Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Exposition Association

2027 Little Miss Cowgirl and Little Mister Cowboy

Kindergarten, First and Second Grade Students Only

Interviews – Sunday, January 31, 2027 at 2:00PM
Matagorda County Fairgrounds, Bay City
Pageant - Saturday, February 20, 2027 at 7:00PM
Keye Ingram Auditorium, Bay City

Stephanie Ward Chair – 979-241-1277
Kim Savage – Co Chair-979 – 479-5114
Fair Office – 979-245-2454

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 $50.00 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 4, 2027.

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 3rd person narration and the contestant's first name only. Introduction must be on a separate, letter-sized 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 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. **Registration opens on Monday, January 4, 2027, through Thursday, January 14th, 2027, by 3 PM.**

8. **Only the First fifteen (15) applications in each contest will be accepted.**

9. **Head Shot photo's will be taken by God's Creation. There is no charge, but you must purchase your 4x6 photo for the display board. Pictures will be taken January 9 or January 10. Please use the following link to schedule.** https://godscreationsphotography.pixieset.com/booking/rmcfla-mini-sessions

10. Contestants will receive a letter prior to contest with interview times.

11. 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.

12. If the case should arise that there are only four contestants in one group, the judges will name one Little Miss Cowgirl and one 1st Runner-up or one Little Mister Cowboy and one 1st Runner-up.

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.

Scoring is as follows:

Private Interview		**Stage Presentation**	
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		
Total Points	**100**	**Total Points**	**50**

14. Contestants, or any individual with a relationship with 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 to 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.

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

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 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 $50.00 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 printed on all programs and papers.

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Contestants, parents/guardians hereby agree that if selected for a title, contestants 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?_____

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What community activities or organizations are you involved in?_____

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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?_____

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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?_____

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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.

EVENT NAME	**Year** Kinder	**Year** First Grade
Little Miss/ Mister contest		
Talent Show Contest		
Home Economics Craft Show-Clover Kids		
Bucket Calf Show		
Mutton Bustin'		
Rodeo Clown Contest		
Coloring Contest		
Little Rodeo		

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 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 given 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.

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Contestant's Signature Date

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

_____

Witness' Signature Date

Please Note:

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

Contestant Checklist

The following are due when you turn into the Fair Office

_____Contestant Application

_____Printed 4x6 Head Shot

_____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

Home School Students Only

_____ Eligibility Form – **Due by noon on Thursday, February 4, 2027 – Fair Office**