



Dripping Springs Fair and Rodeo Queen's Court Contest Rules and Regulation

We would like to thank you for applying for the Dripping Springs Rodeo Queen, Princess and/or Jr. Princess contest. The interviews will be held during the week of February 26-29, 2024. The application deadline is **February 12, 2024**. The Queen must be a freshman, sophomore or junior female in High School, the Princess must be a female in 6th, 7th, or 8th grade, and the Jr. Princess must be a female in 3rd, 4th or 5th grade.

Contestants must provide an Unofficial Transcript and or a copy of their Report card, stating their current grade level and school they attend, signed by a school official.

Contestants must be a current member of a 4-H Club, Jr. FFA or FFA Club in Dripping Springs.

As a candidate, you must be available for the interview as well as the required activities leading up to the Dripping Springs Fair and Rodeo. Additionally, the Queen, Princess and Jr. Princess will be required to attend the Founders Day Festival from April 26-28, 2024. Each contestant will be required to assist in award presentations during the 2024 Dripping Springs Fair and Rodeo.

If you are selected as part of the Dripping Springs Fair and Rodeo Queen's Court your reign will begin on April 1, 2024 and end on April 1, 2025. Queen, Princess and Jr. Princess awards presentation will be held at the April Ag Booster Meeting. **All dates are subject to change, but every effort will be made to provide ample notification to qualified candidates for planning purposes.**

The Dripping Springs Rodeo Committee along with the event sponsors, contest sponsors, their agents, officers and employees must be released from any and all liability, which might result from, or arise out of a contestant's participation in the contest, including all activities in connection therewith. Before any contestant is eligible to compete, the attached waiver of liability must be signed by the contestant and the contestant's parent and/or guardian if the contestant is under the age of 18 during any portion of the period of competition of potential reign as The Dripping Springs Fair and Rodeo Queen's Court.

Eligible contestants may not be less than 8 years of age as of April 1, 2024. Dripping Springs Rodeo Queens, Princesses, and Jr. Princess are eligible to compete and serve in each position one time.

Contestants shall remain free of any questionable behavior as defined at the discretion of the Dripping Springs Fair and Rodeo Committee and/or Queen's Court Contest Committee including actions involving an issue of morality. Unacceptable actions as defined by the Dripping Springs Rodeo Committee, but not limited to, including consumption of alcohol, use of illegal drugs, or involvement in any illegal activities will not be tolerated, and will be grounds for disqualification. The Dripping Springs Rodeo Queen, Princess, and Jr Princess 1st and 2nd runner up shall be expected to adhere to all contest rules throughout their reign.

The harassment of judges, committee members or other contestants by a contestant, her family, or representative will not be tolerated. A contestant that is found guilty of practicing said behavior **WILL BE IMMEDIATELY DISQUALIFIED.**

If for any reason, it is determined the reigning Dripping Springs Fair and Rodeo Queen, and Jr. Princess cannot fulfill her duties during any portion of her term the 1st runner up will be eligible to assume the title. If there are unexpected extenuating circumstances for an absence, with proper documentation, the Rodeo Queen's Court Committee may meet and allow an absence from an event, with the exception of the Founder's Day Parade and ALL rodeo performances. Upon such time as the reigning Dripping Springs Fair and Rodeo Queen, Princess or Jr. Princess is dismissed or forfeits her title, all scholarship funds, awards and gifts given in relationship to the position must be returned to the Dripping Springs Fair and Rodeo Committee.

Every contestant must personally prepare an application, and one (1) autobiography. **(SEE AUTOBIOGRAPHY GUIDELINES)**

Each contestant is required to submit one (1) glossy color photograph that is 4" X 6". The photograph should be a head and shoulder shot in western attire and hat. An **original** electronic file of the same photo in .jpg or .tif format that is 300 dpi should be sent to the appropriate person (see Photo Guidelines)

Western apparel will be worn for all phases of competition. **Western apparel will be jeans, belt blouse tucked in, hat, and boots.**

Both a hard copy and an electronic copy of the completed application, autobiography, transcript/report card and photograph must be submitted.

Scholarships Awarded: \$500 to Rodeo Queen and \$250 to Rodeo Princess

The Dripping Springs Fair and Rodeo Committee is responsible for the promotion of the contest and the Dripping Springs Fair and Rodeo. The Dripping Springs Fair and Rodeo Queen and Princess candidates are not authorized to market themselves, the competition or the Dripping Springs Fair and Rodeo and related events without the express written permission of the organization. This includes all electronic and print media and social media sites such as Facebook, Instagram etc. All interviews, marketing materials, photos and images relating to the Dripping Springs Fair and Rodeo candidates and reigning royalty are the express property of the Dripping Springs Fair and Rodeo and cannot be used without the express written permission of the Dripping Springs Fair and Rodeo Committee.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Lindsey Shumway with the Dripping Springs Fair and Rodeo Queens Committee at 361-522-8733. Completed applications are due February 12th and can be dropped off to Mrs. Coffman at DSHS, contact Lindsey Shumway to make arrangements to drop off application and email to Lindsey Shumway at lrshumway@gmail.com no later than 4:00 PM on **February 12, 2024.**

Dripping Springs Fair and Rodeo Responsibilities of Reigning Queen's Court

As the reigning 2024 Dripping Springs Fair and Rodeo Queen, Princess or Jr. Princess, you will be expected to make the following appearances during the 2024 Dripping Springs Fair and Rodeo. If these obligations are not met, the scholarship money will not be awarded.

