

# 139<sup>th</sup> Gillespie County Fair Court Application

**Deadline August 19, 2026**



Contestant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contestant Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contestant Phone Number (mobile): \_\_\_\_\_

Contestant Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s)/ Guardian(s) Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Email(s): \_\_\_\_\_

During the 2026-2027 school year, contestant will be classified as a:

Sophomore: \_\_\_\_\_ Junior: \_\_\_\_\_ Senior: \_\_\_\_\_

During the 2026-2027 school year, contestant will be a student at (list school name):

\_\_\_\_\_

Please print the name(s) of your parents/guardians as they should be listed in the newspaper. Please make sure all parties have agreed. (Examples: Kathy Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Smith, or Joe and Ann Smith, or Joe Smith and Ann Smith, etc.)

## Important Information

- A mandatory meeting will be held on Weds, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 6pm for all candidates. Please meet at the Gillespie County Fairgrounds. All applicants must bring a parent or guardian.
- A letter of recommendation must accompany the application. This can be submitted from a current or former teacher, employer, or extra-curricular leader. You are encouraged to find someone that is not related to you
- Photograph- preferably a school photo for promotional purposes

Please explain why you want to be part of the Gillespie County Fair Court:



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List your extracurricular activities, community service, and achievements:

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Describe your interests, hobbies, and talents.

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What would you like to accomplish after graduating from high school?

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Describe yourself in 5-10 words.

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### Contract Requirements:

- ❖ I confirm that I will be a Sophomore, Junior, or Senior enrolled in high school in Gillespie County during the 2026-2027 school year.
- ❖ I confirm that I was enrolled in a high school and/or resided in Gillespie County during the 2025-2026 school year.
- ❖ I confirm that I am not, nor have I ever been married or have a child.
- ❖ I confirm that I have never been charged with any misdemeanor / felony charges (excluding traffic violations).
- ❖ I agree to have photographs taken and published throughout the year. My parent(s)/guardian(s) consent to the use of these photographs for publicity and advertising.
- ❖ I will reside with my parent(s)/guardian(s) in Gillespie County during the year of reign.



### Requirements for Year of Reign:

- ❖ I understand and agree to represent the Gillespie County Fair & Festivals Association, the community, and the Gillespie County for the 2026/2027 year which includes riding on the Gillespie County Fair float in various parades around the surrounding area and making appearances / providing assistance with various community events.
- ❖ I understand and agree, and my parent(s)/guardian(s) grant their consent, that I will be expected to assist with setup and tear down at parades or any required event. I understand I will meet with other members of the Fair Court and Queen's Committee at designated locations (ex: Fairgrounds float room) at pre-set times, occasionally in the very early hours of the morning to allow for travel and set up time for parades and events, or alternatively, in the evening for planned events and volunteer activities.
- ❖ I understand that as part of the Fair Court, I will be provided a dress, sash, and crown to wear at events; in addition, other apparel may be provided (such as a t-shirt or vest) or a stipend may be provided for additional required accessories. Outside of these, any other miscellaneous out-of-pocket Court expenses would be my responsibility. Estimated expenses for the upcoming Court will be discussed during the informational meeting on August 19, 2026.
- ❖ I understand that if I miss three (3) required events without consent (e.g., unexcused), I will be asked to resign and will forfeit my title, crown, and scholarship. In addition, I agree that I will participate in a minimum of nine (9) required events. In the event that the minimum number of events is not achieved, my scholarship will be reduced by a prorated amount per event missed (currently \$250 per event).
- ❖ I agree to maintain school attendance during the year of reign and maintain a minimum grade average of 75. If educated through a home school program, I will submit a request to the Fair Court committee to verify and confirm enrollment. I understand that if I drop out of school, I will be asked to resign and forfeit my title, crown, and scholarship. I further understand that if my enrollment changes to a home school program during the year of reign, I must submit a request to the Fair Court Committee for consideration and vote to avoid forfeiture of title, crown, and scholarship.
- ❖ I agree not to enter any contests or activities that will interfere with my year of reign (i.e. Peach Court). I will communicate school-related activities as they come up.
- ❖ I understand that a list of tentatively required events will be provided at the informational meeting on August 19, 2026, and will need to be signed by both candidate and parent. All GCFFA sponsored events as well as Wild Game Dinner, Chamber Event, are all mandatory events.



- ❖ I understand and agree, and my parent(s)/guardian(s) grant their consent, that I may travel to events with designated adults representing the Gillespie County Fair Association in their personal vehicles. I understand and agree that parent(s)/guardian(s), as well as other adults involved, are subject to a background check to ensure the safety of the Fair Court.
- ❖ I agree to represent the Gillespie County Fair & Festivals Association and the Fredericksburg community during my year of reign and understand that as part of this responsibility, the following will not be tolerated:
  - Pregnancy or marriage
  - Criminal charges – misdemeanor or felony (excluding traffic violations),
  - Any M.I.P. (Minor in Possession) violation, regardless of circumstances
  - Use of profane language, alcohol, drugs, cigarettes, vape pens, e-cigarettes, or other tobacco products
  - Rude / inappropriate behavior, disrespect to other organizations
  - Inappropriate postings on social media reflecting any of the above behavior, including any correlation to drug or alcohol use

I understand that upon the successful completion of my year of reign, I will be awarded a scholarship (the total value of which is dependent on my attendance and participation). For the 2026-2027 Fair Court, the Gillespie County Fair Association will offer the following scholarships:

- \$3000 for the Queen
- \$2500 for each Duchess

I understand that my scholarship must be accepted/awarded within ten (10) months after high school graduation for it to be honored. I further understand that proof of registration or receipts from the college of my choice must be presented to the Gillespie County Fair Association before funds are released and that the check will be made payable to me.

I hereby acknowledge that the information submitted on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and that I have read, and I agree to adhere to, the contract requirements and rules of qualification and conduct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contestant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contestant's Printed Name

As a parent of \_\_\_\_\_, I acknowledge that I have read, and I agree to, these contract requirements and rules of qualification and conduct. I give permission for my child to participate in the Gillespie County Fair Queen's contest and I give permission that her photograph may be used for publicity and / or advertising purposes. Further, I understand that I/we as parent(s)/guardians(s), are subject to background checks to ensure the safety of the Fair Court – the details of which will be discussed at the Informational meeting.



\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Parent / Guardian Printed Name

Please return:

- completed application, pages 1-5 (initial and sign all pages)
- photograph (preferably a school photo – this will be for this newspaper)

How to submit:

- By email: [shannon@gillespiefair.com](mailto:shannon@gillespiefair.com)
- By mail: Gillespie County Fair Association  
Attn: Queens Court Committee  
P.O. Box 526  
Fredericksburg, TX 78624
- In person: Bring to the mandatory meeting on Wednesday, August 19th at the Gillespie County Fairgrounds at 6pm. A parent or guardian must also be in attendance with candidate.

Important Dates:

- August 19<sup>th</sup> evening Fairgrounds- required
- August 27<sup>th</sup> evening Fairgrounds practice - Highly Recommended
- August 28<sup>th</sup> 138<sup>th</sup> morning Gillespie County Fair Parade - Required
- August 28<sup>th</sup> 12:30pm interviews Market Platz- Required
- August 28<sup>th</sup> 2pm Private interviews Bethany church- Required
- August 28<sup>th</sup> 7pm Crowning Ceremony Fairgrounds - Required

Questions:

- Eric Scott
- Dennis Loth