

## **RULES FOR SELECTION OF THE 2018 GILLESPIE COUNTY FAIR QUEEN'S COURT**

Applicant must have written consent form signed by her parent(s) and/or legal guardian to enter the contest.

Applicant must be a sophomore or junior girl enrolled in a Gillespie County High School for the 2017-2018 school year and be in good standing and maintain a minimum grade average of 75 for the year. For the 2017 - 2018 school year, only sophomores and juniors will be eligible; seniors will Not be eligible.

Applicant must have attended a Gillespie County High School during the 2016-2017 school year.

Applicant must not be married or have ever been married, or have a child or have ever had a child.

Applicant must not have been charged with any misdemeanor or felony (excluding minor traffic violations).

If chosen as Queen or a Duchess:

Dresses (wardrobe) for the Queen's Court will be furnished by the Gillespie County Fair & Festivals Association.

In the event that the Queen or one of the Duchesses is unable to perform her duties for the complete year, she will be expected to resign her position, along with her crown, sash and wardrobe, which were furnished by the Gillespie County Fair & Festivals Association . Circumstances which would require her resignation are as follows:

1. She no longer resides with her parent(s) or legal guardian during her reign.
2. She becomes pregnant or gets married during the year of her reign.
3. She has personal reasons that she feels will keep her from fulfilling her duties during the year.
4. She leaves school during the year of her reign.
5. She misses more than three (3) events without consent from the Float Chairman.
6. She is convicted of any misdemeanor or felony charge (with exception of minor traffic violations) , or is caught with alcohol or drugs. NO consumption of alcohol or drugs will be tolerated.
7. Foul language or rude behavior while representing the Gillespie County Fair & Festivals Association will not be tolerated.

She may not enter any other contest or activity that may interfere with her year of reign, i.e. , Farm Bureau, Stonewall Peach Jamboree or Harper Queen Courts.

If she is not able to appear at an event or go to a parade, sufficient notice should be given to the Float Chairman. In the event of illness or an emergency, notice should be given as quickly as possible.

There will be a rehearsal for all applicants on Thursday, August 24, 2017. Please meet at the fairgrounds under the grandstands at 7:00 p.m. We ask that one or both parents and/or legal guardians attend the rehearsal. On Friday morning, August 25, 2017, all contestants will ride on a float in the Fair Parade. Meet across from the Courthouse by the old Fredericksburg Clinic Building at 9:00 a.m. Contestants are to wear a conservative dress to the Judge's interview, which will be held Friday afternoon, August 25, at a location to be determined. Interviews will start at 1:00 p.m., and we hope to be finished by 5:00 p.m. Contestants are to wear formal dresses for the contest on Friday evening, which will start at 7:00 p.m. in front of the grandstands at the fairgrounds.

The Queen and Duchesses will represent the Gillespie County Fair & Festivals Association , Gillespie County, and the City of Fredericksburg at numerous parades and functions during the year. Parade attendance involves most Saturdays during the summer months and will require departure from the fairgrounds as early as 5:00 a.m., depending on where the parade is to be held. The Court will also attend and make trophy presentations during the horse-racing season at the fairgrounds.

The 2018 Fair Queen's Court reign extends from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. A number of candidates apply for membership on the Court, and we consider it an honor to serve as a representative of this association, the city, and the county. **We expect a 100% commitment/cooperation to this position .**

I/ We, hereby acknowledge that I/ We have read and agree to the aforementioned rules and qualifications.

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Contestant Signature

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Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date

There will be a *mandatory* meeting held at the GCFFA office on Wednesday, August 16, 2017, at 7 p.m. One parent or guardian must be present.

The deadline for submitting applications is Wednesday, August 16, 2017. Please sign this Consent Form and bring it to the Fair Office or to the mandatory meeting on August 16, along with a photograph to be used by the newspaper

Applications will not be accepted after this date.

Any digital images should be printing on quality paper or burned on a CD. School pictures work great for the newspaper.

