

2026 GALVESTON COUNTY FAIR & RODEO, INC.
FAIR QUEEN CONTEST RULES
CHAIRPERSON: JESSICA CHOATE (409) 354-1418
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ENTRIES DUE:	Thursday, February 19, 2026 - IN FAIR OFFICE by 5pm NO LATE ENTRIES
ENTRY FEE:	\$50.00 Sponsor Fee - Due with entry
MANDATORY MEETING:	Tuesday, March 10, 2026 @ 7pm in Youth Building
INTERVIEWS:	Tuesday, March 31, 2026, in The Youth Building 6:00pm
CROWNING:	Thursday, April 23, 2026 at 6:30 pm in the Livestock Show Ring
PARADE:	Saturday, April 11, 2026 at 9:00 am at the VFW Post 5400 in Santa Fe

****Please Read carefully and follow instructions thoroughly. Failure to do so will result in a deduction of points.**

1. The Galveston County Fair Queen Contest is open to all girls who meet the following requirements:
 - a. are registered in the 9th thru 12th grade of a public or private school and are members of a Galveston County 4-H or FFA Chapter;
 - b. must be (and always have been) female as recorded on their birth certificate.
 - c. is not a former Fair Queen of Galveston County Fair;
 - d. is single and has never been married or have had children or be pregnant at the time of GCF&R.
 - e. has a project entered in the Galveston County Fair through 4-H or FFA, including:
 1. an animal project(s) (Livestock entries due January 22, 2026)
 2. AND/OR has eight (8) items entered in the Youth Project Show (Project Show entries due February 19, 2026)
 - f. Winner must be present to ride in **2027** GCF&R opening day parade.
2. 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.
3. Each Fair Queen is responsible for getting their own sponsor and must bring a thank you note to the interview, stamped and addressed to their sponsor. **The thank you card must be given to the chairperson to mail before credit will be given.** No exceptions, points will be deducted if not turned in. **THE ENTRY FEE IS \$50.00** which is to be paid by the sponsor. The deadline for entry forms and entry fees will be **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2026, BY 5:00pm IN THE FAIR OFFICE. NO ENTRY FEES OR FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DEADLINE. NO REFUNDS FOR ANY REASON. ALL RULES WILL APPLY AS OF ENTRY FORM DUE DATE.**
4. A personal narrative will be completed by each contestant. Write and attach a narrative, including your name, no less than 1 page and no more than 2 pages in length about yourself, pointing out important facts, include community service and why you are the best candidate to represent the fair. Each contestant must attach a 4"x 6" photograph to their entry. **This photograph will be published in promotional materials for the Fair, and will not be returned.**
5. All contestants are **required** to ride in the Parade on **Saturday, April 11, 2026**, to "kick off" the Fair. Contestants should assemble at 9:00 a.m. 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, a vehicle will be provided for all contestants to ride in.

6. There will be a **MANDATORY PARENT AND CONTESTANT** meeting on **Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.**, in Youth Building. **ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY. (Exception - Death, illness or UIL Function.) Chairperson must be notified in advance in order to be excused or you will not compete.**
7. A private interview with the judges will be held on **Tuesday, March 31, 2026**, with assigned times beginning no later than 7:00 p.m. Western wear will be the attire for the interview. Contestants will be judged on poise, personality, appearance, projects and achievements. **The interview counts for 80% of your score. There is no voting or influence from chair people.** The decision of the judging panel is final. Judges' scoresheets will remain Confidential and become property of GCF&R.
8. All contestants will be responsible for dictating their own schedule. Contestants will have the opportunity to sign up for hours the night of the interviews. Contestants are required to work a minimum of (3) three hours in Shows, (3) three hours in Livestock Window, (3) three hours in Cow Paddy Bingo, and (3) three hours Greeting at the Front Gate. These hours can be spread over the (5) five available working days. There will be time sheets that contestants are responsible for obtaining, filling out and turning in. The King and Queen will be required to work the Pee Wee Swine Show, Commercial Heifer Show and the Commercial Heifer Auction.
9. The decision of the judges is final. Under no circumstances shall contestants attempt to contact the judges before or after entering the contest.
10. All contestants will vote for a Miss Congeniality. This should be the girl who is always happy, helpful, and never complains. Contestants are not allowed to vote for themselves.
11. Each participant is **required** to sign an Emergency Medical & Indemnity Form attached to the Entry Form. Failure to complete these forms will result in disqualification.
12. All contestants are **required** to wear their sashes and appropriate dress at **All** times on the Fairgrounds. No bare midriffs and no shorts. **No sashes** during any show in which you participate as an exhibitor. Sashes will be provided for all contestants.
13. **A no tolerance policy will be enforced.** *Each contestant must set a good example for their peers. A POSITIVE ATTITUDE AND BEHAVIOR IS A MUST. Remember you are representing your family, 4H, FFA, school, city, county and the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo. Absolutely no unsportsmanlike conduct. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS RULE MAY RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION FROM PARTICIPATION IN THE GALVESTON COUNTY FAIR & RODEO, INC. FOR THE CURRENT YEAR IN WHICH THE VIOLATION OCCURS AND THE FOLLOWING YEAR. THE EXHIBITOR WILL FORFEIT ALL AWARDS AND/OR PROCEEDS. THIS APPLIES TO CONDUCT DURING AND AFTER CROWNING!*