

## **Miss Westfest 2026**

### **Rules and Requirements**



#### **Sponsorship:**

- Contestants shall be sponsored by an organization, business or individual.
- **Sponsorship Fee: \$100.00**
  - Contestant sponsorship includes 2 Friday admission tickets and 2 mugs.

#### **Eligibility Requirements:**

- Contestants shall be a High School Sophomore, Junior or Senior.
- Contestants shall not be married or have any dependents.
- Contestant should reside in the West area or the surrounding communities of Abbott, Aquilla, Gholson, Penelope, or Ross or be enrolled in the independent School Districts of West, Abbott, Aquilla, Gholson or Penelope. Any exception to this will be at the discretion of the Westfest Board of Directors.
- Contestant shall not be a representative of another local title in the towns of West, Abbott, Aquilla, Gholson, Penelope or Ross due to a conflict of representation.

#### **Dress Code:**

Contestants are required to wear a Czech Dress Costume during all Miss Westfest contestant activities prior to Westfest and at the Miss Westfest crowning.

- ALL CONTESTANTS will be REQUIRED to participate in Miss Westfest Contestant Court activities during Westfest 2026. All contestants will remain Ambassadors of Westfest and be recognized as the Miss Westfest Contestant Court throughout the weekend. A schedule of events will be provided at the Miss Westfest interview event.
- The newly crowned Miss Westfest and all contestants will be provided with shirts and shorts to be worn during Westfest 2026, along with their contestant sash.
- Miss Westfest is required to wear the Miss Westfest sash throughout the festival and her Czech costume until excused by Westfest Director and/or Miss Westfest Coordinator.
- When Miss Westfest and the Miss Westfest Contestant Court is excused from required costume, no short shorts, crop tops or other inappropriate revealing clothing shall be worn. When not in costume, Miss Westfest and the Miss Westfest Contestant Court shall wear the provided shorts and shirts for each day. Please submit your size in the section below.
- Miss Westfest 2026 and the Miss Westfest Contestant Court will follow the direction of the Miss Westfest Director and Coordinators during Westfest 2026.

#### **Etiquette/Code of Conduct:**

- Alcohol consumption is not acceptable and will result in release from the Miss Westfest or Miss Westfest Contestant Court role.
- Any conduct unbecoming of Miss Westfest and/or Miss Westfest Court will result in release from the Miss Westfest or Miss Westfest Contestant Court role.

- When on duty during the festival, parents are welcome to follow along during appearances and duties. Friends, relatives, and others are asked to observe.

### **Contestant Required Attendance:**

\*Miss Westfest contestants are required to attend the interview portion of the contest on **Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup> 2026 at 2pm at Shoppe 826 located at 205 E Columbus, West, TX.** Please plan to arrive no sooner than **2pm**. You will come dressed in your costume and ready for pictures to be taken for the West News. You will be participating in group activities as well as personal interviews. Please be prepared for this event to last up to 2 hours. Parents are welcome but will not be allowed in the individual interview sessions.

**\*Miss Westfest will be crowned on Friday night of Westfest at the designated time to be announced. The approximate time and all instructions will be shared at the Miss Westfest interview event on August 30, 2026.**

- **ALL CONTESTANTS are STRONGLY encouraged to participate in Miss Westfest Contestant Court activities during Westfest 2026. All contestants will remain Ambassadors of Westfest and be recognized as the Miss Westfest Contestant Court throughout the weekend. A schedule of events will be provided at the Miss Westfest interview event.**

### **Miss Westfest REQUIRED Attendance & Appearances:**

#### **Inclusive of but not limited to:**

- Attend Westfest both Saturday and Sunday the weekend they are crowned.
- Ride on the Miss Westfest float/car in the parade Saturday morning.
- Opening ceremonies.
- Participate in the Parade of Costumes.
- Attend all award ceremonies throughout the weekend. (Taroky, Washers, Horseshoes, Kolache 5K, 42 Tournament)
- Be present for duties at the Kolache 5K on Sunday morning.
- Kolache Photoshoot.

Miss Westfest and the court will have a point of contact for the duration of the festival.

- Miss Westfest will participate in promotion of the festival for the following year including:
  - Media Appearances
  - Distribution of festival advertising as requested.
- Miss Westfest will participate in public events approved by Westfest representatives only.
- **REQUIRED EVENTS** include but not limited to:
  - National Polka Festival and Parade, Ennis, TX Memorial Day Weekend

- All Westfest Annual and General meetings, and will present a summary of activities
- Junior Historian activities if an active member
- Community Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas events
- Westfest Sponsor/Press Party
- West Fair and Rodeo and parade
- Interviews and crowning of Miss Westfest 2027
- In the event that Miss Westfest will be unable to attend, if a runner-up is selected, the runner up will be asked to attend. The queen and runner-up selected will not represent any other title to avoid conflict and scheduling of appearances.
  
- Missing required events may result in the reduction or loss of scholarship eligibility.

**Festival Admission:**

- All contestants will be given admission packets at the interview the week prior to the festival.
- Contestants will also be provided the admissions packets for their sponsors to deliver in person.

**Applications:**

- Applications for 2026 will be electronic, and can be found on the Westfest website (<http://www.westfest.com>) Applications must be turned in to Shoppe 826 or the The Village Shoppe by 5:00pm on **Friday, August 14, 2026**.. No late entries will be accepted.

**Miss Westfest**  
**Application and Consent Form**

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

**Applicant Information:**

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

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

**Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Short Size: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Information:**

Parents Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**I HAVE READ THE CONTEST INFORMATION AND ELIGIBILITY RULES AND REQUIREMENTS. I UNDERSTAND THE RULES AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THEM. I HAVE MY PARENTS' CONSENT TO ENTER THE "MISS WESTFEST" CONTEST.**

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**WE, THE PARENTS OF THE ABOVE NAMED APPLICANT, HAVE READ THE CONTEST INFORMATION AND ELIGIBILITY RULES AND REQUIREMENTS. WE UNDERSTAND THEM AND AGREE TO HAVE OUR DAUGHTER ABIDE BY THEM. SHE HAS OUR CONSENT TO ENTER AND PARTICIPATE IN THIS CONTEST.**

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Miss Westfest**  
**Contestant Information**

Please make all responses in complete sentences.  
If extra space is needed, additional paper may be added to the application.

**Volunteer Work:**

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**Hobbies & Extracurricular Activities:**

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**Ambitions and Goals:**

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