

Laredo International Fair and Exposition 2025



L.I.F.E. Tiny Miss & Little Miss Pageant Rules and Pageant Application

Informational Meeting July 19, 2024
Application Due- Friday July 26, 2024

Note: The pageant and associated events are subject to change.
For additional information contact Committee Chair, Jessica Benavides (956) 774-2342

2025 L.I.F.E. Tiny Miss & Little Miss Pageant

On behalf of the Laredo International Fair and Exposition Pageant Committee, we are delighted to have this event celebrating the charm, talent, and personality of all the young girls in our community. As a Tiny Miss & Little Miss contestant, the young participants will have an opportunity to develop poise, express themselves, and make new friends.

The 2025 Tiny Miss and Little Miss pageant will not have runners-up. There will be one contestant who will win L.I.F.E. Tiny Miss and one contestant who will win L.I.F.E. Little Miss. Each will receive a tiara, a 2025 sash, and a buckle.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must be enrolled in school.
- Tiny Miss, ages 3-5 years old
- Little Miss, ages 6-8 years old
- Must be a Webb County resident.
- \$75.00 entry fee. (non-refundable)
- Must be in good standing at their school
- Must be a biological female. (birth certificate may be required)
- Candidates must sell or pay (mandatory) for 10 Pageant Tickets. (\$10.00 each)

MANDATORY PAGEANT ORIENTATION:

Complete application packet is due on Friday, July 26, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. during the Pageant Orientation, which will take place at the L.I.F.E. Restaurant. The applicant must apply in person. Applicants must remain at the orientation for a presentation on essential pageant instructions and schedules. Attendance by the applicant is MANDATORY. If the applicant cannot attend due to an emergency or unforeseen circumstance, you must contact the Pageant Committee for approval to have a family member appear on your behalf.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

- DEADLINE: Friday, July 26 , 2024
- Contestant Information Form
- \$75.00 application fee* (non-refundable)
- Good standing at their school
- Acknowledgement & Authorization Form

***Checks or Money Order payable to “L.I.F.E. Queen Committee” NO CASH ACCEPTED**

ENTRY RULES

1. The L.I.F.E. Tiny Miss & Little Miss pageant is limited to two age groups:
 - a. Tiny Miss, ages 3-5 years old;
 - b. Little Miss, ages 6-8 years old; and
 - c. All contestants must be residents of Webb County.
2. Each contestant currently holding any other title is allowed to participate in the pageant **IF** the title held does not require any duties that would interfere with pageant duties and schedule. L.I.F.E. Tiny Miss & Little Miss must be available when needed without other obligations that inhibit availability.
3. All contestants need to attend all meetings and practices. If a conflict arises, please inform the Pageant Committee Chair that you will be late or unable to make it. Please attend meetings/practices to avoid dismissal from the competition. The L.I.F.E. Board and the Pageant Committee understand that there are conflicts with other school activities. However, they also want to ensure that the potential Tiny Miss & Little Miss are willing to prioritize and commit their time to the pageant. No makeup practices/meetings will be held. **In case of a tie at the pageant, attendance will be considered.**
4. All L.I.F.E. Tiny Miss & Little Miss contestants must keep all attire tasteful and modest as they will represent L.I.F.E. Fair and Webb County. Skirts and dresses are not to be too short. Additionally, clothing will not be too tight, and showing off a midriff is never allowed. Strapless dresses are prohibited. Skirt slits must be kept below the knee. See-through garments shall not be permitted. This applies during the pageant and other appearances throughout the year. L.I.F.E. Tiny Miss and L.I.F.E. Little Miss will be expected to wear Western attire for public appearances representing L.I.F.E. Fair, unless otherwise stated. Attire for certain appearances will be determined and approved by the committee.
5. Only one parent will not be allowed to assist contestant during the pageant or in the holding room/backstage during the pageant.
6. Judging will consist of the following:
 - Tiny Miss: 50% Stage Presence 50% Western Wear
 - Little Miss: 40% Stage Presence 30% Impromptu Question 30% Western Wear.
7. Judging will be conducted by a panel of impartial judges who make final decisions. The judging panel will choose L.I.F.E. Tiny Miss & Little Miss. In the event of a tie, L.I.F.E. official procedures will be used. (absences of practices will be considered)
8. The duties of the L.I.F.E. Tiny Miss & Little Miss will include being present at the Baking, Canning, & Sewing Awards Ceremony, Art Gala, the Rodeo, and assisting with any other duties designated by the Pageant Committee.
9. Behavior is key! You will be representing L.I.F.E. and must carry yourself in that manner. Contestants must be of good moral character and must not engage in excessive absences, and disrespect of authority. Contestants will limit themselves to one piercing in each ear lobe.
10. Additionally, contestants are prohibited from displaying, communicating, and providing or having knowledge of inappropriate language, materials, or photographs on the internet/websites, including but not limited to Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Tik Tok, Snapchat, or personal blogs. The contestant attests

