



BEE COUNTY JUNIOR LIVESTOCK & HOMEMAKERS SHOW 2024 Queen Contest

Dear Queen and Princess Contestant,

We are delighted to have you as a participant in the 2024 BCJLHS Queens Contest! We are so excited for this year! We will continue to offer a \$1000 Scholarship to the winner of the Queen's Contest and a \$500 scholarship to Miss Congeniality. Each club may have an unlimited number of representatives in each of the 4 categories:

- Queen contestants (grades 9-12)
- Princess contestants (grades 6-8)
- Duchess contestants (grades 3-5)
- Countess contestants (grades K-2)

The objective of the BCJLHS Queen's Contest is to promote confidence and leadership skills by encouraging community service, leadership skills, and public speaking. Queen and Princess Contestants will receive points in three divisions: The Interview, Community Service Hours, and The On-Stage Presentation.

Criteria

1. All contestants **MUST** be enrolled in a 4-H, FFA, or FCCLA club/chapter **AND** all Countess contestants must be actively enrolled in the Bee County Young Exhibitors.
2. Contestants must attend **ALL** mandatory meetings on the following dates. If at any time you miss one of the mandatory meetings you may not be eligible for the contest.
 - December 10 – Orientation Meeting - 1pm at Methodist Church.
 - January 2 –Interviews – 15 min intervals @ St. Mary's Academy Charter School Business office
 - January 4 - Rehearsal – 1pm @ AC Jones High School Auditorium
 - January 5 – Contest - 7pm @ AC Jones High School Auditorium
3. Contestants must be passing by the December 8, 2023 UIL eligibility date in order to participate in the contest. An eligibility form will be due on December 15, 2023
4. Contestants may not have any ISS/DAEP referrals from August through December of the current school year. Eligibility will be assessed on the entry form and again on the eligibility form
5. Each contestant must enter a minimum of 1 project in the 2024 BCJLHS
6. Queen and Princess contestants must commit to helping at the BCLHS Show and Premium Sale.
7. Each contestant must participate in 1 community service activity
8. Each contestant must participate in fundraising efforts

First, you must complete the Queen's Contest entry form and submit payment to the Bee County Texas A&M Agrilife Extension office by 4:00 pm on November 3rd, 2023. This is a hard deadline as t-shirts and sashes must be ordered by that weekend. The entry fee is \$75 for Queens and Princesses contestants.

A mandatory orientation meeting will be held on Sunday, December 10th at 1:00 p.m. at the Methodist Church Welcome Center, 106 Cleveland St., Beeville. You and a parent or guardian, **MUST** attend the Orientation meeting. Parents will be required to stay for the first hour, then parents will be dismissed

and the girls will stay for contest activities and photos. The meeting concludes at 5:00 p.m. We will pass out the contestant t-shirts and sashes at this meeting and take Head Shot and group photos.

This year we will have in-person interviews. During the Orientation Meeting, you will have an opportunity to gain helpful input from volunteers to sharpen your interview skills! The contest interview judges will have a background in either agriculture, homemaking, and / or working with teenagers. A sign-up sheet for interview times will be available during the Orientation Meeting. You may earn up to 200 points in the interview portion of the contest.

In addition to the interview, Queen and Princess Contestants will also receive points for completing community service hours. Each contestant is required to participate in at least 1 of the community service opportunities listed below. Community service hours must be accumulated between the dates of **November 4, 2023 and January 2, 2024**. You may be awarded up to 100 points for community service.

Community Service Opportunities:

1. 25 points – Bring toiletries to the orientation meeting - must bring 5 travel sized toiletries and 5 single non-perishable food items (can goods, single serving granola bars, peanut butter crackers, etc) to receive all points.
2. 25 points – Read to preschool/kindergarten/1st grade classes at an elementary school. Organized by the 2023 Queen, Clara, and the committee.
2023 Queen Clara/ Mrs. TJ – BISD
Mrs. Penny – Pettus/Pawnee
Mrs. Bridget/Mrs. Lori – Skidmore
Mrs. Tracey/Mrs. Betty - SMACS
3. 50 pts – Queen and princesses only – 5 individualized community service hours from at least 3 different activities. Examples include working for a non-profit (such as food bank, vineyard, volunteer fire department), volunteering at a church, picking up trash, etc. **You must complete all 5 hours from 3 separate activities to be awarded the 50 points.** All community service hours must be approved ahead of time in order for it to count, by emailing: bcjlhs.queencontest@gmail.com. All individualized activities must be documented on the provided community service form, with no more than 5 hours listed. *Ten points will be deducted if guidelines are not followed.*

