

Schulenburg Festival Scholarship Pageant and Royalty Rules and Expectations

All winners & 1st Runner Ups will be members of the Miss Schulenburg Court and will function as a group. Decision of riders will be made by the Pageant Directors.

Parade Requirement: Each member of the court must ride in at least 7 parades to receive the monetary awards or scholarship money.

1. The Schulenburg Festival Scholarship Pageant will take place at the Schulenburg KC Hall on Saturday, July 18, 2026, and will begin at 6:30 p.m.
2. Pageant Rehearsals will begin at 6:00pm on Thursday, July 16, 2026 at Schulenburg KC Hall.
3. The contestant must live in or attend the Schulenburg Independent School District FULL TIME. A contestant that lives with a parent or guardian within the SISD only part-time IS NOT eligible to run for the Miss Schulenburg Court.
4. All Little Miss, Young Miss, Junior Miss and Miss Contestants must be born a Female.
5. All Little Mister Contestants must be born a Male.
6. Little Miss and Little Mister contestants must be 4-7 years old and/or enrolled in Pre-K, Kinder or First Grade.
7. Young Miss contestants must be 8-11 years old and/or enrolled in Second, Third, Fourth or Fifth Grade.
8. Junior Miss contestants must be 11-14 and/or enrolled in Sixth, Seventh or Eighth Grade.
9. Miss Schulenburg contestants must be 14-18 years old and/or enrolled in 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grade or May 2026 high school graduate with plans to attend Blinn in Schulenburg and be a full time Schulenburg resident. No Junior High students will be entered in this category.
10. **Deadline for entering the scholarship pageant is Wednesday July 8, 2026, at 5:00pm.** All applications must be submitted to 824 Oakland Rd, Schulenburg, TX 78956. **No applications will be accepted by fax, e-mail, text or regular mail.**
11. A printed **4 x 6 color photo** turned in **with** application is required for consideration in the “Photogenic” category. No other size photo will be judged. The color photo may be a regular snapshot or professional photo. The color photo must accompany the application and is due at the time of application.
 - a. On the back of picture, please write: 1) the contestant’s name, 2) the contestants division
 - b. If a 4 x 6 color photo does not accompany the application, the contestant will not be judged for “Most Photogenic” or have their picture submitted to the local newspaper.
12. A **\$50.00** non-refundable sponsorship will be required of each contestant and is due at the time of application submission. The contestant is responsible for obtaining a sponsor. This sponsorship can be either a business or family.
13. Contestants must be of good moral character in and/or away from school, extracurricular activities, and community activities. **Good Moral Character** refers to a personal history of honesty, fairness, good behavior in public, respect for the rights of others, and for state and federal law. Contestants must not have a history of legal trouble, which includes being on probation for any involvement in mischievous activities issued by the school and/or law enforcement. **Note: The Pageant Directors and/or The Schulenburg**

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Festival Board of Directors reserves the right to evaluate and/or question any contestant, along with her parents and/or guardians, about any behavioral concerns after the pageant application is received. Any false information provided on this application will result in immediate disqualification of the contestant.

