

MISS ROCKDALE FAIR QUEEN CONTESTANT

As a contestant in the Miss Rockdale Fair Queen Pageant, here are some facts and times you will need to know.

1. **Personal Characteristics.** In order to be eligible to compete in the Miss Rockdale Fair Queen Pageant, the potential contestant agrees to hereby certify to the Personal Characteristics set forth in this section: I am a female; I am not now and I have never been married, nor have I had a marriage annulled; I am not now pregnant, nor do I intend to become pregnant during my Year of Service if selected Miss Rockdale Fair Queen or Runner Up. I am not a parent, or the adoptive parent of any child, nor will I become a parent or the adoptive parent of any child during my Year of Service if selected. I understand that if I become pregnant or become the adoptive parent of a child during my Year of Service, if selected, I am no longer eligible to hold the title of Miss Rockdale Fair Queen or Runner Up and will forfeit my scholarship; I am of good moral character and I have not been involved at any time in any act of moral turpitude or behavior that is, or could be, perceived by the Rockdale Fair Association as contrary to the Association's beliefs and purpose; I have not been charged with multiple minor or petty offenses; I have never been convicted of any criminal offense and there are no criminal charges presently pending against me; I do not use or consume any illegal or controlled substances other than those obtained pursuant to a valid prescription and taken according to the directions of a licensed health care professional and I do not abuse the use of alcohol, prescriptive drugs or other dangerous substances. I also state that I attained the age of at least 16 before September 1 of the current pageant year and I am a high school student or home school student and a resident of Milam County. ***If and when the Fair Association becomes aware that the contestant does not meet the Personal Characteristics, residency statement and age requirement as stated above, the contestant will immediately be disqualified from participation in the Miss Rockdale Fair Queen Pageant and will therefore not be allowed to compete in said pageant. Violation of the Personal Characteristics clause during the Year of Service as Miss Rockdale Fair Queen will result in immediate loss of Title and Scholarship.***

2. **Eligibility:** In accordance with the General Fair Livestock rules; all participants (contestants) in any Rockdale Fair Association event must be eligible to participate. A participant (contestant) deemed ineligible according to their school administration will not be allowed to participate in the Rockdale Fair event. In addition, violation of any Rockdale Fair rule or misconduct by participant (contestant) or their parent/guardian will serve as a disqualification of participant (contestant) from the Fair event for the current year and/or the following year if the Fair Board deems it necessary.

3. **Sponsor:** Each contestant must have a sponsor who will guarantee the sale of \$700.00 worth of Rockdale Fair Season Tickets. Your sponsor guarantees these tickets by giving the Fair Association a check (in the amount of \$700.00) **to be held by the Rockdale Fair Association Treasurer** until you sell all tickets checked out to you. When you turn in \$1,150.00 or more that you have sold (at least one packet), then the check will be voided and returned to you for you to return to your sponsor. You will be required to sell 40 adult and 10 child/Sr. Citizen tickets (\$1,150.00 value). The quicker you get the money in the better, as seating is determined by order of money being turned in. ***If you do not balance to zero once all monies and unsold additional tickets are turned in, you will be immediately disqualified from the current year's pageant and will not be allowed to participate in future Miss Rockdale Fair Contests.***

4. Go by and personally meet your sponsor. Thank them. Ask them if they would like to help you sell your tickets. ***Do not just expect them to—ask them.***

5. Please remember to write to your sponsor after the pageant and thank them for sponsoring you.

6. Each contestant must furnish a colored or black and white photograph to be used in the Rockdale Reporter. The photo should be given to the Pageant Director. The photo will be returned to you after it has been published in the paper unless other instructions are provided by you.

7. **A group picture of ALL CONTESTANTS** will be taken. Stay in touch with Mrs. Betchan for the date, place and time of the picture. This picture will be in the Rockdale Reporter prior to the contest. Contestants should wear casual clothes for the picture.

8. **Mandatory Rehearsal** for the pageant will begin at **5:00 p.m., Sunday, October 7, 2018** at the Rockdale High School Auditorium. You should wear or bring the shoes you plan to wear during the pageant. **Rehearsal is Mandatory and is closed to the public.** Only the contestants, pageant director, assistant directors and Rockdale Fair Association VP may attend. We are on a very limited time schedule and have many questions to answer and areas of practice to complete.

