



Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Exposition Association

*2024 Junior Fair Princess
Grades 3rd - 5th
And
Fair Princess
Grades 6th - 8th
Royalty Application*

Friday, February 16, 2024 at 7:00PM

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Fair Office – 979-245-2454

Junior Fair Princess and Fair Princess Rules & Regulations

**Please READ all rules and regulations carefully before signing.
All forms MUST have complete information or will not be accepted.**

1. I am a citizen of the United States. I am currently a resident of Matagorda County or enrolled in a home school, private school, or public school for the current year in Matagorda County and I am an active member of a Matagorda County 4-H, FFA or Junior FFA Club.
2. Each Contestant will be required to pay a \$50.00 entry fee. Contestant entry fee may be paid by a sponsor, a supporter, or family. Please make checks payable to Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association. All sponsors will receive recognition in the Royalty Program and announced the day of event.
3. I am of good health and moral character and shall not be in custody of the Juvenile Court. Good health is defined as adequate health to fulfill duties if selected.
4. Any person winning Junior Fair Princess or Fair Princess title will not be eligible to enter that contest again.
5. All contestants must be eligible under UIL rules. The Fair Office will request eligibility from your school. Home school students will need to furnish their eligibility form to the Fair Office by noon Thursday, February 8, 2024.
6. All contestants are required to turn in a **60-word onstage introduction** that will be used by the emcee during the onstage/arena presentation. Anything that exceeds the word count will be at the discretion of the royalty directors to remove words. Please use 3rd person narration and the contestant's first name only. Introduction must be on a separate, letter size sheet of paper. If typed, the print must be no smaller than 16 point. It should have at least 1 ½ spaces between the lines with one-inch margins all around -Do not include any names of parent(s) or guardian(s). The contestant's sponsor, grade, school, and fair participation must be included. Additional information may include, but is not limited to, hobbies, extracurricular activities, community involvement, and school involvement.
This will not be scored by the judges.
7. All Princess Contestants will be required to sell at least 4 Fair Supporter Signs @ \$25.00 each. All monies (\$100.00 per contestant) are due in the Fair Office by 3:30 pm, Tuesday, February 13, 2024. If you do not sell all signs, points maybe deducted from your final score.
8. All contestants are required to write a **short autobiography** on a separate letter size sheet of paper to turn in with the entry form. Do not use your last name or your family's names. It may be typed or handwritten and must be no more than one page in length. If typed, the print must be no smaller than 12 point. It should have at least 1 ½ spaces between the lines with one-inch margins all around. The paper should contain information that you think best describes your character and why you want to be (or would be a good) MCFLA Royalty Court Member.
9. The contestants will be judged on personality, poise, appearance, fair involvement, community involvement, school participation and interview skills. There will be private interviews with a panel of out of county judges in addition to the stage interviews.
10. Out of county judges will select a winner from each division as well as Runner-Ups.
11. Registration opens on **Monday, January 22, 2024**, through **Thursday, January 25, 2024**. Completed Applications along with one Head Shot Photo, emailed to the Fair Office mcfa@matagordacountyfair.com and entry fees can be turned into the Fair Office between 8:30 am and 3:00 pm.

EMAIL FORMAT FOR PHOTO'S

Subject line **ROYALTY**. Body of email:

Picture of contestant as an attachment in JPEG Format Only- Which contest the child is participating in - Child's First and Last Name-Parent's Name(s)-Sponsor (if applicable)-.

Scoring is as follows:

<u>Private Interview</u>		<u>Stage Presentation</u>	
Application/Entry	15 pts	Poise & Posture	15 pts
Person Appearance	15 pts	Stage Presence	15 pts
Interview	30 pts	Voice Presentation	10 pts
Community Involvement	10 pts	Eye Contact.....	10 pts
School Involvement	10 pts		
Fair Involvement	20 pts		
Total Points	100	Total Points	50

