the formal announcement is made via newspaper, radio and official fair website and Facebook page (approximately June 23, 2022). Under penalty of \$500.00 total sales deduction for violation.
- I acknowledge that I may begin campaigning and selling ticket on July 1, 2022. This includes hanging posters and/or banners, handing out business cards, posting on any social media and/or website, etc.
- I have received the Fayette County Fair Queen 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 to be considered as a Queen's Contestant.
- I will be attending the REQUIRED meeting and ticket kickoff event on Wednesday, 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 Queen 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)		
Non-Profit Organization Contestant is Representing:		
EIN # of Organization (for payment to organization, 10% of season ticket sales):		
Current Grade:	Year of Graduation:	
School Contestant is Attending:		
Hobbies:		
Organizations, School, Church Activities, Volunteer Work, etc.		
Future Plans after Graduating:		
Address		
City	State	Zip
Contestant Primary Phone Number		Contestant Email
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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