

MATAGORDA COUNTY FAIR & LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION
2017 FAIR PRINCESS
GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS & POLICY

Deadline: January 22, 2017 No late entries will be accepted!

1. All Contestants must be a citizen of the United States. All contestants must be a current resident of Matagorda County or enrolled in 4th, 5th, or 6th grade at home school, private school, or public school for the current year in Matagorda County.
2. Contestants must be current and active members of 4-H or FFA eligible under UIL Rules.
3. Any person winning the MCFLA Princess title will not be eligible to enter the Princess contest again.
4. Contestants are to be in good health. Good health is defined as adequate health to fulfill duties of Fair Princess, if selected. Each contestant will not hold the Matagorda County Fair Association, County of Matagorda, or any individual or organization associated with the Matagorda County Fair Assn. liable for any accident or injury that may or might occur as a result of the contest or future obligations. Release form must be signed and submitted with entry forms.
5. Each contestant must have a sponsor(s), and each sponsor fee will be **\$30.00**, payable to the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association, and due with the entry form on January 22, 2017.
6. Princess contestants are required to write a **short autobiography** to turn in with the entry forms. Do not use your last name or your family's names. It may be typed or handwritten and must be no more than one page in length. If typed, the print must be no smaller than 12 point. It should have at least 1 ½ spaces between the lines with one inch margins all around. The paper should contain information about you that you think best describes your character and why you want to be (or would be a good) Fair Princess.
7. Fair Princess contestants are required to turn in an additional **75 word on stage introduction** that will be used by the EMCEE during the on stage presentation. Anything that exceeds 75 words will be at the discretion of the royalty committee to remove words. Please use 3rd person narration and the contestant's first name only. Do not include any names of parent(s) or guardian(s). The contestant's sponsor, grade, school, and fair participation must be included. Additional information can include, but is not limited to, hobbies, extracurricular activities, community involvement, and school involvement. **This will not be scored by the judges.**
8. There will be a **MANDATORY meeting on Sunday, January 22, 2017 at 2:00p.m.** in the Multi-Purpose Bldg. **No late or incomplete application forms will be accepted.** Come with completed application and entry fees. At this time, **ALL** publicity photos will be taken with no exceptions. There will be an opportunity to ask any questions and discuss the rules.

9. Permission is hereby granted to the MCFLA to use photographs and information submitted for the contest in news stories or other publicity in advance of the contest. Pictures may be altered for reproduction purposes only.
10. Eligibility Master Listing will be used this year at the Fair for UIL requirements. We advise that you contact your public school to ensure you have been placed on the eligible or the ineligible list. Home School and Private School students will still need to furnish an eligibility form to the Fair Office by **12:00 NOON, Friday, February 3, 2017** in order to participate in this contest.
11. Fair Princess, Fair Queen, Little Miss and Little Mister Cowboy contests will be held on **Friday, February 17, 2017 at the Bay City Civic Center**. Scoring at the contest will be by a panel of out of county judges. Judges will not be related to any contestant and no contestant will be allowed to give judges any sort of gift prior to or during the contest.

12. Scoring will be as follows:

<u>Private Interview</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Stage Presentation</u>	<u>Points</u>
<i>Application/Entry</i>	15	<i>Poise & Posture</i>	15
<i>Interview</i>	30	<i>Stage Presence</i>	15
<i>Personal Appearance</i>	15	<i>Voice Presentation</i>	10
<i>Fair Involvement</i>	20	<i>Eye Contact</i>	10
<i>Community Involvement</i>	15		
<i>School Involvement</i>	5		
Total Points Available	100	Total Points Available	50

13. There will be no use of foul language and no involvement in any illegal or illicit activities while serving as Princess.
14. The Fair Board and Manager have a **zero tolerance policy** in regards to drinking alcohol, MIP (minor in possession), smoking cigarettes, or any other drug abuse. If this rule is violated, it will result in immediate dismissal. Also, in the event a contestant in this contest has in her possession or violates the Controlled Substance Penal Code Act; she will be disqualified from this contest.
15. No financial reimbursement for transportation, expenses, etc. will be provided by the Matagorda County Fair Association, unless approved by the Board of Directors.
16. The Fair Princess and runners-up will be announced immediately following the contest. Parents & friends may take pictures of the contestants **after** the Fair Photographer gets his/her pictures.
17. The Princess is required to **wear her crown on a cowboy hat.**
18. The Fair Princess, Rodeo Queen, Fair Queen, Little Miss Cowgirl and Little Mister Cowboy will be presented during the Grand Entry of each Rodeo Performance. All runners-up to ride on the truck during each Grand Entry, as well.
19. The contestants must attend all functions that are required by the Queen's Committee. Fair Princess and runners-up are expected to participate in the parade, Matagorda County Fair

& Livestock Show, and Livestock Auction. You will receive an itinerary, with the events and times of all the events that you will be assisting in, from the Royalty Chairman.

