

BROWN COUNTY YOUTH FAIR ASSOCIATION PRINCESS

General Qualifications & Policy

No late entries will be accepted!

1. Eligibility

A. The contestant will be required to be a qualified member of a FFA Chapter, FCCLA Chapter, or 4-H Club in Brown County, live in Brown County and/or be enrolled in a public or private school in Brown County. Home-schooled students that are members of a local 4-H Club are eligible to participate, as well.

B. The parent(s) or legal guardian of the contestant and/or the contestant must be a current member of the Brown County Fair Association.

C. Each contestant must have an entry in the current Brown County Youth Fair in livestock and/or home economics.

D. All contestants must be in the 3rd, 4th, or 5th grade and eligible under UIL rules with passing grades to participate in all activities. A copy of your grades may be requested.

E. The contestant must be of good character.

An informational meeting will be held to review the rules and answer any questions.

2. **There will be a MANDATORY meeting to turn in completed applications.**

Come with completed application and 4x6 photo. All forms MUST have complete information or will not be accepted. **Each Contestant will be required to pay a \$150.00 entry fee due at time of sign up,** which may be obtained through sponsorships, payable to the Brown County Fair Association. The Princess contestant must prepare a short speech about herself to present at the sign up meeting. This may include family, hobbies, school, and fair participation. At this time, publicity photos will be taken with no exceptions. There will be an opportunity to ask any questions and discuss the rules. The Queen's Committee will use the applications and speech to select a maximum of ten candidates to advance to the Queen's tea for the appearance and speaking portion of the contest. Any contestants not chosen to advance are encouraged to participate again the next year.

3. The contestant's parent(s) and the contestant agree that the time, manner, and method of judging shall be solely within the discretion of the Brown County Fair Association and the Brown County Queen's Committee and that the decision of the judges shall be final.

FOLLOWING THE CONTEST, ALL PAPERWORK WILL BE DESTROYED. THIS INCLUDES THE JUDGES SCORE SHEETS, COMMENTS, TABULATION SHEETS AND RANKING SHEETS. NO CONTESTANT OR PARENT WILL BE PERMITTED TO REVIEW THESE IN THE INTEREST OF FAIRNESS AND JUDGES/CONTESTANT CONFIDENTIALITY.

4. The contestant's parent(s) or guardian(s) agree with the Brown County Fair Association that the contest is for extending an opportunity to 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade children to participate in a good experience and fun event. Winners and the First Runner Up will be asked to participate in the rodeo, parades and appearances requested by the Queen's Committee.

5. Any person winning the BCYFA Princess title will not be eligible to enter the Princess contest again, and they may not run for Junior Miss during their Princess reign.

6. Each contestant will not hold the Brown County Fair Association, any individual or organization associated with the Brown County Fair Association liable for any accident or injury that may occur because of the contest or future obligations. Release forms must be signed and submitted with entry forms and pictures.

7. Princess contestants are required to write a **short autobiography** to turn in with the entry forms. The paper should contain information about you that you think best describes your character and why you want to be (or would be a good) Princess. This is to be handwritten by the contestant in their own words and age appropriate.

8. Princess contestants are required to turn in an additional 65 word on stage introduction and description of outfit that will be used by the EMCEE during the on-stage presentation at the fashion show. Anything that exceeds 65 words will be at the discretion of the Queen's committee to remove words. Please use 3rd person narration and the contestant's name. The contestant's parents, grade, school, and fair participation may be included. Please do not use any name brands for clothing and accessories in the write up.

9. **The Queen's Tea attendance is mandatory. Time and location to be announced by the committee.** At this time the Princess contestant will be required to give a short speech about herself and may answer questions from a panel of out of county judges. Two guests may be invited to the tea by each contestant.

10. A mandatory fashion show practice will be held prior to the runway show. Time and date to be announced by the committee.
11. Judging at the Queen's Tea and Fashion Show will be by a panel of out of county judges. Judges will not be related to any contestant, and no contestant will be allowed to give judges any sort of gift prior to or during the contest. The contestants will be scored based on personality, poise, appearance, fair involvement, modeling, and speaking skills.
12. The awards presentation for the Princess will be held at the conclusion of the Brown County Fair Association Fashion Show. Parents and friends may attend the Awards Presentation. The Fair Photographer will take pictures to be used for publicity. The Princess will also be presented at the Brown County Premium Sale.
13. The Queen, Junior Miss, and Princess will be presented during the Grand Entry of each Rodeo Performance. Presentation on horseback is preferred but the contestant may walk into the arena to be announced. The contestant is encouraged to participate in any event or function as representative of the Association during the year of her reign that is required by the Queen's committee including the Christmas parade, Brown County Youth Fair & Livestock Show, and Premium Sale. The Queen's committee will give you an itinerary with events and times of all events you will need to be present. The First Runner Up may also be asked to participate in these events.
14. There will be no use of foul language and no involvement in any illegal or illicit activities while serving as a contestant, Junior Miss or Runner-Up. You will represent the youth fair during youth fair activities and non-youth fair activities from the time you are a contestant until the next Princess is crowned.
15. The Fair Board and Queen's Committee have a **zero-tolerance policy** regarding drinking alcohol, MIP (minor in possession), smoking cigarettes, or any other drug abuse. If this rule is violated, it will result in immediate dismissal. Also, in the event a contestant in this contest has in her possession or violates the Controlled Substance Penal Code Act; she will be disqualified from this contest.
16. No financial reimbursement for transportation, expenses, etc. will be provided by the Brown County Fair Association, unless approved by the Board of Directors.
17. The Princess is required to **wear her crown on a felt cowboy hat.**

18. If the Princess is unable to fulfill her duties, due to circumstances found to be objectionable by the Queen's Committee or Board of Directors of the Fair Association, she will forfeit the crown and all awards and the First Runner Up will finish her reign.

19. Brown County Fair Association Protest Procedures - All protests concerning Brown County Fair Royalty Entries must be submitted prior to judging. **Once judging has commenced NO protests will be accepted. The Judges' decision is final and not subject for protest.** Judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation. The protest will be reviewed by at least (5) members of the Fair Board or Queen's Committee. Any complaints regarding the Princess during her reign must be provided in writing to the Queen's committee. The ruling of the Fair Board Directors or Queen's Committee will be final. Both sides of the protest must be present at the time of the protest. There will be no anonymous protests accepted. Every exhibitor, in consideration of her entry being accepted by the Brown County Fair Assn., agrees that the conclusion reached by the Fair Board Directors or Queen's Committee shall be final, without any recourse against the Brown County Fair Assn., Board of Directors, Division Chairman, Superintendent, or Committee members.

20. *Remember, you are a Brown County Fair Association Representative.* You will be looked upon as a role model and an example to others. While the Queen's Committee or Fair Association have no right to ask you to give up any personal activities, they have every right to expect you to behave in a manner befitting your position. The Fair Board and Queen's Committee also have every right to remove a Princess if they feel she has shown misconduct. This is a board decision and is final.

***REMINDER: UIL REQUIREMENTS!**