



# Fayette County Fair Queen Scholarship Pageant

## Contestant Questionnaire and Handbook

### 2020

June 1, 2020

Dear Contestant,

Thank you for your interest in this year's Fayette County Fair Queen's Scholarship Pageant. This is a great opportunity for you to earn scholarship money to further your education, meet new people in your community, increase your social skills and serve your community through serving as a "face and spokesperson" for this year's county fair! 2020 has been more than trying with the current trying situations and with that, the Fayette County Fair Association and Queen's Scholarship Committee have set forth a plan formal response plan that we will follow for the safety of you, your family, the other candidates and the general public. You will receive these forms at the 1<sup>st</sup> queen's meeting on July 1.

Please complete the questionnaire and provide a photo to be published in the local newspapers and our Facebook page as well as the Notice of Contestant Intent, Handbook Receipt and Rule Acknowledgement Form. These forms must be returned via email to FCFQUEENTX@GMAIL.COM no later than the deadline of FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2019 at 4:00 pm or before all 10 spots have been filled, whichever is sooner.

THE FAYETTE COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION WILL ACCEPT THE FIRST 10 CONTESTANTS THAT TURN IN THEIR **COMPLETED APPLICATION AND PHOTO** via email. Once the 10 spots for Queen have been filled, recruitment will be CLOSED.

We will then see you at the required contestant's meeting and ticket kickoff event on Wednesday, July 1 at 6:30 pm to be held at Fayette County Fairground's Exhibit Hall!

If you have any questions or need any assistance, please do not hesitate in contacting Queen's Scholarship Pageant Chairperson, Shannon Hemmitt at 979/639-1776 via call or text.

Thank you so much for your interest and we look forward to turning 2020 into brighter days!

# **Notice of Contestant Intent, Handbook Receipt and Rule Acknowledgement**

- I, \_\_\_\_\_, (contestant's name) understand that I nor my family/members will disclose to anyone via verbal, text, social media, print including posters, brochures or business cards, etc. my intent of running for 2020 Fayette County Fair Queen until the formal announcement is made via newspaper, radio and official fair website and Facebook page (approximately June 26, 2020). Under penalty of \$500.00 total sales deduction for violation.
- I have received the Fayette County Fair Queen Contestant Handbook and abide with the rules stated within.
- I understand that all information must be completed by the deadlines stated with all proper signatures and turned in to the Pageant Chairperson to be considered as a Queen's Contestant.
- I will be attending the REQUIRED meeting and ticket kickoff event on Wednesday, July 1 at 6:30 pm at the Fayette County Fair Grounds Exhibit Hall (400 W Fairgrounds Rd, La Grange, Texas 78945).

Contestant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Contestant Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Contestant Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Fayette County Fair Queen Contestant Form

**\*\*Digital photos must be emailed to [fcfqueentx@gmail.com](mailto:fcfqueentx@gmail.com) in JPEG format\*\***

Name		
Address		
City	State	Zip
Primary Phone Number	Secondary Phone Number	
Mother's Name		
Primary Phone Number	Secondary Phone Number	
Father's Name		
Primary Phone Number	Secondary Phone Number	
Organization Contestant is Representing:		
Current Grade:	Year of Graduation:	
School Contestant is Attending:		
Future Plans after Graduating:		
Organizations, School, Church Activities, Volunteer Work, etc.:		
Hobbies:		

**Handwritten Essay**  
**(part of Beauty and Poise judging 15%)**

**Choose one of the following questions, use the page provided and answer.**

Option 1: How do you feel the COVID-19 pandemic will affect our community within the next year and our ability to carrying on with annual fairs, festivals, picnics, etc?

Option 2: What is the most important lesson who will take away from the past 6 months of your life?

