

2010 GALVESTON COUNTY FAIR & RODEO, INC.  
**FAIR QUEEN CONTEST RULES**  
**CHAIRPERSON: Lanette Womack (409) 457-4552**  
**ASSISTANT: Pam Evans**

<b>ENTRIES DUE:</b>	<b>Thursday, March 11, 2010 - IN FAIR OFFICE</b>
<b>ENTRY FEE:</b>	<b>\$50.00 Sponsor Fee - Due with entry</b>
<b>INTERVIEWS:</b>	<b>Tuesday, April 6, 2010, assigned times to begin no later than 7 pm</b>
<b>LOCATION:</b>	<b>Fair Office, Jack Brooks Park</b>
<b>CROWNING:</b>	<b>Saturday, April 17, 2010 at 6:45 pm in the Rodeo Arena</b>

1. The Galveston County Fair Queen Contest is open to all girls who meet the following requirements:
  - a. are registered in the 9th thru 12th grade of a public or private school and are members of a Galveston County 4-H or FFA Chapter;
  - b. is not a former Fair Queen of Galveston County Fair;
  - c. is single and has never been married;
  - d. has a project entered in the Galveston County Fair through 4-H or FFA, including:
    1. an animal project(s) (Livestock entries due January 27, 2010)
    2. OR has eight (8) items entered in the Youth Project Show (Project Show entries due March 11, 2010)
    3. OR an animal project and Youth Project Show entry
  - e. candidate must be willing to represent the GCF&R at official activities. Example: speak at 4-H meetings, support group functions, community activities and or benefits.
2. Each contestant must meet the eligibility requirements set by their school. A Declaration of Eligibility Form will be sent to the contestant's school for verification of eligibility. Eligibility Forms will be handled by the Fair Office. You will be notified by the Chairperson if you are **not** eligible to compete. Refer to GCF&R Eligibility Rules.
3. Each Fair Queen is responsible for getting their own sponsor and sending a thank you note of which the chairperson will mail out once addressed and stamped. **THE ENTRY FEE IS \$50.00** which is to be paid by the sponsor. The deadline for entry forms and entry fees will be **THURSDAY MARCH 11, 2010, BY 5:00pm IN THE FAIR OFFICE.** **NO ENTRY FEES OR FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DEADLINE. NO REFUNDS FOR ANY REASON. ALL RULES WILL APPLY AS OF ENTRY FORM DUE DATE.**
4. A narrative and essay are to be completed by each contestant. Each contestant must attach a 3"x 5" photograph to their entry. **This photograph will be published in promotional materials for the Fair.**
5. All contestants are **required** to ride in the Parade on **Saturday, April 10, 2010**, to "kick off" the Fair. Contestants should assemble at 8:00 a.m. at the West County Building parking lot. Western wear will be the attire for the parade. You are not required to provide your own vehicle, a vehicle will be provided for all contestants to ride in.

6. There will be a contestants' meeting on **Monday, March 29, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.**, at the Fair Office. **ATTENDANCE MANDATORY. (Exception - Death, illness or UIL Function. Chairperson must be notified in advance in order to be excused.)**
7. A private interview with the judges will be held on **Tuesday, April 6, 2010**, with assigned times beginning no later than 7:00 p.m. Western wear will be the attire for the interview. Contestants will be judged on poise 10%, personality 10%, appearance 10%, projects and achievements 10%, participation of shows and scheduled work hours 10% and essay, questions and interview 50% extra points will be given for non-scheduled working of shows or events during the fair. The crowning of the Queen and her Court will be on **Saturday, April 17, 2010** at 6:45 pm in the Rodeo Arena.
8. All contestants will be furnished with a schedule of events and dates. **All contestants are required** to be at designated events during the Fair. The designated events will be determined by the Fair Queen Chairperson. A form will be provided and must be completed to show times and must be verified and initialed by each show chairperson. **The Queen and her court are required to ride in the Grand Entry at the Rodeo on Saturday night.** If you are unable to attend any scheduled event, Chairperson must be notified immediately.
9. The decision of the judges is final. Under no circumstances shall contestants attempt to contact the judges before or after entering the contest.
10. Each contestant will receive a gift. The Queen will receive a belt buckle and a bouquet. The queens court will receive awards depending on the number of contestants entered.
11. The contestants will vote for a Miss Congeniality. This should be the girl who is always happy, helpful, and never complains. Miss Congeniality will receive a plaque. Contestants are not allowed to vote for themselves.
12. Each participant is **required** to sign an Emergency Medical & Indemnity Form attached to the Entry Form. Failure to complete these forms will result in disqualification.
13. All contestants are **required** to wear their sashes at **All** times on the Fairgrounds **EXCEPT** during any show in which you participate as an exhibitor. Sashes will be provided for all contestants.
14. The Fair Queen will be responsible for attending at least three (3) events within the County during their current reign. Coordination **MUST** be made or approved through the chairperson prior to the events they request to participate in. Ex: speaking at 4-H meetings, support group functions, community activities, or volunteering at local benefits.
15. **A no tolerance policy will be enforced.** Each contestant must set a good example for their peers. **A POSITIVE ATTITUDE AND BEHAVIOR IS A MUST.** Remember you are representing your family, 4H, FFA, school, city, county and the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo. Absolutely no unsportsmanlike conduct. **FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS RULE MAY RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION FROM PARTICIPATION IN THE GALVESTON COUNTY FAIR & RODEO, INC. FOR THE FAIR YEAR IN WHICH THE VIOLATION OCCURS AND THE EXHIBITOR WILL FORFEIT ALL AWARDS AND/OR PROCEEDS**