that any online depictions associated with the contestant's name are consistent with the standards and dignity of the L.I.F.E. Tiny Miss, Little Miss, and Queen Pageant.

11. Contestants are prohibited from inappropriate behavior included in the L.I.F.E. rules and standards of conduct while representing L.I.F.E. and wearing the crown and sash. This includes fair events, fundraisers, and fair week.
12. All personal appearances as L.I.F.E. Tiny Miss, Little Miss, or L.I.F.E. Queen/court shall be approved in advance by the pageant chairperson, as well as any photographic sessions and pictures released as the role of L.I.F.E. Tiny Miss, Little Miss, and L.I.F.E. Queen/court.
13. Suppose the newly selected L.I.F.E. Tiny Miss, Little Miss, L.I.F.E. Queen, or any member of her court, cannot fulfill all of the expressed duties or violates any rule set forth for a candidate. In that case, she will relinquish her title, crown, and all prizes upon the direction of the L.I.F.E. Pageant Committee. The following eligible contestant will then earn the title. Any grievances or objections to the pageant will be referred to the L.I.F.E. Board.
14. The contestant agrees that if she is selected as the L.I.F.E. Tiny Miss or L.I.F.E. Little Miss, she will serve until her successor has been chosen and remains bound by these rules for the term of her reign.
15. No soliciting is permitted.

Expectations for the L.I.F.E. Tiny Miss, Little Miss, & Queen and Her Court

These guidelines, for the L.I.F.E. Queen and her court, along with their parents, can help ensure a harmonious, respectful, and effective representation of our L.I.F.E. Organization.

Behavior

- **Respect and Professionalism**

All members should treat each other, staff, volunteers, and the public with respect and courtesy at all times. This includes using appropriate language and maintaining a positive attitude.

- **Commitment**

Members are expected to attend all scheduled events and meetings unless excused for valid reasons. Punctuality is essential.

- **Responsibility**

Members should take their roles seriously and fulfill their duties diligently. This includes participating actively in events and organizational activities.

- **Communication**

Clear and timely communication is crucial. Members should keep the organization informed of any issues or changes in availability.

Dress Code

- **Formal Events**

Members should wear attire appropriate for formal events, including gowns for the L.I.F.E. Queen and her court. Dresses should be modest and elegant, reflecting the organization's values.

- **Casual Events**

For less formal events, business casual attire is acceptable. Clothing should still be neat, clean, and appropriate.

- **Uniforms**

If L.I.F.E. Queen Committee provides specific uniforms for events, members must wear them as instructed.

- **Grooming**

Personal hygiene and grooming standards should be maintained at all times. Hair should be neatly styled, and makeup (if worn) should be modest and appropriate.

Unity

- **Teamwork**

L.I.F.E. Queen and the Court should work collaboratively, supporting each other and fostering a spirit of teamwork and camaraderie.

- **Inclusivity**

The L.I.F.E. Queen and the Court should promote inclusivity, ensuring that all members feel valued and included in activities and decision-making processes.

- **Avoid Outshining**

L.I.F.E. Queen and the Court should avoid trying to outshine each other. The focus should be on representing the organization as a unified team rather than on individual glory.

- **Conflict Resolution**

Any conflicts should be addressed promptly and respectfully, seeking to resolve issues amicably and constructively.

Decision-Making

- **Collaborative Decisions**

L.I.F.E. Queen and the Court should not make decisions independently. All decisions, particularly those affecting the group or the organization, should be discussed and approved by the appropriate organizational leaders.

