

Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Exposition Association

*2025 Fair Queen and Rodeo Queen Royalty Application
Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, & Senior High School Students Only*

Fair Queen Interviews – Sunday, February 2, 2025, at 2:00PM

Matagorda County Fairgrounds, Bay City

Fair Queen Pageant – Friday, February 21, 2025, at 7:00PM

Keye Ingram Auditorium, Bay City

Rodeo Queen – Saturday, February 22, 2025, at 9:00AM

Matagorda County Fairgrounds Main Arena

Marci Williams – Chair 713-213-2002
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Fair Office – 979-245-2454

Fair & Rodeo Queen 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 or FFA.
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. Good health is defined as adequate health to fulfill duties if selected. I am not married, nor have I ever been married. I am not currently pregnant, nor have I ever given birth to any children.
4. Any person winning the MCFLA Fair Queen or Rodeo Queen title will not be eligible to enter that contest again. A contestant may not enter Fair Queen and Rodeo Queen Contest in the same year.
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, 2025.
6. Contestants are required to turn in a **75-word onstage / arena 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 points. 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. 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 points. 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.
8. **Registration opens on Monday, January 6, 2025, through Thursday, January 9, 2025, by 4:00pm. Completed Applications along with one Printed 4x6 Head Shot Photo, and Head Shot in JPEG Format on jump drive for the newspaper, and entry fees can be turned into the Fair Office between 8:30 am and 4:00 pm.**
9. Contestants will receive a letter prior to contest with interview times.
10. Contestants will be judged on personality, poise, appearance, fair involvement, community involvement, school participation and interview skills. Rodeo Queen Contestants will also be judged on their riding ability, and horses' ability. 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 five contestants the judges will name a Queen, a 1st Runner-up, and a 2nd Runner-up.

Fair Queen and Rodeo Queen Point System

Fair Queen Private Interview

Application/Entry	15 Points
Personal Appearance	10 Points
Interview	30 Points
Fair Involvement	20 Points
Community Involvement	15 Points
School Involvement	10 Points
Total Points Available	100 Points

Fair Queen Stage Presentation

Poise & Posture	25 Points
Stage Presence	25 Points
Voice Presentation	25 Points
Eye Contact	25 Points

Total Points Available 100 Points

Rodeo Queen Private Interview

Application/Entry	5 Points
Interview	15 Points
Personal Appearance	5 Points
Fair Involvement	15 Points
Community Involvement	5 Points
School Involvement	5 Points

Total Points Available 50 Points

Rodeo Queen Riding Competition

Horsemanship Pattern

Lead Changes	10 Points
Rider Posture	20 Points
Hand Position	10 Points
Stops/Pivots	5 Points
Arena Question	15 Points

Flag Pattern

Flag Control	15 Points
Rider-Balance	20 Points
Rider Posture	5 Points

Total Points Available 100 Points

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. 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. I have never been convicted of any crime, apart from Class C Traffic offense. Any violation will be presented to the MCFLA Board of Directors and could result in immediate removal of title and awards.
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. **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.
17. **No scores will be released to any competitor. This is a board decision and is final.**

IF SELECTED AS A MEMBER OF THE MCFLA ROYALTY COURT:

18. Queens will receive a \$500.00 Scholarship that will be awarded at the beginning of her freshman year in college. She will receive a Keepsake Sash, Pendant, and Belt Buckle.
19. Fair & Rodeo Queen will wear the MCFLA Leather Sash and MCFLA crown that she will pass down to the next queen. Fair and Rodeo Queens's court will receive a Pendant and Sash.
20. Fair Queen and Rodeo Queen must wear the MCFLA crown on a Cowboy Hat.
21. 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.
22. I agree to be available for the full term of one (1) year and understand that attendance is expected at scheduled events and activities.
23. If crowned Queen, 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 Fair Queen / Rodeo Queen.
24. Any court member that resigns or is removed from the court by the Royalty Committee and the MCFLA Board of Directors, regardless of the reason, must relinquish their title and return the MCFLA Crown, MCFLA Leather Sash, her keepsake sash, pendant, belt buckle, and forfeit all prizes awarded including scholarships. I understand that if I am removed from the court, I may be banned from future Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association Royalty Contest participation.
25. If the MCFLA Crown or MCFLA Sash is damaged parent/guardian must pay to have it replaced.
26. The Rodeo Queen and Fair Queen and their Court will be required to ride on the Fair Float during all parades we participate in and to participate in Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Show Ribbon Presentations, the Commercial Heifer Auction and Junior Livestock Auction. You will receive an itinerary with the events and times of all the events that you will be assisting in from the Royalty Chairman.
27. The Fair Queen and her court will be presented each night during the Grand Entry prior each Rodeo Performance.
28. The Rodeo Queen and her Court will be presented on horseback each night during the Grand Entry prior to each Rodeo Performance.