**FAIR QUEEN CONTEST ENTRY FORM & QUESTIONNAIRE**  
**Photograph for publication must accompany entry form.**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ D/O/B: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H/FFA CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

PARENTS NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SPONSOR: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Address Phone #

**NOTE:** Please attach to this form a one page narrative about yourself, your involvement in the GCF&R, your interests and hobbies. Also a 100 word essay explaining what being selected Fair Queen would mean to you and why you feel you are the best candidate to represent the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo.

Complete the following information:

A. Fair Projects (current year): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

B. Years in 4/H or FFA, or both: \_\_\_\_\_

C. Civic Activities (current year): \_\_\_\_\_

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**Amount \$50**

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY!**

Sponsor paid: Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check No. \_\_\_\_\_

Received By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**OVER FOR MEDICAL & INDEMNITY FORM**

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION**

**EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT'S NAME(If minor):** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTESTANT'S DOCTOR:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

CONTESTANT'S DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_ Facts concerning the contestant's medical history including allergies, medications taken, and any physical impairments to which a physician should be alerted are: \_\_\_\_\_

This authorization is valid beginning April 6, 2010 and ending April 18, 2010. In the event reasonable attempts to reach contact person or parent/guardian (If minor) are unsuccessful and/or if the physician listed above is unavailable or unable to treat the contestant, I understand and acknowledge this authorization gives the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc., the authority to chose a physician to treat the contestant in the event of accident, injury, illness, or any life-threatening situations. I further understand and acknowledge that the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc. is authorized to take the contestant to a hospital of the Fair Management's choice if contact person or parent/guardian (If minor) are unavailable to make the decision. **I the undersigned, understand and acknowledge that all charges incurred in connection with the treatment of the contestant will be borne by the Contestant or Parent/Guardian (If minor) and I hold harmless the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc. from any financial, legal or moral obligations surrounding the treatment or possible hospitalization of the contestant.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Contestant or Parent/Guardian (If minor)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**EXHIBITOR/CONTESTANT RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION FORM**  
***IMPORTANT: SIGNATURE REQUIRED BY ALL PARTICIPANTS***

The undersigned, with the intent of binding myself, my spouse, if any, and my heirs, legal representatives and assigns, do hereby execute this release. In consideration of the privilege of myself or my son/daughter competing/exhibiting in the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc., I release and discharge the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc., its successors and assigns including its officers, directors, servants, agents, employees, and legal representatives from any and all claims, present and future, known and unknown, in any manner for any loss or damage or injury to the person, animals or property of Exhibitor/Contestant, or Exhibitor/Contestant('s) agents, servants, family and/or employees, regardless of how such loss, damage or injury is occasioned and by whom. The Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc., and Exhibitor/Contestant further agree that Exhibitor/Contestant will protect, indemnify and hold harmless Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc., from any and all claims, suits and/or judgments, including the cost of defense of any such claim and/or suit and/or judgment(s) by, through, or behalf of Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc., brought by anyone as a result of any loss, damage or injury, personal or otherwise, to any person, animal(s) or property occasioned by any action or inaction of Exhibitor/Contestant, either solely or in conjunction with Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc., or anyone else.

Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc., retains exclusive television rights pertaining to all shows/events, including open and breed shows and sales and all junior shows and sales, as well as any and all skits or additional contests held in conjunction with the Show/Event. By signing below, Exhibitor/Contestant gives the Show/Event permission to use video of Exhibitor/Contestant, including Exhibitor/Contestant(s) animal(s) or property, skits, etc., for television, website and video presentations without compensation or prior permission of Exhibitor.

Exhibitor/Contestant agrees to abide by all Rules and Regulations, published or otherwise presented, of the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Exhibitor/Contestant/Owner

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Legal Guardian (if minor)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_