

2026
AUSTIN COUNTY
FAIR QUEEN / TICKET QUEEN
PAGEANT INFORMATION

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AUSTIN COUNTY FAIR QUEEN / TICKET QUEEN PAGEANT RULES AND CODE OF CONDUCT

Overview:

The Austin County Fair Queen / Ticket Queen Pageant provides High School girls with the opportunity to vie for the title of Austin County Fair Queen / Ticket Queen, receive scholarships and awards, and presents candidates with an opportunity for training and development in the areas of etiquette, public speaking and teamwork. The Fair Queen and Ticket Queen are official Austin County Fair ambassadors and represent the Fair Association at many events and functions regionally.

1. The purpose of this pageant shall be to select the Austin County Fair Queen and Ticket Queen, to provide the Austin County Fair Association (ACF) with a means of raising revenue, selling Fair entrance tickets prior to the opening date of the Fair, and to provide a scholarship to the winning candidates. It is open to all supporting organizations. The candidate must be female as recorded on their birth certificate, and must be at least 15 years of age by the beginning of the current school year, a resident of or attending school in Austin County (for a minimum of six months prior to the pageant), who is not pregnant, and who has never been married nor had a child. She must be of good conduct, not on probation with the State of Texas. Previous Austin County Fair Queens are not eligible to enter the contest, but Ticket Queens are as it is based on ticket sales.
2. A **MANDATORY** Orientation meeting for all Fair Queen candidates will be held on **July 15th, at 6:00 P.M. at the Austin County Fair Expo Center. This meeting can't be missed.** A Parent(s) or guardian(s) must accompany each candidate. Rules and dates will be discussed as well as the passing out of tickets to be sold. If you have any questions, please call or text Shannon Hanath, Co-Chairmen at 832-715-1639 or Robin Haugen, Co-Chairmen at 713-725-8871. **Please come dressed nicely & appropriately as we will be taking headshots for website ticket sales to be posted on Austin County Fair website.**
3. Each candidate will need to prepare a bio and will need to turn this in the night of the Orientation meeting, as these will be on display at the Shrimp Boil in the Foyer area at the Expo Center. Please find included in this packet is the information to be included in the bio along with an example of what it should look like. It will need to include a picture of the candidate and be framed in an **8 x 10 frame**. This is to be on

display when you set up at locations to sell tickets as well and will need to be displayed on your table for the day of the pageant.

4. We are required to check candidates' 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 the different start dates of area schools, we will look at the grades of the 1st grading period. The candidate **MUST** be academically eligible to participate and be passing all classes with a 70 or higher. The Fair Board is very strict about this rule and there will be **NO EXCEPTIONS**.
5. Each candidate can represent either their 4-H Club, FFA Chapter, Non-Profit Organization, Businesses, or Individuals of their choice. It is the candidate's responsibility for obtaining her own Supporter(s). Supporter(s) will be assessed a non-refundable \$300 fee for its candidate. The candidate may also have several Supporter(s) but **MUST** collect a total of \$300 to compete. Supporter(s) forms are due at the **Mandatory Orientation Meeting on July 15, 2026**.
6. Candidates must have their parents' or guardian's written consent to enter the pageant. The consent form and copy of rules and code of conduct must be signed by both the candidate and their parent or legal guardian and turned in at **Mandatory Orientation Meeting on July 15, 2026**. Forms not signed by both will result in automatic disqualification. All complete and on time applications will be accepted and the applicant will at that point be an Austin County Fair Queen / Ticket Queen Candidate and be subject to the rules and regulations of the contest.
All candidates must meet **ALL** requirements to be eligible. Should a candidate decide to remove themselves from the pageant, they **MUST** contact the Fair Office and Chairmen as soon as practicable.
7. As being Fair Queen and Ticket Queen part of your duties are that you will be required to attend and assist with the 2026 Austin County Fair Livestock Shows, Auctions and etc. following Saturday nights crowning, as long as it does not interfere with school. The Austin County Fair Queen will give the invocation at the Austin County Youth Auction Sale on **Friday, October 9th**. You will be expected to be at the Fair every day and to **always wear the Queen's sash and crown during the Fair**. If you are unable to attend, please let Shannon Hanath or Robin Haugen know, so that the runner up can attend. Both Queens will also be expected to attend other pageants and parades. Fair Queen, Ticket Queen and runners-up 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 for both Fair Queen & Ticket