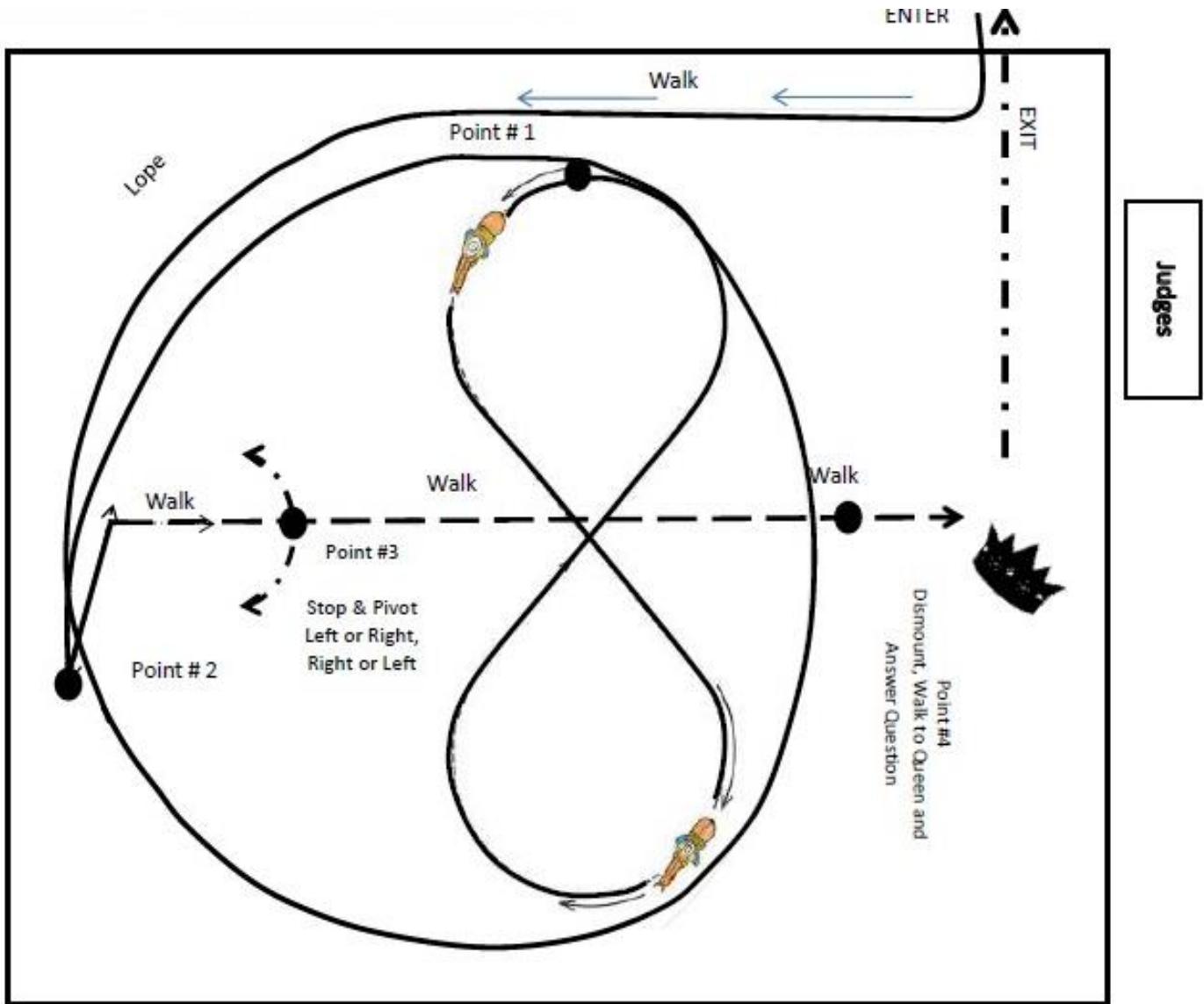
Additional Pageant Rules & Information

1. **Fair Queen and Rodeo Queen** will be sponsored in the Rice Festival Pageant, if she meets the requirements set by the Lions Club. If the Queen is not eligible or elects not to be a Rice Festival Queen contestant, then the 1st Runner-up would be the next in line followed by 2nd then 3rd runner-up. In the event the MCFLA pays any entry fee or expense money for a contestant that does not complete in the contest, the contestant will be asked to reimburse the MCFLA for those expenses.
2. **Rodeo Queen Contestants** are not required to own the horse they choose to ride.
3. **Rodeo Queen Applicants MUST include a copy of a negative Coggins for the horse that is to be used in the contest with their application.** The contestant must ride the horse listed on the application for all practices and the Rodeo Queen Competition. If the horse listed on the original application becomes lame, that horse may be exchanged only if Bay City Veterinary Clinic or Palacios Veterinary Clinic has provided us with proof that the horse listed on the original paperwork is not able to be ridden. The contestant may change horses after providing the committee with the vet paperwork and copy of negative Coggins for the new horse.
4. **Rodeo Queen Contestants** will have three practices: February 4, 2025, February 11, 2025, and February 18, 2025, from 5pm – 8pm. **Contestants are required to attend six (6) hours of practice.