

Pageant Application

Miss Rains County

Ages 15-19

QUALIFICATIONS

Contestant must be a full-time resident of Rains County and live within the official boundaries of the county. You ***MAY NOT*** use an address of a relative or property you do not reside at full time. If you provide a false address, your child will be disqualified and subject to not being allowed to compete in the pageant in the future.

Contestant and parent and/or guardian must **CAREFULLY** read the attached rules and guidelines and sign before a ***Notary Public***.

DRESS CODE FOR PAGEANT

Long evening gown. It is ***STRONGLY RECOMMENDED*** that the evening gown be free from cut-outs, plunging neck and back lines, and high slits. It is up to the discretion of the judges as to whether or not it is age appropriate for the young lady. They can deduct points if they feel this rule isn't followed.

DRESS CODE FOR PRELIMINARY JUDGING

Suit or dress.

TO ENTER

Complete the attached form and mail it with a \$35.00 entry fee (check or money order. **NO CASH**) Make the check payable to the RAINS COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION (Not the pageant chairman). Send entry form and money to Denita Young, 449 RCR 3410, Emory, Texas 75440

DEADLINE

Friday, August 2, 2024 by 5:00 p.m. Must be postmarked by this date. NO EXCEPTIONS! No refunds after this date.

QUESTIONS

Denita Young, 903-243-2714 or djyoung@ag.tamu.edu

MISS PHOTOGENIC

This is an optional category your child may enter. The additional cost to enter is \$40.00, but you will also receive a photo package with 1 - 5x7 and 4 - wallets. The pictures must be made by Deann Dickens of Picture It By D' Photography, 903-474-1170. You must go online at https://book.usesession.com/s/oc3CT_GvS to schedule and pay for your appointment by **Friday, August 2, 2024**. The pictures will be taken on **Saturday, August 17, 2024**, at her studio at 111 S. Texas Street (between Potts Feed Store and Potts Gas Company). They will be judged by the Pageant Judges on the day of the interviews.

REHEARSAL

Wednesday, August 28, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds. This will be immediately following the Written Platform Essay portion of the contest.

NEW RULE: 10 points will be deducted from the contestant's overall score if she and her parent/guardian are not present at rehearsal. NO EXCEPTIONS!

WRITTEN COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT ESSAY

You will write an essay on what you would like to choose as a Community Service Project for Rains County. If you are crowned Miss Rains County, you will be required to complete 10 hours of work toward your project. (See Pageant Rules for more details) It will be judged by the pageant judges. What you put on the application **MUST** be the project you write about for this portion of the contest.

This project must be approved by the Pageant Chairman and it is up to her discretion if it is realistic and attainable. ALL DECISIONS ARE FINAL. So please choose something you are sure you can do and remember that if you offer an optional project activity, there is no guarantee you will have participants. **The project must be done in Rains County and benefit it's citizens directly.** You are highly encouraged to contact Denita Young and discuss your Community Service Project before you turn in your application. You may email your proposed project to djyoung@ag.tamu.edu if you would like to discuss it before you fill out your application.

Each one of these categories will have points attached to them that will go toward your final score.

**The Written Community Service will be written on
Wednesday, August 28, 2024 the
Texas AgriLife Extension Conference Center.
Time: 5:45 p.m.**

INTERVIEWS

Interviews will be held at the Rains County AgriLife Extension Conference Center on **Wednesday, September 11, 2024** beginning at 4:30 p.m. If you are not ready when the pageant chairman calls for your group, you may be disqualified. **Contestants must stay until all of the interviews have been completed. If you leave before all contestants have been interviewed, you will be disqualified. Please be aware that contest judges will receive copies of all entry forms.**

PAGEANT

Wednesday, September 11, 2024. Be there by 8:30 p.m. We will begin immediately following the Jr. Miss Contest. If you are not in the dressing room when the pageant chairman locks the door, you may be disqualified.

PARADE

Saturday, September 14, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. Line up at **9:30 a.m.** at the Emory City Center. The winner, first, and second runners-up will be in the parade. Furnish your own transportation and two signs on your car with your name and title. If you fail to participate in the parade, you risk being ineligible to participate in future pageants. If you can't be in the parade, it must be approved prior to the parade by your pageant chairman.

NOTES

Each contestant will be judged on personality, poise, beauty, posture, and apparel as suited to the individual and their age. All contestants must compete in all areas of the contest and must be able to represent the Fair Association and Rains County at various events throughout the year.

Contestant Number: _____

Miss Rains Entry Form

Full Name _____

Age _____ (on the day of the pageant) Birthdate _____

Home Phone Number _____ Cell Phone Number _____

Parent and/or Guardian's Email Address: _____

Contestant's Email Address: _____

Complete Mailing Address _____

Hobbies _____

Brothers _____

Sisters _____

School Currently Attending and Grade Classification _____

Activities in School _____

Activities in Civic and Church Organizations _____

What do you expect to gain by participating in this pageant _____

Tell us something that will make us remember you _____

What intimidates you _____

What are your plans after graduating from high school _____

Best part of living in Rains County _____

Parents and/or Guardians (List as you want them announced at the pageant)

Do you plan on entering the Miss Photogenic Portion of the contest? _____

State your permanent residence, including the county of residence and any other residence you may have _____.

