



# 2018 AUSTIN COUNTY FAIR QUEEN PAGEANT

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## CONTESTANT INFORMATION

Full Name	_____	Age	_____
Address	_____	Birthdate	_____
City, State & Zip	_____	Able to Receive Texts?	_____
Contestant Cell Phone*	_____	Email	_____
Parents' Names	_____	Parent Phone*	_____
Cell Number(s) to Receive Text Updates:	_____		

## SPONSOR INFORMATION

Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

## EDUCATION INFORMATION:

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of college you wish to attend after graduation, and degree and/or special training you wish to pursue:

What are your hobbies?

What extracurricular (sports, clubs, etc.) do you participate in at school or out of school?

What honors have you achieved in high school?

Give 3 interesting facts about yourself (fun fact, something you love to do, aspirations, etc.)

Please have 10 unique questions turned into the fair office with this form. Please type or write neatly, and make sure you can elaborate on each question. There is no need to turn your answers in, however make a copy of your questions and have the answers prepared for the pageant. DO NOT use Google to find your questions, or submit questions such as "What is my favorite color, food, etc. BE CREATIVE!

\* If possible, text messages will be sent to each contestant giving occasional updates, reminders and any other pertinent information that is important. Please make sure to mark whether or not it is OK to receive these texts, and which cell number they should be directed to. No unnecessary texts will be sent!



Dear Queen Candidate:

Thank you for your interest in the 2018 Austin County Fair Queen's Contest! As you may have heard, the Fair is extending to 10 days and has moved the Queen's contest to the first **Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.** Not only will this move allow you to fully concentrate on the contest, but it will also allow the Fair Queen, Ticket Queen and their court to preside over the entire week of the fair! We look forward to your participation and would like to inform you of some key dates.

There will be an orientation meeting for Queen Candidates on **Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.** at the Austin County Fair Office. If there is some reason you will be unable to attend, please notify me immediately so other arrangements can be made.

Other pre-contest commitments include attending the Austin County Fair Shrimp Boil and Lineup Launch Dance on **Friday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 p.m.** Contestants will wear their sponsor sashes, help with the event, and will be introduced. The reigning Fair Queen, Ticket Queen and their court will ride in the Austin County Fair parade on **Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>** and help with the Country Store Auction on **Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m.**

Once you have the proper paperwork completed, you will receive a packet with the fair tickets for you to sell. **No contestant will be allowed to check out more than 15 Passports to Fun & 50 Season Passes per day.** Money for previous Passports and Season Passes sold must be turned in before receiving additional passports. If you do need more tickets, please come by the fair office and pick up more. Absolutely no pre-sales of Advance Season tickets or Passports will be permitted; contestants may not begin selling the tickets until they are received at Orientation.

Any unsold tickets and money **MUST** be turned into the Fair Office by **Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 before 4:30 p.m.** in order for you to compete in the Queen's Contest. Deadline day is much easier if you turn ticket money in periodically. **Please note that the fair office will be available to take tickets and/or ticket money on Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., and 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.** If possible, please have your unsold tickets and money turned in before October 5<sup>th</sup> to avoid congestion near the deadline.

Finally, pictures that you want to use on your posters *and* your final poster **MUST** be approved at the fair office before being printed.

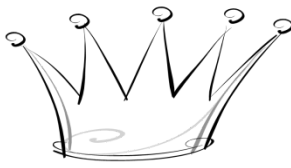
**REMEMBER, the following MUST be turned in on or before September 7, 2018:**

**Application  
Picture  
Questions  
Sponsor Fee  
Parental Release**

Please feel free to contact either of us if you have any questions:

Kim Quinney  
Austin County Fair Association  
979-865-5995

Angela Hoppe  
Queen's Contest Chairman  
979-885-8915 Cell



## **2018 AUSTIN COUNTY FAIR QUEEN CONTEST CONSENT FORM**

**I hereby consent and agree to compete in the 2018 Austin County Fair Queen contest, and will not hold the Austin County Fair Association responsible for any liability for bodily injury or any other damage or loss sustained or suffered while a participant in any of the events in conjunction with the Austin County Fair Association or as a representative of the Austin County Fair Association.**

**It is agreed that by signing this release, permission is granted to use any pictures for video presentation, catalog, newspaper or web page without compensation or prior permission of contestant. Furthermore, it is acknowledged that the rules and regulations of the Austin County Fair Queen's contest have been received and read.**

**It is also agreed that by signing this release, financial responsibility is assumed for any Austin County Fair Tickets that have been checked out to sell and it is understood that either the tickets or the money must be turned into the Austin County Fair no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, October 5th, 2018.**

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**Signature of Contestant**

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**Date**

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**Name (please print)**

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**Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian**

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**Date**

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**Name (please print)**

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**Telephone Number**

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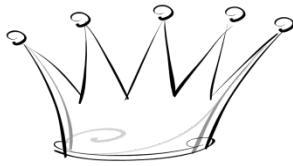
**Address**



