

MISS ROCKDALE FAIR QUEEN CONTESTANT GUIDELINES 2026

As a contestant in the Miss Rockdale Fair Queen Pageant, here are some facts and times you will need to know.

- 1. Personal Characteristics.** In order to be eligible to compete in the Miss Rockdale Fair Queen Pageant, the potential contestant agrees to hereby certify to the Personal Characteristics set forth in this section: I am of good moral character, and I have not been involved at any time in any act of moral turpitude or behavior that is, or could be, perceived by the Rockdale Fair Association as contrary to the Association's beliefs and purpose. I am a biological female. I am not and I have never been married, nor have I had a marriage annulled; I am not pregnant, nor do I intend to become pregnant during my Year of Service if selected Miss Rockdale Fair Queen or Runner Up. I understand that if I become pregnant during my Year of Service, I will no longer be eligible to hold the title of Miss Rockdale Fair Queen or Runner Up and will forfeit my scholarship. I have not been charged with any minor or petty offenses; I have never been convicted of any criminal offense and there are no criminal charges presently pending against me. I do not use or consume any illegal or controlled substances other than those obtained pursuant to a valid prescription and taken according to the directions of a licensed health care professional, and I do not abuse the use of alcohol, prescription drugs or other dangerous substances. I also state that I am a high school student enrolled in a Milam County high school or home school and a resident of Milam County. ***If and when the Fair Association becomes aware that the contestant does not meet the Personal Characteristics, residency statement and age requirement as stated above, the contestant will immediately be disqualified from participation in the Miss Rockdale Fair Queen Pageant and will therefore not be allowed to compete in said pageant. Violation of the Personal Characteristics clause during the Year of Service as Miss Rockdale Fair Queen or Runner-Up will result in immediate loss of title and scholarship.***
- 2. The Miss Rockdale Pageant will only take place if there are a minimum of eight girls signed up to participate.** Complete and turn in the application to the pageant director by September 21, 2026.
- 3. Eligibility:** In accordance with the General Fair Livestock rules; all participants in any Rockdale Fair Association event must be eligible to participate. A participant deemed ineligible according to their school administration will not be allowed to participate in the pageant. In addition, violation of any Rockdale Fair rule or misconduct by participant or their parent/guardian will serve as a disqualification of participant from the pageant for the current year and/or the following year(s) if the Fair Board deems it necessary.
- 4. Sponsor:** Each contestant must have a sponsor who will guarantee the sale of \$700.00 worth of Rockdale Fair Season Tickets. Your sponsor guarantees these tickets by giving the Fair Association a check in the amount of \$700.00 to be held by the Rockdale Fair Association Treasurer until you sell all tickets checked out to you. When you turn in the money from your first packet, the check will be voided and returned to you for you to return to your sponsor. You will be required to sell 40 adult and 10 child/Sr. Citizen tickets (\$1,400.00 value). The quicker you get the money in the better, as parent reserve seating is determined by order of money being turned in. **If you do not balance to zero once all monies and unsold additional tickets are turned in, you will be immediately disqualified from the current year's pageant and will not be allowed to participate in future Miss Rockdale Fair Contests.** Ticket money is due before the October 4th rehearsal.
- 5.** Go by and personally meet your sponsor. Thank them. Ask them if they would like to help you sell your tickets. ***You will be responsible for all tickets signed out to you, whether your sponsor sells them for you or not. Please remember to write to your sponsor after the pageant and thank them for sponsoring you.***
- 6.** Each contestant must furnish a colored or black and white photograph (head shot) of themselves to be published in the Rockdale Reporter, Facebook and the electronic program. Submit the photo to MissRockdaleFair@gmail.com with your entry form. Photos will only be accepted in electronic form.
- 7. INFORMATIONAL MEETING AND PHOTO: A group picture of ALL CONTESTANTS** will be taken Sunday, September 27 at 4:00 PM at Fair Park. This picture will be in the Rockdale Reporter prior to the contest. Contestants should wear "cute casual" attire for the picture. **There will be a meeting directly after the group photo is taken. Attendance at the meeting is MANDATORY for contestants and their parent/guardian.** Contestants will receive their on-stage question by random draw at the meeting. Late arrivals WILL NOT be in the picture!
- 8. Mandatory Rehearsal** for the pageant will begin at **4:00 p.m., Sunday, October 4, 2026**, at the pageant venue. Contestants should wear or bring the shoes you plan to wear during the pageant. **Rehearsal is mandatory and is closed to the public.** Only the contestants and pageant staff may attend. We are on a very limited time schedule and have many questions to answer and areas of practice to complete. Contestants will need to prepare a brief biography (no more than 100 words and written in 3rd person) to be read on stage by the emcee the night of the pageant. This will need to be typed and emailed to MissRockdaleFair@gmail.com by **Friday, October 2.**