Queen detailing duties outside of the pageant. **Failure to wear your Queen's sash and crown during the Fair will result in loss of scholarship and possibly title.**

If you are selected Fair Queen or Ticket 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 or Ticket Queen. The Queens and Runner-ups, or anyone wearing a sash representing their time participating in the pageant, 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 either Fair Queen or Ticket Queen be unable to complete her duties, the runner-up would be asked to accept the position of Fair Queen or Ticket Queen. Additionally, the winner of the Fair Queen / Ticket Queen pageant will forfeit her right to future entries in the Fair Queen pageant and would not be eligible to receive the Queen Scholarship. Fair Queen / Ticket Queen that become married or pregnant during their reign will forfeit their titles and scholarships.

8. Candidates **MUST** represent themselves in an appropriate and positive manner through **ALL** forms of social media. All Candidates social media will be monitored, if there is any inappropriate activity this will be an automatic disqualification. **There will be no negative comments about ANYONE this includes but not limited to peers, teachers, other candidates, organizations, Fair affiliates, pageant committee, and sponsors. This includes the parents and / or guardians and sponsors as well as candidates. This behavior will not be tolerated, any official reports of misconduct or unsportsmanlike behavior of a contestant, parent and/or sponsor will result in disqualification. Additionally, the winner of the Fair Queen / Ticket Queen pageant will forfeit her right, and the right to future entries in the Fair Queen pageant and would not be eligible to receive the Queen Scholarship.**
9. Selling tickets is mandatory. In order for the candidate to be judged, she is required to sell at least \$2,500 worth of advance gate season tickets. **Absolutely no pre-sales of advance tickets are allowed! No candidate can promote themselves as a candidate before the mandatory orientation. This includes contacting businesses, organizations, or people directly and/or posting on social media. Tickets may only be sold after they are received at orientation! Each candidate will be given a bank money bag to keep their tickets and the money in. There should be no tickets and money kept anywhere else – no lunch kits and not**

laying in your car. You will bring your money bag anytime you come into the Fair Office and it will be returned when you close out.

NEW: Money MUST be turned in on a regular basis. If a situation arises and you do not turn money in on a timely basis, you will be disqualified and not eligible to run again in future pageants. If there are any issues with your money and tickets at any time this includes before and after the pageant, you will need to clear the situation up immediately. If a situation arises after the pageant, and not cleared up you will not be eligible to run again in future pageants.

NEW: When needing to turn money in and check out more tickets throughout the selling timeframe, you may only do this Monday – Friday, 9:00am – 4:00pm (Fair office is closed from 12:00pm – 1:30pm).

******* Please make sure you have your money organized, this makes the turning in and checking out run smoothly.**

We will have a time schedule for turning in money and unsold tickets!! ALL CANDIDATES WILL NEED TO BE AT THE FAIRGROUNDS AT 4:00 PM, THURSDAY OCTOBER 1, 2026 UNLESS OTHER ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO TURN IN EARLIER AND YOU HAVE AN APPOINTMENT TIME TO DO SO. The online sales will be cut off at 4:00 PM and there is to be no more selling of tickets after that time. Each candidate will draw their order number for the pageant at the mandatory practice, this number that is drawn will also be your number for turning in your money and unsold tickets on Thursday, October 1, 2026. After one finishes balancing out the next will be called in.

If unused tickets or ticket money is not turned in by 4:00 pm on Thursday, October 1, 2026, the candidate will not be allowed to participate in the pageant.

10. Pictures to be used for ticket posters **MUST BE** pre-approved by the Fair Office and Chairmen, and we request you to send a picture or bring a completed poster to both the Fair Office and Chairmen for approval before posting. No pictures or posters deemed inappropriate or unbecoming a queen candidate will be approved.

Supporter(s) must be honored on candidate's ticket posters. Another reason for the pre-approval is that the entertainers' names need to be checked for spelling. Once approved we ask that you bring a poster to the Fair Office foyer and hang on the bulletin board and please check with local Chamber of Commerce's as they have been gracious and let candidates hang posters there as well.

