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Thank you for your inquiry concerning the **West Texas Fair & Rodeo Queen Scholarship Pageant**. We want to thank the Board of the **West Texas Fair & Rodeo** for allowing the new format for our contest. We are looking forward to a fun time.

Any young lady living within 250 miles of Abilene, Texas and a resident of Texas can enter the **West Texas Fair & Rodeo Queen Scholarship Pageant**. Secondly, due to the change of rules for the **Miss Rodeo Texas Pageant**, a contestant must have lived in Texas at least 6 months to be in our contest. This will allow our Queen to participate in the **Miss Rodeo Texas Pageant**.

We hope to see you in September!

Enclosed is the entry form along with a release form to be signed and received by the Expo Center office no later than 5pm on Aug 16th.

If there are questions, you may call me at 325-721-0542 or the Expo Center at 325-677-4376.

Sincerely,

Natalie Matthews

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Queen Scholarship Pageant Coordinator

WEST TEXAS FAIR & RODEO
 QUEEN SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT ENTRY FORM
 CONTEST DATE: September 5-8, 2019
 Deadline: August 16, 2019
Entry must be in General Office
By 5pm on August 16, 2019.

1. Legal Age: 16 – 26 years old.
2. Cannot be married, never been married, nor had an annulment, nor had a child.
3. Be a legal resident of the State of Texas for at least 6 months and own property, go to school, or live within 250 miles of Abilene, Texas.
4. An entry fee of \$75.00 must accompany the entry blank along with four (4) **8"X10" portrait** color photographs (**see page 7**). (No Glamour Photos). Photos must be head and shoulder with plain background and in full Western Dress including hat!! A release form from a professional photographer must accompany their work.
5. Each contestant must furnish a horse for horsemanship.

Name: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Cell Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Birth Date: _____

Parents Name: _____

Parents Address: _____

Parents Phone numbers: Home: _____ Work: _____

Cell: _____

Parents E-Mail Address _____

Hair Color: _____ Eye Color : _____ Height: _____

School or College attending: _____

School Activities: _____

Rodeo events you are active in: _____

Horse Show Activities: _____

Special Activities and/or previous titles: _____

Other Clubs, Offices Held, and/or Honors:

Future Goals:

If you won the title, what would you do to promote West Texas Fair & Rodeo?

Style Show Apparel?

Do you need a stall? _____

Do you need an RV hookup? 30 amp _____ 50 amp _____

Include with your entry form, four (4) **8"X10" portrait** color photographs as specified, signed release form and \$75.00 entry fee. Make checks payable to West Texas Fair & Rodeo. Mail or deliver to:

West Texas Fair & Rodeo
ATTENTION: Queen Scholarship Pageant
1700 Hwy. 36
Abilene, TX 79602

West Texas Fair & Rodeo Office: (325) 677-4376
Natalie Matthews, Pageant Coordinator: (325) 672-7801

**WEST TEXAS FAIR & RODEO QUEEN CONTEST
2019 RULES & REGULATIONS**

1. The contest is open to young ladies ages 16 to 26.
2. You must be a legal resident of the State of Texas for at least 6 months and own property or go to school or live within 250 miles of Abilene, Texas.
3. Entry Fee is \$75.00.

