



Dear Queen Candidate:

Thank you for your interest in the 2020 Austin County Fair Queen's Contest! 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 8, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.** at the Austin County Fair Office. If there is some reason you will be unable to attend due to a school function, please notify me immediately so other arrangements can be made.

Other pre-contest commitments include attending the Austin County Fair Shrimp Boil & Lineup Launch on **Friday, July 17th, at 5:30 p.m.** Contestants will wear their sponsor sashes, help with the event, and will be introduced. Additionally, the Court is expected to ride on the Fair Queen's float in the parade on **Thursday, October 8th** and to help with the Country Store Auction on **Saturday, October 10th 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 and 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 **5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 2nd, 2020** in order 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, 7 a.m. to 9 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 2nd 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 4, 2020:

**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
acfair@austincountyfair.com

Angela Hoppe
Queen's Contest Chairman
979-885-8915 Cell
angela@austincountyprinting.com



2020 AUSTIN COUNTY FAIR QUEEN CONTEST CONSENT FORM

I hereby consent and agree to compete in the 2020 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 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 2nd, 2020.

Signature of Contestant

Date

Name (please print)

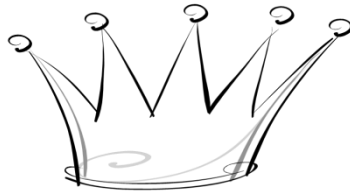
Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

Date

Name (please print)

Telephone Number

Address



2020 AUSTIN COUNTY FAIR QUEEN'S CONTEST SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday, July 8, 2020
6 p.m.

Orientation

Friday, July 17, 2020
5:30 p.m.

Shrimp Boil/Kick Off Dance

Friday, September 4, 2020
5 p.m.

Deadline for Application Submission

Sunday, September 27, 2020
6 p.m.

Mandatory Rehearsal

Monday, September 28, 2020
12 p.m.

Grade Check for Eligibility

Friday, October 2nd
5 p.m.

Deadline to turn in Tickets/Money
NO EXCEPTIONS!

**** *NEW DAY* Saturday, October 3, 2020 Contest Day ** *NEW DAY***

2:00 p.m.

Contestant Interviews Begin

3:00 p.m.

Preparation Room is Locked

5:30 p.m.

Queen's Contest Begins!

Thursday, October 8, 2020
9:00 a.m.

Report to Parade Location

Saturday, October 10, 2020
1 p.m.

Country Store Auction

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



2020 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 \$150 sponsorship fee for its candidate.
- III. **TICKET SALES** – In order for the candidate to be judged, she is required to sell at least \$2,500.00 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 5 p.m. on October 2nd, 2020, 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 or Angela, and bring 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 2nd six weeks during the Fair, therefore making a contestant ineligible for the Fair Pageant if she has a failing grade during the 1st six weeks. Please be aware of this rule. Grades will be checked on Monday, September 28, 2020; the Fair Board is very strict about this rule and there will be NO EXCEPTIONS.
- V. **REHEARSAL - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2020 AT 6:00 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. 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-** If you are selected as part of the Court, you are required to ride on the Queen’s float in the parade on **Thursday, October 8, 2020** unless you are in the band, cheerleader, etc. Your sponsor cannot provide a vehicle for you to ride on during the parade.

Please wear jeans and an appropriate shirt. No midriff shirts will be allowed. You will wear your sponsor’s banner. Flowers are optional- bouquets are not provided by the Austin County Fair Association, but may be provided by a sponsor, family or friend and carried on the float. There is no judging during the parade.

OTHER COMMITMENTS: Other pre-contest commitments include attending the Austin County Fair Shrimp Boil and Kick Off Dance on July 17, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. Contestants will wear their sponsor sashes, help with the event, and will be introduced. Additionally, on the Saturday (October 10, 2020) following the contest, Court members are to assist in the County Store Auction at the Fair Grounds.

VII. PAGEANT - The first portion of the pageant is interview. Interview sessions will be held beginning at 2:00 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.

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 offsite, 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 3:00 p.m. At 3:00 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 3:00 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 short, short dresses. No low-cut dresses (front or back) or high cut slits are acceptable, and crop tops, “wrap around” mesh or such will be allowed. 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 runners-up 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’ SCORESHEETS, 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.

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 (it is the responsibility of the contestant to contact the fair office to get their \$50 gift). 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 runners-up will receive flowers.

Scholarship recipients must adhere to the following:

1. 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.
 2. Scholarship recipients must notify the Austin County Fair Association immediately upon deciding which college, university, or accredited trade school they will attend, or changes in school, major, address and other pertinent information needed to keep the student's file up to date. Scholarships will be paid directly to the recipient's institution of education; hardcopy 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. All correspondence and information should be sent to: Austin County Fair Association, P.O. Box 141, Bellville, Texas 77418 979-865-5995
 3. Scholarship recipients must submit a copy of their grade report to the Austin County Fair Association no later than six weeks after the conclusion of their first college semester.
 4. Failure to enroll in the selected college, university or accredited trade school for a fall or spring semester will be considered grounds for termination. Inactive status (staying out of school for a designated time) may be requested by the recipient. In such cases, the Austin County Fair Association Scholarship Committee will handle the matter on an individual basis and subsequently will approve or disapprove the request based on the unique circumstances involved.
 5. Failure to comply or conform to the policies stated herein will be considered grounds for termination. Scholarship funds accepted by the recipient while in violation of stated policy must be repaid in full immediately upon receiving notification. Hardship cases, which result in a deviation from stated policy, will be considered and dealt with on an individual basis.
- VII. 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 to wear the Queen's Banner and crown at all times during the Fair. You will be asked to be at all major functions --- livestock shows, Youth Auction 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, runners-up 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. A schedule of events will be provided to the Queen detailing her duties outside of the contest.

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 no 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).



2020 AUSTIN COUNTY FAIR QUEEN PAGEANT

PLEASE PRINT NEATLY

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!