11. All candidates are required to ride on the Queen's and candidates float in the parade on **Thursday, October 8, 2026**, unless you are in band, cheerleader, etc. Your Supporter(s) cannot provide a vehicle for you to ride on during the parade. The float will be pulled by a dealership vehicle.

Please wear appropriate clothing, you may wear a dress or jeans with an appropriate shirt. **No formal dresses!!!** The reason for this, I know some candidates show animals and you may be heading straight to fairgrounds once off the float and will not have time to change nor have a place to change out of a formal dress. Plus, not knowing weather situations, I prefer you to be comfortable while riding on the float. No midriff shirts will be allowed. Everyone will wear their Supporter(s) sash and runner ups will wear their sash received from pageant as well. Flowers are optional- bouquets are not provided by the Austin County Fair Association, but may be provided by a Supporter(s), family or friend and carried on the float.

We will load the float at one location that will be sent out in a group text the week of the parade, and when we are finished you will be dropped back off at that same location. If someone needs to be dropped off somewhere else, we will get you to where you need to be.

The theme for this year's parade is Country Nights and Carnival Lights.

NEW: This year, the committee will be redoing the float, we will be looking for crafty and creative parents along with candidates to help out!!!!

12. Candidates will be furnished with a full schedule of meetings/events/due dates as well as any additional requirements for each meeting/event/due date. If these events cannot be attended, Chairmen **MUST BE NOTIFIED**, and the Fair Office emailed. The Chairmen and Fair Office, will review the cause for absence and determine if it is an excused/allowable absence. Candidates can have no more than two (2) excused absences to remain eligible. **ALL DEADLINES WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.** If a deadline is missed, or an unexcused absence occurs, the candidate will be disqualified from the pageant.
13. A pre-pageant commitment that cannot be missed is the Austin County Fair Shrimp Boil and Kick-Off. Candidates will wear their Supporter(s) sashes, help with the event and be introduced. Please wear Western Attire (jeans, appropriate top, western dress, boots, hat). Press will be there for pictures, and we will do a group photo at this time for Fair website and social media.

14. **NEW: Fair Queen candidates connect night w/dinner:** Date TBD, we will discuss at Orientation Meeting, the purpose of this event is for candidates and committee to meet and connect and enjoy fellowship and work on some promotional ideas to help with selling.

15. There will also be a rehearsal closer to the pageant and this practice is **MANDATORY!!!** If you miss the rehearsal, you may not participate in the pageant. Wear casual clothes, bring the shoes you will be wearing for the pageant to practice in. We will go over how close out will work, and pageant day. We will also work on where you will stand, what you will say to the audience, how to walk, etc. This will be the time when you draw your candidate number for the pageant and order for turning in money and unsold tickets. We will provide food that evening. This rehearsal is only for the candidates, committee and MC to attend, as we need everyone's full attention.

16. The candidates will be required to set up a table (card size table, 3x3 size) and decorate it to fit what they like, and it's to be about them. It needs to have pictures of the candidate displayed. These tables will be used also as gift tables. We will discuss this in greater detail at the Orientation meeting. We've attached to this packet what tables have looked like in the past.

PAGEANT DAY

The first portion of the pageant is the interview. Interview sessions will begin between **12:30 PM – 1:00 PM** the day of the pageant, depending on the number of candidates the time may change. Candidates will wear dressy casual clothing.

The interview is with a panel of three judges for approximately 10 – 15 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 committee person who will be keeping track of time to make sure the judges don't go over, and they will be bringing the next candidate down from upstairs to the interview room.

Judges will all be selected from outside of Austin County.

Judges will not give candidate feedback.

