

**Laredo International Fair
and Exposition**



**2019 L.I.F.E. Queen Pageant
Application**

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Selection of the 2019 L.I.F.E. Queen

The L.I.F.E. Queen should represent L.I.F.E. in a mature and professional manner. The Queen should have the ability to speak one on one with people and in front of large audiences. She should be able to answer questions about the fair and its activities on a moments notice in an intelligent and responsible manner. She will also be expected to work tirelessly around people and animals during the fair.

The queen's appearance will always be representative of the fair. She will always look her best and in the manner expected of her.

The queen must be an all around hard worker indicative of the L.I.F.E. role model and make her family, school, and community proud.

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It's time again for the Laredo International Fair & Exposition Queen selection. The 2019 Queen will receive a \$1,000.00 scholarship. 1st and 2nd runner-up will each receive a \$500 scholarship to be used at the College or University of their choice.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR L.I.F.E. QUEEN:

1. Must be a high school senior or graduating Junior, by June 2019.
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. Must not be on probation or have been arrested, incarcerated or convicted of a felony.
4. Pay \$75.00 entry fee paid by sponsoring club, individual or organization, due Thursday, October 11, 2018.
5. Must sell one \$300.00 advertisement for pageant program, due Thursday, October 11, 2018.
6. Must have at least a "C" average in all school subjects, verification form included in application, due Thursday, October 11, 2018.
7. Must have actively participated in FFA, FCCLA, or 4H club at least two years, with a letter verifying this from the respective sponsor to be submitted along with the application due Thursday, October 11, 2018.
8. Candidates must be single and never have been married, divorced or had had a marriage annulled. It must be understood, also, that contestants entering a local pageant cannot have had a child.
9. Must be a female.
10. Must have completed at least 20 community service hours.

Point System:

Pageant: *Two categories (essay and interview) are done prior to the pageant.*

1. Essay	25%
2. Interview	25%
3. Impromptu question	20%
4. Formal Wear	15%
5. Western Wear	15%

All applications are to be turned in on Thursday, October 11, 2018, at a general meeting to be held at the L.I.F.E. Restaurant at 5:30 PM. Attendance to meeting is mandatory by the applicant. If applicant cannot attend, a member of the family can be a representative of the applicant and prior arrangements made with L.I.F.E. office. No additional contestants will be accepted after the deadline.

Needed for general meeting:

1. Three (3) colored photographs (head & shoulders shots preferred) for publicity. Pictures must be High resolution on a CD or a flash drive.
2. Entry Fee of \$75.00
3. Application, sponsor letter, and Class/Grade verification form
4. Ad money and sponsor information.

The extemporaneous essay will be conducted, (TBA) following the essay writing, the formal interview will be held with judges. While the interviews are taking place, the dress rehearsal will take place in the auditorium. The pageant will be held date and venue TBA. Contestants need to be present by 12 PM with all costumes. Detailed information will be provided at a later date.

Duties:

1. Assist with Buyer's Registration and L.I.F.E. Auction (Pending date & place).
2. Attend L.I.F.E. Fair, be present for Opening Ceremonies, Kick-off Party, awards for all judged events each day, and serve throughout the Fair as needed.
3. Attend Rodeo at the LIFE Rodeo Arena.
4. The queen court will help with the organization and preparation of trophies and ribbons for each show.
5. Attend all television and radio interviews as scheduled by the L.I.F.E. office.
(These duties are tentative and can be changed at any time.)
6. The queen court will appear in appropriate western attire (with crown and sash).
 - No rompers allowed.
 - Dresses/skirts must be medium length (no more than 4 inches above knee).
 - No transparent attire permitted.
 - No attire displaying foul language, gestures, symbols or political/campaign related material.
 - No midriff tops allowed.

Pageant Rules:

1. Contestant agrees to appear on stage in an evening gown (floor length). Contestant will also be personally interviewed in business professional attire by the judges.
2. Contestants are required to attend all of the rehearsals unless excused, in advance, by the pageant director.
3. The contestant agrees that the time, manner and method of conducting and judging the pageant shall be solely within the discretion of the officials and that the decision of the judges shall be final.
4. The contestant agrees that the personal data on the pageant application is correct and authorizes the use of the contestant name, professional photographs and all pageant paperwork completed by the contestant to be used for publicity purposes for the pageant.
5. The queen will be chosen and crowned the night of the pageant.

Rules:

1. Contestant will not partake of alcoholic beverages, illegal substances or other dangerous chemicals regardless of the route of consumption.
2. Contestant must be of good moral character, has never performed any act or engaged in any activity or employment that is or could be characterized as immoral or indecent.
3. Contestant will limit themselves to one piercing in each ear lobe. All other visible piercings must be removed or covered.
4. All visible tattoos must be covered with clothing or makeup.
5. 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 name are consistent with the standards and dignity of the Laredo International Fair and Exposition Queen pageant.
6. All personal appearances as L.I.F.E. queen shall be approved in advance by the pageant director; as well as any photographic sessions and pictures released as the role of L.I.F.E. queen.

If the newly selected queen 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. office. The first runner-up will then be eligible for the title. Any grievances or objections to the pageant will be referred to the L.I.F.E. office.

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Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Name of School: _____

Classification: _____

Extra Curricular Activities: (list only 3)

Achievements: (list only top 3)

Hobbies: (list only 3)

Sponsor's Name: _____

Sponsor's Signature: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Signature of contestant: _____

Signature of parent: _____

Company Name for ad: _____

Please attach business card to application or page with ad information

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Passing of Classes 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, date to be announced at a later date, 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.

Class	Teacher's Signature	Passing/Not Passing
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Thank You!
L.I.F.E. office

I have read and understand all the pageant rules and will abide by them. Judges decision is final. I understand that, if chosen as Queen, First Runner Up or Second Runner Up, I am expected to participate in all scheduled events each day during the 2018 LIFE Fair. Failure to do so may result in the withholding of my 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 possible publicity purposes.

Queen Candidate's Signature:

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

Print Parent's Name: _____