4. All contestants must submit **four (4) 8"X10" portrait** color photographs (**see page 5**) No Glamour Photos. **Photos must be head and shoulder with plain background and in full Western attire including hat!!** A release form from a professional photographer must accompany their work.
5. Contestants CANNOT be married, never been married nor had a marriage annulled or have a child. Should this occur during a contestant's reign, she must forfeit the title and return all prizes.
6. Each contestant is responsible for the conduct of HERSELF and her PARENTS and HELPERS. If these people cause any disturbance (abusive speech or comments) the contestant may be disqualified, and judges will be notified.
7. Each contestant must furnish a HORSE for herself for HORSEMANSHIP. Stalls will be provided at the Expo Center of Taylor County for any contestant who wishes to leave her horse over-night during the contest. A TWELVE (12) MONTH COGGINS WILL HAVE TO BE PRESENTED WITH ANY HORSE THAT IS BROUGHT ONTO THE GROUNDS – STAYING OVERNIGHT OR NOT. These Papers WILL BE checked at the gate. Any contestant not providing these papers will be automatically disqualified. The Expo office will need to be made aware of stalling needs.
8. All Contestants will ride in the WEST TEXAS FAIR & RODEO parade on Saturday, September 7th as well as the FIRST night of the PRCA RODEO on Tuesday, September 19, 2019. Each contestant will be introduced. The winner will be in attendance every night of the rodeo. Please bring 2 COPIES of the current coggins at the horsemanship & parade Saturday morning. There is no guarantee that you will get these copies back.
9. Contestants must dress in full Rodeo attire for all aspects of the contest. Jeans, shirts, vests, or jackets should be worn for modeling. NO DRESSES ARE ALLOWED for any part of the contest. Vests or Jackets are not required during horsemanship or the West Texas Fair & Rodeo Parade.
10. **NO CELL PHONES ARE ALLOWED DURING ANY PART OF THE CONTEST.**
11. For speeches and interviews please wear the same outfit.
12. Tardiness will be deducted from judges' points.
13. Contestant shall not hold any other titles.
14. Queen will represent the West Texas Fair & Rodeo for the next year.
15. *Attend all major rodeos in conjunction with the Expo Center of Taylor County to include any requested events at the Western Heritage Classic including the parade **AND** in addition, a minimum of **EIGHT** rodeos and events, seven of which to be Stamford, Coleman, Graham, Big Spring, Brownwood Rodeos, Abilene Christmas Parade and Fort Worth Stock Show Parade. Though it is expected she will attend all nights of these seven events, she must be present for a minimum of two nights for each event, except for the Western Heritage Classic and West Texas Fair & Rodeo where she must be present every night. She should ride in parades, grand entries and be introduced as **MISS WEST TEXAS FAIR & RODEO QUEEN**. The **QUEEN** should attend other rodeos of her choice to support the West Texas Fair & Rodeo.*
16. *Each contestant must donate a basket with the minimum of \$50 worth of product. These products can be donated by businesses and or purchased from the contestant. The basket will be for bid as a fundraiser the night of the Queen Contestant Dinner and Modeling.*
17. *Each contestant will be required to submit 2 photos of each rodeo and or parade that they attend the week following the event for social media purposes. We want to promote you as the queen and the West Texas Fair & Rodeo.*
18. *The winner must be available the entire time of the West Texas Fair & Rodeo for short notice interviews with news, photographs and autographs, etc.*

Example:

8" x 10"

Portrait

Photograph

**ALL ENTRIES MUST BE POST MARKED OR DELIVERED TO THE
WEST TEXAS FAIR & RODEO OFFICE
BY FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 2019
NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED!**

OTHER INFORMATION for WTF&R QUEEN SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT

Each contestant and family will be invited to the Modeling and meal on Saturday, September 7th. West Texas Fair & Rodeo will pay for the Contestants meal. Family and guests may purchase tickets at the WTF&R office by 4:30, Thursday, September 5th. Each contestant must bring a basket to be raffled valued at \$50 or more.

Judged categories include:

- **HORSEMANSHIP:** Which will include working your horse on the rail and one pattern. A presentation run and interview by judges. **NO Spurs, Tie downs (of any kind) or Chaps**
- **PARADE:** A member of the committee will be with contestants and will judge as to reaction to crowd, etc. (this score will be added to final scores).
- **SPEECH:** A three (3) minute memorized speech will be required. A speech longer than 3 minutes will result in point reduction. The topic is **WEST TEXAS FAIR & RODEO** (Be original). This will take place at the HEB Outdoor Pavilion on the Fairgrounds.
- **PERSONAL INTERVIEWS:** If there is time after speeches on Saturday afternoon, the judges will interview each contestant in the main WTF&R office. **If there is not time, Interviews will be Sunday, September 8th, morning at 9:00 AM.**
* For the Sunday interview please wear **denim jeans a plain white shirt** and accessories of your choice.
- **MODELING:** You will model one outfit only. Contestants must dress in full Rodeo attire for all aspects of the contest. Denim Jeans, shirts, vests or jackets should be worn for modeling. **NO DRESSES ARE ALLOWED** for any part of the contest. Modeling will be Saturday evening, Sept. 8th.
- **APPEARANCE:** Accumulative score throughout the contest.

