

August 21, 2015

Dear Sponsor:

It is that time of year again to select a candidate or multiple candidates to represent your organization in the Robertson County Fair Association Queen's Contest. The deadline for a candidate to submit their entry is November 17, 2015. Attached you will find a copy of the entry form as well as the Queen's Contest Rules.

It is an honor to be chosen as a candidate and participate in the Robertson County Fair Queen Contest. There are many responsibilities that go along with that. Each candidate is required to sell a minimum of 600 raffle tickets. She will also be required to attend several meetings with the Queen's committee, rehearsal for the contest, a breakfast/luncheon interview with the contest judges, and be present in many of the show rings during our county fair. Please make sure the candidate that you choose to represent your organization will be able to handle the responsibilities required of them.

As a sponsor, you will need to assist your candidate in selling her minimum raffle ticket requirement. A representative from your organization must accompany your candidate to the initial meeting with RCFA Queen Committee. I am looking forward to working with you and meeting your candidate for the 2013 RCFA Queen Contest. The monies raised from raffle ticket sales are used for scholarships for youth in our county. All of your support is greatly appreciated.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Christy Cornelius, Superintendent RCFA Queen Committee

2092 Vaughn Lane

Hearne, Texas 77859

979-571-4475 (cell)

RCFA Queen Contest Entry Form

Deadline for entry and essay is **November 17th, 2015 by 5pm.** Return to:

Christy Cornelius, Superintendent RCFA Queen Committee

2092 Vaughn Lane

Hearne, Texas 77859

979-571-4475 (cell)

Name of candidate _____

Address _____

Phone _____ (home) _____ (cell)

Email address _____ Do you check email regularly? ____

Name of Club/Organization that is sponsoring you _____

Contact Name for your Sponsor _____ Phone _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Phone _____

High school _____ Grade/Class _____

High school principal _____ Phone _____



2015-2016

Robertson County Fair Association

Queen Contest

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Important Dates

Sunday, December 6, 2015 at 1pm at the Go-Texan Annex

1st Meeting- Meet each other, hand out raffle tickets * we will be taking group individual pictures (please wear a solid top, blue jeans or dress pants)—weather permitted

Sunday, February 1, 2016 at 1pm at the Go-Texan Annex

1st Ticket Turn-In Meeting

*minimum of 200 tickets due *essay, fair participation sheet, & pictures due

Sunday, March 13, 2016 at 1 pm at The Fireman's Hall

Set-up for the coronation/decorating

*this is mandatory*be prepared to work*no one leaves early. You can turn in tickets and/or get additional tickets

Sunday, March 20, 2016 at 1pm at The Fireman's Hall

2nd Ticket Turn-In Meeting- decorating- rehearsal

*remaining 400 tickets or the total of 600 combined with the first ticket turn in due. Sign up for show ring duties

Saturday, March 26, 2016 all-day

Interviews- Holiday Inn Express- Hearne

Saturday, March 26, 2016 at 6pm at The Fireman's Hall

Coronation

*You will need to be at the hall no later than 5pm

Monday, April 4, 2016 at TBA at The Fireman's Hall

Buyer's Dinner and Fair Auction

2015-2016 RCFA Queen Candidates Requirements and Responsibilities

1. Your essay, fair participation sheet, and pictures are due February 7, 2016.
 - A. **Essay**- see attached sheet for an example of what your essay should look like. You will need to turn-in 4 copies of the essay by the due date listed above. If you fail to meet this requirement, you will receive a written demerit.
 - B. **Pictures**- You will need to turn-in (1) 4x6 and (1) 8x10 color portrait. These are due by the date listed above. These pictures need to be in portrait orientation (vertical). These pictures will not be returned to you. If you fail to meet this requirement, you will receive a written demerit.
 - C. **Fair participation sheet**- see attached sheet. This needs to be completed in full and submitted by the due date listed above. If you fail to meet this requirement, you will receive a written demerit.

2. You will be provided with a sash to wear during the fair and/or designated functions. The sash must be returned after the auction to a member of the Queen Committee. You may NOT wear the sash in the show ring while you are showing your project.

3. You will be required to work at the Buyers BBQ and Auction. If you have a project that is being auctioned, you will be allowed time to prepare for the sale of your project. After the sale of your project, you will be required to continue working the auction. All cell phones should be put away during the buyer's dinner and auction.

4. We ask that each candidate conduct themselves in a ladylike fashion at all times while representing The Robertson County Fair Association. Please remember you are looked up to by your peers and members of the community. You will be required to follow the dress code set forth by the queen committee. See attached dress code policy.

All tickets need to remain stapled until they have been counted by a committee member

2015-2016 Queen Contestant Essay

Include the following at the top of your essay in this format:

Name: _____

Address: _____

School: _____

Sponsor: _____

Classification: _____

Parents: _____

Age: _____

Write an essay including the following information. Do not exceed 3 pages.