9. Contestants are required to be presented in a western wear outfit and an evening gown at the pageant. The evening gown must be age appropriate. No backless dresses or dresses revealing the midriff will be allowed. No slits **higher than 3 inches above the middle of the knee** will be allowed. **All evening gowns must be pre-approved by The RFA VP of PAGEANTS.** You may wear your western wear for the personal interview or you may wear another dress of your choice. (Church dress is appropriate). ***Failure to pre-approve your dress will result in disqualification. If you do not present yourself in the pre-approved dress pageant night, you will be disqualified mid-pageant. Inappropriate dress as determined by the director or any RFA Executive Board officer will result in immediate disqualification. You will not be allowed on stage for the current year once disqualified & you will not be allowed to participate in future Miss Rockdale Fair Contests.***

10. **Pageant Day is Saturday, October 13, 2018. Please arrive at the Rockdale High School Auditorium no later than 5:00 p.m.** Come dressed comfortably, but don't forget to bring your dress or outfit for your interview if different from your western wear outfit. Things you need to bring are your western wear outfit, evening dress, hose, shoes, jewelry and your make-up and a **SMILE**. You are allowed **ONLY ONE** attendant with you in the dressing room, no other parent, person or attendant is allowed. You will need to turn in this one person's name at practice on Sunday, October 7. (A badge will be issued to the attendant upon arriving and this badge must displayed at all times or the attendant will be asked to leave).

11. **The pageant begins officially at 5:30 p.m.** with informal interviews that are closed to the public. Only the contestant being interviewed, the judges and the judge's hostess will be present. The interview is approximately five minutes long.

12. **Pageant begins at 7:30 p.m. Smile....Have fun....Smile.**

13. Miss Rockdale Fair will be crowned with a tiara, given roses, a banner, a loving cup and a \$1,000 educational scholarship that is to be used within two years after graduation. The First runner up will receive a \$750 scholarship and the Second Runner Up will receive a \$500 Scholarship. The scholarship money will be held by RFA and disbursed to the college of attendance after each winner /runner up provides proof of enrollment to the RFA Treasurer. Miss Rockdale Fair Queen & both Runners-up should wear **the RFA issued/awarded** tiara and banner at all appearances as Miss Rockdale Fair Queen or as Runner-up.

14. Appearance (official schedule to be given to winner and runners-up after pageant and is subject to change):

- a. **Thursday-Livestock show**— Miss Rockdale Fair Queen and Runners-up will hand out ribbons at Livestock barn beginning at 12:00 pm (NOON) and continuing until all categories are finished.
- b. **Friday-Livestock show**—Miss Rockdale Fair Queen and Runners-up will hand out ribbons at Livestock barn beginning at 8:00 a.m. and continuing until all categories are finished (can take breaks alternately for lunch).
- c. **Parade Saturday Morning at 10:00.** Miss Rockdale Fair Queen and Runners-up should plan to arrive no later than 9:45 a.m. behind the old Ford place. Wear your evening dress, **RFA issued/awarded** tiara and banner.
- d. **Commercial Heifer's lunch and Auction:** Auction begins at 12:30 p.m. in the barn. Brunch will be at 10:30 a.m. at the Patterson Civic Center.
- e. **Buyers BBQ and Auction at 4:00 p.m. Patterson Civic Center.** Miss Rockdale Fair Queen and Runners-up will participate in the Buyer's Barbecue at the Civic Center at 4:00 p.m. The auction starts at 6:00 p.m. at the auction barn. You should dress in your western wear, tiara and banner for the dinner and auction. Miss Rockdale will have her picture made with each Grand Champion. Then, Miss Rockdale and the Runners-up will take turns taking pictures.
- f. **Saturday Dance** Miss Rockdale Fair Queen and Runners-up will be presented at the dance only if allowed by the visiting band.

15. Miss Rockdale Fair Queen and Runners-up will reign for one year. During their year, they will be expected to ride on the Rockdale Chamber of Commerce Float and represent Rockdale in parades in our area and participate in related activities as requested by phone or by e-mail. Included in these related activities are Ribbon Cuttings. Miss Rockdale Fair and Runners up are required to serve as requested by the Rockdale Fair Association or Rockdale Chamber of Commerce when held in Rockdale and are required to wear an age appropriate evening gown, tiara and banner or other appropriate dress.

16. **Miss Rockdale Fair Queen** will crown next year's winner in October at the pageant. So mark your calendar.

17. If you think of any information you need, please call me.

Thanks for entering the pageant.

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