

2017 Miss Texas Onion Fest Pageant Official Application Packet

Thank you for your interest in participating in the 2017 Miss Texas Onion Fest pageant. There are four categories available, Miss Texas Onion Fest, Miss Texas Onion Blossom, Miss Texas Springsweet, and Miss Texas Pearl Onion Princess each with different requirements. Please read through the entire application carefully before completing and submitting it. Type or print legibly. A non-refundable deposit of \$75 will be required upon submission of application. Applications will not be accepted without a deposit. The deposit will be applied towards the entry fee. Please submit all applications and entry fee to J. Nava Studios in person or by U.S. Mail at 308 S. Texas Blvd Weslaco, Texas 78596 by no later than 6 p.m CST, on Friday, January 20th, 2017. Kindly make all checks payable to J. Nava Studios. Should you find yourself in need of clarification on any of the requirements and or specifications found within this packet, please don't hesitate to call and ask at 956-648-9068.

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I.

Miss Texas Onion Fest 2017 Official Application

Please circle one: (Requirements for participants are detailed on the next page)

Onion Fest: 14-15 Onion Blossom: 12-13 Springsweet: 10-11 Pearl Onion Princess: 8-9

Name: _____ D.O.B. _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: (____) _____ Email _____@_____

Gmail: _____@gmail.com

(if you do not have one, please create one. It will be necessary throughout the pageant.)

School Attending: _____ Grade: _____

Sponsor/Club representing: _____

****Please attach a copy of your most current report card
AND current proof of your residency.***

I understand that if I am selected winner of the Miss Texas Onion Fest Pageant, I am expected to abide by the rules and regulations (see Rules and Regulations of Pageant attached) of the Miss Texas Onion Fest Pageant Contest. I further understand that I will participate in various events to help promote the City of Weslaco and will be held accountable to the Weslaco Area Chamber of Commerce. I am providing proof of age, grade and residency. A copy of the report card issued by the school is sufficient for proof of grade, a water bill is sufficient for proof of residency, and a valid Texas ID or school ID is sufficient proof of age.

(Contestant Signature)

(Parent Signature)

____/____/____
(Date)

II.

REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPANTS

Proof of each of these requirements is necessary.

- ❑ **Miss Texas Onion Fest:** In order to be eligible to compete in this category the contestant must 1.) be in 14-15, and 2.) reside in Mid Valley area.
- ❑ **Miss Onion Blossom:** In order to be eligible to compete in this category the contestant must 1.) be in 12-13, and 2.) reside in Mid Valley area.
- ❑ **Miss Springsweet:** In order to be eligible to compete in this category the contestant must 1.) be in 10-11, and 2.) reside in Mid Valley area.
- ❑ **Miss Pearl Onion Princess:** In order to be eligible to compete in this category the contestant must 1.) be in 8-9, and 2.) reside in Mid Valley area.

AREAS OF COMPETITION

On Stage Introduction: The contestants onstage introduction should include their name, age, parents' names, school attending and future job occupation. Be creative - remember this is your first impression for the judges.

Evening Gown: The contestant must carry herself with dignity, grace, poise and elegance. The judges will not be evaluating the cost or designer label of the gown, but rather how well it suits the contestant (e.g., fit, color, style) as well as contestant's on-stage presentation.

On Stage Fishbowl Question: Contestants will receive the list of questions to prepare for at orientation. The contestant with the highest score will advance to the final round.

Etiquette Form: Through the duration of the orientation and up until the night of the event, etiquette, punctuality and behavior among contestants and their families towards the pageant staff, the event itself, and the contestants will be observed. Each contestant will start with 50 points and points will be deducted from final scores if standards are not met.

FEES

A non-refundable deposit of \$75 will be required upon submission of application. Applications will not be accepted without a deposit. This deposit will be applied towards the entry fee. The early bird entry fee is **\$195 and ends on January 13, 2017 by 6:00 p.m. CST.** After January 13, there will be a **\$225 entry fee** which must be paid in full by **6:00 p.m. CST by January 20, 2017.** All checks are to be made payable to J. Nava Studios. The entry fee includes: 5 tickets to the pageants (valued at \$50), official headshots (valued at \$50), Official Program book (valued at \$10), and a 8x10 portrait (valued at \$35). January 20th at 6:00 p.m. is the last day to register for Miss Texas Onion Fest.