## 2018 AUSTIN COUNTY FAIR QUEEN'S CONTEST SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<i>Wednesday, July 18, 2018</i> <i>6 p.m.</i>	Orientation
<i>Friday, July 27, 2018</i> <i>5:30 p.m.</i>	Shrimp Boil/Lineup Launch Dance
<i>Friday, September 7, 2018</i> <i>5 p.m.</i>	Deadline for Application Submission
<i>Sunday, September 30, 2018</i> <i>4:00 p.m.</i>	Mandatory Rehearsal
<i>Friday, October 5, 2018</i> <i>12 p.m.</i> <i>4:30 p.m.</i>	Grade Check for Eligibility Deadline to turn in Tickets/Money NO EXCEPTIONS!
<i>Saturday, October 6, 2018</i> <i>1:00 p.m.</i> <i>2:30 p.m.</i> <i>5:30 p.m.</i>	<b><u>Contest Day!!</u></b> Contestant Interviews Begin Preparation Room is Locked Queen's Contest Begins!
<i>Thursday, October 11, 2018</i> <i>9:00 a.m.</i>	Parade Day Report to Parade Float
<i>Saturday, October 14, 2017</i> <i>1 p.m.</i>	Country Store Auction

Please call Angela Hoppe at 979-885-8915 if you have any conflicts!



## 2018 AUSTIN COUNTY FAIR QUEEN CONTEST RULES AND REGULATIONS

I. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS – Candidates must be at least 15 years of age by the beginning of the current school year, be single, be a resident of Austin County or enrolled as a student in an Austin County School District, or be home schooled in Austin County. She must be of good conduct, not on probation with the state of Texas or not on scholastic probation.

II. SPONSORSHIP FEE – Any business place, organization or individual may sponsor a candidate for the Queen's Contest. The sponsor will be assessed a \$125 sponsorship fee for its candidate.

III. TICKET SALES – In order for the candidate to be judged, she is required to sell at least \$1,500.00 worth of advance gate season tickets or passports. **Absolutely no pre-sales of advance tickets or passports are allowed! Tickets may only be sold after they are received at orientation! If unused tickets or ticket money is not turned in by 4:30 p.m. on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018, the candidate will not be allowed to participate in the contest.** Please also have any pictures used for ticket posters pre-approved by the fair office, and bring or email a completed poster to the fair office for approval before posting. No pictures or posters deemed inappropriate or unbecoming a queen contestant will be approved.

IV. GRADES - We are required to check contestant's grades before the pageant. You may not compete if you are failing a class or have an incomplete. We follow the same rules as UIL. Due to different start dates of area schools, some districts are beginning the 2<sup>nd</sup> six weeks during the Fair, therefore making a contestant ineligible for the Fair Pageant if she has a failing grade during the 1<sup>st</sup> six weeks. Please be aware of this rule. Grades will be checked on October 5th, 2018; the Fair Board is very strict about this rule and there will be NO EXCEPTIONS.

V. REHEARSAL - **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2018 AT 4:00 P.M.** It will be held in the Austin County Fair Pavilion on the Fairgrounds. This practice is **MANDATORY!!** If you miss the rehearsal, you may not participate in the pageant. If you have show animals, and cannot be at rehearsal at the start, please contact Angela Hoppe or Kim Quinney one week before the rehearsal. Wear casual clothes and bring the shoes you will be wearing for the pageant to practice in. We will work on where you will stand, what you will say to the audience, how to walk, etc.

VI. PARADE AND OTHER COMMITMENTS- The Fair Queen, Ticket Queen and their court is required to ride on the Queen's float in the parade on **Thursday, October 11, 2018**.

Please wear jeans and an appropriate shirt. No midriff shirts will be allowed. You will wear your sash.

OTHER COMMITMENTS: Other pre-contest commitments include attending the Austin County Fair Shrimp Boil and Lineup Launch Dance on July 27, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. Contestants will wear their sponsor sashes, help with the event, and will be introduced. Additionally, on the Saturday (October 13, 2018) following the contest, the Fair Queen, Ticket Queen and their court is to assist in the County Store Auction at the Fair Grounds.

VIII. PAGEANT - The first portion of the pageant is interview. Interview sessions will be held beginning at 1:00 p.m. the day of the pageant. Contestants will wear casual clothing.

The interview is with a panel of three judges for approximately 10 minutes. They will ask you questions that you will need to have a SOLUTION TO OR AN IDEA ABOUT.

For example, “What do you think about .....?”, or “What would you do if .....?”. You may be asked about current events, so watch the news and read the paper. Again, you will be asked your opinion on subjects. The interview portion counts for 40% of your score.

