



Matagorda County Civic Organizations and Interested Individuals

RE: 2017 Rice Festival Queen's Pageant

The Bay City Lions Club is excited to announce the Rice Festival Queen's Pageant will be held on Saturday, October 14, 2017 at 7 pm. We expect the Pageant will surpass the previous year once again! Scholarships totaling over \$5,500.00 will be awarded. The Rice Festival is in October, so please pay strict attention to the new dates.

We ask your help in sponsoring local young ladies who meet the qualifications enclosed.

The deadline for submitting entries for the contest is Wednesday, October 4, 2017. All pictures must be taken by Photo/Graphics BEFORE OCTOBER 4TH! Please do NOT wait until last minute to make your appointment to get your picture taken. The applications may be hand delivered to Shelly Grimes at Bay City High School, Tasha Sanchez at Tidehaven High School, Mayra Garcia at Palacios High School, Mollie Huber at Van Vleck High School, or to Elizabeth Hewitt at Ward Real Estate, 3600 Avenue F, Bay City.

It is possible that we may not reach every interested organization or individual with this mailing. If you know of others interested in being a sponsor, please pass this information to them or have them call me at the number listed below. The schools counselors have received the same information and have been asked to pass them out to all qualified girls interested. Hopefully we will not miss any girl that would like to participate in the pageant.

If you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth at 832-425-7864 or me at 337-540-2590.

Thank you for supporting the young ladies of our county.

Sincerely,

Clint Hewitt
Chairman, Bay City Lions Club Rice Festival Queens Pageant
337-540-2590



Dear School Counselor,

It is time once again for the Bay City Lions Club Rice Festival Queen's Pageant. We will be giving scholarships totaling over \$5,500.00 to the girls selected queen, first, second, third and fourth runners-up. Your help is needed in getting the information out to all the **current junior** girls in your school. Please distribute the Entry Forms, Qualification and Policy Statement and Information packets to all the girls.

The contest will be held over two weeks; The Queen's Seminar & practice will be Thursday, October 4, the Queen's Tea will be morning of the Queen's Pageant Saturday, October 14, with the Rice Festival Parade being Saturday, October 21.

The deadline for entry is Wednesday, October 4, 2017. Please accept the applications at your school. I will pick them up from you personally on Wednesday, October 4, 2017.

Once again the Bay City Lions Club thanks you for your help in getting the information to the girls and making our Queen's Pageant a success.

Sincerely,

Clint Hewitt
Chairman, Bay City Lions Club Rice Festival Queen's Pageant
337-540-2590



Dear Senior 2017:

I'm glad you have chosen to join us at the 2017 Bay City Lions Club Rice Festival Queens Pageant. Your participation insures us a successful Rice Festival. I look forward to meeting you and working with you during the contest.

Please be sure you mark your calendar with all the dates we will be meeting. If you have any questions or need further explanation about the scholarships or pageant you may contact

Sincerely,

Clint Hewitt
Chairman, Bay City Lions Club Rice Festival Queens Pageant
337-540-2590

Bay City Lions Club
Rice Festival Queen's Pageant
Entry Form
(Please *Type* or *Print* Legibly)

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____ City _____

Participants Cell Phone _____ Date of Birth _____

E-Mail Address _____

Sponsor (Contact person/organization) _____
(May be a Civic Club, Business, Non-Profit Organization or Individual)

Sponsor's Address _____ City _____

Hobbies _____

Clubs & Organizations _____

Special Awards _____

Parents/Guardian _____

Address _____ City _____

The undersigned hereby agrees that if she is selected as Rice Festival Queen, 1) she will cooperate to the best of her ability in all publicity decided on by the Bay City Lions Club Rice Festival Queen's Committee, and 2) if she violates any part of the "Qualifications and Policy Statement", she will forfeit her crown. It is further agreed that the undersigned, if under age, has the full consent of her parents or legal guardian to enter the contest. If under age, an advertising release from the parents or guardian giving full consent to use photographs for advertising and publicity is given herewith.

Permission is hereby granted to the Bay City Lions Club Rice Festival Queen's Committee to use photographs and other important information in the contest in news stories in advance of the contest finals, and to crop or trim such photographs when necessary for reproduction.

Please complete ALL of the form.

