

MATAGORDA COUNTY FAIR & LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION 2016 FAIR QUEEN

GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS & POLICY

Deadline: January 24, 2016 No late entries will be accepted.

1. Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association may be referred to as MCFLA throughout the following rules and policies.
2. All contestants must be a citizen of the United States. All contestants must be a current resident of Matagorda County or enrolled in High School courses at a home school, private school, or public school for the current year in Matagorda County.
3. All contestants must be current and active members of a Matagorda County 4-H, FFA or FHA Club and eligible under UIL rules.
4. A contestant may not enter, both, the Fair Queen and Rodeo Queen Contest in the same year.
5. All contestants must be a single female, never have been married, never had a marriage annulled, never have given birth, and never have been convicted of a felony prior to the contest. The contestant must be in good moral character and never have been convicted of any crime, with the exception of Class C traffic offense. If the contestant violates the Controlled Substance Penal Code Act, she will be disqualified from this contest. These rules will remain intact throughout the reign of the Fair Queen and her runners-up. If any of these infractions occur, then the crown and any awards will be forfeited.
6. Contestants are to be in good health. Good health is defined as adequate health to fulfill duties of Fair Queen, if selected. Each contestant will not hold the Matagorda County Fair and Livestock Association, County of Matagorda, or any individual or organization associated with the MCFLA liable for any accident or injury that may or might occur as a result of the contest or future obligations. A Release Form must be signed and submitted with the entry forms.
7. Each Contestant must have a sponsor(s). Each sponsor fee will be \$50.00, payable to the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association, and due with the entry form on January 24, 2016.
8. Fair Queen 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, why you want to be (or would be a good) Fair Queen and what your plans are for college and/or your future may be.
9. Fair Queen Contestants are required to turn in an additional **85 word on stage introduction** that will be used by the EMCEE during the on stage presentation. Anything that exceeds 85 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, extracurricular activities, clubs, hobbies, awards, and future plans. **This will not be scored by the judges.**

10. There will be a **MANDATORY meeting on Sunday, January 24, 2016 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.
11. Fair Queen and her runners-up must attend any function that is required by the Queen's Committee. Participation will be kept on a score sheet. (Awards, Parades, etc.)
12. 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.
13. All Fair Queen Contestants will be required to sell at least 10 concert tickets at \$20.00 per ticket. All monies (\$200 per contestant) are due in the Fair Office by **NOON, Monday, February 15, 2016** or that contestant will not be allowed to participate in the contest (or omitted from the contest).
14. Eligibility Master Listing will be used this year at the Fair for UIL requirements. We advise that you contact your school, public or private, to ensure you have been placed on the eligible or the ineligible list. Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association will not be responsible to advise anyone of their eligibility in advance of any contest. Home School students will still need to furnish an eligibility form to the Fair Office by **12:00 pm NOON, Friday, February 5, 2016** in order to participate in this contest.
15. Former MCFLA Fair Queens are ineligible to compete in the Fair Queen Contest and Rodeo Queens are ineligible to compete in the Rodeo Queen Contest. Former contestants are eligible to compete in either contest as long as they were not a queen in that contest. You may not compete in both contests in the same year.
16. MCFLA Fair Queen, Fair Princess, Little Miss Cowgirl and Little Mister Cowboy Contests will be held on **Friday, February 19, 2016 at the Bay City Service Center.** All Contestants will be asked to stay for the entire contest. Scoring at the contest will be completed 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.
17. Scoring will be as follows:
- | <u>Private Interview</u> | <u>Points</u> | <u>Stage Presentation</u> | <u>Points</u> |
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| <i>Application/Entry</i> | 20 | <i>Poise & Posture</i> | 25 |
| <i>Interview</i> | 30 | <i>Stage Presence</i> | 25 |
| <i>Personal Appearance</i> | 10 | <i>Voice Presentation</i> | 25 |
| <i>Fair Involvement</i> | 20 | <i>Eye Contact</i> | 25 |
| <i>Community Involvement</i> | 10 | | |
| <i>School Involvement</i> | 10 | | |
| Total Points Available | 100 | Total Points Available | 100 |
18. The Fair Queen and runner-ups will be announced immediately following the contest. Parents and friends may take pictures of the contestants **after** the Fair Photographer gets his/her pictures.
19. The Queen will receive a \$500.00 award, all MCFLA rules apply. This check will be made available to her on the last day of the Fair.
20. The Fair Queen is required to wear her crown on a cowboy hat.

