



Williamson County Fair Association

2024 FAIR QUEEN CONTEST RULES

Overview

The Williamson County Fair Association provides the opportunity for High school females to achieve a scholarship, awards, and receive fair recognition as the Fair & Rodeo Queen or Queen's Court. The Wilco Fair & Rodeo Queen & Courts will represent the association and be an ambassador for the fair and rodeo.

Eligibility

Candidates must be:

- Enrolled in a Williamson County High School or permanently reside in an area zoned to a Williamson County school district if homeschooled
- Student must be between the grades of 9th-11th
- Must be a female, as recorded on their birth certificate and not be married, pregnant or have children at the time of application or during her reign if selected
- Must reside with parents or legal guardian through entirety of competition and reign if selected
- Responsible for obtaining a Queen & Queen's Court Supporter Sponsor(s). A Sponsor(s) will donate \$400 to the Queen & Queen's Court Scholarship Program due at application deadline.
- Must complete application before deadline **no late or incomplete applications will be accepted*
- Must not have previously been crowned as Williamson County Fair and Rodeo Queen
- Must not represent any other fair or rodeo in a similar capacity at the time of application or during her reign if selected
- Children and grandchildren of current board members are ineligible to apply

Maintaining Eligibility

Candidate must represent herself in an appropriate manner throughout her reign as Queen or a Court Member. This includes in person and social media. Social media may be monitored and if there are inappropriate activities, it can result in disqualification and forfeiture of scholarship and title.

Should the Queen be unable to fulfill these duties, the 1st runner up will assume the role of the Queen and absorb the responsibilities from that date forward. If the 1st runner up is unable to fulfill these duties, the 2nd runner up will assume these responsibilities and so on.

Should the candidate wish to remove herself from the competition, she forfeits title and scholarship.



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Community Events

Candidates are required to participate in 75% of the community events that are scheduled. If candidate is unable to attend an event, the Committee Chairman must be notified by email or text as soon as possible. Committee leadership will review the reason for absence and determine if it is excusable. After two unexcused absences occur, the candidate risks forfeiting her title and scholarship.

At any event at which the candidate is representing the Fair Association, candidates must present themselves in appropriate attire determined by the Queen Committee. Attire may include western outfits, a cowboy hat, and boots. All dresses and skirts must be at a knee length or longer. All blouses and tops shall not be revealing or low cut. If the committee feels as though the candidate is dressed inappropriately, the candidate may be disqualified.

Candidates must be willing to represent the Williamson County Fair Association at public events such as, but not limited to, community parades, awarding scholarships at Commissioner's court, attendance the current and following year at the Williamson County Fair and Rodeo in October. A fair representative, or parent/guardian must accompany the Fair Queen at any events. If asked to participate in an official capacity at any other community events, the Queen, or her Court, must ask permission to participate. The Queen nor her Court may participate in any political events.

Mandatory attendance is required for the crowing of the Queen and her courts the year she applies and the following year at the fair and rodeo. Failure to attend may result in forfeiture of title and scholarship.

Selection

The selection process will begin in August and finalize the weekend before the fair starts in October. The final stage will consist of an in-person, panel interview. The contestant shall prepare a 2-minute speech on what the Fair Queen Role would mean to her.

The candidates' will be judged on the five areas:

- I. Speech – How well did the candidate speak
- II. Interview – How well did the candidate answer questions
- III. Presentation- How did the candidate represent herself including appearance, eye contact and confidence
- IV. Community Steward – community service and leadership
- V. Application

Judges may not give any candidates feedback nor discuss other candidates.



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Crowning

Crowning of the Queen will take place on Thursday, October 24, 2024, at the Rodeo arena at 6pm. Candidate must be present to be crowned.

Scholarships

The Fair Queen will be awarded a scholarship in the amount of \$3,000.00. The 1st runner up will be awarded a scholarship in the amount of \$2,000.00. The second runner up will receive a scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00.

Scholarships earned must be used within two years of high school graduation. Any funds not used at that time will be forfeited, unless an extension to use said funds is granted by the Williamson County Fair Association. The scholarship funds will be sent directly to the college, university, or trade school that the recipient will attend.

The scholarship recipient **must** notify the Williamson County Fair Association in writing, at PO Box 1275, Taylor TX 76574 at least 30 days before scholarship funds are needed. The Association may require the recipient to submit their official course schedule with the request.

All requirements specified in the Williamson County Fair Association Fair Queen policies must be fulfilled. Providing false information or failure to perform the requirements of the Williamson County Fair and Rodeo Queen and her courts, are grounds for forfeiture of the scholarship(s).



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2024 Fair Queen Application Requirements

Thank you for your interest in representing the Williamson County Fair & Rodeo as our Fair Queen and her courts.

All applications must be complete in its entirety, as any incomplete applications will not be eligible.

The applicant must include:

- I. Completed Application
- II. A 5x7 recent Headshot photo (no selfies or electronic photos)
- III. Two letters of recommendation (cannot be family members)
- IV. Participant Release of Liability and Indemnity Agreement signed
- V. 2024 WILCO Fair Queen Candidate Supporter Form with payment
- VI. Written thank you letter to your supporter, addressed and postage placed on envelope

Mail the required documents to:

Williamson County Fair Association
Queen Application
PO BOX 1275
Taylor, TX 76574

***All applications must be received by August 31, 2024.**

If you have any questions, please contact us at: info@wilcofair.com
Subject Line - Fair Queen



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2024 Fair Queen Application

Contestant Name: _____

Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Current Age: _____ High School: _____

Contestant Phone: _____ Guardian Phone: _____

Email: _____

Answer in complete sentences.

