



NEEDVILLE YOUTH FAIR
QUEEN CONTESTANT RULES – 2026



1. The contestant must reside in the boundaries of Needville ISD or be a Needville High School or Damon High School student sponsored by a local organization, individual or business. All contestants must be a single born female, never have been married, never had a marriage annulled, never have given birth and never have been convicted of a felony prior to the contest. These rules will remain intact throughout the rein of the Queen. If any of these infractions occur, the crown and any awards received will be forfeited.
2. Any female, other than a previously crowned NYF Queen, is eligible to participate as a candidate, provided she meets all the qualifications.
3. The contestant must participate in the parade and ride on a float, decorated car, or some form of moving transportation. All contestants must attend the luncheon and pageant, and be TEA eligible in order to win the title of Queen, 1st Runner Up or 2nd Runner Up. Any rule violation will disqualify the candidate from winning any of the positions listed. There will be no visitors allowed with the contestants once the pageant begins. Additionally, no dress changes are allowed once the pageant begins and a contestant must not possess a cell phone once the coronation begins. The dress for this pageant is formal.
4. Each contestant will be judged on appearance/beauty, poise, articulation, personality and overall impression by a group of judges. The interview portion will account for 40% of the overall score. The coronation/pageant will account for 40% of the overall score. The remaining 20% will be based on Youth Fair participation. The awards given will include Needville Youth Fair Queen, 1st Runner-up, 2nd Runner-up.
5. Each contestant must meet the \$1,000 minimum of ticket sales in order to qualify for the title of Queen.
6. Contestants will only be excused from the parade for extenuating circumstances and must be approved by the Queen's Committee. The contestant's parade entry must still be present in the parade.
7. Each contestant will not hold the Needville Youth Fair, Board of Directors, Queen's Committee members or any individual or organization liable for any accident or injury that may or might occur as a result of the contest or future obligations. A parental permission and liability release form must be signed and submitted with the Queen's Contest Application.
8. Each contestant will be responsible for the tickets and money from the ticket sales. The total amount from the ticket sales will be added from the deposit slips that each contestant turns in to the committee no later than 7:00 p.m. the Tuesday before the parade. All unsold tickets and money collected for tickets sold, must be turned in at this time and reconciled with a Queen's Committee member. Any contestant not complying will be ineligible to compete in the coronation. These

deposit slips will be the carbon copy from the bank. Each contestant is responsible for depositing her money into the Needville Youth Fair's account at the Prosperity Bank of Needville. To be credited appropriately, the contestant must list on the deposit slip Queen's Committee, their name and organization. Each contestant/parent/legal guardian will be responsible for shortage in ticket and/or money balance.

9. Ties will not be allowed in the pageant contest. In the event of a tie, the place will be awarded to the contestant with the highest score from the coronation competition. If the on stage coronation competition score is the same, the place will be awarded to the candidate with the highest amount of ticket sales. In the event all ties cannot be broken, the Queen's Committee reserves the right to break the final tie.
10. The contestant who brings in the largest amount of ticket sales will be awarded a scholarship of \$250.00. In addition, any contestant who sells over \$1,000 will receive a \$100 scholarship and 10% of the amount of sales over \$1,000 will be awarded in a scholarship.
11. The Fair Queen will receive a scholarship of \$1,000, 1st Runner Up \$750, 2nd Runner Up \$500 to further her education. The scholarship will be paid in one (1) lump sum upon receipt of paid documentation of enrollment in an institution of higher learning. Scholarship must be utilized within one (1) year after graduation of high school.
12. The Queen, 1st Runner Up and 2nd Runner Up will be required to volunteer time at the Needville Youth Fair. The Queen will be required to return the following year to participate in the Needville Youth Fair coronation. If the Queen is unable to fulfill her duties during the time of her rein or become ineligible as per the contestant qualification rules, she will relinquish her crown and prizes and the 1st Runner Up will become the Queen. Those prizes to be relinquished will be the crown, trophy, buckle and sash.
13. In the event of a natural disaster or other event, the Needville Youth Fair, Board Members and Queen's Committee may change the dates and times of the contest. It is the responsibility of the contestant to provide the Queen's Committee with at least two current telephone numbers at which they can be reached and it is the responsibility of the contestant to remain in contact with the Queen's Committee Chairman and/or Needville Youth Fair Office to obtain any changes in location, times and rules.
14. The Needville Youth Fair Board of Director's and Queen's Committee members reserve the right to make additional rules and regulations as the situations warrant.
15. All contestants must conduct themselves in a manner befitting the Needville Youth Fair.
16. Decisions of the Needville Youth Fair, Board of Directors, Queen's Committee members and Queen's contest judges are FINAL. All scoring information is confidential and will be not be released.