**RULES FOR THE 2019
MISS WEST TEXAS FAIR & RODEO QUEEN SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT**

1. Be seen in *Queen attire at the West Texas Fair & Rodeo other than just the Rodeo performances.
2. Upon crowning, a contracted photographer will be available to take a headshot to be used during the West Texas Fair & Rodeo and for the year of your reign. West Texas Fair & Rodeo will provide the first 100 prints. You will be responsible for any cost occurred for the additional prints needed during the event and for future engagements.
3. No Drinking, Smoking or Drugs.
4. KEEP IN CONTACT WITH THE TAYLOR COUNTY EXPO OFFICE AND PAGEANT COORDINATOR FOR APPEARANCES AND ADVICE FOR THE STATE PAGEANT, ETC.
5. Keep records of where you appear, receipts of clothing bought for Miss Rodeo Texas for wardrobe reimbursement of the clothing allowance.

6. Help promote the next years Miss West Texas Fair & Rodeo Queens Scholarship Pageant and obtain gifts.
7. Represent the West Texas Fair & Rodeo in a positive and lady-like manner.
8. Thank you notes are essential.
9. Promptness for appearances.
10. Contestant that is crowned on Tuesday evening MUST be available on Wednesday for headshots. You will meet at the West Texas Fair & Rodeo general office. You will be informed of the time to be there the night of the crowning.
11. The Miss Rodeo Texas Pageant will be held in June 2020, in San Antonio. This is a wonderful opportunity for prizes and scholarships. If you choose to represent the West Texas Fair & Rodeo in the State Pageant, preparation will be taken seriously. Opportunity for a workshop in San Antonio will be available The West Texas Fair & Rodeo Queen Committee as well as the staff in the office will be a resource for all aspects of the Miss Rodeo Texas Pageant. \$1,000.00 wardrobe allowance for Miss Rodeo Texas. The West Texas Fair & Rodeo will reimburse the entry fee. This amount will only be allotted during the time that you are the current reigning West Texas Fair & Rodeo queen. The amount will not be reimbursed until all duties are fulfilled.
12. Winner is to have color photographs made wearing crown and sash. These photos are to be used for the signing autographs during the week of the West Texas Fair & Rodeo or any other public appearances attended. Again, the West Texas Fair & Rodeo will only pay for the first 100 and any additional photos will be at the cost of the queen.
13. The reigning queen will be 100% liable for both the chaps and the crown while it is in her possession. If for any reason either are damaged you will be liable for the repair or replacement.

*Queen Attire:

Hat with crown, belt and buckle, sash, jeans, western attire.

No sleeveless blouses.

Contestants will be judged in the following categories:

YOU MUST HAVE A RELEASE FORM TO TAKE YOUR HORSE OFF OF THE PROPERTY – AVAILABLE IN THE GENERAL OFFICE

- Horsemanship – which will include working your horse on the rail and one pattern.
- Personality
- Western Attire – REMEMBER you do not need to wear leather. You may if you wish, but the most important thing is that your clothing fit well, is appropriate as western wear and that the color is complimentary to you.

