



Jr. Miss / Fair Queen Pageant Application

Pageant will be held on Saturday, September 26, 2020 at 7:00pm at the Jackson County Services Building.

Entry Deadline: 5:00pm on September 11, 2020

All Entries must be RECEIVED by the deadline (not postmarked) – Late entries will only be allowed with approval from pageant chairman and must accompany a \$20.00 late fee.

Under NO circumstance will applications be accepted after Tuesday, September 15, 2020.

**Grades 10-12 for Queen and 7-8 for Jr. Miss and must reside in Jackson County!
Applications and rules can also be printed off at: www.jcyf.org**

**Entry Fee: \$40.00 (non-refundable)
Please makes checks payable to JCYF – Pageants**

To enter, complete application (which includes bio and community service) and mail with entry fee to:

**JCYF – Pageants
C/O Deidra Whitley
P.O. Box 457 Edna, TX 77957**

**Or application can be dropped off at Davis Jewelry – 112 W Main, Edna by 5:00pm
For questions call Sarah Mercer Bradley at (361) 235-9078**

Contestant Name: _____ Age: _____

Grade: _____ School: _____

Address: _____

Daughter of: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email address: _____

T-shirt size: _____

**Please attach a headshot (waist up photo) to your application.
There will not be a group photo taken this year.**



Dear Jr. Miss/Fair Queen Contestant:

On behalf of the Jackson County Youth Fair and the pageant committee, we would like to thank you for entering the pageant this year!

The following is a schedule of events and things to know regarding the pageant:

1. Applications- must be received by 5:00pm on September 11, 2020. This includes bio and community involvement.
2. Photos – please attach a photo to your application. This photo will be used for the newspaper and sent to judges since a group shot will cannot be taken. Please make sure it is waist up and be wearing something white. If an actual picture is submitted it will be returned. You may also choose to send this to me digitally. Email me at thebradleyfam@yahoo.com and title it with your name and category = example: Sally Smith, Jr. Miss Contestant. Make sure you receive confirmation back from me that the email was received.
3. Practice – Will be held on Wednesday, September 23, 2019 at 6:30pm at the Jackson County Services Building. We will be discussing pageant rules that need to be signed by a parent/guardian. If parent/guardian is unable to attend this meeting, the rule sheet must be signed and returned no later than September 26, 2020 before the contestant is allowed to enter the building for afternoon interviews. Contestants will also be walking through the pageant, practicing where to sit/stand and enter/exit as well as what to do on stage and on stage questions will also be discussed on this date. Since there is only one meeting/practice this year, attendance is mandatory.
3. Interviews – Saturday, September 26, 2020 at the Jackson County Services Building at 4:00pm. (Subject to change depending on number of contestants) Three out of county judges will conduct interviews based on the information you presented on your entry form as well as off your community involvement form. The interviews will be 5 minutes for Jr. Miss Contestants and 7 minutes for Queen Contestants. A pageant committee member or fair ambassador will be keeping official time to make sure that no interview lasts longer than the allotted time. All contestants must stay until all girls are finished interviewing. Miss Congeniality will also be voted on at this time.
5. Pageant – Saturday, September 26, 2020 at 7:00pm at the Jackson County Services Building. Depending on covid-19, tickets may be pre-sold and may be limited to a certain amount per contestant. More information will be given out closer to the pageant r
6. Little Mr. and Miss Pageant – Sunday, September 27, 2020 at 2:00pm. If chosen as Jr. Miss/ Fair Queen, you will be introduced and be the emcee and asking questions for the Little Mr. and Miss Pageant. The whole court needs to be prepared to come as well to help pass out programs and be introduced.
7. Parade – Saturday, October 3, 2020. The Jr. Miss/Fair Queen and her court will be riding in the parade. More details on time and place will be given after the pageant.

Sincerely,
Sarah Mercer Bradley
Director of Pageants
361.235.9078 cell
thebradleyfam@yahoo.com

Jackson County Jr. Miss & Fair Queen Rules

1. The pageant is limited to girls that are in the 7th and 8th grade for Jr. Miss and 10th, 11th, and 12th grades for Fair Queen for the 2020-2021 school year and all contestants must reside in Jackson County.
2. No girl who is currently holding any other title is allowed to participate in the pageant unless the title held does not require any duties that would interfere with what is asked of the Jackson County Youth Fair Court. The Jackson County Fair Board wants for the Jr. Miss/Fair Queen to be available when needed without having other obligations that would inhibit them from being able to help. In order to participate in the pageant, a letter from the director of the pageant where the current title is held needs to be written, signed and submitted to the JCYF Pageant director to have on file before September 26, 2020 stating that there are no responsibilities that are required of their current title and permission granting entrance into the JCYF Pageant. If the current title does have certain obligations that will interfere with the duties of the Jackson County Youth Fair Court, she will be unable to compete. Once her reign and duties to her current title are complete, she is welcome to enter the pageant the following year as long as she still is eligible in terms of grade and residence.
3. All contestants need to attend all meetings and practices. If a conflict arises, please call/text Mrs. Bradley at 235-9078 to let her know that you will be late or will not be able to make it. Failure to attend meetings/practices could result in dismissal from the competition. The JCYF Board as well as the pageant chairman understand that there are conflicts during the fall, but also want to make sure that the potential queen and her court are willing to prioritize and commit their time to the pageant. No makeup practices/meetings will be held.
4. In order for anyone to qualify for judging, all Jr. Miss and Fair Queen Contestants must wear the same western attire for the interview and pageant. All entrants will keep all attire tasteful and modest as she will be representing Jackson County. Skirts and dresses are not to be too short. Additionally, clothing will not be too tight and showing of a mid-drift is never allowed. Strapless or one shouldered shirts or dresses are prohibited. This applies during the pageant as well as during other appearances throughout the year.
5. No one besides the contestants are allowed in the Jackson County Services Building during the interviews or in the holding room/backstage during the pageant. This includes, family, hair stylists, makeup artists, etc. Failure to comply will result in disqualification. If a contestant forgets something a member of the pageant committee will meet the parent outside to get the item.
6. Judging will be conducted by a panel of out of county judges and their decisions are final. A Queen and two runner ups will be chosen by the judging panel and a Miss Congeniality will be voted on by the contestants for Queen Category only.
7. In the event of tie, JCYF official procedures will be used which are the same as rules set for animal judging/placement at the fair.
8. The scoring will be based on the following categories: Each girl will be judged on a scale of either 0-10, or 0-20 with 10 or 20 being the highest and the highest attainable score being 100. The score breakdown is as follows.

