MATAGORDA COUNTY FAIR & LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION

2017 LITTLE MISS COWGIRL & LITTLE MISTER COWBOY

General Qualifications & Policy

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

1. The contestant must be a citizen of the United States, a current resident of Matagorda County, and attend home school, private school, or public school for the current year. All contestants must be ages 5-8 and in Kindergarten, First, or Second grade.

2. Each Contestant will be required to pay a $30.00 entry fee, payable to the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association.

3. The contestant must be a female to enter the Little Miss Cowgirl division and a male to enter the Little Mister Cowboy division.

4. The contestant's parents and the contestant agree that the time, manner, and method of judging shall be solely within the discretion of the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association and that the decision of the judges shall be final.

5. The contestant must be of good character and shall not be in custody of the Juvenile Court.

6. The contestant's parent(s) or guardian(s) agree with the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association that the contest is for the purpose of extending an opportunity to kindergarten, first, and second grade children to participate in a good experience and fun event, and that the winners are local with no future contests planned. Winners will be asked to ride on and decorate the float for future parades.

7. Applications for the Little Miss Cowgirl and Little Mister Cowboy will be limited to the first **fifteen** completed applications with entry fees received in each division on **January 22, 2017**.

8. There will be a **MANDATORY meeting on Sunday, January 22, 2017 at 2:00 pm.** in the Multi-Purpose Bldg. 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. All forms **MUST** have complete information or will not be accepted.

10. Little Miss/Little Mister contestants are required to turn in a **65 word biography** that will be read by the EMCEE during her/his onstage introduction. Anything that exceeds 65 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). Age, fair participation, and her/his favorite thing about the fair and rodeo must be included. Please use the provided questionnaire for guidance in additional topics to use. **This will not be scored by the judges.**

11. Contestants must meet UIL requirements to compete. 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.

12. Interviews and Judging will be **Friday, February 17, 2017 at the Bay City Civic Center.** Contestant will receive a letter stating the times for their interviews and stage presentations after all completed applications are collected on January 22, 2017.

13. The contestants will be judged on personality, poise, appearance, fair involvement, community involvement, school participation, and interview skills. There will be private interviews with a panel of out of county judges in addition to the stage interviews.

14. Out of county judges will select 1st and 2nd Runners-up, along with a winner from each division (Cowgirl & Cowboy).

15. Scoring is as follows:

Private Interview		**Stage Presentation**
Application/Entry……	15 pts	Poise & Posture……15 pts
Personal Appearance….	15 pts	Stage Presence……..15 pts
Interview……	30 pts	Voice Presentation……10 pts
Community Involvement…	15 pts	Eye Contact……..10 pts
School Involvement	5 pts	
Fair Involvement……	20 pts	
Total Points	**100 pts**	**50 pts**

16. Parents & friends may attend the Awards Presentation at the Service Center following the judging. Parents & friends may take pictures of the contestants **after** the Fair Photographer gets his/her pictures. These pictures are used for next year's publicity and need to be of excellent quality.

17. The Rodeo Queen, Fair Queen, Fair Princess, Lil Mr. Cowboy, and Lil Miss Cowgirl will be presented during the Grand Entry of each Rodeo Performance. All runners-up are to ride on the truck during each Grand Entry, as well.

18. Each contestant will not hold the Matagorda County Fair Association, County of Matagorda, or any individual or organization associated with the Matagorda County Fair Association 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 and pictures.

19. 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.

20. If the Little Miss/Little Mister is unable to fulfill her/his duties, due to circumstances found to be objectionable by the Board of Directors of the Fair Association, she/he will forfeit the crown and all awards and the 1st Runner Up will finish her/his reign.

21. Matagorda County Fair and Livestock Association Protest Procedures: All protests concerning Matagorda County Fair 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 Judge's 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 his/her entry being accepted by the Matagorda County Fair and Livestock Association, agrees that the conclusion reached by the Fair Board Directors shall be final, without any recourse against the Matagorda County Fair and Livestock Association, Board of Directors, Division Chairman, Superintendent, or Committee-men.

22. No scores will be released to any competitor. This is a board decision and is final.

*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 Friday, February 3, 2017 to be eligible to participate in the contest.

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Contestant Entry Form

Entry Fee: $30.00

DO NOT STAPLE

Date / Time Received

_____

Contestant Number

_____

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

NAME: _____ Please Circle: Male / Female

ADDRESS: _____CITY/ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE:_____DATE OF BIRTH: _____

SCHOOL ATTENDING: _____

PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S) NAME: (**Please list as you want printed in programs and papers)**

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ADDRESS: _____CITY/ZIP: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____WORK /CELL PHONE: _____

Contestant, parents/guardian hereby agrees that if selected as Little Miss or Little Mr., she/he will cooperate to the best of her/his 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/his parent(s) or legal guardian(s) to enter the contest. An advertising release from the parent(s) or guardian(s) giving full consent to use photographs for advertising and publicity is given herewith.

Signature of Contestant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____ Date: _____

2017 LITTLE MISS /MISTER APPLICANT INFORMATION

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUESTED FOR INTERVIEW

First Name Only _____ Age _____

School you attend_____ Birthday _____

How many brothers and sisters do you have?_____

What kinds of pets do you have?_____

What do you like to do for fun?_____

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What community activities or organizations are you involved in?_____

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What school sponsored events have you participated in?_____Food Drive _____Box Tops

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What is your favorite class in school? _____

What is your favorite rodeo event?_____

What is your favorite Fair Animal?_____

What is your favorite thing about the Fair and Rodeo?_____

Are you in Clover Kids? _____

Do you plan to join 4-H when you are old enough?_____

What are you participating in this year?_____

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What would make you most happy about being named Little Miss or Mr.?_____

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What is your favorite food?_____

If you could have any animal for a pet what would it be? _____

What do you want to be when you grow up?_____

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Fair Event Participation Record – Little Miss/Little Mister

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

EVENT NAME	**Year 2014-2015**	**Year 2015-2016**	**Year 2016-2017**
Little Miss/ Mister contest			
Talent Show Contest			
Home Economics Craft Show-Clover Kids			
Bucket Calf Show			
Mutton Bustin’			
Coloring Contest			
Clown Contest			

* 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 of 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.

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Contestant's Signature Date

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Contestant's Phone No.

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

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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.***