14. Contestants must not be, or never have been married. If any member of the Miss Schulenburg court should become married, pregnant, or move out of the Schulenburg Independent School District during their reign, they will be obligated to terminate their position and monetary awards.
15. Contestants must not have unnatural colored hair such as bright red, blue, green, etc. Piercings are limited to the ears, cannot be gauges, and no visible tattoos; permanent or temporary.
16. A panel of judges will do all judging. An audit team will tabulate scores. Judges decisions are final. All score sheets are confidential, will not be discussed or reviewed after the pageant, and are destroyed by the audit team the night of the pageant.
17. The judging of contestants will be based on the following:
 - a. Private Interview – Contestants will meet and talk with judges individually. Scores will be based on poise, personality, and age appropriate appearance and conversational ability.
 - b. Evening Gowns during the pageant –Dresses and gowns should be “age appropriate” for contestants, AND SHOULD NOT HAVE PLUNGING NECKLINES, COMPLETELY EXPOSED BACKS, BE TOO REVEALING ON THE SIDES, AND/OR NO HIGH LEG SLITS ABOVE THE KNEE. You will be judged accordingly.
18. Private interviews with the pageant judges will take place at the Schulenburg KC Hall, with the first interview starting at approximately noon the day of the pageant. Please arrive 5 minutes before your interview. Outfits can be casual and age appropriate for the contestant. (think Sunday best)
19. Parents and legal guardians may not stay with their children backstage during rehearsal times or during the pageant. Someone will be there to assist your child during rehearsal and pageant.
20. Scholarship Awards will be presented as follows:
 - a. Miss Schulenburg will receive a \$1,250.00 scholarship, crown, trophy, and sash.
 - b. Miss Schulenburg 1st Runner-Up will receive a \$1,000.00 scholarship, trophy and sash.
 - c. Junior Miss Schulenburg will receive a \$750.00 scholarship, crown, trophy, and sash.
 - d. Junior Miss Schulenburg 1st Runner-Up will receive a \$500.00 scholarship, trophy and sash.
 - e. NOTE: All of the above mentioned Scholarship Money will be paid out upon successful completion of 12th grade. There will be no exceptions to these payments, i.e. no early payments.
 - f. Young Miss Schulenburg will receive a \$250 check, crown, trophy and sash.
 - g. Young Miss Schulenburg 1st Runner Up will receive a \$150 check, trophy and sash.
 - h. Little Miss Schulenburg will receive a \$150 check, crown, trophy and sash.
 - i. Little Miss Schulenburg 1st Runner Up will receive a \$100 check, trophy and sash.
 - j. Little Mister Schulenburg will receive a \$150 check, cowboy hat, trophy and sash.
 - k. Little Mister Schulenburg 1st Runner Up will receive a \$100 check, trophy and sash.
 - l. NOTE: All of the above mentioned checks will be paid out upon successful completion of reign.
 - m. All winners and 1st Runner-Ups are required to ride on the float in the Schulenburg Festival parade on Sunday, August 2, 2026.
 - n. The parade will begin at 11:00 a.m. therefore the court should be at the float location no later than 10:00 a.m.
 - o. The pageant judges will choose a Photogenic Winner in each category. The Photogenic Winner in each category will receive a trophy. Photogenic winners do not ride the float.
21. Pageant titles can only be won once. Any pageant winner, cannot run again in the following year, regardless of a different age group.

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- a. Example: A Young Miss Schulenburg winner will not be allowed to run again the following year for Junior Miss, even though it will be for the different age group. ALL Winners (Queens) must sit out one full year before trying out again.
22. Members of the Miss Schulenburg Court must always represent Schulenburg, throughout their term, in a manner that reflects well on the Schulenburg Festival Association. Each court member must continue to be of good moral character for the entire year in and/or away from school, extracurricular activities, and community activities. **Good Moral Character** refers to a personal history of honesty, fairness, good behavior in public, respect for the rights of others, and for state and federal law. Court Members must remain in good standing with the school district, and local, state & federal law enforcement; which includes being on probation for any involvement in mischievous activities issued by the school and/or law enforcement. **Note: The Pageant Directors and/or The Schulenburg Festival Board of Directors reserve the right to evaluate and question any behavioral concerns, based on facts, of the court members at any time during their annual term, and will, if necessary, by a majority vote terminate the member of their position and relinquish crown and monetary award.**
23. The winners must participate in various events throughout the year deemed necessary by The Pageant Directors and the Schulenburg Festival Association.
24. **Festival weekend** - The Court will be given a Royalty Schedule with approximate times prior to Festival weekend that each member of the Court needs to be at for photos and to represent during the weekend event. Schulenburg Festival is a 4 day event and by signing the rules to run in any age group the contestant (with accompanying parent and/or guardian) are agreeing to be at the entire Festival as requested by the Pageant Directors.
25. The cost of embroidery of your name on the back of your sash is the responsibility of the winners, if they choose to do so.
26. The Schulenburg Festival will NOT pay to replace or repair a crown, or any other awards. If a crown or other award must be replaced or repaired, it will be the responsibility of the winner to pay for the repair or replacement.
27. Outgoing Queens/King is required to attend the following year's pageant to crown their successor.
28. The Schulenburg Festival Association sponsors the Court Members and float, and thereby holds all decision-making authority. Any concerns or suggestions of the Court Members and parents are important and should be directed to the Pageant Directors as they come up.
29. The reign for Miss Schulenburg and Court Members begins immediately following crowning and will conclude the night you crown your successor.
30. Miss Schulenburg and Court Members will represent Schulenburg and The Festival Association in 15 plus parades, each winner is required to participate in a minimum of seven parades and plus functions as requested. In the event you do not fulfill this obligation all monetary awards will be forfeited.
31. The Pageant Directors will schedule parades and other functions. Miss Schulenburg's responsibility is to notify the other court members of each up-coming parade, or other activity, at least a week prior to the event to discuss what to wear & what time to meet. However, everyone should already have a Parade Schedule to follow.
32. All court members wear the attire they wore in the pageant at the Moulton Parade and The Schulenburg Festival Parade.
33. Court members must represent the community of Schulenburg in a proper and respectful manner. Any misconduct at any City, Public, and/or School activities such as public outburst, fights, alcohol and/or drug related incidents will result in immediate termination of title and monetary award.