Fair project(s) and years involved in the Robertson County Fair, including offices held either in your 4H group or FFA

Extra-curricular activities

Future plans and goals

Describe the Robertson County Fair, what it stands for in the community, and what it means to you

RCFA Queen Contest Rules

1. The Robertson County Fair Association (RCFA), Inc. reserves for its Officers and Board of Directors the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with or incidental to the Fair. The Management reserves the right to modify, change or add to these rules as it, in its judgment, may deem advisable. Any person who violates any of the general rules or specific rules will forfeit all privileges and premiums won. The RCFA, Inc. will not be held legally responsible for any damages or injuries to any persons, personal properties, exhibitors, exhibits or livestock while on the grounds or in transit thereto or there from or any cause whatsoever!
2. Contestant must be a single high school girl living in Robertson County or enrolled in a Robertson County high school, sponsored by a local organization, and academically qualified according to House Bill "72". If a contestant marries and/or becomes pregnant before the coronation, she must relinquish her position to participate in the contest.
3. Each sponsoring non-profit organization may have a substitute contestant. Should the need arise for a substitute; they must also meet the rules, requirements, and responsibilities as outlined in these Rules. Due to advertising constraints, deadline for substitutes to be able to participate is February 6, 2016. If a substitute is needed and there is not one available, the organization will not be represented.
4. Any girl, other than a previous Fair Queen, is eligible to participate as a candidate provided she meets the other qualifications.
5. Each contestant must participate in the Robertson County Fair by having an entry in at least one division of the fair (Livestock, Homemaking, or Shop Division). All entry fees and /or late fees must be paid by the deadline set forth by the RCFA or the contestant will be disqualified from the Queen's contest.
6. Each contestant must be an active member of FFA, FCCLA, or 4H prior to January 1, 2016.
7. Contestants must sell a minimum of \$600.00 of raffle tickets to participate in the Queen's contest. If for any reason a contestant drops out or is excused from the contest, the contestant/sponsor will be responsible for the \$600.00 in raffle ticket sales.

8. Each contestant will be responsible for turning in sold tickets and money by the following deadlines:

1st ticket turn-in: February 7, 2016

2nd ticket turn-in: March 20, 2016

At the first ticket turn-in, at least 200 tickets and money must be turned in. At the second ticket turn-in, at least 200 tickets and money must be turned in. At the third ticket turn-in the remainder of 200 tickets must be turned in. Each contestant is responsible for being at each of the ticket turn-in meetings. Additional tickets can be obtained from any committee member. Any unsold tickets must be turned in at the final ticket turn-in. Each contestant who reaches a goal of \$1000 in raffle ticket sales will receive a \$50 gift certificate. Each contestant who reaches a goal of \$1500 in raffle ticket sales will receive a \$100 gift certificate. Each contestant who reaches a goal of \$2000 in raffle tickets sales will receive a \$200 gift certificate.

9. All contestants must attend a “meet & greet” event on the day of the pageant. Interviews will be done immediately following. Contestants will be judged in appearance, poise, personality, and general knowledge and involvement in the Robertson County Fair.

10. The points you receive for fair participation are based only on the number of years of participation in the Robertson County Fair. Eligibility begins with third grade.

11. Each applicant’s official entry form and essay must be received by the Superintendent of the Queen Committee (not mailed) no later than 5pm on November 17, 2015. Applications must be complete. No late applications will be accepted. All rules will apply as of entry due date.

12. The Fair Queen and the 1st and 2nd runner-up will each receive a token of appreciation.

13. If the Queen marries and/or becomes pregnant during the time of her reign, she must relinquish her title and all that it encompasses. The first runner-up will then become eligible, and if for some reason the first runner-up declines, with committee approval, then the second runner-up will become eligible.

14. All decisions by the Queen contest judges and the Queen’s committee are final.

The 2016 Queen’s Coronation is Saturday, March 26th at 6 p.m. at the Robertson County Fairgrounds in Hearne, Texas.

RCFA Queen Candidate Dress Code

As a participant in the RCFA Queen Contest, you are looked upon by both children and adults in your community. We ask that you maintain a sense of respect of yourselves. Therefore, we have developed a written dress code that you will be required to follow at all times when you are on the Robertson County Fair Grounds. This dress code is also to be followed at any other events and/or locations where you are representing the RCFA.

*No spaghetti strap, strapless, or off-the-shoulder tops

*No low-cut, provocative tops

*No backless tops

*No tops that do not completely cover your mid-section

*No shorts

*No jeans with complete rips and/or tears that expose skin

RCFA Queen Demerit Guidelines

1st Demerit –Coaching:

First error will be discussed with Queen Candidate, expectations and any issues or problems will be covered. We will discuss further preventive action (if applicable) and this will be documented by a fair Committee member.

2nd Demerit – Coaching:

Second error will be discussed with Queen Candidate, expectations and any issues or problems will be covered. We will discuss further preventive action (if applicable) documented by a fair Committee member. This will be acknowledged that this is their second demerit with a warning of one more before dismissal of being a Queen Candidate

3rd Demerit – Dismissal of continuing to run as a Queen Candidate.

Queen Candidate Signature: _____

(Signature for acknowledgement of the above guidelines regarding demerits)

Fair Participation

A large portion of your score is based on your involvement in the Robertson County Fair. Please complete the chart below.

A project must have been part of the Robertson County Fair A project can be any division of the fair- animal, food, art, sewing, science fair, etc.

Leave the last column blank. The Queen Committee will mark each grade/year that you participated with 5 pts. The columns will be added together for the total years of RCFA participation.

Project-list only one

Member of 4H, FFA, FCCLA

3rd			
4th			
5th			
6th			
7th			
8th			
9th			
10th			
11th			
12th			

Total _____

Robertson County Fair Association
2015-2016 Facebook Contract

While I _____ am a representative of the Robertson County Fair Association Queen Contest, I will maintain a positive role model image on all social media but not limited to the following: Facebook, Twitter, texting, and any other form of social networking.

With my permission, I understand that the Queen's Committee will be periodically checking my social networking pages. If there is something deemed inappropriate the queen's committee will have the right to take further action, which could ultimately result in you being removed as a Queen candidate.

If your Facebook or Twitter account is private you will need to add each of the Queen's Committee members as your friend. Deadline to add the committee members as a friend is December 18, 2015 at 4pm. Failure to comply may result in a written reprimand.

_____	_____	_____	_____
Candidate	Date	Parent/Guardian	Date

_____	_____
Witness	Date