Candidates may choose to either 1) have their hair and/or makeup done at a place other than the fairgrounds, or 2) have someone come to do their hair and/or makeup at the fairgrounds. We will try and have someone help with hair and makeup if needed. If the candidate chooses to have their hair and/or makeup done offsite, they must be back at the fairgrounds no later than 1:00 P.M. If the candidate chooses to have their hair and/or makeup done at the fairgrounds, the hair / makeup 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 candidate interviews. Be sure to have everything you need upstairs by that time. **DO NOT BE LATE!!! NO PARENTS, FRIENDS, ECT. WILL BE ALLOWED UPSTAIRS THE DAY OF THE PAGEANT. We have an amazing committee who is up there to help the girls and the girls need that time to prepare. The girls have so much fun during this time relaxing and just giving each other words of encouragement.**

****** We'd like to have some snacks and light food and drinks (water, tea or lemonade) for the candidates to be able to eat and drink before the pageant. We will have a sign-up sheet at Orientation Meeting. This has worked out very well in the past, it is stuff you like and will eat. We prefer not a big heavy meal as you will already be nervous.**

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 Kerri Spykes and the Chairmen, with no exceptions.** Dresses may be long or short in length, but no short, short dresses. No low-cut dresses (front or back) or high-cut slit are acceptable, and no crop tops, "wrap around" mesh or such will be allowed. No accessories other than those attached to your (jewelry or hair pieces) will be allowed, such as scarves. You will be judged on poise, personality, and appearance. **The M.C. will ask you a question from the 10 questions that you previously submitted. Please take your time on these questions and how you answer your application. PLEASE NOTE: JUDGES DO NOT SEE YOUR APPLICATION!!!! THIS IS ONLY FOR YOUR INTRODUCTION WHEN YOU ARE WALKING ON STAGE!!!** 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 Chairmen and will not be known before pageant time by the candidates. 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 Runners Up selected based on ticket sales, as well as a Miss Congeniality which is chosen by a vote, which is done by the candidates of the pageant. This is someone who is friendly, welcoming and has pleasant manners. In case of a tie for Miss Congeniality, the judges will break the tie.

At the conclusion of the pageant, an outside auditor with no affiliation with the ACF or it's Queen's pageant will calculate and triple check the tabulations. If there is a discrepancy between the tabulations, the Chairmen will both be notified and will be handled accordingly. If no tabulation mistakes have been made, the independent auditor will sign and seal the envelopes, which will remain sealed until announced.

FOLLOWING THE PAGEANT, ALL PAPERWORK WILL BE DESTROYED. THIS INCLUDES THE JUDGES' SCORESHEETS, COMMENTS, TABULATION SHEETS AND RANKING SHEETS. NO CANDIDATE OR PARENT WILL BE PERMITTED TO REVIEW THESE, IN THE INTEREST OF FAIRNESS AND JUDGE / CANDIDATE 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 \$3,000 worth of admission tickets will receive a \$100 gift (it is the responsibility of the contestant to contact the Fair Office to get their \$100 gift). The Queen will receive a crown, leather sash, flowers, a custom Queen's ring, and a belt buckle as well. The first runner up will receive a runner up sash and flowers. Other runners – up will receive runner up sash and flowers as well.

SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship recipients must adhere to the following:

1. Scholarship payments are sent directly to the college/trade school/university once the Fair Office has received: (1) a copy of the schedule for the semester the scholarship amount is paying toward; (2) an invoice with an open balance the scholarship amount will pay toward. The office must receive all this information 10 days or more prior to the due date for processing.
2. 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 ground for termination.
3. 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, addresses and other pertinent information needed to keep the student's file up to date. Scholarships will be paid directly to 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
4. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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.

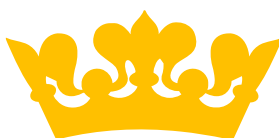
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RULES AND CODE OF CONDUCT

By signing below, we acknowledge to that we have received a copy of the rules and code of conduct associated with this pageant, and we have read and understand the rules and code of conduct provided and agree to abide by them.

Candidate Signature_____

Parent/Legal Guardian

Signature_____



Dear Queen Candidate:

Thank you for your interest in the 2026 Austin County Fair Queen's Pageant! We look forward to your participation and would like to inform you of some key dates.

There will be a **Mandatory** orientation meeting for Queen Candidates on, **July 15th at 6:00 p.m.** at the **Austin County Fair Expo Center**. If there is some reason you will be unable to attend due to a school function, please notify us immediately so other arrangements can be made.

