

APPLICATION FOR MISS GONZALES COUNTY 2017
PROFILE SHEET

CANDIDATE NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____

CANDIDATE PHONE: _____ D.O.B.: _____

CANDIDATE EMAIL: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____

NAME OF SCHOOL: _____ GRADE _____

PARENT/ GUARDIAN PHONE: _____

PARENT/ GUARDAIN EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Application Fee: \$50.00

The Come and Take It Celebration as you know is the largest annual festival in Gonzales County. But what you may not know is that the Come and Take It Celebration is a vehicle, of sorts, through which many local clubs and organizations make their operating money for the year. That money comes back to the community in the form of scholarships, special projects and more.

If you are interested in running for Miss Gonzales County, please talk it over with your parents. If they agree, fill out the Candidate Profile sheet and return it to the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce located at 414 St. Lawrence Street (Old Jail Museum).

The Chamber WILL NOT ACCEPT PROFILE SHEETS AFTER 4:15 PM ON MONDAY, August 28th.

The Queen and her Court attend numerous parades during the year, as Ambassadors of the Gonzales Chamber, as well as Gonzales County. This will be a big responsibility during your year, but an incredibly rewarding and enjoyable experience. You will travel to many places and meet lots of people while having the time of your life.

If you have any questions, you may contact the Gonzales Chamber at 830.672.6532.

Candidate Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please initial that you have read and agree to abide by the rules:

_____ **Candidate** _____ **Parent/Guardian**

Miss Gonzales County Royal Court Election Criteria Sheet

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your daughter has indicated her desire to run for Miss Gonzales County. There are certain requirements/responsibilities that one must assume in order to qualify and remain a member of the Gonzales County Royal Court. Requirements and responsibilities are as follows:

I. CANDIDATE REQUIRMENTS AND OBLIGATIONS IMPOSED BY THIS PARAGRAPH WILL CONTINUE TO APPLY IN THE EVENT CANDIDATE IS CROWNED:

- a. Each Candidate is required to sell 50 raffle tickets.
- b. Candidate must sell required amount of raffle tickets and turn in all money to: **Gonzales Chamber of Commerce by September 22, 2017.**
- c. Candidates MUST faithfully abide by all the rules; failure to do so may result in dismissal from the Court at the sole digression of the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture;
- d. Candidates MUST be financially responsible for their own transportation to and from Parades and for purchasing appropriate attire for float, appropriate attire to be deemed appropriate by the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture;
- e. Candidates are expected and required to present themselves as respectable figures in the community throughout the year. They should treat other candidates as they would want to be treated. Any destruction of property will not be tolerated. You are expected to represent Gonzales well.
- f. Candidate must be a resident of Gonzales County;
- g. Candidate must be classified as at least a 7th grader- Senior. Candidate must not be older than 19 years of age when running;
- h. Candidate must have the biological gender of a female;
- i. Candidate must not have any visible tattoos.
- j. Candidate must not currently be married or have any prior marriages. Candidate must not have any child(ren). Candidate must not pregnant; and
- k. Candidate must have profile sheet turned in.

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2. VOTING:

- a. Voting will be held in downtown outside the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce and will be open to the public.
- b. Voters must write their own name and distinguish the name of the candidate of their choice. Assistance will be provided for individuals with special needs.
- c. Voters will be asked to sign a voter register. Only one vote is allowed per person. Each vote will cost \$1.00 and will contribute to the Queens scholarship.
- d. Voting will be the Saturday before the Come and Take It Celebration (September 30, 2017) from 10:00 am – 4:00pm.

3. DETERMING THE ROYAL COURT:

- a. The High School Aged Candidate with the highest number of votes will be elected Queen;
- b. The High School Aged Candidate with the second highest number will be elected Princess;
- c. The Junior High Aged Candidate with the highest number of votes will be elected Duchess; and
- d. The Junior High Aged Candidate will be the second highest number of votes will be elected Countess.