## **2020 Fayette County Fair Queen Contestant Rules**

1. Contestant must reside in Fayette County, and must have been at birth, identified as female; and be classified as a Freshman, Sophomore, Junior or Senior in a Fayette County School or be Home Schooled with Fayette County in the 2020/21 school year. Contestant, if chosen Queen or a part of the queen's court, must remain enrolled as a student unless graduating in the spring.
2. Contestant's male escort for the Queen's pageant event must have the same scholastic status and age qualifications, and must be, and must have been at birth, identified as male.
3. Contestant must in good standing within the community and school to promote a positive image, be in good health and have moral character.
4. Contestant must be single, never married, not given birth to a child or currently expecting a child.
5. Contestant must not engage in activities that if disclosed in public would result in bringing the contestant or Fair Association ridicule or embarrassment, including but not limited to inappropriate behavior on social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat, etc), any use of illegal drugs, alcohol, any illegal behavior or activity, professional or amateur nude or semi nude dancing or modeling in any sexually oriented business or club, any type of nude or semi nude photographs or video tapes, any felony convictions, deferred adjudication or probation, any conviction for a misdemeanor crime involving moral turpitude.
6. Contestant understands that she nor family/members will disclose to anyone via verbal, text, social media, print including posters, brochures or business cards, etc. her intent of running for 2020 Fayette County Fair Queen until the formal announcement is made via newspaper, radio and official fair website and Facebook page

(approximately June 26, 2020). Under penalty of \$500.00 total sales deduction for violation.

7. The first 10 contestants completing their form, photo and consent will be accepted for the Queen's pageant. All forms and photo must be scanned and submitted electronically to email (no forms or photos will be taken physically due to the Covid-19 recommendations):  
fcfqueentx@gmail.com
8. Contestant must return **Completed Contestant Form and Photo** to be submitted to the newspapers and Notice of Contestant Intent Handbook Receipt and Rule Acknowledgement Form no later than 4:00 pm on Friday, June 19, 2020 or prior to the first 10 spots being filled to be considered as a Queen's Contestant. If you are contestant number 11, you will be placed as an alternate if any situation should arise for the first 10 contestants prior to the June 26<sup>th</sup> announcement.
9. Season passes to be sold at a price of \$35.00 each will be issued to contestants at the July 1, 2020 Contestant's meeting.
10. Season pass totals will be tallied by number of tickets sold.
11. Season passes will be sold online via FayetteCountyFair.org and can be purchased through the contestants NAME. There will also be opportunities to buy these passes at reduced prices aka "Flash Sales", these will be part of your total sales as well!
12. Photos to be judged in the "Miss Photogenic" contest must be submitted by 9:00 pm on July 1, 2020 (Following the Contest's Ticket Meeting). This photo must be a **submitted to fcfqueentx@gmail.com**
13. Awards:
  - Queen-\$2500 (minimum) scholarship, crown, sash, trophy, , belt buckle
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up-\$2000 (minimum) scholarship, crown, sash, trophy, floral bouquet

2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up-\$1500 scholarship (minimum), crown, sash, trophy, floral bouquet

3<sup>rd</sup> Runner Up-\$1250 scholarship (minimum), crown, sash, trophy, floral bouquet

Top Fun Pass Seller-\$500 scholarship

Miss Photogenic-Trophy, floral bouquet, prize

Miss Congeniality-Trophy, floral bouquet, prize

Miss Poise and Beauty-Trophy, floral bouquet, prize

**All contestants must sell at least 50 season passes to receive the \$250 scholarship, the participant prize bag filled with gift cards and gifts from area businesses in addition to participating in the Pageant. Volunteers work endless hours preparing for a night that everyone will remember, we want you to give 100% as well!**

14. Incentive scholarship monies for placing queens are available as chart explains here:

15. Contestants must attend the Fair Appreciation Dinner at the Fairgrounds in late August (date TBA) at

6:00 pm wearing the 2020 Fayette County Fair T-shirt along with jeans. You will receive this T-shirt at the bank when you turn in your ticket sales. The contestant's escort and parents are also invited and encouraged to attend.

16. Ticket monies are turned in every Monday to Pioneer Bank (155 N Main, La Grange, Texas), you will be provided with deposit slips for each week.