BIOS

During the evening wear portion of this contest, the emcee will read a short bio of each contestant. Please email your bio to **info@jnavacom**. It should include your name, parents' names, and sponsor in the first sentence. Other details may include activities, awards, organizations affiliated with, and fun details about yourself. Please keep this between 75-100 words. This is an opportunity for you to tell the viewers of the pageant -including the judges- a little bit about yourself, while simultaneously giving them some added incentive to crown you the winner. Your bio should emphasize the positive qualities of your personal background and attitude, highlighting accomplishments that can be universally recognized as positive or beneficial. This requires thoughtful composition, careful proofreading and thorough editing. Bios will be due no later than 6 p.m. CST on **February 3, 2017**. **Points will be deducted from your total score off of the etiquette form if it is submitted after 6 p.m. BIOS WILL BE READ AS SUBMITTED.**

Sample Bio: Our next contestant is Beckie Rodriguez. She can be found behind a camera everywhere she goes. Beckie aspires to be a photographer. Her mom, Teresa Garza, is her sponsor tonight and vows to be her first customer when Beckie opens her own photo studio. When not being a shutterbug, Beckie is a 5th grade AP Top Reader at Cleckler Heald Elementary. Next year, she will play the flute in her school band. Beckie has been playing the flute and singing in her church's children's choir for two years. Ladies and gentlemen, a star on the rise, Beckie Rodriguez.

OFFICIAL HEADSHOTS

Headshot photo sessions must be scheduled between January 23rd and January 28th. All photos must be taken by J. Nava Studios. Headshots will be taken from Mon-Fri 5p.m. until 7 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Absolutely no photos from any other studio or photographer will be accepted for the headshots. The chosen headshot will be used for the online voting, buttons and posters. Call 956-648-9068 to book your appointment. A shirt with sleeves will be needed for headshots, nothing strapless. Categories will wear the color of tops as follows:

- Onion Fest: Green
- Onion Blossom: Hot Pink
- Springsweet: Yellow
- Pearl Onion Princess: Purple

DAD'S PRESENTATION

Fathers or male figures as designated by the contestant and her family will be required to escort the contestant at the beginning of the evening gown portion of the competition. *A tuxedo is required.* His only role will be to escort the contestant to the front of the stage. No speaking from his behalf is required.

SPECIAL AWARDS

Listed below are the types of special awards that will be awarded during the night of the pageant:

Miss Hospitality: This award goes toward the contestant that sells the most tickets and ad space on the program before the due date. Each dollar is equal to one point. (Overall)

Miss Sweetheart: This award goes towards the contestant that sells the most buttons and posters before and during the night of the event. Each contestant will have a jar where each \$1 donation will count as a vote. The jar donations will go towards the Weslaco Weslaco Area Chamber of Commerce. (Overall)

Miss Photogenic: This award goes towards the contestant that the judges believe is most photogenic. This is based on the headshot of each contestant. (Per category)

Miss Online's People's Choice: This award goes towards the contestant who has the most votes on the Facebook application by the night before the pageant. Please look at important dates to see when the voting will start and end. (Per category)

Miss Congeniality: This award goes toward the contestant who was the most friendly and helpful throughout practice and on the day of the pageant. (Per category)

Directors Choice: This award goes towards the contestant who showed the most enthusiasm in preparing for the pageant. (Overall)

Best Dress: Judges will choose which of the contestant's dress represents their personality best, compliments both their body and image, and general appropriateness. (Each category)

III.

AD SPACE IN THE PAGEANT PROGRAM

Each contestants' photo will appear in the pageant program along with their name and sponsor. Contestants may purchase additional space by **February 3, 2017**. Ads may be paid for by sponsors/business or parents. You may use their headshot or schedule an additional photo shoot for the page on the program. Below are the prices for the pages:

-Full Page \$150

-Half Page \$95

ADDITIONAL FEES AND SERVICES

Photo sessions for ads in the program must be scheduled between January 23rd and February 8th. Photos will be taken from Mon-Fri 5p.m. until 7 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The sitting fee for ad photoshoots is \$50 (plus tax) and outside photoshoots are \$85 (plus tax).

There will be 2 posters and 3 buttons available on the night of the pageant to sell to the audience. If you need to purchase more, please order at J. Nava Studios by **February 8, 2017**.