21. The Rodeo Queen, Fair Queen, Fair Princess, Little Miss Cowgirl and Little Mister Cowboy 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.
22. Fair Queen and her runners up must attend any function that is required by the Queen's Committee. They are expected to participate in the parade, the Matagorda County Fair, Livestock Show & Rodeo, and Livestock Auction on Saturday, March 5, 2016. You will receive an itinerary, with the events and times of all the events that you will be assisting in, from the Royalty Chairman. Participation will be kept on a score sheet.
23. The contestant that is crowned Fair Queen of the Matagorda County Fair must be available to attend any public event or function as a representative of the Association during the year of her reign. In addition, she must crown the next year's Fair Queen.
24. There will be no use of foul language and no involvement in any illegal or illicit activities while serving as Queen.
25. 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.
26. The Fair Queen and Rodeo Queen will be co-chairpersons responsible for the MCFLA Float. They must be available to decorate and ride on the float in any parades represented by MCFLA.
27. No financial reimbursement for transportation, expenses, etc. will be provided by the Matagorda County Fair Assn. unless approved by the Board of Directors.
28. The Fair Queen will be sponsored by the MCFLA as a candidate for Rice Festival Queen. In the event that the Fair Queen is not eligible or elects not to be a Rice Festival Queen contestant, then the 1st runner-up would be next in line followed by the 2nd then 3rd runner-up. The Queen or Runners-up will only be sponsored by the MCFLA during the year of her reign. MCFLA will pay any entry fees for the Rice Festival Queen Contest.
29. In the event the MCFLA pays any entry fee or expense money for a contestant that does not complete the contest, the contestant will be asked to reimburse the MCFLA for those expenses.
30. If the Fair Queen 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.
31. MCFLA 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 contestant 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 Committeemen.

32. No scores will be released to any competitor. This is a board decision and is final.
33. ***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 of your position. The Fair Board and Manager, also, have every right to remove a Queen 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 5, 2016 to be eligible to participate in the contest.

DO NOT STAPLE!

Date/ Time Rec'd: _____

Contestant Number: _____

MATAGORDA COUNTY FAIR & LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION

Photo: _____

2016 FAIR QUEEN CONTESTANT ENTRY FORM

Entry fee: \$50

Deadline: 2:00 PM, Sunday, January 24, 2016 at the Fairground's Multi-purpose building. **No late entries will be accepted.**

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ City/Zip: _____

E-mail Address:: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Home Phone: _____ Date of Birth: _____

School Attending: _____ Grade: _____

Sponsor: _____ Sponsor Fee \$50.00/Pd ck# _____

Sponsor's Address: _____ City/Zip: _____

4-H, FFA or FHA Club Name: _____

Please list all 2016 Fair Projects that you will be involved in:

Leader's Name: _____ Leader's Phone #: _____

Parent's (or Guardian's) Name: **(Please list as you would like printed in the programs and papers.)**

Address: _____ City/Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work/Cell Phone: _____

Contestant, parents/guardian hereby agrees that if selected as Fair Queen, 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 and information from this entry form 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 24, 2016 at 2:00 P.M.** in the multi-purpose bldg. No late entries will be accepted.
- All Fair Queen contestants will be required to sell 10 concert tickets @ \$20.00 each. All monies (\$200 per contestant) are due in the Fair Office by 12:00 pm, **NOON, Monday, February 15, 2016** or that contestant will not be allowed to participate in the contest (or omitted from the contest).
- Individual interviews and on stage presentation by judges will be **Friday, February 19, 2016**, at the Bay City Service Center. Times to be announced.
- An Awards Presentation will immediately follow the private interviews of the Fair Queen, Fair Princess and Little Miss/Mister Contestants. Parents & 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, Friday, February 5, 2016.**
- For further information, please call the Fair Office at 979-245-2454.

2016 Fair Queen 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, why you want to be (or would be a good) Fair Queen and, what your plans are for college and/or your future may be.

On Stage Introduction – Maximum of 85 word biography

***If 85 words are exceeded, it is at our discretion to remove words. Please write below or include an additional page labeled on stage introduction. The contestant's sponsor, grade, school, and fair participation must be included.**

Fair Event Participation Record – Fair Queen

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

EVENT NAME	2013	2014	2015	Current
Fair Queen				
Rodeo Queen				
Fair Princess				
Home Economics Food Show				
Home Economics Craft Show				
Academic Rodeo				
Public Speaking				
Junior Livestock Show – Meat Pen Rabbits				
Junior Livestock Show – Poultry				
Junior Livestock Show – Swine				
Junior Livestock Show – Goat				
Junior Livestock Show – Lamb				
Junior Livestock Show – Steer				
Junior Livestock Show – Commercial Heifers				
Agricultural Mechanics Show				
Tractor Restoration				
Talent Show				
Wild Steer Saddling				
Junior Fair Board Member				
Team Penning				
Horse Judging				
Livestock Judging				
Participated with local Barrel Racing				
Competing in local Team Roping				
Member of a BBQ Cook-off Team				
Help MCFLA with the Home Economics Auction				
Help MCFLA with the Bucket Calf Show				
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'				
Help MCFLA with Livestock Judging				
Help MCFLA with the Bull Blast				
Help MCFLA with the VIP dinner at the Bull Blast				
Help MCFLA with Clean-up after Bull Blast on Sunday				
Help MCFLA set up and tear down the livestock pens				
Help MCFLA with the Rodeo Production Flags				
Help MCFLA with the Rodeo Production Programs/Day Sheets				
Help MCFLA with the Rodeo Production - Untying Calves, etc...				
Help MCFLA with the Rodeo Production – Back Help				
Help MCFLA with the Senior Citizens Day				
Help MCFLA with Exceptional Day				
Help MCFLA with Photographer				

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

**MATAGORDA COUNTY FAIR & LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION
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.

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 and or 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 _____, 2016.

Applicant Printed Name: _____

Applicant Signature: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian if Under 18: _____