

# 2023 Texas Rice Festival Junior Queen

**Chairman:** Michelle Crone (409) 351-4473

## Junior Queen Pageant ~ Rules & Information

**Age Limit:** Open to girls ages 9 – 12 years old as of September 30, 2023.

**Entry Fee:** \$40.00 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 Friday, September 8, 2023. 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. **You can not sign up for this pageant if you have been a previous Jr. Queen of the Texas Rice Festival.**

**Interview Outfit:** You will be able to express your personality by wearing an outfit of choice. Points will not be given for the outfit but should be age appropriate and tasteful.

**Dress for Stage:** Dresses should be age appropriate, full length (*to the floor*) formal. **Short dresses, tea-length dresses, hats, and gloves are prohibited.** Contestants wearing any of these items or dressed inappropriately will not receive a score for "Appearance".

## **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 ~ JUDGING!**

**Judging:** All judging will be completed on 9/30. Contestants will be judged on Interview, Appearance, Personality, & Stage Presence. Winners will be announced on Youth Day.

### **Interview: at 10:00 am (wearing outfit of choice)**

Be at East Chambers High School no later than 9:45 a.m. Parents/Guardians may not stay with contestants during this portion. Contestants will be given a number from 1 to 30 and must be interviewed in that order or forfeit their turn. Each girl will have a 2-minute interview with the judges. Parent/Guardian should pick their child up at 12:30pm.

### **On Stage Judging: at 3:00 pm (wearing formal dress)**

Be at East Chambers High School no later than 2:45 p.m. completely dressed and ready to go on stage. Judging will begin promptly at 3:00 p.m. Contestants one at a time will walk on stage while the emcee reads information submitted on their entry form. Family members and friends are invited to attend the onstage portion of the contest.

## **FRIDAY, October 6, 2023, ~ YOUTH DAY**

**Check In:** 1:15 p.m. – Meet at Prosperity Bank (rear parking lot) wearing the same dress that was worn the weekend before during judging. Contestants will be bussed to the Main Stage in the park for their final stage presentation. One Parent/Guardian may accompany contestant on the bus to the festival grounds.

**Line-up:** Upon arrival when exiting the bus, **PARENTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED** in the line-up area behind stage. This will be strictly enforced. Please go directly to the front of the stage and wait in the viewing area. Back stage is chaotic, and the amount of traffic flow must be kept at a minimum. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

**Junior Queen Pageant:** 2:00 p.m. – Each contestant will be individually introduced and lined up on stage. After introductions the new Texas Rice Festival **Junior Queen, Runners-ups, and Miss Congeniality** will be announced.

**Youth Day Parade:** All contestants are strongly encouraged to ride on the Junior Queen float during Friday's parade. Immediately following the Junior Queen Pageant, proceed to the Community Building at the South end of the park to be placed on the float. Contestants will be dropped off in front of the Community Building after the parade.

Should you need further assistance please call Michelle Crone @ (409) 351-4473 or the festival office @ (409) 296-4404. We will be happy to answer all your questions. For information about the 2023 Texas Rice Festival go to [www.texasricefestival.com](http://www.texasricefestival.com).

Registration opens Wednesday, July 5, 2023 @ 9:00 a.m. and will automatically close on Friday September 8 2023, or when the limit of 30 entries is reached.

**\*\*\*Please Note\*\*\***

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

# 2023 Junior Queen Entry Form

**Age Limit: 9 – 12 yrs.**

**Entry Fee: \$40.00**

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Mailing Address) (City) (State) (Zip)

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age (as of 9/30/23) \_\_\_\_\_

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

T-Shirt Size: Small (6-8) Medium (10-12) Large (14-16) AS AM AL A-XL

When I grow up, I want to be: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

I hereby give consent for my child to participate in the Texas Rice Festival Junior Queen Pageant. By signing, I understand and give consent for any photographs taken during or after the contest to be used for publicity or anyway deemed necessary by the festival.

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_