

GUADALUPE AGRICULTURAL AND LIVESTOCK FAIR
QUEEN'S CONTEST
Code of Conduct
Contestant and Parents' Agreement

1. I understand that the Guadalupe Agriculture Fair Queen's Contest is for the benefit of the contestants, and as with any contest that young people are involved, the main purpose is to have fun, with that being said:
2. I understand that as a parent /guardian of a contestant, my responsibility is to encourage my child in a positive manner, and to promote the importance of good sportsmanship and fair play.
3. I understand the importance of supporting the Committee and volunteers who help make this contest possible. I acknowledge that should I have complaint that I should discuss it privately with 2 or more members of the Guadalupe Agriculture Fair Queens Contest Committee at a mutually agreeable time and place.
4. I understand that as a parent/guardian I must set a proper example for my child and abide by the rules of the contest. And that the following actions are NOT ACCEPTABLE at any Guadalupe Agriculture Fair Queens Contest event:
 - a. Any negative criticism or comments of anyone involved.
 - b. Profane language.
 - c. Use of tobacco, alcohol or illegal drugs.

Any use of the above will not be tolerated by any of the contestants, guests of contestants, parents and/or guardians, and may be grounds for dismissal from the contest.

5. I understand that if I display improper behavior I may be expelled from the premises, and if the transgressions are repeated or serious enough, I may be prohibited from attending any and all of the event activities.
6. Finally, I understand that as with any volunteer organization, the success depends solely on the support and efforts of the people involved. Support from within creates a positive enjoyable environment creates a great experience for all involved.

Please indicate by signature below that you have read, understand, and will adhere to the above Code of Conduct.

Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Contestant: _____ Date: _____

This agreement must be signed by parents(s) and/or guardian(s), and the contestant, and returned by September 10, 2017.

2017-2018 RULES AND REGULATIONS

Please review carefully. By your signature, each of you agree and acknowledge to abide by the rules and regulations set forth below. Failure to sign and submit this by September 10, 2017, may result in your disqualification from the contest.

- 1. Entry fees go towards the expenses that are necessary to put on the contest and maintain the float, etc. and equipment used for the contest and the float thru the year of the reigning court. If you decide or need to drop out this will be refunded if done before September 10, 2017.**
- 2. As a contestant you must have an individual sponsor. This sponsor can be a High School organization, Service organization, Civic organization, business or a private individual who will pay a \$50.00 entry fee.**
- 3. You are expected to be on your best behavior. Any misconduct from a contestant or parent will not be tolerated. And if misconduct from a contestant or a parent continues you will not be allowed to continue in the contest. This includes yourself and your parents/guardians/family members. Starting now you are representing Guadalupe Agriculture, the Fair Association, The Fair Queen's Contest Committee, Guadalupe County and the City of Seguin.**
- 4. Guests of the contestants are welcome to any functions of the Fair Queen's Contest, but if they interfere with the production of the practice/contest they will be asked to leave and not to come back.**
- 5. Contestants must be a resident of Guadalupe County and attend a High School in Guadalupe County from the first meeting of Fair Queen's Contest until such time as a new Court is decided the following year. In the event one of these prerequisites is not met, it is the discretion of the committee whether or not the contestant can continue with her reign once the particular circumstances have been reviewed. If it is decided that the contestant should forfeit her title, any such property deemed to belong to the Fair Queen's Contest is to be returned immediately.**
- 6. The contest is limited to the first 30 contestants returning a completed entry blank and a \$50.00 registration fee to the first contestant meeting on September 10, 2017 at 6pm in the Guadalupe County Extension Office 210 E. Live Oak, Seguin, Texas 78155. If applications are late it is the discretion of the Fair Queen's Court committee to make a decision on acceptance.**
- 7. Contestants must be single, never married and without dependants at the time of the contest, and if a member of Court, during the entire reign. In the event that this status changes during such time period, the contestant will forfeit her title. Any such property deemed to belong to the Fair Queen's Contest is to be returned immediately.**
- 8. If crowned, you must attend all functions for the duration of the fair year. This includes but is not limited to out of town parades, banquets, presentations, and the Youth Show and Sale, and any other events as deemed appropriate by the Committee. If you miss more than three functions you will forfeit your title, crown, banner, trophy and privileges to which you are entitled. No exceptions will be made to this rule!**
- 9. Contestants will not perform a talent or appear in a swimsuit for judging.**
- 10. You will be responsible for arranging your own transportation and expenses, etc for parades and other events you are required to attend. A parent or legal responsible guardian with the proper documentation must attend all functions with you.**

