



## 2021 MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAIR QUEEN CONTEST RULES

1. Candidate must be a High School Junior for year of running.
2. Candidate must be a resident of and attend school in Montgomery County at the time of application and throughout her entire reign, should she be elected, her senior school year.
3. Candidate must be enrolled and attending a Montgomery County High School, Private, Public or Homeschool the entire 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 a Montgomery County High School, Private, Public or Homeschool the entire school calendar year.
7. Candidate **MUST** represent herself in an appropriate and positive manner through ALL forms of Social Media. All Candidates Social Media will be monitored, if there is any inappropriate activity this will be an automatic disqualification.
8. 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.
9. Applications will be available online at [www.mcfa.org](http://www.mcfa.org). They can be turned into the Fair Office or emailed to [kiah@mcfa.org](mailto:kiah@mcfa.org).
10. Each applicant's official entry form must be turned into the Fair Office or emailed to [kiah@mcfa.org](mailto:kiah@mcfa.org) (not mailed) at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds no later than Friday, October 9, 2020, by 3:00 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.

11. 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.

12. There will be a meeting of all candidates, parents and/or guardian on **Thursday, October 29, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Lone Star Convention Center.

13. A queen training will be held on **Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.** at the Fair Office. Dinner will be provided.

14. A float planning meeting will be held on **Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at 6:00p.m.** at the Fair Office.

15. Candidate **MUST** have an entry in the 2021 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.**

16. Candidates will be required to sell Rodeo tickets to the Rodeo performances. All ticket money is due for turn in on **Tuesday, February 23, 2021 by 6:00 p.m.** at Speech Practice. Selling of tickets is mandatory.

17. 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 **Wednesday, December 2, 2020.** Thank you notes must be written to the supporter and will be required to be turned in with the supporter form on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

18. Candidates will be required to meet with newspaper personnel for pictures and possible interviews at the Press Party on **Monday, January 18, 2021 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.

19. Candidates will be required to participate in the Go Texan Parade the afternoon of **Saturday, February 20, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.** They will meet at **10:00 a.m. at Target Parking lot.** 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 18, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. "Fairgrounds"**. Candidates **MUST** stay to tear down float after the parade.

20. Candidates will have a meeting on **Tuesday, February 23, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.** at The Lone Star Convention Center to review their speeches. You will need to bring your speech to this meeting.

21. 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.

22. Candidate **MUST** attend the Montgomery County Fair **Kick-Off Tour on April 8, 2021.** Please arrive at 4:30pm at the Fair Office.

23. Final judging will be held on **Saturday, April 10, 2021.** 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.

24. Judges will not give candidate feedback.

25. Queen and Queen's court will be required to attend and assist with the 2021 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.**

26. 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.

27. 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.

28. 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.

29. 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 all duties from that date forward.

30. 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. "Example: NO political events"

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

32. 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.