Must be typed.

Notate if an additional page is needed for answers.

1) List all Community Events you have participated as a volunteer in during your high school years.

2) List any Leadership positions you have represented during your high school years.

3) Why should you become the next Williamson County Fair and Rodeo Fair Queen?



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Parent Permission and Release of Liability and Indemnity Form

In consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, for being allowed entry into and participation in any and all activities (the "Activities") associated with the Williamson County Fair Association and to the fullest extent permitted by law, the undersigned, individually and on behalf of his/her family, heirs, administrators, executors and assigns, hereby enters into this RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT (this "Agreement"). This Agreement shall remain in effect for as long as the undersigned participates in the Activities.

1. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISKS: The undersigned recognizes and understands that there are risks associated with his/her participation in the Activities including, but not limited to, bodily injury or death to persons and theft, damage, or destruction to property. UNDER CHAPTER 87, TEXAS CIVIL PRACTICE AND REMEDIES CODE, A FARM ANIMAL PROFESSIONAL IS NOT LIABLE FOR AN INJURY TO OR THE DEATH OF A PARTICIPANT IN FARM ANIMAL ACTIVITIES RESULTING FROM THE INHERENT RISKS OF FARM ANIMAL ACTIVITIES.

2. RELEASE FROM LIABILITY: The undersigned hereby RELEASES, ACQUITS AND FOREVER DISCHARGES and shall DEFEND, INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS WCFR, its subsidiaries and affiliates and its and their present and former directors, officers, employees, agents, and representatives and the respective heirs, administrators, executors, successors and assigns from any and all claims, causes of action, suits and/or demands for personal injury, death or property damage, accrued or to accrue in the future, known or unknown, (collectively, "Claims") relating to or arising out of any negligent, grossly negligent and/or intentional or unintentional acts on the part of the undersigned in connection with his/her entry into and participation in the Activities. Without limiting the foregoing, the undersigned agrees that the Williamson County Fair Association Parties shall not be liable to her, her family, heirs, administrators, executors or assigns for Claims arising from or related to the undersigned's entry into and participation in the Activities.

3. AGREEMENT TO DEFEND, INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS: The undersigned agrees to DEFEND, INDEMNIFY and HOLD HARMLESS THE Williamson County Fair Association PARTIES AGAINST THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE Williamson County Fair Association PARTIES' OWN NEGLIGENCE, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER SUCH NEGLIGENCE WAS THE SOLE, PROXIMATE OR PRODUCING CAUSE OF THE CLAIMS; provided, however, that the duty of the undersigned to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Williamson County Fair Association Parties shall extend only to Claims arising directly or indirectly from the undersigned's entry into and participation in the Activities. As used herein, "INDEMNIFY" means to agree to assume the Williamson County Fair Association Parties' liability in a situation, thereby relieving them of responsibility and/or reimbursing the WCFR Parties for Claims asserted against them.

4. 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 photographs or interview may be used by the Williamson County Fair Association for television, film, video, visual, graphic, or printed media. The undersigned agrees to RELEASE and INDEMNIFY the Williamson County Fair Association with respect to any Claims related to the usage of such photographs or interviews by the Williamson County Fair Association Parties or any media.

5. As further inducement to Williamson County Fair Association to permit the undersigned's entry into and participation in the Activities, the undersigned represents that she thoroughly and completely understands that this is a complete and final release and indemnity agreement, that she is freely and voluntarily entering into this Agreement, and that no representations, promises or statements made by the Williamson County Fair Association, Parties, or any agent, attorney or other representative of a Williamson County Fair Association Party has influenced the undersigned in causing her to sign this Agreement. The undersigned understands that this Agreement shall be binding on her 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 Williamson 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 this Agreement. The undersigned agrees to the terms and conditions above and acknowledges receipt of this Agreement.

My student, _____, has my permission to participate in the Williamson County Fair Association's Fair and Rodeo.

Parent/ Name (printed) _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Phone Number _____

Exhibitor Signature _____ Date _____



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Fair Queen Candidate Sponsor Form

_____, will donate \$400.00 to the 2024 Williamson County Fair Association Foundation for the Fair Queen Scholarship Fund. Your donation is in support of the candidate named below.

The Williamson County Fair Association is a 501c3 and your support may be tax deductible.

Supporters will be recognized on our social media platforms, website and during our fair and rodeo. Each \$400 sponsor will also receive two complimentary tickets for Thursday and Friday night of the Fair and Rodeo. The Queen and her Court will be crowned on Thursday, October 24, 2024, at 6pm.

Fair Queen Winner will receive a \$3000.00 scholarship

1st Runner up- \$2000.00 scholarship

2nd Runner up- \$1000.00 scholarship

Candidate Name: _____

Supporter Name: _____

Supporter Address: _____

Supporter Email: _____ Supporter Phone: _____

Supporter Signature: _____

Candidate Signature: _____

Please make checks Payable to: Williamson County Fair Association

For Internal Use Only	
Supporter Payment Information:	
Ck # _____	Amount: \$ _____
Received by: _____	Date Received: _____