

San Patricio & Aransas Counties Agriculture & Homemakers Show 2024 Queen's Contest Rules

Entry Fees:

There will be a \$35.00 nonrefundable entry fee due with the Registration form.

Contestant Qualification:

Each FFA Chapter, FCCLA Chapter, County Council and 4-H Club will elect one contestant.

- Contestants must be in grades 9-12, and at least 14 years of age.
- Contestants must be female, not be married or ever have been married, nor pregnant or ever had a child.
- Contestants must have at least one entry in any division in the A&H Show.
- The \$35.00 Registration Fee is nonrefundable to be paid by the Contestant, or her club or chapter.
- The fee must accompany the Registration Form and packet.
- Previous A&H Show Queens are not eligible to participate.
- A deduction of 5 points from the contestants total score will be given for every time a contestant does not meet a required deadline this includes all paperwork and events. After 3 infractions the contestant will be eliminated from the contest.
- 4H contestants must have completed 4H connect to eligible to represent a 4H club.
- Contestants must be an active member of the club or chapter they are representing through the duration of the Queen's Contest.
- *A statement of originality to be submitted for Service Project, Biography and Photogenic Photos.*

Contestant Representation:

- All Contestants must be in good standing with their 4-H Club, FFA/FCCLA chapters.
- In order to represent their organizations in the San Patricio & Aransas County A&H Show Queen's Contest, Contestants must be academically eligible by November 1, 2023.
- During the events and Show Days that the Queen's Contestants are required to attend, the Contestant's Club Manager or Chapter Advisor who signs the Contestant's Registration is responsible to see that all these rules and financial responsibilities are met. If the contestant is unable to meet these responsibilities and withdraws from the contest for any reason the contestant shall be the one to pay the \$200.00 instead of the club. It should be her or her parent's responsibilities to see that all financials are met by set deadlines.

Contest Requirements:

Photoshoot/Meeting (Casual Attire)

- One 8x10 Black and White and one 8x10 Color photo – no professional – will be submitted by each contestant to be published in the paper, Face Book and made into an A&H Show display. These photos will be used for judging Miss Photogenic.

Preliminary Contest (Business Attire)

1. Community Service Project Presentation
 - A community service project is a cause that a contestant chooses to volunteer her time. You will need to Prepare and Present this at Preliminaries
 - A presentation with visual aids (video, power point, combination) for your chosen project. Visual aids must be made by the participant. There is a 7 minute maximum for your presentation.
2. Judges Questions & Answers Interview
 - It is very important for representatives be able to answer questions on the spot about themselves with fluidity and grace. This will be a panel interview where the judges will have a list of simple questions that the Contestants will answer about themselves to give the judges a better understanding of who they are.
 - 15 minutes maximum
3. Public Event (Possibly a Luncheon)
 - Again, it is very important for contestants to answer questions on the spot about 4-H/FFA/FCCLA with fluidity and grace. At this event, Contestants will mingle, have lunch and interact with other contestants and community members, some of who are unfamiliar with their organizations.

Dress Rehearsal

Dress comfortably; however, bring evening gown to check lighting & all footwear to practice walking.

Bring all props. They may be kept in the auditorium for the next days' event.

This will take place the Friday afternoon before the Queens contest.

Queen's Contest

Sinton High School Auditorium

1. Dance & Personal Introductions (Western Wear) Not Judged
 - The contestant will walk out on stage and introduce themselves to the audience.
2. Biography
 - The contestant will submit a 2 minute biography voiced by the contestant.
 - The contestant will read the contestant's biography while the contestant demonstrates on stage with props what is in their biography.
 - All Contestants must email their biographies at a date decided by the Queen's Superintendent.
 - The contestant will submit their biography theme only to Queen's Superintendent by the Preliminary contest. If identical themes are chosen the option to change will be given.
 - 5 minutes maximum – set up and take down maximum by contestant.

- 3-5 props allowed that can be moved by the contestant herself on and off stage.

3. Formal Wear

- Model Outfit for Scores
- Music and pattern for walk will be chosen and edited by contestant with a maximum time of one and one-half minutes.

4. Question and Answer (Formal Dress)

- Contestants will draw a question from a bowl and answer that question.

5. Radio Advertisements (Formal Dress)

- The finalists will give a 30 second Radio Advertisement about the upcoming A&H show.

JUDGING

- Each contestant will be provided with a judging rubric at the first meeting so that the contestants will know how each portion will be judged, if any events are weighted and how points are distributed.
- A list of judges will be provided to the contestants at least one week prior to the pageant. If any changes to the judges are made after this time, the contestants will be notified immediately.

Sashes and Shirts:

Each contestant must wear her club or chapter sash and shirt to all A&H Show activities – except events in which the contestant is participating in as an exhibitor.

Cell Phones:

Cell phones must be turned off during rehearsals, contests and work shifts in the arena.

Assigned Events:

Please remember you represent San Patricio & Aransas County A&H Show! You are expected to be professional and respectful at ALL times! Contestants must work assigned events during A&H Show, judging and award presentations. This includes: **Pen of Two Heifers** Saturday January 20, 2024, 3:00 p.m. until the end of Awards and Sale; **Horse Show** Sunday January 21, 2024, 8:30 a.m. until the end of the Show (this is an all-day event); the **Special Show** Wednesday (times to be determined); and, the entire **Auction Sale** on Saturday January 27, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. until the end. These events will be mandatory for anyone that receives a crown or winning sash.

Contestants are required to be at the **A&H Show**, starting Tuesday January 23 thru Saturday January 27, 2024 to work during all **Livestock Shows** on their scheduled shifts throughout the week. Required schedules will be determined once the Queen's Committee knows what every Contestant will be showing.

Scholarship Program:

- Each contestant is required to go out and find a sponsor(s) for a \$100 or more to donated to the scholarship program.
- Scholarship money will be distributed to the Top 3 contestants in increments or 70% to Queen; 20% to 1st Runner up and 10% to 2nd Runner up.
- *A demerit system to keep the top three contestants accountable after the contest due to the scholarship attached to the title. A system will be set up.*

Fundraiser:

Contest fundraiser will be a requirement of each participant.

Top 5 Finalists:

The five contestants having the highest total score will be recalled and will present their 30 second Radio Advertisement. The judges will then select a Queen, 1st Runner-Up, 2nd Runner-Up, 3rd Runner-Up and 4th Runner-Up.

Miss Congeniality:

Miss Congeniality will be selected by the contestants the night of the Queen's Contest.

The vote shall be majority of contestants. Those that tie, tie will be broken between those contestants only.

Miss Photogenic:

The winner will be chosen by a panel of Judges at preliminaries and will be announced the night of the contest.

Recognition for Top Interview, Top Community Service Project Presentation, Top Biography and Top Formal Walk will be given.

Score Sheets:

Score sheets will not be returned to contestants, however comment sheets will.

If the time limit is exceeded, a deduction of 5 points will be applies.

Community Outreach:

Contestants are encouraged to participate in local parades, fairs, and local events.

Please ask to join us on Facebook for all the latest and greatest news and information

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The show reserves to its board of directors the right to interpret all rules and regulations and settle all question and differences in regard to the Queen's Contest

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