1. Founder's Day Weekend - Schedule will be discussed
2. Dripping Springs Fair and Rodeo-all Events
3. Dripping Springs Fall Classic - Schedule will be discussed
4. Other promotional appearances as scheduled-these could include, but are not limited to, visits to local schools, appearances at other events to promote the Fair and rodeo as well as visits to local businesses

Dripping Springs Fair and Rodeo Queen's Court Autobiography Guidelines

Every contestant is required to submit an autobiography with their application. The following guidelines are to be used in composing your autobiography:

Autobiography: The autobiography will be used for public relations activities and print media and should be at least 150 words. This autobiography should be in narrative form and contain the following:

- Information on your place of birth and where you grew up
- School, church, or other activities
- Personal successes that have helped shape the person you are today
- Your future plans
- Why have you chosen to compete for the title of "Dripping Springs Fair and Rodeo Queen, Princess or Jr. Princess"
- How you would benefit from being crowned "Dripping Springs Fair and Rodeo Queen, Princess or Jr. Princess"
- Any particular story of interest that may relate to the rodeo or your desire to be crowned "Dripping Springs Fair and Rodeo Queen, Princess or Jr. Princess"

The autobiography may be used in the Dripping Springs Fair and Rodeo Program and possible other print media and public relations material for the Dripping Springs Fair and Rodeo. The editor and the publisher retain editorial jurisdiction over content. Your essay may be modified to fit public relations guidelines.

**Dripping Springs Fair and Rodeo
Queen's Court
Photography Guidelines**

Contestant will need to provide us with **one (1) glossy, color photograph which should be "4 X 6."** The photos should be a head and shoulder shot in western attire and hat. The photo submitted will be used by the Dripping Springs Fair and Rodeo Committee to promote the Dripping Springs Fair and Rodeo Queen's Court competition, and will be used in the Dripping Springs Fair and Rodeo program. In addition, please include an original digital file of your photo with your autobiography in .jpg, .tif, 300dpi format.

Submitted photos and any subsequent pictures taken in connection with the contest in any manner are the property of the Dripping Springs Fair and Rodeo Committee and may be used by the Committee for promotional purposes without the written consent of the contestant.



Dripping Springs Fair and Rodeo Queen, Princess and Jr. Princess Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Email Address: _____

Current Activities: (Include School Organizations, Leadership Roles, Volunteer Activities, Sports Teams, Current Job etc): _____

College and/or Career Goals: _____

Scholastic Honors and Other Accomplishments: _____

Hobbies/Special Interests: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Father's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Father's Occupation: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Mother's Occupation: _____

Siblings: _____

Your signature states that you are willing to adhere to all rules and regulations of this contest. You plan to work hand in hand with the Dripping Springs Fair and Rodeo Committee members concerning dates and events for the next year. You are acknowledging that any event where you are representing the Dripping Springs Fair and Rodeo you will practice appropriate conduct at all times and will be in the **required western apparel including your Dripping Springs Fair and Rodeo Queen sash and crown.**

Circle requesting position: Queen Princess Jr. Princess

Your Signature : _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

**Dripping Springs Rodeo
Queen, Princess and Jr. Princess
Waiver of Liability**

In consideration of my application being accepted for participation in the Dripping Springs Fair and Rodeo Queen, Princess and Jr. Princess Contest, I hereby agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the Dripping Springs Fair and Rodeo Queens Court Committee. I understand that any violations of the rules and regulations may disqualify me from the contest. I further agree to hold harmless the Dripping Springs Fair and Rodeo Queens Court Contest Committee, the Dripping Springs Fair and Rodeo Committee and its officers, agents, members, and employees for any claims resulting from the loss, accident or injury, received by me in connection with participation by me in any event, performance, parade or other activities. Also, I hereby release the right, title and claims of any photographs that may be taken by the management for their use in promotion and publicity. I certify that I have read the rules and regulations of the Dripping Springs Fair and Rodeo Queen and Princess Contest.

I agree to fulfill my obligation as Dripping Springs Fair and Rodeo Queen or Princess and to conduct myself in **a proper manner and/or way of life by remaining unmarried and refrain from any questionable acts involving an issue of morality.**

I also agree that if I am chosen as first runner-up, I will make myself available and maintain my eligibility to fill the capacity of Dripping Springs Rodeo Queen or Princess.

I have carefully read the aforementioned statement and the accompanying Waiver of Liability and fully understand and agree to abide by the terms and conditions contained therein.

Signature of Contestant	Title	Date:
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Street Address or PO Box

City	County	State	Zip
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Phone Number	Birthdate of Contestant
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Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

Address of Parent or Legal Guardian (if different than contestant's)

Phone Number (if different than contestant's)