- **Adherence to Guidelines**

L.I.F.E. Queen and the Court must follow the guidelines and instructions provided by the organization at all times.

Representation

- **Ambassadors of the Organization**

L.I.F.E. Queen and the Court are ambassadors of Laredo International Fair & Exposition and should represent the organization positively in all interactions, both in person and online.

- **Social Media Conduct**

L.I.F.E. Queen and the Court should use social media responsibly. Posts should reflect the values of L.I.F.E. organization and avoid any content that could be considered offensive or controversial.

- **Public Speaking**

When speaking at events or to the media, L.I.F.E. Queen and the Court should be prepared, articulate, and stay on message, reflecting the organization's mission and goals.

Parent Code of Conduct

Support

- **Encouragement**

Parents should encourage and support their children's participation and commitment to their roles within Laredo International Fair & Exposition.

- **Attendance**

Parents are encouraged to attend events and meetings to support their children and the organization.

Behavior

- **Respect**

Parents should treat all members, staff, volunteers, and other parents with respect and courtesy.

- **Communication**

Parents should communicate any concerns or issues to the organization promptly and respectfully.

Involvement

- **Volunteering**

Parents are encouraged to volunteer their time and skills to support L.I.F.E. events and activities.

- **Fundraising**

Parents should participate in fundraising activities to help support the organization's initiatives.

Conduct at Events

- **Professionalism**

Parents should conduct themselves professionally at all events, setting a positive example for their children and other members.

- **Support**

Parents should cheer on and support the L.I.F.E. Queen and her court, fostering a positive and encouraging environment.

By signing below, you agree and acknowledge all rules and expectations by the L.I.F.E. Fair Organization sets forth.

Parent's Signature _____

Applicant's Signature _____

2025 L.I.F.E. Tiny Miss & Little Miss Pageant

Contestant Information Form

Please write-in information as you would like it to appear in all media and pageant program.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Webb County Resident: (circle one) Yes / No

Parent's Name(s): _____ Phone: _____

Parent's Name(s): _____ Phone: _____

Name of School: _____

Grade: _____ Student ID: _____

Club and/or Organization you are representing: _____

2025 L.I.F.E. Tiny Miss & Little Miss Pageant

Good Standing Verification Form

Teachers:

Each L.I.F.E. Tiny Miss & Little Miss Pageant contestant must be in good standing at their school. In order to participate in the pageant contestants must have their teachers complete and sign below and **must have a copy of their schedule attached to this form.**

Thank you for your assistance.

Applicant's Name: _____

CLASS	TEACHER'S SIGNATURE	PASSING/NOT PASSING

YOU MAY SUBMIT A COPY OF YOUR LAST REPORT CARD

2025 L.I.F.E. Tiny Miss & Little Miss Pageant

Applicant's Information

My name is _____, I am the daughter of

Mr. & Mrs. _____.

I am a student at _____.

I am representing _____.

My hobbies are:

My achievement include:

My future plans include:

2025 L.I.F.E. Tiny Miss & Little Miss Pageant

Acknowledgement & Authorization Form

I have read and understand all the pageant rules and will abide by them. I understand that, if chosen as L.I.F.E. Tiny Miss or L.I.F.E. Little Miss, I am expected to participate in all scheduled events during the 2025 L.I.F.E. Fair. Failure to do so may result in the disqualification and withholding of my title/award(s). A schedule of the fair events will be made available at the Pre-Fair orientation session. I approve of the use of photos and my name by the Laredo International Fair and Exposition or its agents for publicity purposes. I will not hold L.I.F.E. or anyone associated with L.I.F.E., i.e. Board members, pageant committee, or volunteers liable for any injury/accident that may occur at any time during her 2024-2025 participation. With my signature below, I acknowledge that I qualify to participate in this pageant based on the pageant criteria. I submit that the information on this application is accurate and complete.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Print Parent's Name: _____

For additional information contact- Queen Pageant

Committee Chair: Jessica Benavides (956) 774-2342

L.I.F.E. Tiny Miss & Little Miss Tentative Schedule

*Informational Meeting (July 19, 2024 6:00 pm at L.I.F.E. Restaurant)

*Mandatory Orientation (July 26 , 2024 6:00 pm at L.I.F.E. Restaurant)