

2024 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 9, 2024**. 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 Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at 6:30 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 **Tuesday, March 5th** in Crescent Hall at 6 p.m.
8. Along with the publicity photos taken at the **January 23rd meeting**, raffle tickets will be distributed for each contestant to sell. The money collected from this raffle benefits the WCYF. Points are awarded for selling a minimum number of raffle tickets and a buckle will be awarded to the highest ticket salesperson.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. Contestant/Parent Conduct Release form must be signed and submitted with entry. A parent/guardian **and** contestant need to sign the form.
12. 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).
13. The pageant will be held on **Sunday, March 10, 2024 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/guest 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 21 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, March 23rd 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.

**EXHIBITOR/PARTICIPANT
WHARTON COUNTY YOUTH FAIR
RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**

In consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, for being allowed entry into and participation in activities (the "Activities") associated with the Wharton County Youth Fair & Exposition, the undersigned hereby enters into this RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT (this "Agreement") as of the date set forth below.

1. **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISKS:** The undersigned recognizes and understand that there are risks associated with their participation in the Activities including, but not limited to, bodily injury or death to persons and damage to property. The undersigned further acknowledges and understands that they and/or any persons (including, but not limited to, minors) under their care and control, and that arise out of, or are related to, the undersigned's entry into and participation in the Activities.
2. **APPLICABILITY AND SCOPE OF RELEASES AND INDEMNITIES:** for purposes of this Agreement, "Claims "shall mean any past, present and future claims, losses, costs, expenses, liabilities, demands, or causes of action, and costs of defense or settlement (including, without, limitations, attorneys' free and court regardless of whether the Claims to be release, waived, or indemnified against arise, or are alleged to arise, from(i) NEGLIGENCE(WHETHER SOLE, JOINT OR CONCURRENT), Gross NEGLIGENCE, NEGLIGENCE PER SE, and/or STRICT LIABILITY, of the Wharton County Youth Fair & Exposition or its present and former officers, directors, members, subsidiaries, affiliates, employees, volunteers, staff, and/or agents and any other person, firm or corporation bound to defend or pay judgments against them(the "Released Parties"); (ii) personal injury, death or property damage;(iii) acts under the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act("DTPA"); (iv) acts of any other persons or guests; (v) theft, burglary, assault, or other crimes;(vi)fire, water, wind, rain and/or smoke and/or(vii)any other risks and hazards associated with the undersigned's entry into and participation in the Activities, including, but not limited to, the general conditions at the Activities, animals both wild and domestic that may be diseased and/or potentially dangerous, persons with firearms both on and off the premises used in connection with the Activities, and the driving or riding in any vehicles, whether belonging to Released Parties or to other persons.
3. **RELEASE FROM LIABILITY:** The undersigned hereby RELEASES, ACQUITS AND FOREVER DISCHARGES, and WAIVES any and all Claims against any of the Released Parties that arise from or relate to their entry and participation in the Activities- including, but not limited to, the types of claims enumerated in Parties shall not be liable to them, their family, or their guests, for personal injury, property damage, or any other Claims arising from or related to the undersigned's entry into and participation in the Activities.
4. **AGREEMENT TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS:** The undersigned agrees to INDEMNIFY and HOLD HARMLESS the Released Parties against any and all Claims arising from or related to the undersigned's entry and participation in the Activities – including, but not limited to, the types of Claims enumerated in minors under their care and control and/or his or her parent/guardian, and for any Claims asserted by, through or under the undersigned, arising from or related to the undersigned entry into and participation in the Activities- including, but not limited to, the types of Claims enumerated in Paragraph 2. As used herein, "INDEMNIFY "means to agree to assume the Released Parties' liability in a situation, thereby relieving them of responsibility, and/or reimbursing the Released Party for Claims asserted against them.
5. **PHOTOGRAPH INTERVIEW RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT:** The undersigned GRANTS PERMISSION to be PHOTOGRAPHED or INTERVIEWED in connection with the Activities. The undersigned understands that any such photograph or interview may be used by the Release Parties or television, film video, visual, graphic or printed media. The undersigned agrees to RELEASE and INDEMNIFY the Released Parties with respect to any Claims related to the usage of such photographs or interviews by the Released Parties or any media – including, but not limited to, the types of Claim's enumerated in Paragraph 2.

As further inducement to the Wharton County Youth Fair & Exposition to permit the undersigned's entry into and participation in the Activities, the undersigned represents that they thoroughly and completely understand that this a complete and final release and indemnity agreement, that they are freely and voluntarily entering into this Agreement, and that no representations, promises or statements made by and Released Party, or any agent, attorney or other representative of any Release Party has influenced the undersigned in causing them to sign this Agreement.

The undersigned understands that this agreement shall be binding on their heirs, executors, successors and assigns, that the Agreement will be governed by the laws of Texas, and that jurisdiction and venue for resolution of any dispute regarding this Agreement shall lie in a Texas State Court in Wharton County, Texas. If any part of this Agreement is determined to be invalid or unenforceable, it does not affect the validity of the remainder of the Agreement. The undersigned agrees to the terms and conditions above, and acknowledges receipt of the Agreement.

Signature – Exhibitor/Participant

Date

Name Printed

Signature- Parent/Guardian

Date

Name Printed

The undersigned represents that he/she is the parent/guardian of the exhibitor above and that the signing parent/guardian has the legal right to enroll the child in this activity.