4. MISS GONZALES COUNTY ROYAL COURT WILL CONSIST OF:

- a. Queen from the High School Aged Applicants, the Queen will receive a scholarship, crown, and sash.
- b. Princess from the High School Aged Applicants, the Princess will receive a gift bag from the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture, crown, and sash.
- c. Duchess from the Junior High Aged Applicants, the Duchess will receive a gift bag from the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture, crown, and sash; and
- d. Countess from the Junior High Aged Applicants, the Countess will receive a gift bag from the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture, crown, and sash.

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MISS GONZALES COUNTY ROYAL COURT RULES

I. DRESS/FLOAT:

- a. Your appearance on or away from the float, should reflect the same class and pride that you show in representing Gonzales County.
- b. All Gonzales County Royalty shall have make-up and hair fixed.
- c. All sashes must be clean when riding the float & when representing Gonzales County.
- d. The Queen's Committee (Gonzales County Royal Court) has the right to determine color of dresses worn.

II. PARADES:

- a. The Queen is responsible for riding every parade in the event the Queen is not able to ride the Princess will ride that Parade for her. The Princess is responsible for riding every parade in the event the Princess is not able to ride she is responsible for finding a Duchesses to take her place. Due to the design of the float, the Gonzales Chamber Board Members requires at least (3) members of the Royal Court to ride in all parades. The Come and Take It Celebration parade will be the Royal Court's final appearance. All members of the Court will have the opportunity to ride the float throughout the year.
- b. Court members are required to assist with "setting up" and "taking down" of the float at the parades they participate in. Court members should treat property as if it is their own. If there are any issues with the float, please tell the Gonzales Chamber immediately. If any member of the court cannot participate in a parade (she must have a valid excuse) that has already been scheduled, she must call the Gonzales Chamber with the name of the Queens Committee who will be her replacement one week prior to the parade. If a member of the court fails to find a replacement and does not notify the designated member she will be giving a warning. If failure to ride or failure to find a replacement happens again, her privileges of riding the float will terminate and that could affect her scholarship if requirements are not met.
- c. Parents of the Royal Court are responsible for transportation of the Royal Court to and from parades.
- d. Once the Queen and the Royal Court are on the float for Judging, cell phones must not be used or seen.
- e. Only the Queen and members of her Royal Court are allowed on the float once it has been set up and is in the parade line-up. (exceptions made by Queen's Committee or Parade Coordinator) No unauthorized persons are allowed.

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- f. The Queen and her Royal Court are expected to conduct themselves in a friendly and courteous manner throughout the year. Alcohol and drug abuse will not be tolerated please remember you are representing the Gonzales County.
- g. Each Royal Court member **must ride at least 6 parades**. Each Royal Court member may ride all parades. There are about 20 parades during the parade year.

III. TICKET SALES:

- a. Candidates are required to sell raffle tickets (The required number of raffle tickets each Candidates must sell will be directly related to the number of Candidates apply to run for Miss Gonzales County Royal court) and turn in the sale proceeds to participate in any activities as a member of the Tickets must be sold by the candidate and the deadline date will be determined by the Gonzales Chamber.
- b. The tickets will be issued to each Candidate in packets. The first packet will be issued at the group meeting. Each candidate must sell allotment of tickets and turn in proceeds from that sale in order to receive another allotment unless prior arrangements made with coordinator. Dates and times for turning in proceeds and picking up more tickets will be discussed in the Gonzales Chamber group meeting.
- c. Candidates who do not sell the required number of tickets will not be eligible to participate in the election, coronation, or any parades; Candidate will not participate in the election process nor be considered a member of the court.
- d. If candidate does not turn in the total amount due from the sale of the raffle tickets or the amount collected from the portion of the tickets sold along with the remaining unsold tickets, it will be the responsibility of the candidate and her parents/ guardians to pay for the unsold tickets and / or the sales proceeds not turned into the Gonzales Chamber. Any violation of this provision will be referred to the Gonzales County Attorney for Prosecution. This will result in disqualification on ballot election day.
- e. All candidates must pay an application fee of \$50.00. This fee may be sponsored by a business or nonprofit.

IV. CAMPAIGNING:

All must be approved through the Gonzales Chamber.

VIOLATION OF THESE RULES CAN RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION.

