

2023 Wharton County Youth Fair

Junior Miss Pageant Rules

1. Contestants must be female who live in Wharton County or attend a Wharton County school as a 6th, 7th or 8th grader. Any contestant who is home schooled MUST be a resident of Wharton County.
2. Each contestant must be eligible under the no-pass, no-play UIL requirement at the time of the pageant. This will be verified through the Fair office.
3. Each contestant will be responsible for securing an individual or business to sponsor them for the pageant. The sponsorship fee will be \$100. Each contestant will wear a sash with her sponsor's name and the sponsor will be acknowledged in the pageant program, the newspaper, with signage in Crescent Hall and announced during the pageant.
4. Junior Miss and runners up will be selected. All winners will receive prizes with the Junior Miss receiving a crown.
5. Entry forms, sponsor information and fees must be received in the Fair office no later than **Tuesday, January 24, 2023**. Release of liability must be signed by contestant and parent/guardian and submitted with entry. **No late entries will be accepted.** Entry forms and fees can be mailed to Wharton County Youth Fair & Exposition, P.O. Box 167, Glen Flora, TX 77443.
6. Publicity/Program photos will be taken at the **Meeting on Monday, February 6, 2023 at 6:00 pm at the Wharton County Fairgrounds, Directors Room of the Office Complex**. There will be no additional cost for this service. Contestants are strongly encouraged to attend.
7. Rehearsal will be held **Thursday, March 9th** in Crescent Hall. Time will be announced later.
8. This year Jr. Miss contestants will be required to sell season passes for the Wharton County Youth Fair. The \$40 season pass includes entrance to all fair events, including the Bar-B-Q cook-off and rodeo events. Special events, such as the Ag Day banquet, may require an extra ticket. Contestants must sell a minimum of **50** season passes to receive season pass points. Contestants selling more than 100 passes will be eligible for additional scholarship money.
9. Jr. Miss contestants are required to turn in money on designated days, which will be announced at a later date. Contestant is responsible for all passes issued and money for sold passes. Any discrepancies will be at the contestant's expense. The contestant who sells the most season passes will be named Queen of Ticket Sales and will receive a \$250 scholarship from WCYF and a belt buckle.
10. The pageant consists of individual interviews, self-introductions and modeling of western attire, consisting of jeans and a button-down shirt of the contestant's choice. In addition, points are awarded for Fair and 4-H involvement.
11. The girl selected as WCYF Junior Miss must appear on behalf of the Fair as requested. If for any reason the winner is unable to fulfill her responsibilities, the first runner up will assume the title.
12. Contestant/Parent Conduct Release form must be signed and submitted with entry. A parent/guardian **and** contestant need to sign the form.
13. If you would like further information or have any questions, please contact Dr. Keith Ermis at 979-532-0805 (work) or 979-533-0518 (cell).
14. The pageant will be held on **Saturday, March 18, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.** at the Wharton County Fairgrounds. Interviews will be scheduled with the judges prior to the pageant. Contestant will be allowed in the gate at no charge. However, parent and other relatives/guess will need to purchase a day pass or season pass for entry.

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Junior Miss Entry Form

Please complete the following. This information will also be used in your on-stage introduction during the pageant.

Name _____ Age _____ Date of Birth _____

Parent's Name: _____
(For the program)

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Parent's Cell: _____

Parent E-mail _____ Contestant Email: _____

School _____ Grade _____ 4-H/FFA Club: _____

SPONSOR: _____ Contact: _____

List the following:

School Activities (No more than 5): _____

School Awards or Honors (No more than 3): _____

Church and Community Activities (No more than 3): _____

Fair and 4-H Activities (No more than 7): _____

Hobbies (No more than 3): _____

What do you like most about the fair?

Anything else you would like to share about yourself?

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Parent and Participant Conduct Release Form

We have read the rules and regulations governing the Junior Miss Pageant and agree to abide by these rules and to participate as indicated. If selected Junior Miss, I _____ agree to represent the Wharton County Youth Fair as deemed necessary and understand that if I don't, I will forfeit my title.

We furthermore agree to always display good sportsmanship. We will not talk badly about the other contestants, the pageant or any committee member.

We also understand that there can only be one winner and we will accept the judges' decision as final.

These rules pertain to the contestant as well as her family members.

Participant _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Attached you will find the Release of Liability and Indemnity form. If you have not turned one into the Fair office with another project, please attach with your entry form.

FAIR WEEK

- It is **highly recommended** the royalty attend all livestock shows after school to help hand out livestock awards and be a part of the Champion pictures. For safety reasons, the Princess, Little Miss and Little Mister are asked to not be present in the show arena during the Commercial Heifer, Steer and Jr. Breeding Beef shows. They may still be part of the Champion pictures.
- It is **recommended** the Royalty attend the Sr. Citizens Day on Thursday, March 30 in Crescent Hall.
- All royalty are **required** to attend all pageants and the exhibitor awards banquet.
- All royalty are **required** to attend the **Sale of Excellence for the buyer pictures** on **Saturday, April 1st beginning** at 11 a.m. Bring lawn chairs, snacks, etc.
- It is the **Responsibility** of the Queen to coordinate all attire for any event the royalty will be attending (fair, parades, pictures, etc.).
- The dress for the Royalty the week of the fair should be Western attire. Button down shirt, jeans, sash and crown should be worn when attending all official Fair activities. **Please remember you are representing Wharton County and should be dressed neatly during the fair.**
- **NO CELL PHONES ALLOWED IN JUDGING AREA. See rule #31 in the general rules.**

Thanks!

Tricia Potts

Assistant Fair Coordinator

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AFTER FAIR

- The Queen will be responsible for coordinating all royalty to work on the float for the parades. (The float should be taken care of in plenty of time so that if anything needs to be repaired the office has plenty of time to order material.) **Parents of royalty are responsible for pulling the float in parades or arranging for this to be done.**
- The Fair office will keep in contact through email, be sure that Tricia has everyone's email address in the office. tricia@whartoncountyyouthfair.org
- During the holiday season there is a Christmas parade almost every weekend.
- The WCYF board of directors strongly encourages the Royalty to attend all parades.
- The Fair office will send in all the entries and notify the royalty with the itinerary for the parades.
- The Royalty will be asked to represent the county at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Wharton County night. Rodeo Houston only allows 4 spots in the Grand Entry on Wharton County night. Thus far, approval has been granted each year for the fifth rider. If this should change, we would only take 3 and the Little Mr. and Miss would not be allowed to ride. Tickets to the Houston Rodeo are provided for the Royalty by the Wharton County Go Texan committee. Additional tickets are available for purchase at parent's expense.
- A PowerPoint presentation to recap the Royalty's year is optional and it is your responsibility to bring all of the equipment to show the presentation. The PowerPoint should only include photos from your reign as Little Miss and Little Mister, not the contestants for this year.
- The Fair office would like to have a group picture of the Royalty to hang in our office. It is the Queen's responsibility to coordinate the photographer and the dress.
- The parades listed below are the ones the royalty has participated in the past. The only ones we ask you make every effort to participate in are local parades in the county.
 - September – Rice Festival in Bay City
 - November – Wharton Christmas Parade
 - December – El Campo, Bay City, Boling, Garwood & East Bernard
 - March – Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Grand Entry
- Last of all have a good time, enjoy yourself and make plenty of memories and new friends. Be proud that you are representing Wharton County Youth Fair.