

Laredo International Fair and Exposition



2021 L.I.F.E. Queen Pageant APPLICATION

Due Thursday, October 1, 2020

Note: The pageant and associated events are subject to change due to COVID19 restrictions.

For additional information contact L.I.F.E. office at (956) 722-9948 or
Queen Pageant Committee: Chair Jessica Benavides (956) 774-2342

2021 L.I.F.E. Queen Pageant

On behalf of the Laredo International Fair and Exposition Pageant Committee, we would like to thank you for participating in the L.I.F.E. Queen Pageant. As a Queen contestant, you will have a wonderful experience creating memories, making new friends and challenging yourself to new heights while competing for the chance to be this year's queen. The 2021 Queen will receive a \$1,750.00 scholarship and 1st and 2nd runner-up will each receive a \$1,250 scholarship to be used at the College or University of her choice.

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Must be a high school Senior or graduating Junior.
2. Must be a U.S. Citizen and have been a resident of Webb County for a minimum of six months prior to pageant date.
3. \$75.00 entry fee. LATE FEE \$50 for applications submitted after October 1, 2020. Last day to submit is Monday, October 5, 2020.
4. Must sell one \$300.00 sponsorship. Sponsor will be in the pageant program.
5. Must be compliant with House Bill 72 (No Pass – No Play Form)
6. Must have completed at least 20 community service hours.
7. Must have actively participated in FFA or 4-H club at least two prior years.
8. Candidates must be single, never been married and never conceived a child.
9. Must be a female.
10. Must not be on probation or have been arrested, incarcerated or convicted of a felony.
11. Contestant does agree to ride horseback in annual WBCA parade.

MANDATORY PAGEANT ORIENTATION:

Complete application packet is due on Thursday, October 1, 2020 at 6:00pm at the Pageant Orientation. Applications must be submitted in person by Applicant at the L.I.F.E. fairgrounds located on Highway 59 at the Branding Iron Restaurant. Applicants must remain at the Pageant Orientation for a brief presentation on important pageant instructions and schedule. Attendance by applicant is MANDATORY. If applicant cannot attend due to an emergency or unforeseen circumstance, then you must contact the Pageant Committee for approval to have a family member appear on your behalf. With prior approval from Pageant Committee, late applications may be submitted with a \$50 late fee no later than Monday, October 5, 2020 at 5:00pm.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

- DEADLINE: Thursday, October 1, 2020 (LATE FEE \$50)
 - Contestant Information Form
 - \$75 application fee*
 - Sponsorship Approval Form with \$300 sponsorship*
 - House Bill 72 (No Pass – No Play) Passing Verification Form
 - Fair Participation Verification Form
 - Complete BIO
 - Community Service Verification Form
 - Horseback Riding Agreement Form
 - Acknowledgement & Authorization Form
- *Checks or Money Order payable to "L.I.F.E. Queen Committee"

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Pageant Rules

1. The L.I.F.E. Queen pageant is limited to those who are Seniors or graduating Juniors for the 2020-2021 school year and all contestants must be U.S. citizens residing in Webb County.
2. No contestant who is currently holding any other title is allowed to participate in the pageant unless the title held does not require any duties that would interfere with pageant duties and schedule. L.I.F.E. Queen Court must be available when needed without having other obligations that would inhibit availability.
3. All contestants need to attend all meetings and practices. If a conflict arises, please contact Pageant Committee to let them know that you will be late or will not be able to make it. Failure to attend meetings/practices could result in dismissal from the competition. The L.I.F.E. Board as well as the Pageant Committee understand that there are conflicts with other school activities, but also want to make sure that the potential queen and her court are willing to prioritize and commit their time to the pageant. No makeup practices/meetings will be held.
4. All Queen Contestants must keep all attire tasteful and modest as she will be representing L.I.F.E. Fair and Webb County. Skirts and dresses are not to be too short. Additionally, clothing will not be too tight and showing of a mid-drift is never allowed. Strapless or one shouldered shirts or dresses are prohibited. This applies during the pageant as well as during other appearances throughout the year.
5. Only one person will be allowed to assist each contestant in the pageant event during the interviews or in the holding room/backstage during the pageant. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.
6. Judging will consist of the following: Essay 25%, Interview 25%, Impromptu question 20%, Formal Wear 15%, Western Wear 15%
7. Judging will be conducted by a panel of impartial judges and their decisions are final. A Queen and two runner ups will be chosen by the judging panel and a Miss Congeniality will be voted on by the contestants. In the event of a tie, L.I.F.E. official procedures will be used.
8. The duties of the Queen's Court will include being present and participating at each animal judging to present awards during the Fair, attending the fair auction and assisting with any other duties designated by the Pageant Committee.
9. The Queen and her court will be expected to wear western attire for appearances throughout the entire week of the fair and at any other public appearances unless otherwise stated. You must be available during the week of the fair, March 2-6, 2021 and any other days required by the Pageant Committee.
10. Behavior is key! You will be representing L.I.F.E. and must carry yourself in that manner. Contestant must be of good moral character, never performed any act or engaged in any activity that could be characterized as immoral or indecent. Contestant must not engage in excessive absences, disrespect of authority, illegal behavior (including the use of drugs or underage drinking). Contestant will limit themselves to one piercing in each ear lobe. All other visible piercings and tattoos must be removed or covered.
11. Additionally, contestants are prohibited from displaying, communicating and/or providing or having knowledge of inappropriate language, materials or photographs on internet/web sites including but not limited to Facebook, Instagram, twitter, snapchat or personal blogs. Contestant attests that any and all online depictions associated with the contestant's name are consistent with the standards and dignity of the L.I.F.E. Queen pageant.
12. All personal appearances as L.I.F.E. queen/court shall be approved in advance by the pageant chairperson; as well as any photographic sessions and pictures released as the role of L.I.F.E. queen/court.
13. If the newly selected queen, or any member of her court, cannot fulfill all of the expressed duties or violates any rule set forth for a candidate, she will relinquish her title, crown and all prizes upon the direction of the L.I.F.E. Pageant Committee. The next eligible contestant will then earn the title. Any grievances or objections to the pageant will be referred to the L.I.F.E. Board.
14. The contestant agrees that if she is selected as the L.I.F.E. Queen, she will serve until her successor has been selected and remains bound by these rules for the term of her reign.
15. Lastly, if the L.I.F.E. Queen or any member of her court becomes married, becomes pregnant or is arrested during the year of her reign, she will be disqualified from the court and the next eligible contestant will then earn the title.