And finally, The Contest!! The Queens and Princesses contestants will introduce themselves on stage, answer an on-stage question, and participate in a group line dance. The contestants will be graded by three judges from the South Texas area who again have experience in the agriculture, homemaking, and/or performance fields. A maximum of 300 points may be earned during the live/on stage portion of the contest. A Queen and Princess as well as a 1st and 2nd runner up in each division will be crowned, as long as there are at least 6 contestants entered in each division. The theme is “Retro Cowgirl” with pink, hot pink, silver, and cow print being the primary colors – in case you want to start outfit shopping!

All contestants must meet all of requirements previously listed. If you are not willing to participate in all these areas, then you will want to reconsider. We are looking for the best young ladies to represent Bee County and the show! We look forward to working with you! If you have any questions, please contact Tracey Perkins @ 361-318-7546 or at bcjlhs.queencontest@gmail.com

Sincerely,

Tracey Perkins and The Queen’s Contest Committee

Things to do:

- _____ Sign up for the Queen's Contest GroupMe by scanning the QR code below
- _____ Complete the entry form and turn in to the Extension office no later than 4 pm on November 3, 2023.
- _____ \$75 Queens and Princesses / \$50 Duchesses and Countesses fee paid to the Extension Office no later than 4 pm on November 3, 2023.
- _____ Print the Community Service Log and begin completing individualized community service activities
- _____ Contestant and parent/guardian attend orientation meeting: 1pm at the Methodist Church Welcome Center, 106 Cleveland St., Beeville; you will receive T-shirt and sash; individual and group photos will be taken so come with hair and makeup done!
- _____ Bring 5 travel sized toiletries and 5 single food items to the orientation meeting.
- _____ Sign up for interview time slot
- _____ Participate in the community service reading activity (times and locations TBA)
- _____ Eligibility form signed no sooner than December 8th – Due 12/15/23
- _____ January 2nd – Interview and prep for on-stage presentation; 1pm – 5pm
- _____ January 4th – Rehearsal @ AC Jones High School: 1pm – finished
- _____ January 5th – Contest @ AC Jones High School: 7pm

A schedule change was made since printing the BCJLHS rulebook. Due to venue inavailability, weekday meetings were unavoidable. The committee will work with parents for transportation arrangements if needed. Contestants who return to school prior to the January 4th rehearsal may request an excused absence from their school for the BCLHS event on the eligibility form.

Parents and contestants, please download the GroupMe app and add yourself. All information will be communicated via GroupMe!



2024 BCJLHS QUEEN CONTESTANT ENTRY FORM

Due by 4:00 pm on November 3, 2024 to Extension Office

PRINT CONTESTANT NAME

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

Contestant phone number

Parent phone number

Category: (Check one)

- Queen contestant (grades 9-12)
- Princess contestant (grades 6-8)
- Duchess contestant (grades 3-5)
- Countess contestant (grades K-2)

Extra T-shirts (\$25 each):

I do not want additional t-shirts: _____
 size: _____ youth or adult; quantity _____
 size: _____ youth or adult; quantity _____
 size: _____ youth or adult; quantity _____
 size: _____ youth or adult; quantity _____
 size: _____ youth or adult; quantity _____

Contestant T-Shirt (included in entry fee):

size: _____ Youth Adult

Total # extra shirts _____

I have read the rules and regulations governing the 2024 Bee County Junior Livestock and Homemakers Show Queen Contest and agree to abide by them.

Contestant's Signature

I am familiar with the rules and regulations regarding the Queen Contest and agree to let my child named above participate in the contest.

Parent Signature

I hereby certify the named student, _____, is in the _____ grade at _____ (school name), and has not served a mandatory placement in DAEP, OSS, or ISS during the current school year.