** You are responsible for signing yourself in and out at practices with the Royalty Director. Five (5) points will be deducted from overall score for every 30 minutes missed out of the required six (6) hours practice. **Rodeo Queen and her Court are not required to use their competition horse for running flags during the PRCA Rodeo Performances** providing that the committee has been provided a copy of negative Coggins and horse is approved by the committee at the Wednesday Slack Night Flag Practice.
5. If the MCFLA Board of Directors feels that a member of the Rodeo Queen Court cannot present a flag safely, then a decision will be made in the best interest of that participant.
6. **Rodeo Queen Contestant - No Fitters or Trainers** are to be at any of the above practices. **No Fitters, Trainers, Parents, etc. are allowed in the arena area or within three feet of the arena railing.** Parents are not allowed in the arena area unless authorized by MCFLA Royalty Chairperson or Fair Office. This is the committee's and committee appointed volunteer's time to practice with the contestants.

MCFLA Rodeo Queen Horsemanship Pattern

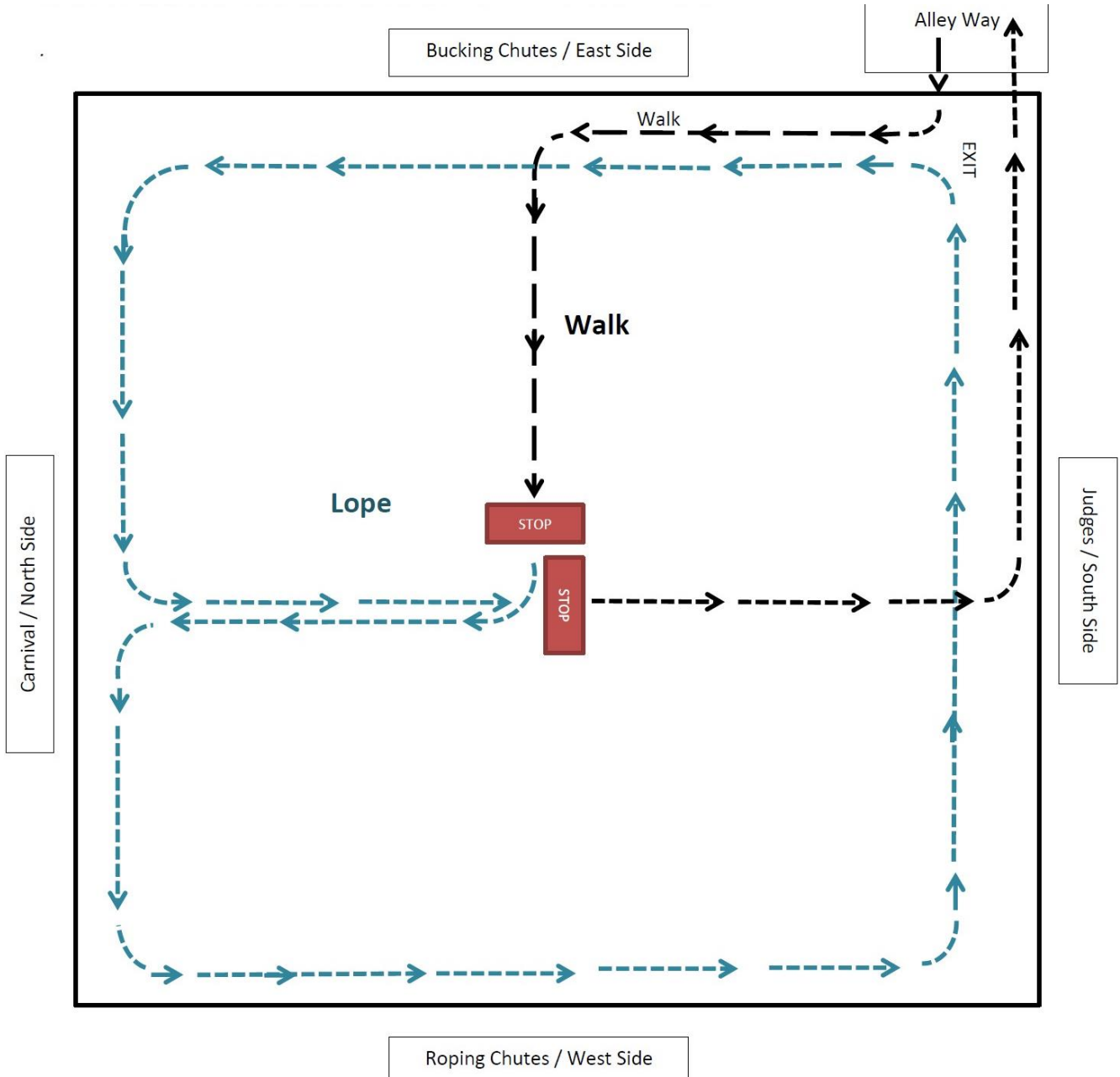
1. Enter the Arena at a walk to approximately point #1.
2. After Point #1, increase your speed through the Horsemanship pattern to a fast canter/lope.
3. As you exit your figure eight pattern, stop at position #2,
4. Back your horse and turn to face judges.
5. Walk to Point #3, stop and pivot to the left and right, settle, walk forward to Point #4, stop, and dismount your horse.
6. Walk to your outgoing Queen.
7. Select a question from bucket, read the question to yourself and hand it back to the Queen. She will ask you the question out loud; this question will only be repeated once. When answering your question, turn to both the audience and the judges.
8. After you answer the question, mount your horse, and exit the arena.