Are you female? _____ Are you single? _____

Have you ever been married? _____ Are you currently pregnant? _____

Have you ever given birth to a child? _____

Have you ever conceived a child? _____

Have you ever been convicted or adjudicated for any criminal offense, whether a juvenile offense misdemeanor, or felony in this state or any other state of the United States or been placed on probation for any reason? _____

Are there currently any criminal charges pending against you? _____

Please explain your community service project in 25 words or less _____

As evidenced by my signature below, I have read and understand the qualifications for the Miss Rains County Pageant, the Grounds for Disqualification, and the rules as adopted by the Board of Directors and the Rains County Pageant Director. I understand that the judging process is based on the Interview, Platform Essay, On-Stage Platform Presentation, and Evening Gown.

Release

I hereby release the Rains County Fair Association, its officers and agents from any action resulting from participation in the pageant. I understand the judging process and agree that the Judges' decisions are final.

Contestant's Signature

Parent or Natural Guardian of Applicant

**ALL FORMS THAT REQUIRE SIGNATURES MUST BE RETURNED TO THE
PAGEANT DIRECTORS BY THE SPECIFIED DEADLINE.**

Verification

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared the below named Applicant, who on her oath stated:

“I have read the Qualifications for the Jr. Miss and Miss Rains County Pageants; Grounds for Disqualification; and all other rules and procedures as adopted by the Board of Directors and the Rains County Pageant Director and I swear that the information provided in this Entry Form is true and correct”.

Signature of Applicant

Signature of Natural Guardian of Applicant

(For the contestant)

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME, by _____
on this the _____ day of _____, 24_____, to certify which witness my hand
and official seal of office.

Notary Public, State of Texas

(For the parent or guardian)

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME, by _____
on this the _____ day of _____, 24_____, to certify which witness my hand
and official seal of office.

Notary Public, State of Texas

QUALIFICATION FOR JR. & MISS RAINS COUNTY PAGEANTS

The Board of Directors of the Rains County Fair Association (Board of Directors) and the Rains County Fair Pageant Director (Pageant Director) have adopted the following rules, qualifications, duties and entry form for contestants desiring to participate in the Jr. and Miss Rains County Pageants.

Each person applying to participate in the Jr. or Miss Rains County Pageants, hereinafter referred to as "Contestant", must meet the following qualifications:

1. Contestant must be a full-time resident of Rains County and live within the official boundaries of the county, at least six (6) months prior to the competition and be a citizen of the United States. You ***MAY NOT*** use an address of a relative or property you do not reside at full time. If you provide a false address, your child will be disqualified and subject to not being allowed to compete in the pageant in the future.
2. If crowned the winner, the contestant must live in Rains County during her entire reign with her legal parent/guardian, unless she leaves to attend college.
3. Contestants must be female.
4. Contestants must be single and never before married, whether ceremonial or common law, or had a marriage annulled.
5. Contestants must not be pregnant or ever before conceived a child.
6. Contestants must be of good character, represent strong morals and values, possess poise, personality and intelligence.
7. Contestants must not have a final conviction, received probation, or deferred adjudication for any criminal offenses including but not limited to juvenile offenses, misdemeanors, or felonies, in this state or any other state of the United States.
8. Contestants must not be in the possession of or under the influence of marijuana or any other controlled substance as defined by Section 481.002 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, except as prescribed by a licensed physician.
9. Contestants must submit to a drug test or pregnancy test if requested by the Board of Directors and/or Pageant Director.
10. Contestants must, at the request of the Board of Directors and/or Pageant Director, appear before the Board and provide any such information requested.
11. Contestants must submit an application on the form prescribed by the Board of Directors and Pageant Director for eligibility to be considered for participation.

12. Contestants shall follow all rules and procedures as adopted by the Board of Directors and/or Pageant Director.
13. If a contestant breaks any of the rules in this document between the day it is notarized and the day of the pageant, they are subject to being prohibited from competing in the pageant.
14. If a contestant is serving time in the In-School Suspension Program or the Discipline Alternative Education Program on the dates of the preliminary judging and/or through the pageant date, they are subject to being prohibited from competing in the pageant.
15. Contestants must appear at all functions, rehearsals and pageants as requested by the Board of Directors and/or Pageant Director.
16. Contestants must follow and abide by all rules and procedures as adopted by the Board of Directors or Pageant Director.
17. The scholarship money for Miss Rains County will be given to you only if you attend an accredited college, trade, or technical school. You must present receipts for money spent on tuition and/or books to be reimbursed with scholarship money. All scholarship money must be used within 2 years of the date of graduation. After that time the money will revert back into the scholarship fund for the next Miss Rains County. It will be presented to you AFTER your reign is complete. This is upon successful completion of all duties and responsibilities to the satisfaction of the Pageant Director and Board of Directors.

