

Laredo International Fair and Exposition



2020 L.I.F.E. Queen Pageant

APPLICATION

Due October 3, 2019

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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 2020 Queen will receive a \$1,500.00 scholarship and 1st and 2nd runner-up will each receive a \$1,000 scholarship to be used at the College or University of their 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. Pay \$75.00 entry fee paid by sponsoring club, individual or organization.
LATE FEE \$50 for applications submitted on Monday, October 7, 2019.
4. Must sell one \$300.00 advertisement for 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, FCCLA, 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.

MANDATORY PAGEANT ORIENTATION:

Complete application packet are due on Thursday, October 3, 2019 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 7, 2019 at 5:00pm.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

- DEADLINE: Tuesday, October 3, 2019 (LATE FEE \$50 on Monday, October 7, 2019)
- Contestant Information
- \$75 application fee
- Sponsorship Approval Form with \$300 sponsorship
- House Bill 72 (No Pass – No Play) Verification Form
- Fair Participation Verification Form
- Acknowledgement & Authorization Form
- Complete BIO
- Community Service Verification Form

For additional information contact L.I.F.E. Queen Pageant Committee:

**Chair Beckie Palomo 956.744.5839
Co-Chair Selina Rodriguez 956.235.1998**

THANK YOU!

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Pageant Rules

1. The L.I.F.E. Queen pageant is limited to those that are Seniors or graduating Juniors for the 2019-2020 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 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, 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, February 25 - 29, 2020 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
(As you would like it to appear in all media)

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ U.S. Citizen (circle one) Yes / No

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Parent's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name of School: _____

Classification: _____ Student ID: _____

Extra Curricular Activities: (list only 3)

Achievements: (list only top 3)

Hobbies: (list only 3)

2020 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: _____

Sponsor's Signature: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Company Name for Ad: _____

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

Signature of Applicant: _____

Signature of Parent: _____

2020 L.I.F.E. Queen Pageant Fair Participation Verification Form

Applicant Name: _____

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

Year _____

FFA, FCCLA or 4H Club _____

Project _____

Year _____

FFA, FCCLA or 4H Club _____

Project _____

2020 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>

Applicants Signature

Date

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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 2020 LIFE 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: _____