9. Contestants are required to be presented in a western wear outfit and an evening gown at the pageant. **All attire must be age appropriate and be approved by the pageant director or RFA executive board officer before the night of rehearsal.** Please contact the director prior to purchasing items. The pageant is not responsible for items that cannot be returned. Failing to have attire approved would disqualify the contestant from participating in the pageant. Any alterations to outfits after approval that violate guidelines, regardless of when the violation was discovered, would also result in disqualification and non-participation in the pageant.

- **All Attire Shall Not:**

- Have slits higher than 4 inches above the middle of the knee
- Be low cut revealing cleavage or have see-through mesh in lieu of solid material in cleavage area
- Show midriff or have cut-outs in the front
- Have backs that dip below the waistline
- Have sides where material fails to cover the mid-line of side under the arm
- Be shorter than fingertip length

Attire should be age appropriate and relatively modest.

10. Pageant Day is Saturday, October 10, 2026. Contestants should come dressed in their western wear ready for the interview no later than 4:30pm. **(Depending upon the number of contestants.)** Things you need to bring are your evening gown, hose, shoes, jewelry and your make-up and a **SMILE**. Only contestants and pageant staff will be allowed backstage the day of the pageant. Only the contestant being interviewed, the judges and the judge's hostess will be present in the interview room. The interview is approximately ten minutes long. **The public portion of the pageant will begin at 7:30.**

11. Miss Rockdale Fair will be crowned with a tiara, given roses, a sash, a loving cup, and a \$1,000 educational scholarship that is to be used within two years after graduation. The First runner up will receive a \$750 scholarship and the Second Runner Up will receive a \$500 Scholarship. The scholarship money will be held by RFA and disbursed to the college of attendance after each winner /runner up provides proof of enrollment to the RFA treasurer. Miss Rockdale Fair Queen & both runners-up should wear the RFA issued/awarded tiara and banner at all appearances as Miss Rockdale Fair Queen or as runner-up.

12. Appearances. (Official schedule to be given to winner and runners-up after pageant and is subject to change. Appearances should not conflict with school daily attendance). Failure to participate at the scheduled times for the following appearances will result in forfeiture of title and scholarship.

- Thursday-Livestock show**— Miss Rockdale Fair Queen and Runners-up will hand out ribbons at Livestock barn beginning at 12:00 pm (e) and continuing until all categories are finished (if released from school.)
- Friday-Livestock show**—Miss Rockdale Fair Queen and Runners-up will hand out ribbons at Livestock barn beginning at 8:00 a.m.(e) and continuing until all categories are finished (if released from school).
- Saturday-Commercial Heifer's lunch and Auction:** Auction begins at 12:30(e) p.m. in the barn. Brunch will be at 10:30 a.m. at the Patterson Civic Center.
- Saturday-Buyers BBQ and Auction at 4:00 p.m. Patterson Civic Center.** Miss Rockdale Fair Queen and Runners-up will participate in the Buyer's Barbecue at the Civic Center at 4:00 p.m.(e). The auction starts at 6:00 p.m(e). at the auction barn. You should dress in your western wear, tiara and banner for the dinner and auction.
- Saturday Dance** Miss Rockdale Fair Queen and Runners-up will be presented at the dance only if allowed by the visiting band.

Miss Rockdale Fair Queen and Runners-up will reign for one year. During their year, they will be expected to ride on the Rockdale Chamber of Commerce Float and represent Rockdale in parades in our area and participate in related activities as requested by phone or by e-mail. Included in these related activities are Ribbon Cuttings. When requested, winners should appear punctually dressed in age-appropriate attire, tiara, and sash.

Miss Rockdale Fair Queen will crown next year's winner at the October pageant, so mark your calendar!