

2016 TEXAS RICE FESTIVAL SENIOR QUEEN PAGEANT

Chairmen: Kim Hill
Kelly Strain

Senior Queen Pageant ~ Information & Guidelines

Age Limit: Open to girls' ages 17 – 20 years old as of September 24, 2016.

Entry Fee: \$55.00 due upon entry w/application. Fees will not be refunded for no-show.

Number of Contestants: The contest will automatically close when 30 entries have been accepted. Deadline for entry is Wednesday, September 21, 2016. In the event an entry form arrives at the Festival office after the contest has been declared closed, the applicant will be notified and the entry fee will be returned.

Photogenic: Our Texas Rice Festival Photographer, will take a picture of each contestant to be judged for Miss Photogenic. This is optional; however contestants choosing not to have their picture taken will not be judged for Miss Photogenic or have their picture printed in the Pageant Program or newspaper. Picture dates and times to be announced.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2016 JUDGING

Brunch & Interview with Judges: 10:00 a.m.

This portion of judging will be held at the Texas Rice Festival office located at 307 E. LeBlanc in Winnie. A brunch buffet will be served. Each contestant will be interviewed by the judges. A casual dress or skirt blouse combination should be worn for the interview.

Final Interview: 4:30 p.m.

Final judging will be held at East Chambers High School. **ONLY** contestants will be allowed in the building, parents/guardians may not stay with contestants during this portion. Long formal, **(Any Solid color or White Dress)** should be worn for the interview and stage presentation.

Senior Queen Pageant: 6:00 p.m.

Contestants one at a time will walk on stage while the emcee reads information submitted on their entry form. After the on stage presentation the new **Texas Rice Festival Senior Queen, Runners-up, Miss Photogenic, and Miss Congeniality** will be announced. Family members and friends are invited to attend. There is no admission fee.

Saturday October 1, 2016

Grand Parade: 9:00 a.m.

2016 Sr. Queen and Runner-ups, Miss Photogenic and Miss Congeniality are required to ride in the Grand Parade wearing their formal dress. Meet at East Chambers High School parking lot where you will be bussed to the parade line up and placed on a float. The Grand Parade starts at 10:00 a.m. Floats will unload in the East Chambers School parking lot. **For safety reasons no one will be allowed to get off their float until it reaches the school.**

The 2016 Texas Rice Festival Queen will be required to attend all functions during the festival, and will be accompanied by her TRF Queen Hostess (Melissa Hodges) Should you need further assistance please call the festival office @ (409) 296-4404, or contact the chairmen, Kim Hill @ 409-781-0927.

*****Please Note*****
**In the event of a rain
out or natural disaster,
entry fees will not be
refunded.**

2016 SENIOR QUEEN ENTRY FORM

Age Limit: 17 – 20 yrs

Entry Fee: \$55.00

Name: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Address: _____
(Mailing Address) (City) (State) (Zip)

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age (as of 9/24/16) _____

Hair Color: _____ Eye Color: _____ Height: _____

School Attending & Location: _____

Employment: _____

Hobbies/Extra Curricular Activities: (no more than 4) _____

Future Plans: _____

Sponsor: _____

SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

The Texas Rice Festival Queen will receive a \$3000.00 scholarship to assist in continuing her education. A check for \$1500.00 will be made payable to the College, University, or Institute upon documentation of enrollment of at least 12 hours and with a previous GPA of 2.5 for the spring semester, then \$1500 for next fall semester. If the Queen does not utilize any of the scholarship, the unused balance will revert back to the Texas Rice Festival Scholarship Fund.

TEXAS RICE FESTIVAL SENIOR QUEEN BY LAWS

The contestant must have a sponsor. The sponsor may be an organization, business, or an individual.

The contestant **MUST** attend all functions that are listed under Information and Guidelines.

The contestant that is crowned Queen of the Texas Rice Festival, must be available to attend any public event or festivities to represent the Texas Rice Festival during her reign that the Festival deems necessary.

The reigning Queen may not compete for another title in other pageants, but is encouraged to attend as visiting royalty to represent the Texas Rice Festival.

The contestant must not be a current reigning queen of any other pageant.

The contestant must be single and have never been married or had a marriage annulled; must not be or have ever been pregnant.

The contestant must be attending a high school, College, or University.

The contestant must be of good moral character and never have been convicted or charged with any crime.

In the event a contestant in the pageant has in possession or violates the Controlled Substances Penal Code Act, she will be disqualified. The entry fee will not be refunded.

The contestant must be a resident of the State of Texas to apply and participate in the Texas Rice Festival Senior Queen Pageant. (If a resident less than 30 days prior to applying established proof of residency, such proof must be approved by the chairman.)