There will be a make-up consultant the day of the pageant to help you with make-up, if needed. Contestants may choose to either 1) have their hair or makeup done at a place other than the fairgrounds, or 2) have someone come to do their hair at the fairgrounds. If the contestant chooses to have their hair done off site, they must be back at the fairgrounds no later than 2:30 p.m. If the contestant chooses to have their hair done at the fairgrounds, the hair stylist must be finished by 3:30 p.m. At 3:30 p.m., the door to the preparation room will be locked, and no one will be allowed in or out, except for contestant interviews. Be sure to have everything you need upstairs by that time. DO NOT BE LATE!!! NO PARENTS, FRIENDS, ETC. WILL BE ALLOWED UPSTAIRS THE DAY OF THE PAGEANT AFTER 2:30 P.M.

The second portion of the pageant is evening wear. For the pageant you will wear an evening dress and accessories. All dresses worn in the pageant must be pre-approved by Angela Hoppe or Kim Quinney, with no exceptions. A dress must be approved to be worn onstage (no substitutions). Dresses may be long or short in length, but no extremely short dresses. No low cut dresses (front or back) or high cut slits are acceptable. No two pieces dresses, or dresses with cut outs wrapping around to the front will be allowed (even with mesh inserts). No accessories other than those attached to you (jewelry or hair pieces) will be allowed, such as scarves. You will be judged on poise, personality and appearance. On stage, you will say your parents’ name and sponsor’s name. The M.C. will then ask you a question from the 10 questions that you previously submitted. There will be 5-10 finalists selected, depending on the number of girls in the pageant. At that point, the MC will ask each of the finalists a question that she randomly selects out of a bowl. These questions will be written by the judges, and will not be known before pageant time by the contestants. The score from the interview is then added to the score from the on-stage portion of the pageant, and the queen and runner-ups are announced. There will also be a Ticket Queen and Ticket Queen Runner Up selected based on ticket sales, as well as a Miss Congeniality chosen during a vote by the contestants of the pageant.

**FOLLOWING THE CONTEST, ALL PAPERWORK WILL BE DESTROYED. THIS INCLUDES THE JUDGES’ SCORE SHEETS, COMMENTS, TABULATION SHEETS AND RANKING SHEETS. NO CONTESTANT OR PARENT WILL BE PERMITTED TO REVIEW THESE, IN THE INTEREST OF FAIRNESS AND JUDGE/CONTESTANT CONFIDENTIALITY.**

VII. SCHOLARSHIPS AND GIFTS – The Fair Queen and Ticket Queen will receive a scholarship of \$2,000 each upon entering college or trade school. The Fair Queen Runner Up and Ticket Queen Runner Up will receive a \$1,500 scholarship upon entering college or trade school. Each girl who sells over \$2,500 worth of admission tickets will receive a \$50 gift (the \$50 gift will be given after the contestant assists at the Country Store Auction). The Queen will receive a crown, banner, flowers, and a custom Queen’s ring, along with a belt buckle. The Ticket Queen will receive a crown, banner, flowers, a custom Queen’s ring, and a belt buckle as well. First runner up will receive a banner and flowers. Other runner-ups will receive flowers. All other contestants will receive a trophy.

Scholarship recipients must be enrolled as full-time students and maintain a minimum course load of 12 semester hours (fall or spring semester) at an approved and accredited college, university or trade school and must maintain a minimum grade point average/ratio each semester of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale or equivalent. Failure to complete 12 semester hours per regular semester may be grounds for termination. Scholarships must be redeemed within two years after graduating from high school. Scholarship money will be paid directly to the recipient's institution of education; hard copy forms must be provided by the institution with the recipient's name, grades, and schedule on them in order for the money to be distributed.

VIII. RESPONSIBILITIES OF FAIR QUEEN – If you are selected Austin County Fair Queen or Ticket Queen, you will be expected to be at the Fair all days, and will need to wear the Queen's Banner and crown at all times during the Fair. You will be asked to be at all major functions ---- youth sale, rodeo, grand entries, pet show, etc., as long as it does not interfere with school. If you are unable to attend an event, please let the Fair Office know, so that your runner up can attend. The Queen will also be expected to attend other pageants and parades. Ticket Queen, runner-ups and high sales will be asked to ride in the grand entry each night of the rodeo and may also be asked to help during major events.

If you are selected Fair Queen, you are not permitted to consume alcohol or smoke during any part of the Fair. Breaking this rule will permit the runner-up to assume the role of Austin County Fair Queen. The Queen and Runner-ups, or anyone wearing a sash representing their time participating in the contest, must behave in a manner that reflects good morals and appropriate behavior. During the Fair, you will be expected to dress in a manner that reflects the atmosphere of the Fair; this includes short skirts, short shorts, midriff baring shirts, etc. Should the Fair Queen be unable to complete her duties, the runner-up would be asked to accept the position of Fair Queen. Additionally, the winner of the Fair Queen contest will forfeit her right to future entries in the Fair Queen contest and would not be eligible to receive the Queen Scholarship.

If there are any questions concerning the pageant or the rules, please contact the Queen's Pageant Chairman, Angela Hoppe (979-885-8915), or Kim Quinney at the Fair Office (979-865-5995).