Other pre-pageant commitments include attending the Austin County Fair Shrimp Boil & Lineup Launch on **Friday, July 17th at 5:30 p.m.** at the **Austin County Fair Expo Center**. Candidates will wear their Supporter(s) sashes, help with the event, and will be introduced. Additionally, the Candidates are expected to help at the Sr. Citizen Luncheon on **Wednesday, October 7th at 9:00 a.m.** and ride on the Fair Queen's float in the parade on **Thursday, October 8th** and to help with the Livestock Auction on **Friday, October 9th at 10:00 a.m.** and Youth Supreme & Country Auction on **Saturday, October 10th at 1:00 p.m.**

Once you have the required paperwork completed, you will receive a packet with the fair tickets for you to sell. **No candidate will be allowed to check out more than 50 Season Passes per day.** Money for previous season passes sold must be turned in before receiving additional season passes. If you do need more tickets, please come by the Fair Office and pick up more. Absolutely no pre-sales of season passes will be permitted; candidates 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 **4:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 1st** in order to compete in the Queen's Pageant. Deadline day is much easier if you turn ticket money in periodically. **When needing to turn money in and check out more tickets throughout the selling timeframe, you may only do this Monday – Friday, 9:00am – 4:00pm (Fair office is closed from 12:00pm – 1:30pm). If needing to turn in before 4:00 p.m., on October 1st, please let us know so we can make arrangements for you to possibly do so and an appointment can be made.**

Finally, pictures that you want to use on your posters and your final poster **MUST** be approved by the Fair Office and Chairmen before being printed.

REMEMBER, the following MUST be turned in on or before:

Application – September 4th @ 4:00pm

Recommendation Letter – September 4th @ 4:00pm

Questions- September 4th @ 4:00pm

Supporter's Fee – July 15th

Signed Consent Form & Acknowledgement of Rules and Code of Conduct – July 15th

Framed Bio – July 15th

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

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Austin Fair Association
979-865-5995
kerri.spykes@austincountyfair.com

Shannon Hanath
Queen's Contest Co-Chairman
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2025 AUSTIN COUNTY FAIR QUEEN PAGEANT CONSENT / RELEASE FORM

I hereby consent and agree to compete in the 2026 Austin County Fair Queen Pageant, and will not hold 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, financial responsibility is assumed for any Austin County Fair Tickets that have been checked out to sell and it is understood that any unsold tickets and money must be turned into the Austin County Fair Office no later than 4:00 P.M. on Thursday, October 1st unless other arrangements have been made to turn in earlier and you have an appointment time to do so .

It is also agreed that by signing this release, permission is granted to use any pictures for video presentation or video, catalog, newspaper or web page without compensation or prior permission of candidate.

You hereby grant to the Austin County Fair Association, Inc. and their respective licensees, successors and assigns, the right and permission, with respect to those photographs or videos taken of the candidate and with respect to any printed matter in connection there with, to do the following:

1. To include such photographs or video in all forms of print media, digital media and social media of the Austin County Fair Association, Inc. and in the advertising, publicity, and promotion thereof.
2. To use the candidates name in connection with photos all forms of media.

Signature of Candidate

Date

Name (please print)

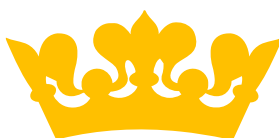
Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

Date

Name (please print)

Telephone Number

Address



2026 AUSTIN COUNTY FAIR QUEEN'S PAGEANT SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday, July 15th 6:00 p.m. / Austin County Expo Building	Mandatory Orientation Meeting Candidates, Parent(s) and / or Guardian(s)
Friday, July 17th 5:30 p.m. / Austin County Expo Building	Shrimp Boil / Kick off
TBD	Fair Queen candidates connect night w/dinner
Friday, September 4th 4:00 p.m. / Fair Office	Deadline for Application / Recommendation Letter / 10 Questions Submission
Sunday, September 27th 6:00 p.m. / Austin County Expo Building	Mandatory Rehearsal Candidates Only, Dinner will be provided
Monday, September 28th 12:00 p.m.	Grade Check for Eligibility
Thursday, October 1st 4:00 p.m. / Fair Office	Deadline to turn in Tickets/Money NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!

Saturday, October 3rd Pageant Day

12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Candidate Interviews Begin
3:30 p.m.	Preparation Room is Locked
5:30 p.m.	Queen's Pageant Begins!!