Tickets will be sold for \$10 and will be good for attending both pageants. Attendees will be stamped on arrival.

Additional Pageant Programs (\$10) must be ordered before **February 8th**.

****Please refer to the Product sheet for a complete listing. All purchases made will count towards the Miss Sweetheart Award. We cheerfully accept check, cash and all major credit cards. There will be a \$30 fee for returned checks.**

There will be a fashion show during intermission. If you would like to sign anyone up from ages 5 & up, please contact Selene Garcia at (956)-650-1413. The fee is \$50 per person OR sell 10 tickets to event.

(These dates could change at the discretion of the pageant director/producer. Please ensure that you have the most up to date version of this packet. The updated packet will always be available at www.jnava.com)

IV.

Important Dates

Please add these important dates to your phone calendars/reminders (These dates could change at the discretion of the pageant director/producer. Please ensure that you have the most up to date version of this packet. The updated packet will always be available at www.jnava.com)

Points will be deducted off of your etiquette form, if contestant is late to important dates

- Orientation: 11:00 AM CST on Saturday, **January 21st** at J Nava Studios- 308 A South Texas Blvd. Weslaco, Texas 78596
- Contestant orders will be drawn at Orientation
- Headshots: All official headshots will be taken at J. Nava Studios is located at 308 S. Texas Blvd, Weslaco from **Monday January 23rd until Saturday January 28th**. Schedule times between Mon-Fri from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. and 11 a.m until 2 p.m.
- Online People's Choice - **12 AM CST Sunday, February 5th until 12:00 AM CST Sunday, February 12th.**
- Onstage Rehearsal: Friday, February 11 at 1 PM CST at **Weslaco Performing Arts Center**
- Pageant: Sunday February 12th, 2017 at 2 PM CST **Weslaco Performing Arts Center**

Due Dates

Points will be deducted from your total score of the etiquette form, if LATE on due dates

Applications and Entry fees are due - **6 PM CST Friday, January 20th**

Bios – **6 PM CST Friday, February 3rd** emailed to info@jnava.com

Last day for Program Photo Shoots - **Friday, February 3rd, 2017**

Sponsor page Ad money & artwork due - **Friday, February 3rd, 2017**

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V.

Rules and Regulations of Pageant

Instructions: Please initial by each line and submit to pageant director along with the registration.

THE PAGEANT DIRECTOR AND PRODUCER RESERVE THE RIGHT TO CHANGE THE RULES AND GUIDELINES AS DEEMED NECESSARY AND WITHOUT NOTICE.

Applications are available at J. Nava Studios, located at 308 South Texas Blvd

Applications must be submitted by 6:00pm **Friday, January 20, 2017.**

All sales are final. All decisions are final.

Application are available for download at www.jnava.com

X _____ Eligibility & Acceptance:

The contestant must have never been married or never given birth to a child as of the date of the event. She must reside in the mid valley and be of age or grade level specified at the time of the event. Pregnancy during the reign is grounds for disqualification.

X _____ Gender: The contestant must be naturally born female.

X _____ The production may consist of an opening number segment (not judged), an interview competition segment, an onstage presentation, a fashion wear competition, an evening wear competition, a fishbowl question and final questions.

X _____ On-stage Presentation (50 points)

The contestant must be able to verbally express herself with confidence. The on-stage presentation must include age, school of attendance and contestants name.

X _____ Evening Gown (50 points)

The contestant must carry herself with dignity, grace, poise and elegance. The judges will not be evaluating the cost or designer label of the gown, but rather how well it suits the contestant (e.g., fit, color, style) as well as contestant's on-stage presentation.

Judging criteria: *Choice of Gown/Hair/ Makeup, Modeling skills, Grace and Poise, Eye Contact, Onstage Presence.* Evening gown must be floor length and age appropriate.

X _____ Fishbowl Questions and Final Questions (50 points each segment).

Contestant must be able to express herself with confidence. The fish bowl questions and final question topics will simple enough for the contestant of their age division to be able to answer.

Judging criteria: *Articulation, Communication Skills, Composure, Intelligence, and Eye Contact*

X _____ Etiquette Form (50 points)

An etiquette form will be judged off of the actions and compliance from the contestant and family members towards both the pageant staff and other contestants. If the criteria is not met, points be deducted from their etiquette form.

