



Matagorda County Civic Organizations and Interested Individuals

RE: 2011 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, September 10, 2011 at 7 pm. We expect the Pageant will be the best ever! Scholarships totaling over \$3,000 will be awarded. The Rice Festival has been moved to September this year, 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 August 24, 2011. They may be mailed to the address listed on the Qualifications and Policy Statement or hand delivered to Tetts Jewelers (1722 Sixth St) in 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 numbers listed below. The schools Counselors have received the same information and have been asked to pass them out to all senior girls interested. Hopefully we will not miss any girl that would like to participate in the pageant.

If you have any questions, please contact me at Farrar Financial Group, 979-245-0649.

Thank you for supporting the young ladies of our county.

Sincerely,

Terry Farrar
Chairman, Bay City Lions Club Rice Festival Queens Pageant
979-245-0649



Dear School Counselor,

It is once again time for the Bay City Lions Club Rice Festival Queen's Pageant. We will be giving scholarships totaling over \$3,000.00 to the girls selected queen, first, second, third and fourth runners-up. Your help is needed in getting the information out to all the **senior** 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; September 1, and September 10 with the Rice Festival Parade being September 17. The Queen's Seminar will be Wednesday, August 31.

The deadline for entry is Wednesday, August 24, 2011. Please accept the applications at your school. I will pick them up from you personally on Thursday, August 25, 2011.

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,

Terry Farrar
Chairman, Bay City Lions Club Rice Festival Queen's Pageant
979-245-0649



Dear Senior:

I'm glad you have chosen to join us at the 2011 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 me at Farrar Financial Group, 979-245-0649.

Sincerely,

Terry Farrar
Chairman, Bay City Lions Club Rice Festival Queens Pageant

Bay City Lions Club
Rice Festival Queen's Pageant
Entry Form

(Please Type or Print Legibly)

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____ City _____

Phone _____ Date of Birth _____

Hair Color _____ Eye Color _____ Height _____

E-Mail Address _____

Sponsor _____

(Must be a Civic Club, Non-Profit Organization or Individual)

Sponsor's Address _____ City _____

Class in School (e.g. Class of '12) _____ 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 of 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
120 Riverside Dr.
Bay City, TX 77414 _____
Sponsor _____ Date _____

**BAY CITY LIONS CLUB
RICE FESTIVAL QUEEN'S PAGEANT
2011
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 September 1, of the pageant year (2011) and must be a resident of Matagorda County or attend high school in Matagorda County.
3. The contestant must have a sponsor. The sponsor must be a civic club, non-profit organization, or individual.
4. **A completed Entry Form with the entry fee and required photos must be received on or before Wednesday, August 24, 2011. Entry fee: \$150 (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 (black and white or color, glossy head and shoulders or bust only – no profiles). – Complimentary at Photo Graphics
8. The contestant must be in good health.
9. The contestant must be of good moral character and never have been convicted of any crime, with the exception of Class C traffic offense.
10. If the contestant violates the Controlled Substance Penal Code Act, she will be disqualified from this contest.
11. It must be understood that there will be no financial remuneration for transportation expenses to and from Bay City.
12. Former Bay City Lions Club Rice Festival Queens and Contestants are ineligible.
13. The contestant must attend all functions that are listed or required on an information sheet to be provided to all contestants.
14. 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.
15. The contestant that is crowned Queen of the Bay City Lions Rice Festival must be available to attend any public event of festivities to represent the Bay City Lions Club during the year that the Club deems necessary.
16. No late entries will be accepted or allowed. **All entries must be received by Wednesday, August 24, 2011 complete with photos and fee.**
17. **Mail entry to:** Bay City Lions Club
Rice Festival Queen Pageant
120 Riverside Dr
Bay City, TX 77414
18. Scholarship money will be awarded as follows:

Queen:	\$1,500.00
1 st Runner-Up	\$750.00
2 nd Runner-Up	\$500.00
3 rd Runner-Up	\$350.00
4 th Runner-Up	\$200.00

BAY CITY LIONS CLUB RICE FESTIVAL

2011 Queen's Pageant Schedule

Wednesday, August 31, 2011 – Bay City Service Center

5:00 pm Queen's Contest Seminar

Casual Clothing Bring your heels if you would like to practice in them.

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, September 1, 2011

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm Queen's Tea – Bay City Country Club

Evening Gowns The tea is hosted by the Bay City Lions Club Past Presidents and their wives as an opportunity for the contestants and the club to get to know each other. The public is invited. About 6:30, the judges will arrive to judge the Most Photogenic and evening gowns.

6:30 -? Contestant's Interviews – Bay City Country Club

Your interview with the judges will be during this time. Each contestant will spend up to three minutes with the judges. Contestants are free to leave after **ALL interviews** are completed.

Lions Club will provide pizza and soft drinks for dinner.

Saturday, September 10, 2011 – Key Ingram Auditorium

9:30 am Dress Rehearsal

Casual clothing Please bring your heels for practice. We hope to be finished by 11:30 am, so that everyone will have time to relax prior to the pageant.

6:00 pm PAGEANT PREPARATION (pageant starts at 7:00)

Report to the cafeteria to get dressed in your business attire for the opening ceremonies. Be prepared to change into your evening gowns during the pageant. We will have female chaperones to help the contestants as needed.

Only contestants are allowed in the cafeteria and stage area

Little Miss & Mister @ 6:00pm

Saturday, September 17, 2011 Bay City Service Center

8:30 am Queen's breakfast and Richard Gusman Parade

Evening Gowns The day starts with the traditional Queen's Breakfast, immediately followed by the group photo. **(Please, no other pictures to be taken until Photo Graphics is finished. Then you can take all the pictures you want)**

The parade starts at 10:00 am.