

# Laredo International Fair and Exposition



## 2024 L.I.F.E. Queen Rules and Pageant Application

*Due Friday, June 30, 2023*

*Note: The pageant and associated events are subject to change.*

*For additional information contact- Queen Pageant  
Committee: Chair Jessica Benavides (956) 774-2342*

# 2024 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 2024

**Queen will receive a \$2,000.00 scholastic award the 1<sup>st</sup> runner-up will receive a \$1,500.00 scholastic award and the 2<sup>nd</sup> runner -up will receive a \$1250.00 scholastic award.**

## **QUALIFICATIONS:**

1. Must be a high school senior or graduating junior.
2. Must be a Webb County resident.
3. \$100.00 entry fee. (non-refundable)
4. Must sell one \$300.00 sponsorship. Sponsor will be published on pageant program. (non-refundable)
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 participate in L.I.F.E. Queen Community Service Event (TBA)
8. Must have actively participated in FFA or 4-H club at least two prior years.
9. Candidates must be single, never been married and never conceived a child.
10. Must be a biological female. (birth certificate may be required)
11. Must not be on probation or have been arrested, incarcerated or convicted of a felony.
12. Contestant agrees to ride on float or horseback in annual WBCA parade and pay for practices and horse rental.
13. Candidates must sell or pay (mandatory) for 20 Pageant Tickets. (\$10.00 each)

## **MANDATORY PAGEANT ORIENTATION:**

Complete application packet is due on Friday, June 30, 2023 at **6:00p.m.** during the Pageant Orientation which will take place at the **L.I.F.E. Restaurant**. Application must be submitted in person by applicant. Applicants must remain at the Pageant Orientation for a presentation on important pageant instructions and schedule. Attendance by applicant is **MANDATORY**. If applicant cannot attend due to an emergency or unforeseen circumstance, you must contact the Pageant Committee for approval to have a family member appear on your behalf.

### **APPLICATION CHECKLIST:**

- DEADLINE: Friday, June 30, 2023
- Contestant Information Form
- \$100.00 application fee\* (non-refundable)
- Sponsorship Approval Form with \$300 sponsorship\* (non refundable)
- House Bill 72 (No Pass – No Play) Passing Verification Form (last report-card)
- Fair Participation Verification Form
- Community Service Verification Form
- Horseback Riding Agreement Form
- Acknowledgement & Authorization Form

**\*Checks or Money Order payable to “L.I.F.E. Queen Committee” NO CASH ACCEPTED**

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## RULES

1. The L.I.F.E. Queen pageant is limited to those who are Seniors or graduating Juniors for the 2023-2024 school year and all contestants must be residents of 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 Chair 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 **midriff** is never allowed. Strapless dresses are prohibited. Skirt slits must be kept below the knee. See through garments, shall not be permitted. This applies during the pageant as well as during other appearances throughout the year.
5. Parents will not be allowed to assist contestants during the pageant interviews or in the holding room/backstage during the pageant. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.
6. **Judging will consist of the following:**
  - 25% Essay**
  - 25% Interview**
  - 20% Impromptu Question**

## **15% Formal Wear**

## **15% Western Wear**

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. (absences to practices will be considered)
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 fair week and at any other public appearances unless otherwise stated. You must be available during the week of the fair, February 26-March 2,2024 and any other days required by the Pageant Committee prior to fair week.
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 and smoking). 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. Contestants are prohibited from holding hands and kissing while representing L.I.F.E. and wearing crown and sash. This includes fair events, fundraisers, and fair week.

13. 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.
14. 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.
15. 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.
16. 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.
17. During fundraising events and fair week, queen court will be dismissed no later than 7:00 p.m. and will become responsibility of the parents.

**ALL RULES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE !**

# 2024 L.I.F.E. Queen Pageant

## Contestant Information Form

(As you would like it to appear in all media and pageant program)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Webb County Resident:(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: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 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 via **check or money order**. **Sponsorship is non-refundable!**

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's Signature:\_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature:\_\_\_\_\_



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## Passing Verification Form

Teachers:

Each L.I.F.E. Queen Pageant contestant must be passing all subject areas to comply with the House Bill 72 No-Pass/ No – Play rule. In order to participate in the pageant contestants must have their teachers complete and sign below and **must have a copy of their schedule attached to this form.**

THANK YOU for your assistance.

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

CLASS	TEACHER'S SIGNATURE	PASSING/NOT PASSING

**YOU MAY SUBMIT A COPY OF YOUR LAST REPORT CARD**

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## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Applicant's Information

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My name is \_\_\_\_\_,

I am the daughter of Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ and  
Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_

I am a student at \_\_\_\_\_.

I am representing \_\_\_\_\_.

My hobbies are:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

My achievements include:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

My future plans include:

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## 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>

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## Horseback Riding or Float 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.
  
- 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 \$200 total for training days and parade (\$200 will include all saddle and tack for training and parade, transportation of a horse to and from parade, preparation for parade and parade walker)
  
- I agree to pay \$35 per training session, minimum of 3 sessions.
  
- I do not need training sessions.

Print Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

# **2024 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 2024 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.

I will not hold L.I.F.E. or anyone associated with L.I.F.E., i.e. board members, pageant committee, volunteers liable for any injury/accident that may occur at any time during her 2023-2024 participation. 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:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Parent/Guardian Signature:* \_\_\_\_\_

Print Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

For additional information contact- Queen Pageant

Committee: Chair Jessica Benavides (956) 774-2342

## Tentative Schedule

\*Informational Meeting (June 16, 2023)

\*Mandatory Orientation (June 30, 2023 6:00 pm at L.I.F.E. Restaurant)

\*July- Practice Starts (one time 50 dlls fee)

\*July 22, 2023- Photo Shoot (2 OUTFITS)

1.Outfit of your choice

2.Blue Jeans, white button shirt, hat

\*August- Continue with practices

\*September 5, 2023- Mother & Daughter Dinner at La Posada.

\*September 7, 2023- Essay and Interview Day  
(Business Attire)

\*September 8, 2023- Pageant Day (3 outfits)

1. BLUE JEANS, WHITE BUTTON SHIRT, HAT

2. FORMAL WEAR FOR PAGEANT

3. WESTERN WEAR FOR PAGEANT

## LIST 3 SONGS YOU WOULD LIKE TO DANCE TO

1.

2.

3.