

2026 Texas Rice Festival

Little Rice King

Chairman: Dana Arceneaux (409)350-5501

Little Rice King ~ Rules & Information

Age Limit: Open to boys between the ages of 4 & 6 years old as of September 26, 2026.

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. The deadline for entry is Friday, September 4, 2026. 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 Little Rice King of the Texas Rice Festival.**

Attire: Any kind of suit and tie is appropriate, either 3-piece suit or dress pants and sports coat. **Blue jeans, tuxedos, gloves, hats or canes are prohibited.** Any contestant wearing these listed items will not be given a score for "Appearance".

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2026, ~ JUDGING!

Judging: All judging will be completed on September 26, 2026. Contestants will be judged on Interview, Appearance, Personality, & Stage Presence. Winners will be announced on Youth Day.

Interview: 9:00 a.m.

Be at East Chambers High School no later than 8:45 am. Each child will have a 2-minute interview with the judges. Contestants will be given a number from 1 to 30 and will be interviewed in that order. The contestant must be interviewed when his number is called or forfeits his turn. Only one adult per child will be allowed to stay in the holding room during the interview time. To ensure fairness, no one will be allowed to accompany a contestant into the interview.

On Stage: 10:00 a.m.

Following the interview portion, Little Rice King contestants will remain in their suits to be judged on stage. Judging will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. Past TRF royalty will escort contestants one at a time to walk out on stage. During their walk, the emcee will give a bio from information submitted on the entry form. Family members and friends are invited to attend the onstage portion of the contest.

FRIDAY, October 2, 2026~ YOUTH DAY

Check In: 10:45 a.m. – Meet at Prosperity Bank (rear parking lot) wearing the same suit 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 contestants on the bus to the festival grounds.

Line-up: Upon arrival when exiting the bus, **ONLY ONE ADULT PER CHILD** will be allowed in the line-up area behind the stage. Please ask your family and friends to wait in front of the stage in the viewing area. **THIS WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.** Back stage is chaotic, and the amount of traffic flow must be kept at a minimum. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Little Rice King Contest: 11:20 a.m. – Each contestant will be individually introduced and lined up on stage. After introductions, the new Texas Rice Festival **Little Rice King and Runners-ups** will be announced.

Youth Day Parade: All contestants are strongly encouraged to ride on the Little Rice King float during Friday's parade. Please meet in front of the Community Building at the South end of the park at 2:15 p.m. to be placed on the float. An adult must ride with each child. Contestants will be dropped off in front of the Community Building after the parade. Little Rice King and runners-up are to wear their suits. All other contestants should wear suits to ride in the parade.

Should you need further assistance please call Dana Arceneaux (409) 350-5501 or the festival office (409) 296-4404 and we will be happy to answer all your questions. For information about the 2026 Texas Rice Festival go to www.texasricefestival.com.

Registration opens Wednesday, July 8, 2026 @ 9:00 a.m. and will automatically close on Friday September 4, 2026, 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.**

2026 Little Rice King Entry Form

Age Limit: 4 – 6 yrs.

Entry Fee: \$40.00

Child's Name _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

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

School Attending: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age (as of 9/26/26) _____

T-Shirt Size: X-Small (2-4) Small (6-8) Medium (10-12) Large (14-16) AS AM

When I grow up, I want to be: _____

Sponsor: _____

I hereby give consent for my child to participate in the Texas Rice Festival Little Rice King Contest. 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: _____