Signature of Contestant: _____ Date _____ Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Return entry to: **Bay City Lions Club**
Rice Festival Queen's Pageant
3600 Ave. F
Bay City, TX 77414

Sponsor Signature _____ Date _____

**BAY CITY LIONS CLUB
RICE FESTIVAL QUEEN'S PAGEANT 2017
QUALIFICATIONS AND POLICY STATEMENT**

1. The contestant must be a single female, not have been married or had a marriage annulled, had no children, and must remain single during her reign or forfeit her crown.
2. The contestant must be a full time high school senior, must be younger than 21 years old, as of October 1, of the pageant year (2017) and must be a resident of Matagorda County or attend high school in Matagorda County.
3. The contestant must have a sponsor. The sponsor may be a civic club, business, non-profit organization, or individual. **We WILL assist you in finding a sponsor if needed.**
4. **A completed Entry Form with the entry fee must be received on or before Wednesday, October 4, 2017. Entry fee: \$200 (payable to the Bay City Lions Club)**
5. **A 5"x 8" Bio/Introduction Card typed in a 14 (or larger) font for the MC must also be included with Entry Form. Information should include name, parents, sponsor, school, hobbies, clubs & organizations, special awards, future plans. This should be written in third person and **not exceed 100 words.****
6. Any entry received without photos and entry fee will be considered incomplete and will be returned.
7. Photos required – two (2) of the same, 4" x 6" vertical (Color, shoulders or bust only – no profiles). – **All pictures must be taken by Photo/Graphics at 979-244-3600/www.photographicsgroup.com, BEFORE OCTOBER 4th! Please do NOT wait until last minute to make your appointment to get your picture taken. These photos will be delivered to us when they are ready.**
8. The contestant must be of good moral character and never have been convicted of any crime, with the exception of Class C traffic offense.
9. If the contestant violates the Controlled Substance Penal Code Act, she will be disqualified from this contest.
10. It must be understood that there will be no financial remuneration for transportation expenses to and from Bay City.
11. Former Bay City Lions Club Rice Festival Queens and Contestants are ineligible.
12. The contestant must attend all functions that are listed or required on an information sheet to be provided to all contestants.
13. It is required that the contestant ride in transportation provided for her in the Bay City Lions Club Rice Festival Parade, on the following Saturday.
14. The contestant that is crowned Queen of the Bay City Lions Rice Festival must be available to attend any public event or festivities to represent the Bay City Lions Club during the year that the Club deems necessary.
15. **They may be delivered to your high school counselor or hand delivered to Elizabeth Hewitt at Ward Real Estate, 3600 Avenue F, Bay City, Texas.**
16. Scholarship money will be awarded as follows:

Queen:	\$2,000.00
1 st Runner-Up	\$1,250.00
2 nd Runner-Up	\$1,000.00
3 rd Runner-Up	\$750.00
4 th Runner-Up	\$500.00

BAY CITY LIONS CLUB RICE FESTIVAL 2017 Queen's Pageant Schedule

Wednesday, October 4, 2017 – Bay City Service Center – Seminar

5:00 pm Queen's Contest Seminar

Casual clothing Please bring your heels practice in.

Contestants only are to attend this function.

During the seminar, you will draw your number for the pageant and we will collect your BIO for your introduction.

The seminar will make you more comfortable about the interviews and pageant. We encourage all contestants to attend.

Thursday, October 12, 2017 - Key Ingram Auditorium - Rehearsal

5:00 pm- 7:00 pm Rehearsal in the theater

Casual clothing Please bring your heels practice.

This rehearsal is important for all contestants to attend! We will walk thru the entire order of the pageant, including introductions, stage positioning and back stage responsibilities.

Saturday, October 14, 2017 - Queen's Tea

10:00 am – 12:00 pm Queen's Tea – Bay City Country Club

Business Attire - The Bay City Lions Club Past Presidents and their wives host the tea as an opportunity for the contestants and the club to get to know each other. The public is invited. During the tea, the judges will complete interviews and choose the Most Photogenic.

Contestant's Interviews – Bay City Country Club

Each contestant will spend up to five minutes with the judges. Group photos will be taken after all interviews are completed.

Lions Club will provide finger foods and refreshments.

Saturday, October 14, 2017 - Key Ingram Auditorium - Pageant

5:30 pm PAGEANT PREPARATION and run-thru(pageant starts at 7:00)

Report to the BCJH Theater **in your gown** for the opening ceremonies. No need to change during the pageant. Group photos will be taken on stage before the pageant starts and thus will begin the judging of the gowns. **DO NOT BE LATE.**

Saturday, October 21, 2017 - Bay City Service Center

8:30 am Queen's breakfast hosted by Lady Lions and the Richard Gusman Parade

Evening Gowns The day starts with the traditional Queen's Breakfast, immediately followed by the group photo. The parade starts at 10:00 am.