**Scholarship Incentives**

*Each contestant receives their base scholarship as stated in the Queen Contestant handbook; this incentive chart allows for the contestants to earn more money based on the number of season passes sold.*

# of season passes sold	Queen	1 <sup>st</sup> runner up	2 <sup>nd</sup> runner up	3 <sup>rd</sup> runner up	Remaining contestants (min 50)
BASE	2500	2000	1500	1250	250
500	2600	2100	1600	1350	350
600	2700	2200	1700	1450	450
700	2800	2300	1800	1550	550
800	2900	2400	1900	1650	650
900	3000	2500	2000	1750	750
1000	3100	2600	2100	1850	850
1100	3200	2700	2200	1950	950
1200	3300	2800	2300	2050	1050
1300	3400	2900	2400	2150	1150
1400	3500	3000	2500	2250	1050
1500	3600	3100	2600	2350	1150

17. Contestant must turn in all ticket sale proceeds on Wednesday, September 2 at 5:30 pm. Sale proceeds not turned in by 6:00 pm will be subject sales account of the tardy contestant to a penalty of \$500.00 at 6:01 pm with the same penalty applied for each 15 minutes of tardiness thereafter. The Queen Pageant rehearsal will follow.
18. The Fair Queen Pageant will begin on Thursday, September 3 at 7:30 pm. Contestant must be present and ready for presentation with escort at 7:00 pm. All gowns must be in good taste and not too revealing. Contestants will wait for the pageant to begin in an air-conditioned facility. After contestant's arrival, only touch-ups to hair and make-up will be permitted.
- 19. The new 2020 Fair Queen will be provided with a Fair calendar of events that she is expected to attend, hand out awards, take photos and take part in the Best Little County Fair in Texas!**
20. We understand that the Queen and Queen's Court are expected to participate to the fullest extent possible in the parades and public events scheduled for the Fall and Spring, and in no less the 80% of the events as may be scheduled. In each event, the participant must dress appropriately and wear the proper attire. Should the expected participation be difficult or impossible due to intervening factors, the Queen Contestant Chairperson shall be contacted at the earliest opportunity.
21. If for any reason should the Fair Queen not be able to fulfill her duties in accordance to these rules and regulations, the 1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up shall be named Fair Queen and duly authorized to perform in this capacity.
22. The sole authority and judgement as to the sufficient performance or deficiency in performance of a contestant is stipulated to be within the sole discretion of the Board of Directors of the Fayette County Fair Association upon report and recommendation of the Queen Contest Committee Chairperson.



A contestant may be disqualified, and a reigning Queen or member of the Queen's Court may be removed and her scholarship forfeited at any time within the sole and absolute discretion of the Board of Directors of the Fayette County Fair Association.

We understand that we should make inquiry and receive approval from the Chairperson when we have questions. We and the Chairperson will always strive to be civil and cooperative in resolving problems and issues.

23. Contestants will be issued an optional wireless telephone to assist in marketing and sales. Your cell phone and number will be assigned to you on July 1 at the ticket meeting. Lost or damaged phones will require a \$100.00 payment by the contestant. Contestants are advised not to use personal phone numbers for marketing and sales activity. However, this is optional and know it is a family affair. Contestant must turn in phone in with the sales proceeds on September 2, 2020.
24. We understand that the Fayette County Fair Association has no insurance coverage for health care or accidental injury to contestants, volunteers or family; nor liability coverage for any acts of contestants, queen, queen's court, volunteers and family.
25. To the extent provided by law, contestant, queen, queen's court, parent(s), and guardian(s) release, indemnify, and hold harmless the Fayette County Fair Association from any damage or injury to contestant, queen, queen's court, parent(s), and guardian(s), and volunteers while participating in furtherance of the contestant, queen, or queen's court activities, and any damage or injury to others by such activities,
26. We consent to the use of the contest, queen, queen's court likeness, photo, video, voice and biographic information for ticket sale and

other Fair publicity, and the retention as an archive of Fayette County Fair Queen Contest history.

We and each one of us agree that the terms and requirements stated are fair and reasonable and each of us agree to abide by them.

WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

In consideration for receiving permission to participate in the Fayette County Fair Association’s Scholarship Queens Contest (hereinafter the “Activity or Activities”), I, on behalf of myself and any minor child/children for whom I have the capacity to contract, hereby acknowledge and agree to the following:

- 1. I understand the hazards of the novel coronavirus (“COVID-19”) and am familiar with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) guidelines regarding COVID-19. I acknowledge and understand that that the circumstances regarding COVID-19 are changing from day to day and that, accordingly, the CDC guidelines are regularly modified and updated and I accept full responsibility for familiarizing myself with the most recent updates.
- 2. Notwithstanding the risks associated with COVID-19, which I readily acknowledge, I hereby willingly choose to participate in Activities.
- 3. I acknowledge and fully assume the risk of illness or death related to COVID-19 arising from my being on the premises and participating in the Activities and hereby RELEASE, WAIVE, DISCHARGE, AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE (on behalf of myself and any minor children from whom I have the capacity contract) Fayette County Fair Association, their officers, directors, agents, volunteers and assigns (the “RELEASEES”) from any liability related to COVID-19 which might occur as a result my being on the premises and participating in the Activities.
- 4. I shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the RELEASEES from and against any and all claims, demands, suits, judgments, losses or expenses of any nature whatsoever (including, without limitation, attorneys’ fees, costs and disbursements, whether of in-house or outside counsel and whether or not an action is brought, on appeal or otherwise), arising from or out of, or relating to, directly or indirectly, the infection of COVID-19 or any other illness or injury.
- 5. It is my express intent that this Waiver and Hold Harmless Agreement shall bind any assigns and representatives, and shall be deemed as a RELEASE, WAIVER, DISCHARGE, AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE the above-named RELEASEES. This Agreement and the provisions contained herein shall be construed, interpreted and controlled according to the laws of the State of Texas. **I HEREBY KNOWINGLY AND VOLUNTARILY WAIVE ANY RIGHT TO A JURY TRIAL OF ANY DISPUTE ARISING IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AGREEMENT. I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THIS WAIVER WAS EXPRESSLY NEGOTIATED AND IS A MATERIAL INDUCEMENT THE PERMISSION GRANTED BY RELEASEES TO BE ON PREMISES AND PARTICIPATE IN THE ACTIVITIES.**

IN SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT, I ACKNOWLEDGE AND REPRESENT THAT I have read the foregoing Wavier of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement, understand it and sign it voluntarily as my own free act and deed; no oral representations, statements, or inducements, apart from the foregoing written agreement, have been made; I am at least eighteen (18) years of age and fully competent; and I execute this Agreement for full, adequate and complete consideration fully intending to be bound by same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed this Waiver and Agreement \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/SPONSOR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

NAMES OF MINOR CHILD (REN):

\_\_\_\_\_

## Quick Guide of Important Information and Dates

- Fair Theme: The Roarin' 20s!
- Prizes:

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- Fair Entertainers are as follows:

Saturday, September 1: Josh Ward opening for Joe Nichols

Sunday, September 2: Womanless Talent Show with some of Fayette County's Best and American Rock Band, 38 Special!

This information can be printed on your posters and printed material.

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- Tickets go on sale July 1, 2020 to patrons.
- You can begin hanging posters, posting on social media, passing out cards, calling customers, etc on July 1, 2020 after you receive your tickets!
- Fair tickets will be distributed at the REQUIRED ticket meeting on Wednesday, July 1, 2020 at 6:30 pm at the Fayette County Fair Grounds Exhibit Hall (400 W Fairgrounds Rd, La Grange, Texas 78945). **Pictures for Miss Photogenic Contest due at 9 pm on 7/1/20 (these are JPEG electronic copies sent to the FCFA queen's email, no exceptions).**
- Season Passes are required to be sold at \$35 each.
- Online sales will go towards contestants including FLASH sales which will be season passes at a sale price. We will get that information to you ASAP!
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<b>JUNE</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 All paperwork & photo due by 4 pm	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Contestants released in the newspapers, on radio and online on Facebook!	27
28	29	30	<b>JULY 1</b> Ticket meeting, 6:30 pm at Exhibit Hall. Ticket sales begin!! (Ms. Photogenic photo due)	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	<b>AUGUST 1</b>
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Escort's name due.	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 Fair Dinner, 6 pm at Fairgrounds (TENATIVE)
30	31	<b>SEPT 1</b>	2 Ticket turn in, 5:30 pm. Pageant Practice, 6:30 pm. Phones turned in.	3 Queen's Pageant, 7:30 pm, must arrive by 7 pm.	4	5 Parade for Court: Queen, 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> Runners up
6 Final day of the fair	7	8	9	10	11	12

**\*\* Dates are subject to change.**