

Walker County Fair Queen Contest Rules

1. A contestant must be born a female and be a high school student in grades 9 through 12, a resident of or attending school in Walker County (for a minimum of six months prior to the contest), who is not pregnant, and who has never been married nor had a child.
2. A contestant must be an active member of 4-H, FFA or FCCLA, and have an entry pertaining to one of these clubs in the Walker County Fair.
3. A contestant must be academically eligible to participate and be passing all classes with a 70 or higher. The committee will accept the most recent report card as proof of eligibility. The contestant is responsible for turning in their copy of their latest report card on the day of contest. In accordance with the WCFA General rules, eligibility for the week and events before crowning, the day of crowning, and the week of the fair - if they should make court - will be verified by the County Agents office and/or the contestants Ag or FCCLA teacher.
4. A contestant must be willing to represent the Walker County Fair Association in assigned duties, including the following: official activities, parades, dances, barbecues, surrounding fairs and Queen's Clinics. The candidate chosen will be under the guidance of the committee throughout her reigning year and must be willing to abide by the guidelines set forth by the WCFA and Queens Committee. If assigned duties are not fulfilled the winner will relinquish the title.
5. Contestants must have their parents' or guardian's written consent to enter the contest.
6. The contestant's fair queen entry forms and copy of rules/code of conduct must be signed by both the contestant and their parent or legal guardian. Forms not signed by both will result in automatic disqualification.
7. Contestants will be judged in four categories:
 - Fair Project Presentation (40%)
 - Interview (20%)
 - Overall Impression, Attire, Poise & Personality (20%)
 - Fair Activities and Participation (20%)
8. Contestants will be required to participate in and furnish their own vehicles for the Walker County Fair Association parade.
9. Previous Walker County Fair Queens are not eligible to enter the contest.
10. A non-refundable entry fee of \$40.00 for each contestant must be submitted with the entry form, press release form, fair participation form, AND SIGNED COPY OF RULES AND CODE OF CONDUCT FORMS, on or before February 1st of the current contest year. All entries must be received by the committee by 7:00 p.m on February 1st.
11. All contestants will be required to attend the Press Party prior to the opening of the Walker County Fair, as well as other scheduled meetings, events, photography appointments, and rehearsals as set forth in the contest calendar. Any request for an exception to this rule must be submitted in writing one week prior to the expected absence. (Exceptions to this rule are for personal or family emergencies only; however, these circumstances are still subject to verification.)
12. All contestants will be required to sell at least two (2) Walker County Fair Association memberships. Membership sales will be accepted from January of the current contest year until the Monday before the opening weekend of the fair. Contestants must submit their two mandatory membership sales by the second Friday of March of the current contest year. Any additional memberships sold by contestants must be submitted by the Monday before the opening weekend of the fair. Memberships sold outside of the window of time set forth by the designated dates will not carry into the next contest year. This is to ensure all contestants have an equal opportunity.
13. A contestant's project presentation must pertain to the project she currently has entered in the fair.
14. The queen and her court must meet all requirements during the week of the Walker County Fair and during their reign. Failure to do so could lead to the loss of scholarship money and title.
15. Handwritten thank you letters will be written from each fair queen court member on a predetermined day during the week of the fair, either Thursday or Friday. A committee member(s) will be present to oversee this action. If Thank You letters are not delivered, their scholarship will be forfeited.
16. On the day of project presentations, a maximum of two outfits will be allowed. One may be worn during presentation and the other for the remainder of the events. Additional clothing such as an apron, lab coat, vest, hunting gear, etc, being used for the project presentation DOES NOT COUNT as an outfit. The props may be put on by the contestant before the presentation starts OR during the presentation itself.
17. Contestants are responsible for their own hair and makeup. Only a parent may assist.

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18. The Contestant must have been an exhibitor at the Walker County Fair any year prior to running for the title of fair queen.

19. The highest scoring contestant will be deemed Queen, second highest will be awarded First Runner Up, and third highest score will be awarded the title of Second Runner Up.

20. The title of Miss Congeniality will be voted on by the contestants of the current contest year on the morning of crowning. Should a tie occur, all parties apart of said tie, will not be able to vote in the runoff.

21. If the queen or any court member were to become ineligible or be stripped of their title, the title holder/contestant immediately placed after them will be moved up into their spot and assume said duties.

22. The 3 judges being selected for the contest day will be selected from outside of Walker County. 23. The 3 judges for fair participation will be current or former fair officers.

24. The fair participation portion is judged anonymously. Each judge is assigned a number 1-3 and will receive the contestant's fair participation form ONLY for judging (NOT THEIR APPLICATION). The fair participation forms will be labeled with the appropriate contestant number, with no names on the form, and will be given to the judges for judging.

25. The score for fair participation will be based on averages. Each contestant will be awarded anywhere from 1 point to 20 points for their fair participation. All 3 judge's scores will be added up and averaged to get the final score for each contestant.

26. Judges will not be given fair participation scores until the END of contest day and all other tabulations have been made. This is to ensure an unbiased opinion throughout the contest day.

27. At the conclusion of the contest day an outside auditor with no affiliation with the WCFA or its Queen's Contest will triple check the judge's tabulations. If there is a discrepancy, the committee chair and Vice President will be notified and will be handled accordingly. If no tabulation mistakes have been made, the independent auditor will sign and seal the envelopes, which will remain sealed until the day of crowning.

Contestant Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____