

ALL VALLEY COTTON STYLE SHOW

ENTRY DEADLINE – January 15, 2024

ENTRY FEE - \$20 per exhibitor

DELIVERY OF GARMENTS – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Saturday, March 9, 2024

PRELIMINARY JUDGING – 1:00 p.m., Saturday, March 9, 2024 (closed to public)

STYLE SHOW CHECK-IN – 12:00 p.m., Sunday, March 10, 2024

JUDGING/STYLE SHOW – 1:00 p.m., Sunday, March 10, 2024

SPECIAL RULES FOR THE ALL VALLEY COTTON STYLE SHOW

1. Each exhibitor must be a bona fide member of a Texas FFA, FCCLA, or 4-H club and enrolled in elementary, secondary, or home school. Exhibitors must have been enrolled in their respective FFA Chapter or 4-H Club. Exhibitors must be in third grade or nine years old, but under twenty, as of January 1, 2024. Exhibitors must reside in Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, and Willacy counties.
2. All garments must be constructed by the exhibitor by sewing, using a sewing machine or by hand, with needle and thread, knitting or crocheting using new or recycled materials with a minimum of 50% cotton. There are no cost limits for construction. Garments must be constructed in a home or school under the supervision of a Home Economics Teacher, Agriculture Science Teacher or 4-H Clothing Leader and must be constructed within the school year that they are exhibited. Accessories may be purchased. No late garments will be accepted after 12:00 p.m. (noon).
3. All visible garments worn during the judging must have been constructed by the exhibitor. (i.e., blouse under jumper).
4. An exhibitor may enter one outfit. Projects previously exhibited at the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show will not be eligible to be entered.
5. A garment, which in the opinion of the committee, does not meet the criteria of the category in which it was entered, may be reclassified.
6. Garments must be checked by the exhibitor's supervisor at time of fitting (before hemming) and at completion of garment. Information forms must be signed and dated by supervisor at both checks and verified to be exhibitor's work. Information forms must accompany garments.
7. A 4x6 photo of the exhibitor in their finished project must be attached to the information sheet. Please include a list of hobbies, activities, etc. in the description of the garment. Also, you will need to attach a copy of the back side of the pattern envelope to your information sheet. This information sheet must be turned in with the garment.
8. The exhibitor must be available for an interview on Saturday, March 9, 2024, between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. during delivery of garments.
9. Judging is based on the inner and outer garment construction, modeling (poise and posture) and interview.

VIOLATIONS

1. Any exhibitor will receive a penalty for not following all Style Show requirements. This would include not completing all forms, illegible or incorrect forms and not using fabrics with a minimum of 50% cotton.
2. Violations or complaints should be reported to the Style Show Committee prior to judging. Once preliminary judging has begun, disqualification will not be made.
3. Any legitimate infraction of the previously mentioned rules and regulations will result in the immediate disqualification of the contestant. Further disciplinary action will be reviewed and considered by the Executive Committee of the Livestock Show.
4. Decisions of the judges are final.

CATEGORIES

- A. **CASUAL** – For school and casual after school activities, such as spectator sports, picnics, and casual dates. Examples are pants, jeans, skirts, shorts, tops, casual or sporty dresses, skirts or pants with casual/sporty jackets, school coats and coordinated separates.
- B. **DRESSY** – For ensembles worn to dressy activities such as church, dinner dates, theater, banquets, and job/scholarship interviews. Examples include men's and women's suits, dressy dresses, and dressy coats.
- C. **FORMAL** – Limited to garments worn at formal evening events and formal weddings. This category includes tuxedos, formal gowns, wedding dresses and bridesmaid dresses. Garments in this category should not be suitable for ordinary daily activities.
- D. **SPECIALTY** – Limited to athletic and special purpose garments. Examples are band, pep squad and cheerleader uniforms, athletic garments such as jogging suits, swimsuits, leotards, skiwear, sleep wear, theatrical and circus-type costumes such as clown suits and ballet costumes. Garments in this category should not be suitable for ordinary daily activities.

DIVISIONS

- Junior Division – Grades 3rd – 8th
- Senior Division – Grades 9th – 12th

AWARDS

- Overall Grand Champion – Scholarship, \$100 and plaque
- Overall Reserve Grand Champion - \$50 and plaque
- Champion winners in each division will compete for the Overall Grand Champion Award. Reserve Champion winner in division that produced the Grand Champion will compete with the remaining Champions for the Overall Reserve Grand Champion Award.

The Overall Grand Champion and Overall Reserve Grand Champion projects will be eligible to participate in the Sale of Champions on Saturday, March 16, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. This is a premium auction only; the actual projects will not be sold to the buyers.

Prizes will be awarded in each age group as follows:

- 1st place - \$50 and Ribbon
- 2nd place - \$30 and Ribbon
- 3rd place - \$25 and Ribbon

General Rules, Regulations and Procedures on page 23 also apply.