Judging criteria: *Punctuality, Etiquette, Responsibility, Respectful, Social Media Manners*

X _____ JUDGING.

Reasonable efforts are made to secure a culturally and professionally diverse panel of judges. All decisions are final. Contestant or their families may not approach the judges or engage in conversation with judges prior to or during the

competition. A contestant observed approaching a judge or engaged in conversation with a judge beyond a brief greeting, risks immediate disqualification at the discretion of the pageant director and or pageant producer.

The decision of the judges is final.

X_____ Tie Breakers:

If there are ties for Finalists positions, then the higher of the Final Question, Onstage Fish Bowl and Evening Wear will be used to break the tie. Judges are allowed to have a meeting to discuss and make decision for the Final question.

VI.

CODE OF CONDUCT / WINNER'S CONTRACT

The winner and members of the court affirm that each is and will continue to be a person of good moral character; that she has not committed and will not commit any act inconsistent with the highest standards of public morals and conventions or that will reflect unfavorably on the pageant, its representatives, sponsors, the Weslaco Area Chamber of Commerce and J Nava Studios; that she has not appeared in nude or provocative photographs for any film or publication prior to, during the pageant, or during her reign. Pregnancy is basis for disqualification. The winner and member of the court will conduct themselves in a courteous, professional manner at all times during the pageant and while representing the Weslaco Area Chamber of Commerce and J. Nava Studios. The winners will not slander or libel other contestants, judges, staff or anyone else involved with or connected to the production. Defamatory verbal and/or written remarks against and the pageant, Weslaco Area Chamber of Commerce and J.Nava Studio will result in immediate disqualification, forfeiture of any and all prizes and awards. Winners found publicly posting slanderous remarks on public forums will be immediately disqualified. Good sportsmanship is expected at all times. Disruptive behavior before, during, or after the pageant may result in disqualification, removal from the premises, and/or legal charges. Winners and members of the court agree to sign the Code of Conduct statement indicating agreement to abide by the terms specified here. Failure to sign the Code of Conduct statement does not in any way release the winners from the responsibility to abide by the Code of Conduct stated here. All issues related to the Code of Conduct and consequences for violation thereof shall be determined solely and exclusively by the pageant director.

Winners are expected to be on time and to represent the city and the Weslaco Area Chamber of Commerce in good favor at all times at all events. The Weslaco Area Chamber of Commerce must approve and have knowledge of all public and private events attended as a representative of Miss Texas Onion Fest.

If the winner is unwilling to sign the contract and/or unable or unwilling to fulfill the obligations, the title and all prizes will be awarded to the first runner up. The reign of the winner's title will commence immediately after crowning and will end immediately following the crowning of her successor the following year. The winner agrees to make monthly contact with Weslaco Area Chamber of Commerce by phone, letter, social media or e-mail. The winner is expected to give her time and energy to this title during her year's reign. The winner agrees to attend the next year's pageant to crown her successor.

Contestant's Name (PRINT)

Contestant's Signature

Parent Signature

Parent Name (PRINT)

Date: _____

Dear Merchant;

Thank you for your interest in the Miss Texas Onion Fest pageant. By sponsoring a contestant, you are encouraging local youth and teaching young ladies to compete in a healthy competition of grace, poise, interview skills with their peers and most importantly increase self-esteem.

The entry fee for this contest is \$225. Sponsors may choose to pay the contestant's entry fee, supporting her financially and emotionally every step of the way. In addition to helping this contestant to win the Miss Hospitality Award, you can purchase a full page advertisement costing \$150 and a half page at \$95. This advertisement will appear on the program book the night of the pageant and shows your support for her and all youth in the pageant. Your contribution is a valid business expense.

Thank you again for your interest. Please contact Michelle Garcia at (956)-376-9464 with any further questions.

Best wishes,

Michelle Garcia, Pageant Director

Yes! Here is my contribution of \$_____ for the entry fee.

Yes! Here is my contribution of \$_____ for the page advertisement.

(Check is made payable to J. Nava Studios)

Advertisement Information: (You may email artwork to info@jnava.com with subject or attach business card to form)

BusinessName: _____

Location: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Contact: _____ Position: _____

Contestant's Name: _____