**** Winner of the 2019 West Texas Fair & Rodeo will be awarded a \$2000.00 Scholarship.** Which will be paid to any college of your choice. No amount will be paid until all duties are fulfilled.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Tuesday August 16th**– Deadline for entries. Entry forms should be received by the West Texas Fair & Rodeo office by 5 PM on August 16th.
- Friday September 6th** – 6:00 PM
HORSEMANSHIP – Coliseum.
- Saturday September 7th**
10:30 AM – PARADE
Downtown (S. 7th & Cal Young in the Goodlow area). Arrive by 9:30 AM with a COPY of the current Coggins.
- 1:00 PM – SPEECHES
HEB Entertainment Pavilion –On the Midway
(Contestants gather in general office at 12:30 PM)
- 7:00 PM – DINNER, STYLE SHOW, INTERVIEW & IMPROMPTU QUESTIONS
The Witherspoon 370 Mesquite Street, Abilene, Texas 79601
(Contestants arrive promptly at 6:30 PM)
- (PLEASE BRING A SILENT AUCTION ITEM TO THE DINNER)
- Sunday September 8th** (Subject to change)
(If possible this will be done on Saturday)
9:00 AM – INTERVIEWS & THANK YOU NOTES
- Tuesday September 10th**
7:30 PM - WEST TEXAS FAIR & PRCA RODEO and CORONATION
West Texas Fair & Rodeo Coliseum

Contestants should arrive and be ready to go 30 minutes prior to the scheduled time for all events unless told otherwise. All scheduled events are subject to change if necessary.

ALL HORSES MUST HAVE CURRENT 12 MONTH COGGINS TEST TO BE PRESENTED AT THE PARADE OR THE FAIR GROUNDS. NO HORSE OR CONTESTANT WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE GROUNDS WITHOUT THIS PAPER. FAILURE TO PRESENT THIS CURRENT TEST WILL AUTOMATICALLY DISQUALIFY THE CONTESTANT FROM THE PAGEANT.

For Questions or directions call:
West Texas Fair & Rodeo Office- (325) 677-4376
Natalie Matthews – Coordinator (325)-721-0542
RELEASE AGREEMENT

By my signature on this application, I hereby certify that I have read the regulations governing the *MISS WEST TEXAS FAIR RODEO PAGEANT*, and that I acknowledge these regulations.

That I hereby grant permission to the *WEST TEXAS FAIR & RODEO* to verify any information contained on my application. I understand that there will be a final contract that I must sign if I win the title and I must fulfill the duties that are required of me. I hereby release the *WEST TEXAS FAIR & RODEO* from responsibility of injury or loss to persons or property, involving me or persons, relative to my contest appearance, sponsors, commercial and private, or the contest and all officers, directors and member individuals and groups of the contest.

That I hereby release title, claim, and rights to photographs and/or public relations materials involving me to the contest for use in contest promotion.

That I hereby certify that I have never been married, nor had an annulment or been pregnant or given birth to a child.

Failure on my part to disclose this information to local officials will automatically disqualify me from participation in any pageant. Prizes of any kind, which I may receive, will be returned to the contest. The *WEST TEXAS FAIR & RODEO* will be released from any and all liability resulting from my actions.

That in the event I receive the ***MISS WEST TEXAS FAIR & RODEO*** title, I will complete the tenure of my title in accordance with the aforesaid regulation and in the claims relating to the title upon the naming of my successor.

That I hereby affix my signature attesting my agreement to the above without reserve.