20. The contestant that is crowned Fair Princess and runners-up of the Matagorda County Fair Association must be available to attend any public event or function as a representative of the Association during the year of her reign. In addition, the Princess must crown the next year's Fair Princess. She must be available to decorate and ride on the float in any parades represented by Matagorda County Fair Association. A points system will be kept for participation.
21. Permission is hereby granted to the Matagorda County Fair Association to use photographs and important information submitted in the contest in news stories in advance of the contest finals. Pictures may be altered for reproduction purposes only.
22. If the Fair Princess is unable to fulfill her duties, due to circumstances found to be objectionable by the Board of Directors of the Fair Association, she will forfeit the crown and all awards. The 1st Runner Up will finish her reign.
23. Matagorda County Fair Assn. Protest Procedures - All protests concerning Matagorda County Fair Royalty Entries must be submitted prior to judging and be accompanied by a \$150 cash deposit. The deposit will be returned **ONLY** if the protest is upheld. **Once judging has commenced NO protests will be accepted. The Judges decision is final and not subject for protest.** Judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation. The protest will be reviewed by at least (5) members of the Fair Board. The ruling of the Fair Board Directors will be final. Both sides of the protest must be present at the time of the protest. There will be no anonymous protests accepted. Every exhibitor, in consideration of her entry being accepted by the Matagorda County Fair Assn., agrees that the conclusion reached by the Fair Board Directors shall be final, without any recourse against the Matagorda County Fair Assn., Board of Directors, Division Chairman, Superintendent, or Committeemen.
24. ***Remember, you are a Fair and Rodeo Representative.*** You will be looked upon as a role model and an example to others. While the Fair Manager and Royalty Director have no right to ask you to give up any personal activities, they have every right to expect you to behave in a manner befitting your position. The Fair Board and Manager also have every right to remove a Princess if they feel she has shown misconduct.

***REMINDER: UIL REQUIREMENTS APPLY!**

You must be on your school's eligibility list (or have completed and turned in a home school/private school eligibility form to the Fair Office by noon on February 3, 2017 to be eligible to participate in the contest.

DO NOT STAPLE

DATE/TIME RECEIVED:

CONTESTANT NUMBER:

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CONTESTANT ENTRY FORM Entry Fee \$30.00

Photo:

Deadline: 2:00 PM, Sunday, January 22, 2017 at the Fairground's Multi-purpose building. **No late entries will be accepted.**

NAME: _____ AGE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY/ZIP: _____

PHONE #: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

SCHOOL ATTENDING: _____ GRADE: _____

SPONSOR: _____ SPONSOR'S FEE \$30.00/Pd ck# _____

SPONSOR'S ADDRESS: _____ CITY/ZIP: _____

4-H CLUB NAME: _____

LEADER'S NAME: _____ LEADER'S PHONE#: _____

PARENT'S (OR GUARDIAN) NAME: *(Please list as you would like printed in programs and papers)*

ADDRESS: _____ CITY/ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ WORK/CELL#: _____

Contestant, parents/guardian hereby agrees that if selected as Fair Princess, she will cooperate to the best of her ability in all publicity decided upon by the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association. It is further agreed that the contestant will have the full consent of her parents or legal guardians to enter the contest. An advertising release, from the parents or guardians, giving full consent to use photographs for advertising and publicity is given herewith.

Signature of Contestant _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____ Date _____

NOTE: All forms must:

- Have all information completed or application will not be accepted.
- All entry forms must be completed and turned in by **Sunday, January 22, 2017 at 2:00 P.M.** in the multi-purpose bldg. No late entries will be accepted.
- Individual interviews and on stage presentation by judges will be Friday, **February 17, 2017** at the Bay City Service Center. Times to be announced.
- An awards presentation will follow the judging of the Fair Princess, Fair Queen, and Little Miss/Mister Contests. Parents and friends may attend the awards presentation.
- Home School and Private School students will need to furnish an eligibility form to the Fair Office by **12:00 Noon** on **Friday, February 3, 2017**. All public school students must verify with their attendance office at their school the week of the contest to ensure they have been placed on the eligible or ineligible list.
- For more information call the Fair Office at (979) 245-2454.

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Bio Sheet

CONTESTANT NUMBER: _____ (will be assigned)

FIRST NAME ONLY: _____ **AGE:** _____

Using this page only, list the following:

HOBBIES: _____

FAIR PARTICIPATION: _____

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: _____

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: _____

Autobiography

On another sheet of paper, write a short autobiography about yourself and attach it behind this page. Do not use your last name or your family's names. It may be typed or handwritten and must be no more than one page in length. If typed, the print must be no smaller than the print in this paragraph (12 pts.). It should have at least 1 ½ spaces between the lines with one inch margins all around. Your paper should contain information about you that you think best describes your character and why you want to be (or would be a good) Fair Princess.