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Contestant Information Form **(As you would like it to appear in all media)**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Date of Birth: _____

U.S. Citizen :(circle one) Yes / No

Parent's Name(s): _____ Phone: _____

Parent's Name(s): _____ Phone: _____

Name of School: _____

Classification: _____ Student ID: _____

Club and/or Organization you are representing:

Extra Curricular Activities: (list only 3)

Achievements: (list only top 3)

Hobbies: (list only 3)

2021 L.I.F.E. Queen Pageant Sponsorship Approval Form

Any individual, club, organization and/or business may sponsor an Applicant for the L.I.F.E. Queen Pageant. Sponsor must acknowledge that Applicant is of good moral character and worthy of representing you during the pageant. Sponsorship fee is \$300 and must be submitted with application.

THANK YOU for your sponsorship!

Sponsor's Name/Business:

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Sponsor's Signature: _____

Company Name for Ad (if different than above):

**Please attach business card to application or page with ad
information for pageant program**

Applicant Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

2021 L.I.F.E. Queen Pageant Fair Participation Verification Form

Applicant Name: _____

Applicant actively participated in FFA or 4-H club at least two years prior to pageant:

Year _____

FFA or 4H Club Name: _____

Project: _____

Project Sponsor Name: _____

Project Sponsor Signature: _____

Year _____

FFA or 4H Club Name: _____

Project: _____

Project Sponsor Name: _____

Project Sponsor Signature: _____

**2021 L.I.F.E. Queen Pageant
Community Service Verification Form**

This verifies that I have completed a minimum of 20 community service hours in Webb County as follows:

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Location</i> | <i>Contact Person</i> | <i>Hours Completed</i> |
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Applicants Signature

Date

2021 L.I.F.E. Queen Pageant Horseback Riding Agreement Form

I, _____, agree to allow my daughter _____, to participate in the annual WBCA Grand parade. I will not hold L.I.F.E. or anyone associated with L.I.F.E., i.e. board members, pageant committee, horse trainer, parade walkers, volunteers liable for any injury/accident that may occur at any time during her tenure.

Please check ONE:

- I DO give my child permission to ride horseback.
- I DO NOT give my child permission to ride horseback.

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- I will provide my own horse (I will also provide saddle and tack, transportation of horse to and from parade, and parade walker)
 - I will need to rent a horse for \$150 total for training days and parade (\$150 will include all saddle and tack for training and parade, transportation of a horse to and from parade, preparation for parade and parade walker)

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- I agree to pay \$25 per training session, minimum of 3 sessions.
 - I do not need training sessions.

Print Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Applicant Signature: _____

2021 L.I.F.E. Queen Pageant Acknowledgement & Authorization Form

I have read and understand all the pageant rules and will abide by them. I understand that, if chosen as Queen, First Runner Up or Second Runner Up, I am expected to participate in all scheduled events during the 2021 L.I.F.E. Fair. Failure to do so may result in the disqualification and withholding of my title/award(s). A schedule of the fair events will be made available at the Pre-Fair orientation session. I approve of the use of photos and my name by the Laredo International Fair and Exposition or its agents for publicity purposes.

With my signature below, I acknowledge that I qualify to participate in this pageant based on the pageant criteria. I submit that the information on this application is accurate and complete.

Applicant's Signature:

If under 18 years of age, Parent/Guardian Signature:

Print Parent's Name:

For additional information contact L.I.F.E. office at (956) 722-9948 or
Queen Pageant Committee: Chair Jessica Benavides (956) 774-2342 or
Co-chair Yu-Hsien Huang (956) 754-0938