Once 50 raffle tickets are sold, money and tickets are accounted for, Candidate may start campaigning for the election on September 8th with:

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- a. Standard size posters board (22"x28");
- b. Letter sized flyers (8 ½ x 11)
- c. Business cards
- d. Campaigning by paid advertisement is prohibited. (ex. Billboards, newspaper, cable, etc.).
- e. Candy Buckets are prohibited.
- f. Hiring a publicity representative is prohibited.
- g. Candidates shall not place any advertising flyers in mailboxes, or on the front of vehicle windshields, federal law/city ordinance prohibits this.
- h. Campaigning at highway intersections, street corners and in front of businesses are strictly prohibited.

V. VOTING & ELECTION:

- a. Voting will be held in downtown outside the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce and will be open to the public.
- b. Voters must write their own name and distinguish the name of the candidate of their choice. Assistance will be provided for individuals with special needs.
- c. Voters will be asked to sign a voter register. Only one vote is allowed per person. Each vote will cost \$1.00 and will contribute to the Queens scholarship.
- d. Voting will be the Saturday before the Come and Take It Celebration from 10:00am – 4:00pm in front of the Gonzales Chamber.
- e. Voters will cast a ballot by circling the name of the Candidate they choose from an alphabetical list. Please instruct family members and friends that “coaching” is not allowed, especially with small children. A member can assist children without jeopardizing the integrity of the vote.
- f. Voting officials will place ballots under lock and key that Saturday until official tabulation Thursday before the Come and Take It Celebration. Vote results will be kept secret and confidential until the Saturday night of the Come and Take It Celebration.
- g. No golf carts, hover boards or any unauthorized vehicle(s) may be used during voting day.
- h. On voting day please make sure if you have a Voting Taxi that your name is not on the vehicle. It may say Voting Taxi with your theme only. We will ask voters to leave once they have cast their vote.

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VI. CANDIDATES:

- a. The candidate is responsible for the raffle ticket sales and money.
- b. Candidate will ride in the Come and Take It Celebration parade as her final send-off. Vehicle will be sponsored by a local car dealership that is in good standing with the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce.
- c. During the Come and Take It Celebration sashes will be presented to the Queen and all her court at the announcement.
- d. Each contestant must be available to have her picture made at a future appointed time.
- e. Candidate is required to have appropriate attire for announcement. Shorts must be fingertip length and "Come and Crown it" shirts will be issued to each candidate.
- f. Candidates must complete the following to get full scholarship:
 1. Sell all tickets required to run for Miss Gonzales County.
 2. Turn in your thank you notes to the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce. Thank you notes will be in your gift basket with the names & addresses of the people donating your gifts. The Gonzales Chamber of Commerce will mail them for you after you turn them in.
 3. All signs in businesses and yard signs must be picked up by the Wednesday following the Come & Take It Celebration if not before.
 4. Each Candidate must ride at least 6 parades. You are welcome to be in all of the parades. There will be about 20 parades during the parade year.

VII. GONZALES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S ROLE:

- a. Announce the winner during the Come and Take It Celebration- Saturday. Time to be determined.
- b. Provides a scholarship to the Queen and the Princess, Duchess, and Countess will receive swag bags. Monies will only be valid for respectively, to a college, university, technical, trade, or business school. Should the Queen, not seek higher education, the funds reserved for their scholarships will remain in the general fund for future scholarship recipients.

VIII. SPONSORING ORGANIZATION'S RESPONSIBILITIES:

- a. Candidate sponsorship is separate from Come & Take It sponsorship.
- b. Furnish Automobile or float for their Candidate to ride during the parades.
- c. Sponsors may help assist Candidate in the sale of raffle tickets for them.
- d. It is not a requirement of the sponsoring organization to purchase any raffle tickets from its Candidate.

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Parental Permission Form

My daughter, _____ has permission to participate in the Election of the Miss Gonzales County Royal Court if chosen by organization/club. My daughter and I have read the rules and criteria, and agree to abide by the commitments, rules, and regulations as herein set forth.

I, understand that, if chosen for Miss Gonzales County Royal Court, my daughter will abide by any commitments, rules, and regulations set forth herein and as arise throughout her reign.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Candidate's Signature

Date

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