Contestants will not be allowed to **share the same horse or change horses**, nor will contestants be allowed to practice on the day of the judging. There will be an allotted time for contestants to warm up their horses on competition day. Contestants can change tack for the Flag Pattern.



MCFLA Rodeo Queen Flag Pattern

1. Walk in the alley way and turn right as you enter the arena, continue to the middle of Chute #3.
2. Turn left at the middle of chute #3 and continue walking until you reach the center of the arena.
3. Stop and wait for the judge to signal you to continue after standing for 20 seconds.
4. Upon receiving a signal from the Judge, lope to the right, continue in a lope to the left and lope a circle around the entire arena.
5. Once you have made a complete circle, come back to the center of the arena, facing south and stop.
6. Stand still until the Judge signals you.
7. Upon being signaled, walk straight to the fence, turn left, and walk out of the arena.



*MCFLA Fair and Rodeo Queen
Royalty Contest Application*

Paid Ck#_____/Cash

Contestant Number

Please check appropriate box:

Fair Queen

Rodeo Queen

Contestant Name: _____

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

School: _____ Grade: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

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)

(Rodeo Queen Only) Horses Name: _____

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) _____ is a (grade) _____

at (School) _____

(Rodeo Queen Only) Today she is riding her horse (horse's name) _____

Her hobbies include: _____

Her fair participation includes: _____

Her community involvement includes: _____

Her school activities are: _____

A special accomplishment that she has received is: _____

In the future (first name) _____ plans to _____

Rodeo & Fair Queen Fair Participation Form

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

Contest and Show Participation	20-21	21-22	22-23	23-24	24-25
Fair Princess Contestant					
Fair Queen Contestant or Rodeo Queen 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					
Jr. Wild Steer Saddling Participant					
Ladies Local Barrel Racing Event Participant					
Livestock Judging Team Member / Participant					
Junior Fair Board Member					
Participated in the MCFLA Halter Heifer/Longhorn Show					
October Event					
Help MCFLA with the Mutton Bustin'					
Jr. Wild Steer Saddling Participant					
Help MCFLA in the Fair Office					
Help MCFLA with Clean-up					
Help MCFLA hand out programs					
Fair Volunteerism					
Help MCFLA in the Office					
Help MCFLA with the Fair Float					
Help MCFLA with the Home Economics Craft Show					
Help MCFLA with the Home Economics Food Show or Auction					
Help MCFLA with the Halter Heifer/Longhorn Show					
Help MCFLA with the Talent Show					
Help MCFLA with the Royalty Contest					
Help MCFLA with the Public Speaking Contest					
Help MCFLA with the Mutton Bustin' for the MCFLA					
Help MCFLA with Livestock Judging					
Help MCFLA with the Bucket Calf Show					
Help MCFLA set up the Livestock pens					
Help MCFLA with the Rodeo Programs/Day Sheets					
Help MCFLA with the Senior Citizens Day					

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

Release and Indemnity Agreement

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

_____ Contestant Application

_____ Printed 4x6 Head Shot and JPEG on drive

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

_____ Contestant Bio Sheet

_____ Onstage Introduction - A separate letter size sheet of paper

_____ Fair Participation

_____ Release & Indemnity Form

Rodeo Queen Participants Only

_____ Copy of current negative Coggins papers

Home School Students Only

_____ Eligibility Form – **Due by noon on Thursday, February 8, 2025 - Fair Office**