Contestant Name Printed & Date

Parent or Legal Guardian Printed & Date

Contestant Signature

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature

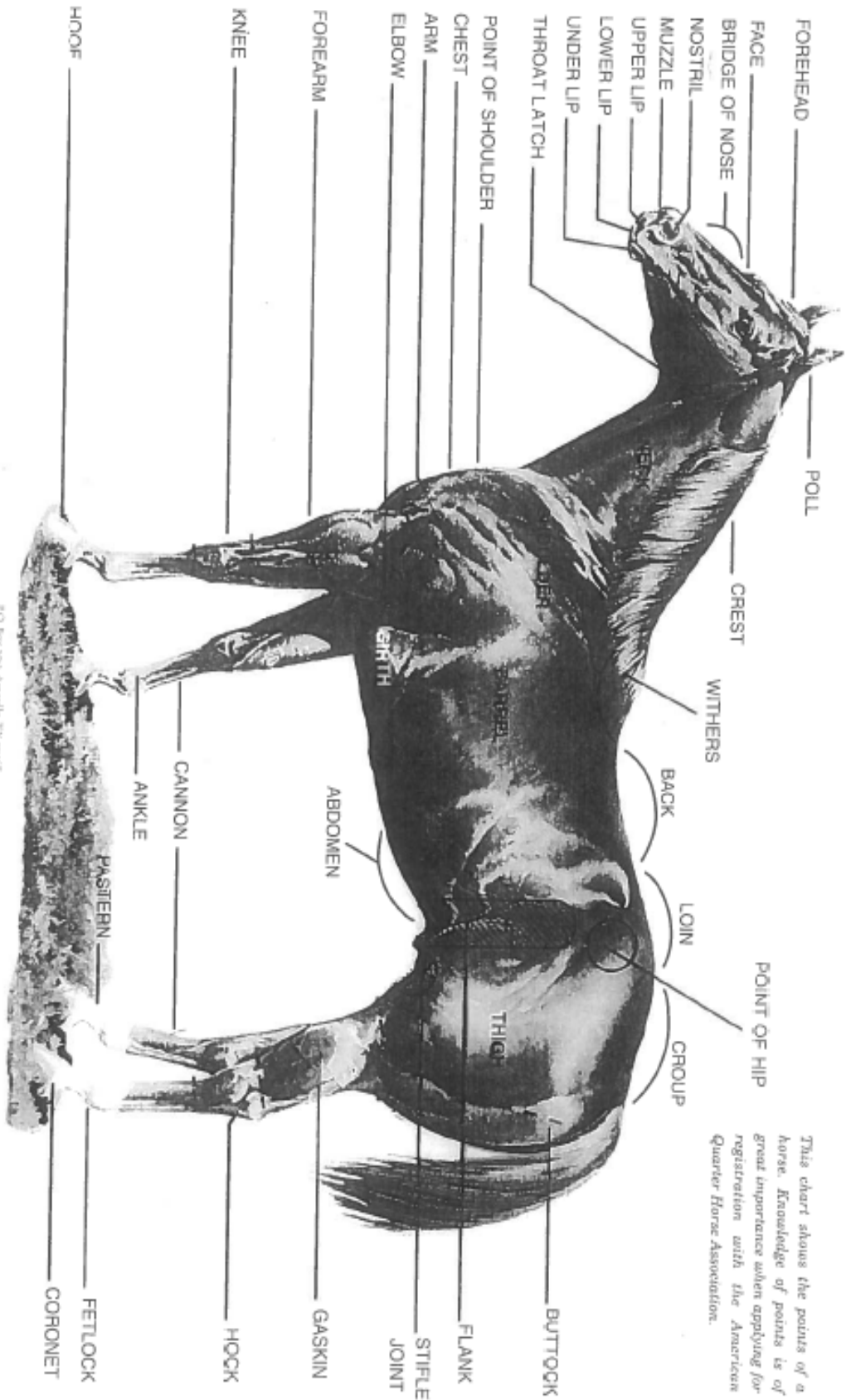
Complete Mailing Address

Phone Number of Contestant _____

Phone Number of Parent _____

Emergency Contact Name & Number _____

The AMERICAN QUARTER HORSE



This chart shows the points of a horse. Knowledge of points is of great importance when applying for registration with the American Quarter Horse Association.

PO Box 200, Amarillo, TX 79108
 AMERICAN
 QUARTER
 HORSE

Miss West Texas Fair and Rodeo Horsemanship Pattern

Horses may walk or trot to the center of arena. Begin at center of arena facing left wall or fence.

1. Begin on right lead, complete 3 circles to the right: the first circle small & slow; the next 2 circles large and fast. Change leads at the center of arena.
2. Complete 3 circles to the left: the first circle small & slow; the next 2 circles large and fast. Change leads at the center of arena.
3. Begin a large fast right circle but do not cross this circle. Run up the right side of the arena at least twenty feet from wall or fence to the far end of the arena past the end marker, stop and do a right rollback.
4. Run to the opposite end of the arena past the end marker, stop and do a left rollback.
5. Run past the center marker and stop. Back up to the center of the arena or at least ten feet. Hesitate.
6. Complete one spin to the right. Hesitate.
7. Complete one spin to the left. Hesitate.
8. Walk to judges, stop & dismount for inspection.