Other Fair Commitments

Wednesday, October 7th 9:00 a.m. / Austin County Expo Building	Sr. Citizen Luncheon
Thursday, October 8th 9:00 a.m. / Address will be given at later date	Report to Parade Location
Friday, October 9th 10:00 a.m. / Austin County Expo Building	Livestock Auction
Saturday, October 10th 1:00 p.m. / Austin County Expo Building	Youth Supreme & Country Auction

Please call Shannon Hanath (832-715-1639) or Robin Haugen (713-725-8871) if you have
any conflicts!!



2026 FAIR QUEEN CANDIDATE SUPPORTER

Business Name or Individual Name

will donate _____ to the 2026 Austin County Fair Association. **Donation is payable with acceptance of support of the candidate.**

Forms are due at the Mandatory Meeting on July 15th by 6:00 p.m.

Supporters will be recognized on the candidate’s ticket poster. Supporters are encouraged to attend the Austin County Shrimp Boil / Kick Off on July 17, 2026 at the Austin County Fair Expo Building. The cost of tickets will be posted on the Austin County Fair website and Facebook. The candidates will be in attendance helping and will be introduced at that time.

Business Name or Individual Name

Address

Phone Number

Supporter Signature

Date

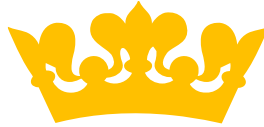
Candidate Signature

Date

Accepted Austin County Fair Office Staff

Date

***** Checks Payable to Austin County Fair Association



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WHY SHOULD I?

When you become Fair Queen or Ticket Queen, you just don't get a sash and crown. It comes with responsibilities. It is your duty and the other candidates to work at the auctions, luncheon, pass out awards, congratulate exhibitors and help in the community. Through this work you will see more of the Austin County Fair than ever before and see the hard work that goes into it.

You are a role model, you will have many eyes watching you, young and older. As Fair Queen or Ticket Queen you can expect little kids wanting to talk to you or take pictures with you. Who knows you may even inspire them to want to be a Queen one year!

You will also have life long memories. You will cherish the connections and your new friends because of the experience and the new appreciation of the Fair you will have.

INTERESTED?

Go to the Austin County Fair website and print off a packet or reach out to one of us below and we will get you one:

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Hope to see you there!!



2026 Austin County Fair Queen Pageant
Queen Contest Entry Form and Information Sheet

Contestant

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

High School Attend: _____ Grade: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Email Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Able to Receive Texts _____

Background

Parents' / Guardian Names:

Parents' / Guardian Cell Phone: _____

Sponsoring Business:

***** Please note this is how the business will be represented on your sash. Confirm full business name and words/symbols with your sponsor.**

Education:

I plan to attend _____

majoring in _____ (major, if

applicable).

Future Career:

School Activities (limit top 3):

Accomplishment I am most proud of:

My hobbies include (limit top 3):

My favorite fair food is:

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

What would being selected Fair Queen mean to you?

Please have 10 unique questions turned into the Fair Office with this form. Please type or write neatly, and make sure these are questions you can elaborate on. There is no need to turn your answers in, however I advise you to make a copy of your questions and have the answers prepared for the pageant. ONE of your 10 questions will be selected and asked on stage to you the night of the pageant. Please take time when writing your questions and think about them. DO NOT use Google to find your questions or submit questions such as “What is my favorite color, food, ect.”

BE CREATIVE!!!

The following items must be submitted with your application:

- 1. Recommendation letter- it can be from your principal, teacher, club leader, youth leader or employer. It should be about you!!**
- 2. 10 Questions (discussed above)**

Introduction Bio

This short bio will be displayed at the Austin County Shrimp Boil, it will be placed out along with a photo of your choice on a table for everyone in attendance to see.

