



Jr. Miss & Queen Pageant Application

Pageant will be held on Saturday, September 26, 2026 at 7:00pm at the Jackson County Services Building.

Entry Deadline: 5:00pm on September 11, 2026

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 Wednesday, September 16th.

**Age Requirements: 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 make checks payable to JCYF – Pageants**

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

**JCYF – Pageants
P.O. Box 457 Edna, TX 77957**

Or application can be dropped off at Davis Jewelry – 112 W Main, Edna by 5:00pm M-F

For questions call Valerie Callaway at (361) 782-1333

Contestants should submit:

- 1: Contestant application along with \$40.00 check mailed to address above, dropped off at Davis Jewelry during business hours or scanned and sent to jcyfpageants@yahoo.com**
- 2: Bio (sent via email to jcyfpageants@yahoo.com)**
- 3: Filled out community service form, (or sent via to same email above)**
- 4: Photo/headshot that will be used in the newspaper as well as sent to judges. Can be attached to the application or emailed as well to the email address above.**



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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 OR email it BY Wednesday, September 11, 2026. (email address is on page 4 of application)

Please write/type up a bio to introduce yourself to the judges/county. You may include name, age, school activities, special awards, fair participation, hobbies, plans/goals for the future and anything else you think might be worthy of mentioning about yourself. We will be mailing this to the judges (marking out your name) before the pageant so they know a little bit about you and can use your bio to ask you questions about things you are interested in during the afternoon interview. This will also be read the night of the pageant as you work the stage. email to jcyfpageants@yahoo.com

This bio should be limited to 300 words. Let me know if you have any questions.

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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 5:00 pm on September 11, 2026 (Or September 16th with approval). This includes application, entry fee, bio, photo and community service form.
2. Photos –This photo will be used for the newspaper ad as well as sent to judges. Your photo should be more of a headshot from waist up. You may either submit an actual photo with your application that will be scanned and returned to you, or submitted via email. Send photo to jcyfpageants@yahoo.com and title it with your name and category = example: Sally Smith, Jr. Miss Contestant. Make sure you receive confirmation back that the email was received.
3. Practice – Will be held on Sunday, September 20, 2026 at 3:00pm 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, 2026 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, 2026 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 7 minutes for Jr. Miss Contestants and 10 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, 2026 at 7:00pm at the Jackson County Services Building. There is a \$5.00 entry fee for admittance.
6. Little Mr. and Miss Pageant – Sunday, September 27, 2026 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, 2026. The Jr. Miss/Fair Queen and her court will be riding in the parade. More details & information will be given after the pageant.

Sincerely,
Valerie Callaway
JCYF Board Member & Pageant Liaison
361-782-1333 cell

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 2026-2027 school year and all contestants must reside in Jackson County.
2. The JCYF Pageant does adhere to the no pass/no play rule set forth by UIL. Just as exhibitors must be passing to show, those chosen on the Queen's court must also be in accordance with this as well. The title will not be stripped, but participating in the Jackson County Youth Fair events will not be allowed if a girl has failed.
3. 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, 2026 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.
4. All contestants need to attend all meetings and practices. If a conflict arises, please call/text Valerie Callaway at 361-782-1333 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.

7. Judging will be conducted by a panel of out of county judges and their decisions are final. A Queen, Grand Duchess and Duchess will be chosen for the Queen's pageant and a Jr. Queen, 1st runner up and 2nd runner up will be chosen for the Jr. Miss pageant. Depending on the number of entries, only one Miss Congeniality may be chosen between the Jr. Miss and Queen's entries. If there are enough contestants a Miss Congeniality will be chosen from both Jr. Miss and Queen's contestants and will be voted on by the contestants in a secret ballot after the afternoon interviews and before the pageant begins.

8. 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 as done for heifer judging. One judge will be deemed as the tie breaker judge before the pageant and his/her score will be the deciding factor.

9. The contestants can score up to 100 points total, with each category ranging from 5-20 attainable points with and based on the following categories:

Community Involvement Score: (20 attainable 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.

Points coming from the afternoon interview: (Total of 50 attainable 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 interviews are 7 minutes for Jr Miss and 10 minutes for Queens with the panel of judges and an official timer will be timing to make sure each contestant receives the same amount of time while in the interview room..

During the pageant: This is what the audience sees...(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?

10. 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.

11. 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. Members of the court are not permitted to wear crown and/or sash for any other reason other than 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. Parents/guardians 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.