



**HARRIS COUNTY FAIR AND RODEO**

**PAGEANT and ROYALTY RULES**

**2023**

**PRESENTED BY: HCF&R PAGEANT COMMITTEE**

## PAGEANT/ROYALTY GENERAL RULES

**Entry Deadline: September 1, 2023 at 11:55 pm**  
**Late Entry Deadline: September 10, 2023 at 11:55 pm**  
**Contest Date: Sunday, September 17, 2023 at 9:00 am**  
**Jacinto City Town Center**  
**1025 Oats Rd. Jacinto City, TX 77547**

### Purpose:

The purpose of this event is to select individuals who are most representative of Harris County Fair & Rodeo that possess outstanding attributes of personality, intelligence, presentation and grace.

### Divisions:

Participants must compete in their accurate school grade, age and gender as of September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 and be enrolled in a Harris County Independent School District or be a resident of Harris County **AND be a member of a Harris County 4-H or FFA**. Contestants will be scored on appearance, presentation, **natural presentation**, and personality.

Attire is to be Western wear “Show Clothes”: Jeans or length appropriate skirt, boots & western style shirt of their choice, hats are optional. Contestants Attire will be modest, no shorts, no cleavage, no mid drift shown, no tattoos, no body piercings, no guns/weapons (real or fake).

#### Girl’s Pageant:

- Queen -12<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Princess -9<sup>th</sup> thru 11<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Junior Princess -6<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup>
- Little Princess – Kinder thru 5<sup>th</sup>

#### Boy’s Royalty:

- King -12<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Prince -9<sup>th</sup> thru 11<sup>th</sup>
- Junior Prince -6<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup>
- Little Prince -Kinder thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Each of the above age group representatives will be defined by the following:

- Personal Interview (high school ages only)
- Written Exam (high school ages only)
- On Stage Introduction & thought question (littles and mini can get help by the MC asking generic questions like name and age).

The King & Queen will be awarded a scholarship payable to the college of their choice at the end of their reign and fulfilling all their required duties.

**Entry Fee each contestant: \$30 Deadline: September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023**

**Late Entry: \$60 Deadline: September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Additional Optional Divisions:**

**a. Age Divisions Best of:**

Contestants may also enter the following categories for an additional \$10 entry fee. The following division will be judged during their onstage interview, thought question & runway walk. Each age division winners will receive a prize.

- i. Best Smile (All age divisions)
- ii. Best Hair (All age divisions)
- iii. Best Outfit (All age divisions) iv. Best Personality (All age divisions)

**b. Best Resume:**

For a \$10 additional Fee, Any 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Contest may bring a Job Resume to be judge all together for a Prize.

**c. Photography:**

Each contestant of any Age Division may enter up to 1 plain 8x10 photographs that includes the contestants name and age on the back in each of the divisions listed below. Contestant must be in each photo and the only person in the photo. Photos shall not be mounted on boards, framed or matted in any way.

- i. Western Outfit
- ii. Patriotic Outfit
- iii. Black and White iv. Color

**d. Top Hand:**

This title will be awarded to the participant who earns the highest dollar amount from sponsorships. To be eligible, a contestant must be entered in the Harris County Fair & Rodeo Pageant & Royalty contest

The winner of this event will receive a crown, belt buckle and sash.

Every Contestant will be entered into the Top Hand award which is given to the exhibitor who raises the most money in sponsorships. Contestants can sell Sponsorship Packages through our website or collect and submit them the day of the Contest. The Sponsorship Packages are Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze and come with several benefits to the sponsor. *If buckles remain to be sponsored, contestant may also sell 1 or more buckles towards their sponsorship.* Packages may be easier to raise sponsorships which come with benefits vs just asking for donations. There is no entry fee for this Top Hand division. Contestants cannot win multiple scholarships

or prizes. Should a contestant win their category and Top Hand, they will forfeit the Top Hand awards. Instead, the Top Hand awards will go to the contestant with the next highest sponsorship total. Sponsorship Checks can be made out to Harris County Fair and Rodeo Association.

### **PAGEANT RULES AND WINNER REQUIREMENTS:**

- 1.) ALL Contestants will be required to be in a FFA chapter or 4-H club within Harris County. Additional proof of residence or verification of enrollment may be needed upon request and is to be supplied by the contestant at the contest.
- 2.) All title holder must remain a resident of Harris County for the duration of their reign, that ends on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.
- 3.) Each contestant **MUST** secure a minimum of \$100 in sponsorships. All Sponsorships are DUE day of competition September 17, 2023.
- 4.) Each Contestant on day of contest is to bring Thank you notes with stamped and addressed envelopes for each sponsor they have received from.
- 5.) Judges will be selected by the Pageant and Royalty Committee. Any protests must be in writing and accompanied by a deposit of \$200, which will be forfeited if protest is not sustained. Such protest must state plainly the cause of complaint and must be sent to the fair email addressed to the Committee Chairman no later than 9 AM the morning after the judging.
- 6.) Division Scoring: Interviews will be conducted with a panel of judges in a private setting. The written test will be questions about the History of Harris County and basic livestock information. A study guide will be emailed to the email address listed on the entry form no less than 1 week prior to the contest. The thought questions will be created by the committee and emailed to the email address listed on the entry form. The Introduction must be no longer than 2 minutes.
- 7.) Each Title holder will have an assigned liaison from the Harris County Fair & Rodeo Pageant & Royalty Committee. They will Communicate with their liaison at least once a month for events, Academic Eligibility, etc.
- 8.) All Title holders and anyone who accompanies them to events must Conduct themselves in a manner appropriate of a representative of the Harris County Fair & Rodeo at all times. No alcohol, no disruptive behavior.
- 9.) The 6<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> grade Title holders of the Harris County Fair pageant & Royalty contest shall attend various functions of the Harris County Fair throughout their reign and support the Fair when asked for assistance. They shall promote

the principals of the Harris County Fair in all their endeavors at a minimum of 4 Events.

- Tiny & Little divisions are **NOT required** to do presentations. But strongly encouraged.
- Appearances must take place between November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 till August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.
- Appearances do not include the 2023 Harris County Fair & Rodeo, Jackpot show, or Fair fundraisers where title holders appearance is mandatory.

10.) Each title Holder Must return for the 2024 Pageant to crown the new Pageant & Royalty Winners.

***\*\*If the winner in any category cannot participate in all activities for any reason, or are otherwise deemed unable to fulfill their duties, they must relinquish all gifts, awards(including buckle and sash) and the title, to the runner-up. The Harris County Pageant & Royalty Committee will make the final decision where deemed necessary.***

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**Important Dates:**

September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

Entry deadline

September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Late entry deadline. (Entry fee doubles)

September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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Sponsorship money is due!!

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**Day of Schedule:**

*\*Times are Subject to change per the committee and will be updated here \**

9am Doors Open for check in (high school ages only)

10am King, Queen, Prince & Princess Contestants begin interviews written exams

12pm All other age divisions arrive to check in

1pm All ages On Stage Introduction, Runway walk & thought question, starting with youngest to oldest.

3pm Estimated - Crowning