- 11. Judges will base their points on the following: Knowledge of the Fair, Poise, Personality, Public Presentation, Interest in the Fair, Public Relation Ability, Grooming, Questions on Stage, Ability to work well with others.**
- 12. During on-stage competition all judging and auditing will take place in full view of the audience. At this time, the Judges' points from the private interviews will be tallied with other points by the auditors. Judges and Auditors will not leave the room until decisions have been announced from the stage. All judges ballots and auditors tally sheets will be kept confidentially for one full year after the contest.**
- 13. The style show sponsors will receive copies of each contestant's application and will make notes to be given to the judges on your actions and any other person(s) with you during that experience with them.**
- 14. A letter of reference from a teacher, pier with at least a 5 year relationship or counselor will be needed and attached to the Judges Information sheet at time it is handed in.**
- 15. Pictures will be taken for the press the day of and during the contest. Signing this agreement gives the Guadalupe Agriculture Fair Association permission to release for use any and all pictures as deemed necessary by the Committee. The Guadalupe Agriculture Fair Association has a website that may or may not use your photograph, name or title (no addresses or telephone numbers). Please indicate below if you do not want your name or photograph included on the website.**
 No, I do not want my photograph, name or the tile included on the Guadalupe Agriculture Fair Association website.
- 16. This competition is for the youth; therefore, we ask that the adults do not consume any alcohol beverages during the practices. There is a zero tolerance of alcohol/drug/tobacco use by the contestants and parents during functions including the court.**
- 17. Unfortunately, if you are trying out for Miss Round-up you need to choose what contest you want to be in. You cannot do both in the same year.**
- 18. Everyone is required to sign the Thank You notes. Thank You notes set the mood for the donors for the next year. While we appreciate everyone's personal views and opinions, a Thank You with a donor or sponsor that may not be to your liking is not the place for personal comments. We will have the notes ready by our first contestant meeting. You can start signing them at the first meeting. Every donor for the contest will receive a Thank You Note. The THANK YOU notes will be mailed to the sponsors after the first meeting. We ask that if you have any contact with these sponsors that you personally thank them.**
- 19. Attire for the personal interviews is to be professional in appearance. Keep in mind you are being judged from the moment you walk in. We will start personal interviews with contestant number 1 with three judges that will have a ten-minute private interview in a private room. You will enter the private room and introduce yourself to the three judges. Giving your name and contestant number. This interview is not open to the public. Judges will all ask questions and keep all notes and scores with them at all times. The committee will have no access to this information. After you are finished with your personal interview practice on the stage will be allowed while other contestants are finishing. The stage presentation will be held on Saturday at the coliseum at 5:30pm. Each contestant will be required to wear a formal long dress during parts of the contest. Formal dresses are not allowed to have a slit higher than the knees. Each**

Signature of Committee Member

**Guadalupe Agriculture Fair Queen's
Calendar of Events**

September 10, 2017 Sunday

6:00pm Be at the contestant meeting at The Guadalupe County Extension Office 210 E. Live Oak St, Seguin Texas for the first contestant meeting. Have application finished, signed to turn in with a copy of the reference letter. Contestant must also have the sponsor fee of \$50.00 to be turned in at this meeting.

September 25, 2017 Saturday-October 2, 2017 these dates only!

Call your assigned boutique from 10-5pm and make an appointment with designated contact person to be fitted for an outfit for the style show during the contest.

October 11, 2017 Wednesday

6:00pm approximate time Personal interviews will be held at the Coliseum. All contestants must be present at start. Contestants are welcome to stay or leave after the interview is over. Contestants finished with interview are not allowed to discuss interview with other contestants that have not yet been interviewed. Practice on stage will be done during interviews and after if needed.

October 14, 2017 Friday

9:00am Fair Parade contestants are invited to ride on the entry the Fair Queen's committee has for the contestants. You will need to be on College Street on the entry no later than 9:00am. If you need any position information you may go to the Seguin High School South Parking lot to get that info.

October 14, 2017 Saturday

4:00-5:00pm Take all food donations for the Hospitality room to the Hall of Fame. Any type of sandwich, appetizer, chips, crackers, cookies, or dessert is suggested.

4:00-5:15pm Arrive no later at the coliseum to prepare to begin the contest. All contestants will have a contestant number. Contestants will be split up $\frac{1}{2}$ on each side of the coliseum dressing rooms located in the rear of the stage area on the second floor.

2017-2018 Fair Queens Court will be asked to go after the contest to the rodeo and will be introduced at the Guadalupe Agriculture Fair PRCA Rodeo.

October 15, 2017 Sunday

1:00pm Fair Queen Court will met at the Hall of Fame with there parents/guardian to discuss the year to come and sign contracts.

November 7, 2017 Tuesday

7:00pm Fair Queen Court will be required to attend the Guadalupe Agriculture Fair Board of Directors meeting in crown, banner and nice dress to be introduced to the board. You will be excused after the introduction.