GROUNDS FOR DISQUALIFICATION

The following grounds for disqualification shall apply to each contestant and the selected Queen through the last day of her reigning year.

A contestant or reigning Queen may be disqualified for any of the following reasons:

1. Providing false information to the Board of Directors and/or Pageant Director.
2. Providing false information on the Pageant Application or Entry Form.
3. Entering a marriage, whether ceremonial or common law.
4. Giving birth to a child, becoming pregnant, or conceiving a child.
5. Receiving a conviction or being adjudicated of delinquent conduct, any juvenile's offense misdemeanor, being placed on probation, or felony against the laws of the State of Texas or any other state in the United States.
6. Possessing or using marijuana or a controlled substance, as defined in Section 481.002 of the Texas Health and Safety Code.
7. For any behavior that is deemed inappropriate or unbecoming to a young lady contestant or Fair Queen by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.
8. Failing to attend a meeting with the Board of Directors and/or Pageant Director after being requested.
9. Failing to agree to be available throughout the year to represent the Fair Association and Pageant at all official occasions.
10. Failing to appear and represent the Fair Association and Pageant for any occasion as requested by the Board of Directors or Pageant Director, except for good cause as determined by the Board of Directors and/or Pageant Director.
11. Failing to perform any of the duties of Jr. Miss or Miss Rains County as promulgated by the Pageant Director and/or the Board of Directors.
12. Failing to perform a pregnancy test as specified by the Board of Directors and Pageant Director.
13. Failing to provide a drug test as specified by the Board of Directors and/or Pageant Director.

14. Failing to comply with any request, qualification, rule or regulation as adopted by the Pageant Director or Board of Directors.
15. Failing to cooperate with the Board of Directors or Pageant Director in any manner.
16. For any reason deemed appropriate by a Majority Vote of the Board of Directors.
17. Failing to appear at any function as requested by the Board of Directors or Pageant Director.
18. Moving outside of Rains County, unless for the purpose of attending college, before you complete the last day of your reign.
19. Acquiring tattoos and/or body markings that are visible. No artificial means of covering a tattoo and/or body marking will be allowed.
20. Acquiring body piercing (nose rings, tongue rings, eyebrows, etc.) other than pierced ears will be allowed. No artificial means of covering a piercing will be allowed, i.e. Band-Aids, objects to keep piercing from closing, etc.)
21. Acquiring distracting hair colors (s), mohawks, or spikes.
22. Miss Rains County must complete her 10 hours of community service work as related to her approved Platform Activity. **The project must be done in Rains County and benefit it's citizens directly.** You are highly It must be approved and signed by the person or organization receiving the community service work. It must also be approved by the Pageant Chairman. It must be completed by August 1 of her reign. If this duty is not completed, she will forfeit her crown.

ADDITIONAL PAGEANT RULES

1. **NEW RULE: 10 points will be deducted from the contestant's overall score if she and her parent/guardian are not present at rehearsal. NO EXCEPTIONS!**
2. You will be expected to have your official queen's portrait taken within 6 weeks of being crowned. **Location and pose of the portrait will be determined by the Pageant Director. Pageant Director has the final approval of the portrait that will hang in the Rains County Courthouse.**
3. Miss Rains County will secure the scholarship money from June 1 through June 30 during the summer of her reign.

4. Upon the successful completion of her reign, which is considered the day after she crowns the new queen, Miss Rains County will receive up to a \$1,000.00 scholarship equivalent to the amount of money she secured from pageant sponsors.
5. Jr. & Miss Rains County, along with their parents, will co-host a light “To-Go” Food Box for the contestants during the pageant interviews. They will be responsible for providing the food, beverages, and paper goods.

In the event the Board of Directors and Pageant Director determine that a reigning Queen or Contestant is disqualified, the Queen and/or Contestant shall:

1. Forfeit all rights and privileges granted or received as a result of being selected as the Rains County Queen.
2. Immediately forfeit any title, crown, trophy, scholarship, monies, and prizes to the Pageant Director. If the crown is forfeited prior to May 1 of the reigning year, the first runner-up will be moved up to the title of Jr. or Miss Rains County and receive all prizes and scholarship money associated with the title. She will also assume all remaining responsibilities and duties of Jr. Miss or Miss Rains County. Everyone else will keep their same positions. If the crown is forfeited after May 1 of the president year, a new queen will not assume this position nor receive the scholarship money and prizes. It will be held over to be used for the next year’s pageant.
3. Forfeit the right and authority to represent, attend or participate in any activities as the Rains County Queen.
4. Forfeit the right to participate in the pageant or future pageants.

Any disqualified contestant or Queen shall be responsible for reimbursing the Rains County Fair Association for any costs or expenses, including but not limited to attorney fees and court costs, as a result of the disqualification and/or for any litigation resulting from the disqualification and/or enforcement of the rules and duties as adopted by the Board of Directors and Pageant Director.