

**MATAGORDA COUNTY FAIR & LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION**  
**2018 LITTLE MISS COWGIRL &**  
**LITTLE MISTER COWBOY**  
*GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS & POLICY*

**Deadline: January 21, 2018 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 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 21, 2018**.
8. There will be a **MANDATORY meeting on Sunday, January 21, 2018 at 2:00p.m.** in the Multi-Purpose Bldg. The only excused absence will be if the participant has a conflicting UIL event. Come with completed application and entry fees. **ALL** publicity photos will be taken at this time with no exceptions. There will be an opportunity to ask any questions and discuss the rules. If conflicting UIL event, application must be turned in completed to the Fair **office by noon on January 19, 2018 with 2 - 4x6 picture (same picture) and proof of UIL event in the form of a letter from the UIL sponsor. No late or incomplete application forms will be accepted.**
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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2, 2018 in order to participate in this contest.
12. Little Miss Cowgirl, Little Mister Cowboy, Fair Queen, Fair Princess and Junior Fair Princess **interviews** will be held on **Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>** at the **Matagorda County Fairgrounds**. Times will be determined by number of applications and participants will be notified by mail. Fair Princess, Junior Fair Princess, Fair Queen, Little Miss and Little Mister Cowboy contests will be held on **Friday, February 16, 2018 at the Bay City Service 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.
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) if there are 5 or more contestants. If there are 4 contestants, only Little Miss/Mister and 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-Up will be placed.
15. Scoring is as follows:

<u>Private Interview</u>	<u>Stage Presentation</u>
Application/Entry.....	Poise & Posture.....
Personal Appearance....	Stage Presence.....
Interview.....	Voice Presentation.....
Community Involvement...	Eye Contact.....
School Involvement	
Fair Involvement.....	
<b>Total Points</b>	<b>50 pts</b>

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, Junior Fair Princess, Little Mr. Cowboy, and Little 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 2, 2018 to be eligible to participate in the contest.**

<p><b>DO NOT STAPLE</b></p> <p>Date / Time Received: _____</p> <hr/> <p>Contestant Number: _____</p> <hr/>
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**Contestant Entry Form**  
**Entry Fee: \$30.00**

**Deadline: 2:00 PM, Sunday, January 21, 2018** 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: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2018 LITTLE MISS /MISTER APPLICANT INFORMATION

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUESTED FOR INTERVIEW

(Please be as specific as possible)

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? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

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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## **On Stage Introduction – Maximum of 65 word biography**

**\*If 65 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 – Little Miss/Little Mister

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

<b>EVENT NAME</b>	<b>Year 2014-2015</b>	<b>Year 2015-2016</b>	<b>Year 2016-2017</b>
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 4-H & 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 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.

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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
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**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.**