12. Contestants will receive a letter prior to contest with interview times.
13. I understand that my conduct is a reflection on the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association Royalty Court and Matagorda County Fair Association and will act accordingly. **I understand that good sportsmanship is required and that I must always be respectful of others.** I verify that I will not engage in any activities which would bring myself, the Fair Association, or my court into ridicule or contempt. This includes, but is not limited to, using foul language, inappropriate internet, or social networking behavior (included Facebook, Snap Chat, Twitter, Instagram, etc.), use of alcohol, being ticketed with MIP, smoking cigarettes, e-cigarettes, vaping or illegal drugs, felony convictions, probation, misdemeanor, or any other illegal behavior. Any violation will be presented to the MCFLA Board of Directors and could result in immediate removal of title and awards.
14. Contestants, or any individual with a relationship to a contestant, must not approach the Royalty Judges with the intent to influence or harass. Action of this type will be reported by the judge to the Royalty Director and may result in being disqualified from the contest, and/or loss of title and being banned from future royalty participation.
15. I understand that any photographs or videos of contestants during the contest and court throughout the year, will become the property of the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association. They may be used for Matagorda County Fair related marketing materials without further permission.
16. MCFLA Protest Procedures – All protests concerning Matagorda County Fair Royalty Entries must be submitted prior to judging and be accompanied by a \$150 cash deposit. The deposit will be returned **ONLY** if the protest is upheld. **Once judging has commenced NO protests will be accepted. The judge's decision is final and not subject for protest.** Judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation. The protest will be reviewed by at least five (5) members of the Fair Board of Directors. The ruling of the Fair Board Directors will be final. Both sides of the protest must be present at the time of the protest. There will be no anonymous protests accepted.
17. If the case should arise that there are only four Junior Fair Princess contestants, the judges will name one Junior Fair Princess and one 1st Runner-up. If there are only five Fair Princess contestants the judges will name a Fair Princess, a 1st Runner-up, and a 2nd Runner-up.
18. **Remember, you are a Fair and Rodeo Representative.** You will be looked upon as a role model and example to others. While the Royalty Committee has no right to ask you to give up any personal activities, they have every

right to expect you to behave in a manner befitting of your position. The Fair Board also has every right to remove any member of the Royalty Court if they feel he/she has shown misconduct.

19. No scores will be released to any competitor. This is a board decision and is final.

IF I AM SELECTED AS A MEMBER OF THE MCFLA ROYALTY COURT

1. Junior Fair Princess and Fair Princess must wear their tiara on a Cowboy Hat.
2. I agree to be available for the full term of one (1) year and understand that attendance is expected at scheduled events and activities.
3. If I choose to participate in any other pageant and win a title in that pageant, I must fulfill my obligation to the MCFLA Royalty Court.
4. If crowned Junior Fair Princess or Fair Princess, I will immediately notify the Royalty Director if I am unable or unwilling to fulfill the expressed duties of my title and the 1st Runner-up will assume all the duties of the Junior Fair Princess or Fair Princess.
5. If the MCFLA Sash is damaged parent/guardian must pay to have it replaced.
6. The Junior Fair Princess and Fair Princess and their Runners-up will be required to ride on the Fair Float during all parades we participate in. Junior Fair Princess and Fair Princess and their Runners-up may be required to participate in Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Show Ribbon Presentations. You will receive an itinerary with the events and times of all the events that you will be assisting in from the Royalty Chairman.
7. The Junior Fair Princess and Fair Princess and their Runners-up will be presented each night during the Grand Entry prior each Rodeo Performance.
8. I will immediately notify the Royalty Director if I am unable or unwilling to fulfill the expressed duties of my title and will relinquish my title upon the direction of the Royalty Directors and Matagorda County Fair Board of Directors. Any court member that is removed from the court, regardless of the reason, must relinquish their title, return their tiara, and sash, and forfeit all prizes. I also understand that if I am terminated, I may be banned from future Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association Royalty Contest participation.
9. I understand and agree that the Royalty Directors and Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association Board of Directors shall determine all issues as to my eligibility/termination. By their signatures below, applicant and their parent or guardian certify that they have read and understand the rules and regulations as set forth above, that the applicant meets the requirements and will comply with the rules and regulations as stated. Any untrue statement or failure to comply may result in applicant's disqualification.

MCFLA Junior Fair Princess / Fair Princess Royalty Contest Application

Paid Ck#_____/Cash

Contestant Number

Please check appropriate box:

Junior Fair Princess
Grades 3rd – 5th

Fair Princess
Grades 6th -8th

Contestant Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____

School: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Parents Cell Phone: _____

Sponsor: _____

4-H Club or FFA Chapter: _____

4-H Leader's/Ag Teacher's Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Mother's/Guardian's Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email: _____ Address: _____

Father's/Guardian's Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email: _____ Address: _____

Please list Parents/Guardians names as you want it printed on all programs and papers.

Please list Sponsors names as you want it printed on all programs and papers. (Your parents can be your sponsor)

Contestant, parents/guardian hereby agree that if selected for a title, contestant will cooperate to the best of their ability in all activities decided upon by the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Exposition Association. It is further agreed that the contestant will have the full consent of their parents or legal guardians to enter the contest. An advertising release, from the parents or guardians, giving full consent to use photographs for advertising and publicity is given herewith.

Please complete this form and accompany it with: Sponsor fee \$50.00 Make checks payable to: MCFLA

WE THE PARENTS AND/OR GUARDIANS OF THE CONTESTANT INDIVIDUALLY NAMED ON THIS APPLICATION HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND ALL RULES, GUIDELINES AND OBLIGATIONS. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT ALL FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE WITHOUT EXCEPTION.