34. Drinks and/or snacks will be the responsibility of the parents.
35. All parade winning trophies become the property of The Schulenburg Festival Association. Please give to Pageant Director.
36. Parents are responsible for pictures in the newspaper.
37. An absentee notification must be given to Pageant Directors and/or Miss Schulenburg if you are unable to attend any function/parade. Excused absences are as follows: School functions, weddings, death in family.
38. ALL COMPLAINTS will be directed to the Pageant Directors immediately; if at any time decisions are made without consultation with Pageant Directors, a meeting will be called to discuss matters at hand. If a mediation will not occur and/or a compromise cannot be acquired, immediate relinquish of title and monetary awards may occur.
39. No decisions and/or changes to the float and/or court will be made by parents unless consulted with and given permission by the Pageant Directors.
40. If at any time, Miss Schulenburg and Court does not work hand in hand or portrays an obvious problem among the group. A meeting will be called by the Directors to resolve any disagreement. If problem exists, dismissal of title and monetary awards may result.
41. Do not post any pictures on social media and/or other sites presenting themselves in inappropriate situations.
42. Volunteer/Appearance Opportunities are at the discretion of Miss Schulenburg but must be approved by pageant directors to ensure the values align with the Festival.
43. The outgoing parade at Schulenburg Festival will be the responsibility of the outgoing Miss Schulenburg to coordinate.
44. You can only wear your crown and sash at your Festival. Your outgoing parade will be an exception.
45. Parents of the Miss Schulenburg Court will pull the float with a truck provided by Chuck Brown Ford. They must have a valid Driver's License, must provide the pageant directors with proof of being an insured driver, and must not have any legal liability issues and/or ongoing investigations that will compromise the safety of the other children riding the float. No alcohol is allowed by driver at any time. All parents of the Miss Schulenburg Court share the responsibility of pulling the float on a rotating basis, unless parents volunteer the year. Note: Drivers may also be assigned by Pageant Director if necessary. (Remember: Chuck Brown Ford, allows us to use one of his new vehicles to pull the float-We ask that you take extra pride and care of this vehicle, it needs to be turned in the same manner it was picked up in.) It is also the responsibility for whom is pulling the float to arrange with the Ford Dealership to pick up the vehicle. It is not the responsibility of the pageant directors.
46. The court members agree to allow the pageant directors and the Schulenburg Festival Association the right to use the contestants name and/or pictures for publicity and promotion.

Dress code on the float during parades will be as follows:

The chosen gown color is the decision of Miss Schulenburg with the approval of pageant directors. Color choices are Red, White or Royal Blue. All members of the court will need to have the chosen gown color by the Fayette County Fair parade on Labor Day Weekend.

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Parade Etiquette: Failure to follow these guidelines will be addressed by the Pageant Directors.

- Everyone on the float must wear the selected and approved color of dress chosen by Miss Schulenburg at each Parade beginning with Fayette County Fair.
- Hair style for parades and events will be decided by Miss Schulenburg.
- Make-up should be appropriate for the age of the young lady.
- Jewelry should be age appropriate and blend with the dress.
- Shoes should also blend with the dress.
- Sunglasses should not be worn on the float during judging or while the float is moving. NO Exceptions!!!
- No Electronic Devices are allowed on the float during judging or while the float is moving.
- While the Court is on the float; **smiling, waving, and thanking people is appropriate.** Remember you are being watched at all times and are a direct representation of Schulenburg and the Festival Association. It is not appropriate to yell or make other comments at other floats or spectators for any reason.
- NO gum is allowed on the float at any time.
- All Court Members and Parents are required to help with the setting-up and tearing down of the float before and after a parade. NO EXCEPTIONS. As well as, one parent or appointed representative of each float rider must be present at all parades to take responsibility for their child.

There will be a mandatory court meeting TBA. Each Queen/King and 1st Runner Up, and at least 1 parent each, need to be at this meeting to take notes, and prepare for upcoming events. Photogenic winners DO NOT attend this meeting.

Pageant contestants and/or parents or guardians shall hold harmless the Schulenburg Festival Association, Pageant Directors or any of their employees, agents or volunteers from any liability resulting from any acts, negligence, or any other circumstances normally associated with the Schulenburg Festival Scholarship Pageant, parades, or any other duties performed by the pageant contestants or winning Festival Royalty Court.

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE RULES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND EXPECTATIONS AND AGREE TO THE TERMS AS LISTED.

Contestant: _____

Parent or Guardian: _____

Date: _____