2027 GALVESTON COUNTY FAIR & RODEO, INC.
FAIR QUEEN CONTEST RULES
CHAIRPERSON: JESSICA CHOATE (409) 354-1418
CO-CHAIR: KELLEY BIELA (409) 256-9102

ENTRIES DUE: Thursday, February 18, 2027 - IN FAIR OFFICE by 5pm NO LATE ENTRIES
ENTRY FEE: $50.00 Sponsor Fee - Due with entry
MANDATORY MEETING: Tuesday, March 2, 2027 @ 7pm in Youth Building
INTERVIEWS: Tuesday, March 23, 2027, in The Youth Building 6:00pm
CROWNING: Thursday, April 15, 2027 at 6:30 pm in the Livestock Show Ring
PARADE: Saturday, April 3, 2027 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 28, 2027)
        2. AND/OR has eight (8) items entered in the Youth Project Show (Project Show entries due February 18, 2027)
    f. Winner must be present to ride in **2028** 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 18, 2027, 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 3, 2027**, 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 2, 2027, 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 23, 2027**, 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 EXHBITOR WILL FORFEIT ALL AWARDS AND/OR PROCEEDS. THIS APPLIES TO CONDUCT DURING AND AFTER CROWNING!***

2027 GALVESTON COUNTY FAIR & RODEO, INC.
FAIR QUEEN CONTEST ENTRY FORM & QUESTIONAIRE
Photograph for publication must accompany entry form.

NAME:_____ D/O/B:_____ AGE:_____

ADDRESS:_____ CITY_____ ZIP_____

PHONE:_____ 4-H/FFA CHAPTER_____

Email :_____

PARENTS NAME:_____

SPONSOR:_____
Name Address Phone #

T-Shirt size: S_____ M_____ L_____ XL_____ Other_____

NOTE: Please attach to this form a 1 to 2 page personal narrative about yourself, your involvement in the GCF&R, your interests and hobbies. Explain what being selected Fair Queen would mean to you and why you feel you are the best candidate to represent the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo.

Complete the following information:

A. Fair Projects (current year):_____

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B. Years in 4/H or FFA, or both:_____

C. Civic Activities (current year):_____

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***MAIL ENTRIES TO: GCF&R 10 Jack Brooks Road Hitchcock, TX 77563**
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: GCF&R

Amount $50 ***FOR OFFICE USE ONLY!***

Sponsor paid: **Cash**_____ **Check No.**_____ **Credit Card #**_____

Received By: _____ **Date**_____

OVER FOR MEDICAL & INDEMNITY FORM

EMERGENCY MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME: _____ **PHONE:** _____

PARENT'S NAME(If minor): _____ **PHONE:** _____

CONTESTANT'S DOCTOR: _____ **PHONE:** _____

CONTESTANT'S DATE OF BIRTH: _____ Facts concerning the contestant's medical history including allergies, medications taken, and any physical impairments to which a physician should be alerted are: _____

This authorization is valid beginning March 2, 2027 and ending April 17, 2027. In the event reasonable attempts to reach contact person or parent/guardian (If minor) are unsuccessful and/or if the physician listed above is unavailable or unable to treat the contestant, I understand and acknowledge this authorization gives the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc., the authority to choose a physician to treat the contestant in the event of accident, injury, illness, or any life-threatening situations. I further understand and acknowledge that the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc. is authorized to take the contestant to a hospital of the Fair Management's choice if contact person or parent/guardian (If minor) are unavailable to make the decision. **I the undersigned, understand and acknowledge that all charges incurred in connection with the treatment of the contestant will be borne by the Contestant or Parent/Guardian (If minor) and I hold harmless the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc. from any financial, legal or moral obligations surrounding the treatment or possible hospitalization of the contestant.**

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Signature of Contestant or Parent/Guardian (If minor) Date

EXHIBITOR/CONTESTANT RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION FORM

IMPORTANT: SIGNATURE REQUIRED BY ALL PARTICIPANTS

The undersigned, with the intent of binding myself, my spouse, if any, and my heirs, legal representatives and assigns, do hereby execute this release. In consideration of the privilege of myself or my son/daughter competing/exhibiting in the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc., I release and discharge the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc., its successors and assigns including its officers, directors, servants, agents, employees, and legal representatives from any and all claims, present and future, known and unknown, in any manner for any loss or damage or injury to the person, animals or property of Exhibitor/Contestant, or Exhibitor/Contestant('s) agents, servants, family and/or employees, regardless of how such loss, damage or injury is occasioned and by whom. The Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc., and Exhibitor/Contestant further agree that Exhibitor/Contestant will protect, indemnify and hold harmless Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc., from any and all claims, suits and/or judgments, including the cost of defense of any such claim and/or suit and/or judgment(s) by, through, or behalf of Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc., brought by anyone as a result of any loss, damage or injury, personal or otherwise, to any person, animal(s) or property occasioned by any action or inaction of Exhibitor/Contestant, either solely or in conjunction with Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc., or anyone else. ****An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exist in any public gathering place and by signing you do not hold GCF&R responsible for your health and safety.***

Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc., retains exclusive publicity rights pertaining to all shows/events, including open and breed shows and sales and all junior shows and sales, as well as any and all skits or additional contests held in conjunction with the Show/Event. By signing below, Exhibitor/Contestant gives the Show/Event permission to use photos and videos of Exhibitor/Contestant, including Exhibitor/Contestant(s) animal(s) or property, skits, etc., for television, website and video presentations without compensation or prior permission of Exhibitor.

Exhibitor/Contestant agrees to abide by all Rules and Regulations, published or otherwise presented, of the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc.

_____ Date:_____

Exhibitor/Contestant/Owner

_____ Date:_____

Parent or Legal Guardian (if minor)