



*Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Exposition Association*

*2024 Little Miss Cowgirl and Little Mister Cowboy  
Kindergarten, First and Second Grade Students Only*

**Friday, February 16, 2024, at 7:00PM**

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# *MCFLA Royalty Court Rules & Regulations*

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 Club.
2. Each Contestant will be required to pay a \$30.00 entry fee, payable to the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association.
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 the MCFLA Little Miss Cowgirl or Little Mister Cowboy 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. Contestants are required to turn in a **40-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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 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 Little 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. Registration opens on **Monday, January 22, 2024**, through **Thursday, January 25, 2024, at Noon**. Completed Applications along with one Head Shot Photo, Emailed to the Fair Office [mcfa@matagordacountyfair.com](mailto: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)-.**

9. Contestants will receive a letter prior to contest with interview times.
10. 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.
11. If the case should arise that there are only four contestants in one group, the judges will name one Little Miss Cowgirl and one 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-up or one Little Mister Cowboy and one 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-up.

12. 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.

Scoring is as follows:

<u>Private Interview</u>		<u>Stage Presentation</u>	
Application/Entry	15 pts	Poise & Posture	15 pts
Personal Appearance	15 pts	Stage Presence	15 pts
Interview	30 pts	Voice Presentation	10 pts
Community Involvement	15 pts	Eye Contact	10 pts
School Involvement	5 pts		
Fair Involvement	20 pts		
<b>Total Points</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>Total Points</b>	<b>50</b>

13. 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.
14. 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.
15. 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 (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.
16. **No scores will be released to any competitor. This is a board decision and is final.**
17. **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.

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

1. I agree to be available for the full term of one (1) year and understand that attendance is expected at scheduled events and activities.
2. I will immediately notify the Royalty Director if I am unable or unwilling to fulfill the expressed duties.
3. Little Miss Cowgirl and Little Mister Cowboy and their Runner(s) –up are required to ride on the Fair Float during all parades we participate in.
4. Little Miss Cowgirl and Little Mister Cowboy and their Runner(s) –up will be presented during the Grand Entry prior to each Rodeo Performance.

*MCFLA Little Miss Cowgirl / Little Mister Cowboy  
Royalty Contest Application*

Paid Ck#_____/Cash
Contestant Number _____

Please check appropriate box: Little Miss Cowgirl  Little Mister Cowboy

Please complete this form and accompany it with: Entry fee \$30.00 Make checks payable to: MCFLA

Contestant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's/Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

Father's/Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_

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.

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.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Signed

*MCFLA Royalty Contestant Bio*

Contestant # \_\_\_\_\_ (will be assigned)

First Name Only \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

School you attend \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

How many brothers and sisters do you have? \_\_\_\_\_

What type of pets do you have? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your favorite pet? \_\_\_\_\_ What is its name? \_\_\_\_\_

What do you like to do for fun? \_\_\_\_\_

What community activities or organizations are you involved in? \_\_\_\_\_

What school sponsored events have you participated in? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you participated in? \_\_\_\_\_ Food Drive \_\_\_\_\_ Box Tops \_\_\_\_\_ Jump Rope for Heart

What is your favorite class in school? \_\_\_\_\_

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? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you in Clover Kids? \_\_\_\_\_ if not, Do you plan to join 4-H when you are old enough? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a Fair project this year? \_\_\_\_\_ if so, what is your project? \_\_\_\_\_

What Fair Activities are you participating in this year? \_\_\_\_\_

What would make you most happy about being named Little Miss Cowgirl/Little Mister Cowboy? \_\_\_\_\_

If you could be any animal, what would it be? \_\_\_\_\_

What do you want to be when you grow up? \_\_\_\_\_

### Little Miss Cowgirl and Little Mister Cowboy Fair Participation Form

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

<b>EVENT NAME</b>	<b>Year 2020-2021</b>	<b>Year 2021-2022</b>	<b>Year 2022-2023</b>
Little Miss/ Mister contest			
Talent Show Contest			
Home Economics Craft Show-Clover Kids			
Bucket Calf Show			
Mutton Bustin'			
Coloring Contest			
Clown Contest			

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

**Release and Indemnity Agreement**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ the parent/legal guardian of

\_\_\_\_\_, a 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 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 are due on the Mandatory Meeting Day:

\_\_\_\_\_ 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

\_\_\_\_\_ 40 Word Onstage Introduction - A separate letter size sheet of paper

\_\_\_\_\_ Fair Participation

\_\_\_\_\_ Release & Indemnity Form

### **Home School Students Only**

\_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility Form – **Due by noon on Thursday, February 8, 2024 – Fair Office**