On Stage Introduction – Maximum of 75 word biography

***If 75 words are exceeded, it is at our discretion to remove words. Please write below or include an additional page labeled on stage introduction. Must include the contestant's sponsor, grade, school, and fair participation.**

Fair Event Participation Record - Princess

Please indicate which fair activities, listed below, you have participated in, and what years you participated.

EVENT NAME	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017
Contest and Show Participation				
Fair Princess Contestant				
Little Miss Cowgirl Contestant				
Home Economics Food Show Participant				
Home Economics Craft Show Participant				
Academic Rodeo Team Member				
Public Speaking Contestant				
Junior Livestock Show – Meat Pen Rabbits Exhibitor				
Junior Livestock Show – Poultry Exhibitor				
Junior Livestock Show – Swine Exhibitor				
Junior Livestock Show – Goat Exhibitor				
Junior Livestock Show – Lamb Exhibitor				
Junior Livestock Show – Steer Exhibitor				
Junior Livestock Show – Commercial Heifers Exhibitor				
Agricultural Mechanics Show Team Member				
Tractor Restoration Team Member				
Talent Show Participant				
Participated in the Ladies Local Barrel Racing Event				
Bucket Calf Show Participant				
Team Penning Participant				
Horse Judging Team Member / Participant				
Livestock Judging Team Member / Participant				
Bull Blast Participation and Volunteerism				
Help MCFLA with the Mutton Bustin' for the Bull Blast				
Help MCFLA with the VIP Dinner at the Bull Blast				
Help MCFLA in the Fair Office at the Bull Blast				
Help MCFLA with Clean-up after Bull Blast on Sunday				
Help MCFLA hand out programs at the Bull Blast				
Fair Volunteerism				
Help MCFLA with the Home Economics Auction				
Help MCFLA with the Livestock Auction				
Help MCFLA in the Office				
Help MCFLA with the Fair Float				
Help MCFLA with the Home Economics Craft Show				
Help MCFLA with the Home Economics Food Show				
Help MCFLA with the Gala & Appreciation Dinner				
Help MCFLA with the Talent Show				
Help MCFLA with the Royalty Contest				
Help MCFLA with the Public Speaking Contest				
Help MCFLA with the Mutton Bustin' for the MCFLA				
Help MCFLA with Horse and/or Livestock Judging				
Help MCFLA with the Bucket Calf Show				
Help MCFLA with the Rodeo Production Programs/Day Sheets				

* Working with the concession stand is not a MCFLA sponsored event. The concessions stands are run by 4H & FFA clubs.

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Release and Indemnity Agreement

I/we, _____, a participant(s)/contestant(s) in the Royalty Contests of Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association do hereby knowingly and voluntarily release the above referenced Event, the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association, Board of Directors, members, judges, volunteers and employees of the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association, Matagorda County and any other person, firm or individual charged and chargeable with responsibility or liability, their heirs, administrators, executors, successors and assigns from and against any and all claims, lawsuits, demands, damages, loss of services, actions and causes of action based upon, arising out of, such event(s) or in any way related to any honors, awards, or rights sought by me as a participant in the Matagorda County Fair Association the conduct of business threat thereat, the ownership and possession of any honors, awards, or rights, thereby, any negligent act, act of misfeasance or nonfeasance by the Matagorda County Fair Association with any honors, awards, and rights, bestowed at said events. Further, I do hereby agree to exonerate, hold harmless, and indemnify such event(s) past, present or future in connection with such honors, awards and rights. Such indemnification to include any and all fees (including reasonable attorney's fee), costs and other expenses reasonably incurred by or on behalf of the above referenced event(s) and investigation of or defense against any such claims, lawsuits, demands, actions, or causes of actions.

I have had a full and adequate opportunity to be thoroughly advised of the terms and conditions of this release and indemnity agreement by counsel of my own choosing. I have also been afforded the opportunity to ask any and all questions that I have concerning this document and its execution by me. I do fully understand the terms of this agreement and do intentionally and voluntarily agree to same.

Contestant's Signature

Date

Contestant's Phone No.

Parent's Signature (If /Contestant is under 18 Years of Age)

Date

Witness' Signature

Date

PLEASE NOTE: NO PERSON(S) MAY PARTICIPATE/COMPETE IN ANY MATAGORDA COUNTY FAIR & LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION EVENT(S) UNTIL THIS DOCUMENT HAS BEEN SIGNED BEFORE A WITNESS.

I have read the General Qualifications and Policy and understand the contents, and have acknowledged such by signing my name below this _____ day of _____, 2017.

Applicant Printed Name: _____

Applicant Signature: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian if Under 18: _____