School Principal or Designee Signature

This is to certify the above named student has been selected to represent the _____ (name of club) for the 2024 Bee County Junior Livestock and Homemakers Show Queen's Contest.

Club Advisor or Leader Signature

Office Use Only:

Queen/Princess fee: \$75

Duchess/Countess fee: \$50

Additional T shirts ordered: _____ x \$25= _____

Total paid: _____: Cash Card Check # _____

Contestant's Name: _____

2024 Queen's Contest Community Service Log

DESCRIPTION OF COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITY: Completed after 11/4/23, Due 1/2/24 (DO NOT List More Than 5 hrs)	Approved by Contest Committee Member name and date:	Initials and phone number of person certifying service	Number of hours & date performed
Total of 5 hrs <u>and</u> at least 3 different activities.			
Committee Organized Activities – bring form to activities for signatures	Validated by committee member	Points	
Brought 5 travel size toiletries and 5 food items to orientation meeting		0 or 25	
Participated in committee organized activity to read at a school		0 or 25	
Total points:			

Queen's Contest Committee Signature: _____

QUEEN AND PRINCESS CONTEST RULES

Superintendent: Tracey Perkins

Assistant Superintendent: TJ Roznovsky

Information for the Queen's and Princess Contest will be distributed to club managers and sponsors prior to October meetings.

1. The contest will be have the following divisions:
 - A. Queen Division – open to contestants in grades: 9, 10, 11, and 12
 - B. Princess Division – open to contestants in grades: 6, 7, and 8
 - C. Duchess Division – open to contestants in grades: 3, 4, and 5
 - D. Countess Division – open to contestants in grades: Kinder, 1, and 2
2. Only Queen and Princess Contestants will participate in the judged contest.
3. The Duchess and Countess Contestants will participate in an exhibition during intermission of the Queen and Princess contest.
4. Each FFA Chapter, FCS Chapter and 4-H club within Bee County will be allowed an unlimited number of contestants for each of the Queen, Princess, and Duchess Divisions.
5. An unlimited number of contestants will be allowed for the Countess Division. Contestants must be actively enrolled in the Bee County Young Exhibitors.
6. Contestant entry fees will benefit the Queen's Contest. The entry fee for the Queen and Princess Divisions is \$75. The entry fee for the Duchess and Countess Divisions is \$50.
7. All contestants **AND** a parent must attend the mandatory Orientation and Parent's Meeting. Contestants having a conflict **MUST** contact Queen's Contest Superintendent prior to the meeting.
8. All contestants will receive a t-shirt and a sash for the contest/exhibition.
9. All contestants must be enrolled in public school or homeschooled. Contestants must be eligible according to No Pass / No Play Rule to participate in all Queen/Princess activities. Proof of eligibility for participation will be required.
10. All participants must turn in a disciplinary report from her school. Participant may be excluded from the contest if they have served a mandatory placement in DAEP, OSS, or ISS during the current or prior school year. This decision will be made by the chairperson(s) of the Contest Committee.
11. Contestants may not participate in this contest again after winning the crown, with the exception that a Princess may compete in the Queen Division.
12. Contestants must be single and never been married or pregnant.
13. All contestants must be registered for at least 1 entry in the BCJLHS for the current show year.
14. Queen and Princess Contestants must participate in a "How to be Royalty" workshop, mandatory interview, and mandatory rehearsal.
15. Duchess and Countess Contestants must attend the mandatory rehearsal.
16. During the on stage contest, contestants will appear in western pants/skirt, shirt and boots. Jackets, vests and blazers will be permitted.
17. Queen and Princess Contestants will be judged on appearance, poise, personality, interview and community service hours.
18. The winner of the Queen contest shall be awarded a \$1000.00 scholarship and Miss Congeniality shall be awarded a \$500.00 scholarship, to be paid their first year in college, the semester following high school graduation.
19. The contestants crowned as the Queen and Princess will reign at this year's BCJLHS Show.
20. Queen and Princess Contestants will be required to help with ribbons and awards during this year's show. Failure to comply will forfeit the Contestant's right to participate in the following years.
21. Protests – see General Show Rules.