Please include the following in your short bio:

Name and age

Parents names

Sponsor/Sponsors

Activities you participate in

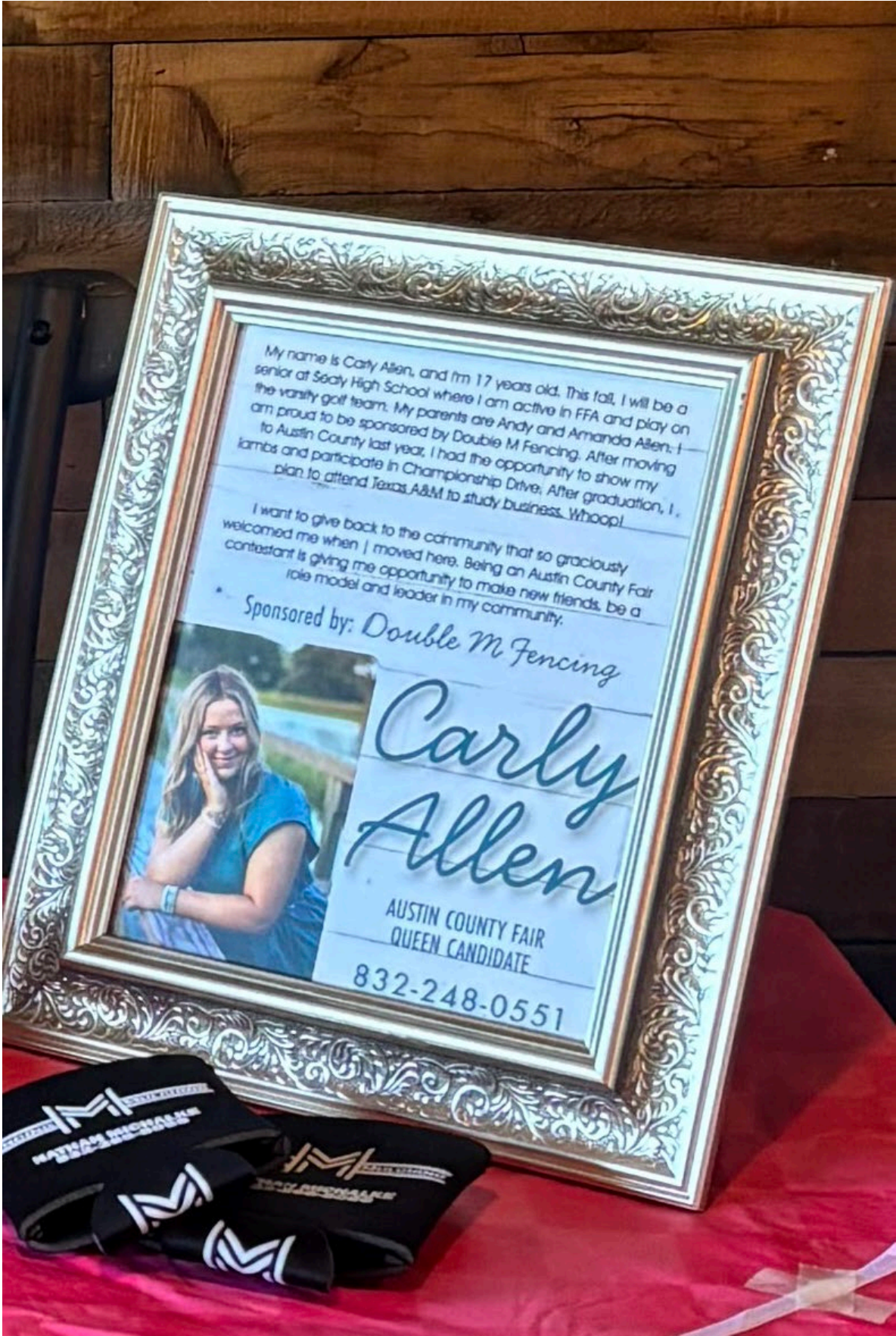
Fair involvement

Plans after high school

What do you look forward to the most at the Austin County Fair

Bio Example:

My name is Susie Jones, and I'm 17 years old. My parents are Joe and Linda Jones. I am sponsored by Lilly's Flower Shop. This fall, I will be a Senior at Rock High School where I am active in FFA, National Honor Society, RHS swim and RHS cheer captain. I have shown goats, photography and baked goods in the Austin County Fair. After graduation, I plan on attending River Community College and then transfer to Lake College to study Nursing. I look forward to hanging with my friends and supporting my community.





Fair Queen candidates connect night w/dinner:

The purpose of this activity is to connect with each other and help each other with the selling of the season passes. We will also work on putting together a short video of each candidate telling about themselves to be used on social media. Bring along 2 pictures of you younger. Please make sure they are appropriate.