Contestant's Signature

Parent or Guardian's Signature

MCFLA Royalty Contestant Bio

Contestant # _____ (will be assigned)

First Name Only _____ Grade _____

School you attend _____

What is your favorite class in school? _____

What school activities do you participated in? _____

What community activities or organizations do you participate in? _____

List any special award(s) have you received? _____

What are your hobbies? _____

What is your favorite pet? _____

What are your favorite rodeo events? _____

What is your favorite Fair Animal? _____

What is your favorite Fair food? _____

What is your favorite thing about coming to the Fair and Rodeo? _____

What Fair activities have you participated in? _____

Do you have a Fair project this year? _____ If so, what is your project(s)? _____

What Fair Activities are you participating in this year? _____

What would make you most happy about being part of the Royalty Court? _____

What do you want to be when you grow up? _____

Junior Fair Princess & Fair Princess Fair Participation Form

Please indicate which fair activities, listed below, you have participated in, and what years you participated.

Contest and Show Participation	Year 20-21	Year 21-22	Year 22-23	Year 23-24
Little Miss Contest				
Junior Fair Princess				
Fair Princess Contestant				
Home Economics Food Show Participant				
Home Economics Craft Show Participant				
Academic Rodeo Team Member				
Public Speaking Contestant				
Junior Livestock Show – Meat Pen Rabbits Exhibitor				
Junior Livestock Show – Poultry Exhibitor				
Junior Livestock Show – Swine Exhibitor				
Junior Livestock Show – Goat Exhibitor				
Junior Livestock Show – Lamb Exhibitor				
Junior Livestock Show – Steer Exhibitor				
Junior Livestock Show – Commercial Heifers Exhibitor				
Agricultural Mechanics Show Team Member				
Talent Show Participant				
Bucket Calf Show Participant				
Livestock Judging Team Member / Participant				
Mutton Bustin Participant				
Participated in the MCFLA Halter Heifer/Longhorn Show				
Kids Rodeo Clown Contest Participant				
Kids Coloring Contest Participant				

**Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Exposition Association
Post Office Box 1803
Bay City, Texas 77404**

Release and Indemnity Agreement

I, _____ the parent/legal guardian of

_____, participant contestant(s) in the **Royalty Contest of Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Exposition Association** do hereby knowingly and voluntarily release the above referenced event, the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Exposition Association Board of Directors, MCFLA Members, Judges, Volunteers and Employees of the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Exposition Association, Matagorda County and any other person, firm or individual charged and chargeable with responsibility or liability, their heirs, administrators, executors, successors and assigns from and against any and all claims, lawsuits, demands, damages, loss of services, actions and causes of action based upon, arising out of, such event(s) or in any way related to any honors, awards, or rights sought by me as a participant in the Matagorda County Fair and Livestock Exposition Association's Royalty Contest the conduct of business threat thereat, the ownership and possession of any honors, awards, or rights, thereby, any negligent act, act of misfeasance or nonfeasance by the Matagorda County Fair and Livestock Exposition Association with any honors, awards, and rights, bestowed at said events. Further, I do hereby agree to exonerate, hold harmless, and indemnify such event(s) past, present or future in connection with such honors, awards, and rights. Such indemnification to include any and all fees (including reasonable attorney's fee), costs and other expenses reasonably incurred by or on behalf of the above referenced event(s) and investigation of or defense against any such claims, lawsuits, demands, actions, or causes of actions.

I have had a full and adequate opportunity to be thoroughly advised of the terms and conditions of this release and indemnity agreement by counsel of my own choosing. I have also been afforded the opportunity to ask all questions that I have concerning this document and its execution by me. I do fully understand the terms of this agreement and do intentionally and voluntarily agree to same.

Contestant's Signature Date

Parent's Signature (If /Contestant is under 18 Years of Age) Date

Witness' Signature Date

Please Note:

NO PERSON(S) MAY PARTICIPATE and or COMPETE IN ANY MATAGORDA COUNTY FAIR & LIVESTOCK EXPOSITION ASSOCIATION EVENT(S) UNTIL THIS DOCUMENT HAS BEEN SIGNED BEFORE A WITNESS.

Contestant Checklist

The following items must be included with your application.

_____ Contestant Application

_____ Head Shot emailed to the Fair Office

_____ Sponsorship Fees: All checks payable to MCFLA (**Paper Clipped to the front of your paperwork**)

_____ Contestant Bio Sheet

_____ 60 Word Onstage Introduction - A separate letter size sheet of paper

_____ Autobiography - A separate letter size sheet of paper.

_____ Fair Participation

_____ Release & Indemnity Form

Home School Students Only

_____ Eligibility Form – **Due by noon on Thursday, February 8th, 2024 – Fair Office**