



2020 MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAIR QUEEN CONTEST RULES

1. Candidate must be a High School Junior or equivalent.
2. Candidate must be a resident of and attend school in Montgomery County at the time of application throughout her entire reign, should she be elected.
3. Candidate must be enrolled and attending high school or equivalent program the school calendar year.
4. Candidate must have never been married or pregnant.
5. Candidate must have parents' written consent to enter contest.
6. Candidate must reside with parents or guardian at time of application and months leading up to competition for Fair Queen and during entire reign as Fair Queen. Fair Queen must be enrolled and attending high school or equivalent program through the school calendar year.
7. Candidate must be willing to represent the Montgomery County Fair Association at official activities should she be crowned Fair Queen. For example: 4-H Club meetings, support group functions and/or community activities. The Fair Queen must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or Fair representative to any such activity.
8. Applications may be picked up through your 4-H Club, Ag Departments, 4-H Office or Fair Office. Applications will also be online but cannot be emailed.
9. Each applicant's official entry form must be turned into the Fair Office (not mailed) at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds no later than Monday, October 7, 2019, by 5:00 p.m. All entry forms must be accompanied by a RECENT photo of the applicant (**PHOTO MUST BE A 5 X 7 SIZE**), and essay explaining what being selected Fair Queen would mean to you. **APPLICATIONS MUST BE COMPLETE. NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** All rules will apply as of entry form due date.
10. Candidates will be furnished with a schedule of events and dates. If these events cannot be attended, the Committee Chairman **MUST BE NOTIFIED**, or Fair Office emailed. All deadlines will be strictly followed and if a deadline is missed, candidate will not be allowed to participate from that point forth. Candidate can

have no more than two (2) excused absences to stay in the contest. Attendance and/or compliance with scheduled events are mandatory unless it conflicts with educational schedule and needs. Each individual situation will be reviewed, and decisions made at the discretion of the Fair Queen Committee Chairman. Should a candidate decide to drop out of the competition, they MUST contact the Fair Office.

11. There will be a meeting of all candidates, parents and/or guardian on Thursday, October 24TH at 7:00 p.m. at the Fair Office.

12. A queen training will be held on Thursday, November 14th at 6:00 p.m. at the Fair Office. Pizza will be served.

13. A float planning meeting will be held on Thursday, November 21st at 6:00p.m. at the Fair Office.

14. Candidate MUST have an entry in the 2020 Montgomery County Fair, either in the Livestock and/or Non-Livestock Division and MUST COMPLY WITH LIVESTOCK AND/OR NON-LIVESTOCK GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS AND ENTRY FORM DUE DATES.

15. Candidates will be required to sell Rodeo tickets to the Rodeo performances. All ticket money is due in the Fair Office by Thursday, February 25, 2020 by 5:00 p.m. Selling of tickets is mandatory.

16. Each candidate will be responsible for obtaining her own Supporter. A Supporter will donate \$350 to Fair Queen scholarship program. Supporter forms are due in the Fair Office by Thursday, January 7, 2020. Thank you notes must be written to the supporter and will be required to be turned in with the supporter form on January 7th.

17. Candidates will be required to meet with newspaper and possibly radio personnel for interviews and pictures at a Press Party on Monday, January 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lone Star Convention Center. On this date, each candidate is required to turn in ten questions. These in turn will be used for the final judging. Each candidate will be asked one of the questions that she submitted. This question will be randomly selected by the judges.

18. Candidates will be required to ride in the Go Texan Parade the afternoon of Saturday, February 22, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. They will meet at 10:00 a.m. Candidates will be responsible for helping to decorate a float that they will ride on for the Parade. The date to decorate the float will be on Thursday, February 13th at 6:00 p.m. "Location to be determined". Candidates MUST stay to tear down float after the parade.

19. Candidates will have a meeting on Thursday, February 25, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m. at The Lone Star Convention Center to review their speeches. You will need to bring your speech to this meeting.

20. Candidate MUST wear a western outfit, including hat and boots for final judging. Blue jeans and western hat WILL BE REQUIRED for Parade, unless outfit needs to correspond with parade theme. This will be determined by the Fair Queen Committee. Western attire, INCLUDING BOOTS – no hat will be required for Press Party. Western attire must be worn to all functions. Appropriate and tasteful dress is expected at all functions. All dresses and skirts must be knee length or longer and front of dresses and shirts must not be too low or too revealing. If the committee feels dress is inappropriate, candidate will not be allowed to compete from this point forward.

21. Candidate Must attend the Montgomery County Fair Kick-Off Tour on March 26, 2020. Please arrive at 4:30pm at the Fair Office.

22. Final judging will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2020. Judges will be selected from outside Montgomery County. Entrants will be judged on their poise and personality (10%), personal interview (40%) and public speaking (50%). Judges will interview candidates individually and watch as they introduce themselves and answer a randomly selected question during this public speaking portion of the competition. A 2-3-minute speech on “What the Montgomery County Fair means to” You” will also be required by each candidate.

23. Judges will not give candidate feedback.

24. Queen and Queen's court will be required to attend and assist with the 2019 Montgomery County Fair Livestock Shows, Auctions, etc. following Saturday nights crowning. As part of Fair Queen and Queen Court duties, 75% of these events must be attended by each lady or her scholarship will be forfeited.

25. The reigning Fair Queen, as well as the runners up and Miss Congeniality must participate and have a project the year following the contest, or their scholarship will be forfeited.

26. The Montgomery County Fair Association and Fair Queen Committee assumes no responsibility for accidents or injuries, including while the Queen may be carrying out her official duties.

27. Scholarship will be made payable to school of winner's choice and must be used within one year from date of graduation from High School. Candidate must enroll at least half time at an accredited College, University or Vocational School.

28. If the Fair Queen is unable to complete her duties, the 1st runner-up would be asked to accept the position of Fair Queen and assume any duties from that date forward.

29. Should the reigning Fair Queen be contacted by any other organization to participate in an event, the Fair Office or Fair Queen Chairman must first approve the participation.

30. In the case of a tie for Miss Congeniality, the judges will break the tie.

31. THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION RESERVES TO ITS OFFICERS AND/OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS THE FINAL AND ABSOLUTE RIGHT TO INTERPRET THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS AND ARBITRARILY SETTLE AND DETERMINE ALL MATTERS, QUESTIONS AND DIFFERENCES IN REGARD THERETO OR OTHERWISE ARISING OUT OF, CONNECTION WITH, OR INCIDENT TO THE FAIR QUEEN CONTEST.

QUEEN WILL RECEIVE A \$3,500 SCHOLARSHIP, A CROWN, TROPHY, BUCKLE, BANNER, JACKET AND ROSES.

1ST RUNNER-UP WILL RECEIVE A \$2,500 SCHOLARSHIP, A TROPHY, BANNER AND FLOWERS.

2ND RUNNER-UP WILL RECEIVE A \$1,500 SCHOLARSHIP, A TROPHY, BANNER AND FLOWERS

MISS CONGENIALITY WILL RECEIVE A \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIP, A TROPHY, BANNER AND FLOWERS.