Community Involvement Score: (20 points). The Fair Board wants the queen and her court to be well rounded young ladies who show an interest in helping out Jackson County in her spare time. This category will be judged prior to the pageant (using information off of the entry forms) and will be scored by a separate panel of judges from out of county with only contestant numbers and no names on any score sheet. This score will be added to the scores from the pageant to determine the queen and her court. Any fabrication of the truth will result in disqualification.

During afternoon interview: Worth a total of 50 points

Appearance and poise (20 points) – How does the contestant carry herself? This is NOT about beauty, but more so of confidence. A contestant who presents herself well and acts like a young lady and seems comfortable in what she is wearing and seems put together. It isn't about the contestant who is the "most decked out," or who has spent the most money on her outfit. Remember: the best thing you can wear is a smile☺.

Interest and Personality (20 points) – Is the contestant easy to talk to, likeable, interesting and is able to hold a conversation. Does the contestant have any passion/interest in being queen, in doing extracurricular activities or being on the court or the queen? The queen and her court will be representing the fair as well as the county and we want it to be someone who is likable and easy to talk to.

Ability to answer questions (10 points) – The judges will be able to tell fake/rehearsed answers. We want someone who genuinely can answer questions to the best of her ability and feel confident when answering. Additionally, if you don't know the answer to a question, "Ummmm, I don't know" probably isn't the best thing to say.

The judges will have copies of your bio sheet and may choose to ask things off of that sheet or any other questions they come up with that they think the Fair Queen should be able to answer. The interview is 5 minutes with the panel of judges and an official timer will be timing to make sure each contestant receives the same amount of time with the judges.

During the pageant: Worth a total of 30 points

Welcome Speech (10 points) - What you say during your welcome speech is up to you. Make sure to include your name, school/grade/age, and something to welcome the audience/judges to the fair. I have told girls in the past you should be the biggest cheerleader or the best saleswoman for the Jackson County Youth Fair. Your job in the welcome speech is to make people WANT to go to the fair. It is totally up to you what you say or how you say it. Make this your time shine!

On stage Questions (10 points) - Contestants will be scored on their ability to answer two on stage questions. One question that will be off of a list of questions that they have received prior to the pageant and the other question that they have not seen before or had a chance to come up with a potential answer. The secret questions will be submitted by several people in Jackson County.

Stage presence (10 points) - This is how you work the stage. Are you confident? Do you stand out? Is there anything drawing the judges to you or do you seem nervous/fidgety? Does the way in which you walk/stand/sit look like a queen should?

9. The duties of the Jr. Miss and Queen's Court will include being present and participating at each animal judging to present awards, assisting at information booth, attending the fair auction, Kindergarten day, assisting with set up and take down of the fair and any other duties designated by the Jackson County Youth Fair Board of Directors or the Pageant Committee.

10. The Jr. Miss/ Queen and her court will be expected to wear western attire for appearances throughout the entire week of the fair and at any other public appearances unless otherwise stated.

11. Members of the court will not wear her crown or sash unless on her way to an approved function.

12. If for any reason the Jr. Miss/Fair Queen cannot fulfill her duties as queen, the Grand Duchess/1st runner up will be promoted to the until the end of the reign.

13. Behavior is key! You will be representing Jackson County and must carry yourself in that manner. Any excessive absences, disrespect of authority, illegal behavior (including the use of drugs or underage drinking), being assigned probation, and having any misdemeanor or felony charges will not be tolerated. Also, tattoos and body piercings must not be displayed at any time while representing Jackson County as the Jr. Miss/Queen or as any member of the court. Additionally, the Jr. Miss/Fair Queen and her court will only represent herself in a positive manner on any social media websites such as Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter, etc. Lastly, if the Jr. Miss/ Fair Queen or any member of her court becomes pregnant during the year of her reign, she will be dismissed from the court and the contestant with the next highest score will be promoted.

14. The entrant agrees that if she is selected as the Jr. Miss or Fair Queen, she will serve until her successor has been selected and remains bound by these rules for the term of her reign. No member of the court may enter in any other pageant unless approved by the Pageant Committee.

15. Parents must sign off on these rules and pageant director must receive them before contestants will be allowed entrance into the building on the day of the interview/pageant.