



Shiner Royalty Pageant Contestant Application



Thursday, June 27, 2024 at 7pm
Shiner First UMC, Activity Building
102 W Church St, Shiner, Texas 77984

Sponsored By:
Shiner Chamber of Commerce

Shiner Royalty Pageant

OFFICIAL PAGEANT INFORMATION AND RULES

To be eligible to compete in the Shiner Royalty Pageant, by submitting this application, all entrants must:

- ❖ Fit into the age/grade/classification requirements as below as of September 1:
 - Tiny Miss: Kindergarten (*must be five by September 1st*) through 1st Grade
 - Tiny Mister: Kindergarten (*must be five by September 1st*) through 1st Grade
 - Little Miss: 2nd Grade through 3rd Grade
 - Little Mister: 2nd Grade through 3rd Grade
 - Young Miss: 4th Grade through 6th Grade
 - Junior Miss: 7th Grade through 9th Grade
 - Miss: 10th Grade through 12th Grade (*must not be less than 15 years of age or more than 19 years of age by September 1st*)
- ❖ **Must be a resident within Shiner Independent School District and reside at a physical Shiner address**
- ❖ Have maintained a grade point average of not less than a “C” during school career
- ❖ Have never been married, divorced, or had a marriage annulled.
- ❖ Have never had a child or be pregnant on the date of the Pageant or at any time thereafter while serving as the Shiner Royalty
- ❖ Agrees to sign and adhere to the 2024 Contestant Expectations agreement.
- ❖ If selected for the 2024 Shiner Royal Court, agrees to sign and adhere to the 2024 Titleholders Contract.
- ❖ Agree that all decisions of the Pageant Judges and Committee are final and may not be contested by the entrant or anyone acting on behalf of the entrant for any reason whatsoever.

General Information:

The pageant will be held on Thursday, June 27, 2024 at 7pm at Shiner First UMC Activity Building. We invite all family & friends to attend!

Contestants will be interviewed by the pageant judges Saturday, June 15th at the Shiner Chamber of Commerce Office (Ehlers Cigar Factory; 817 N Ave E). Times to be announced. The order of interviews will be: Miss Shiner contestants, Junior Miss Shiner contestants, Young Miss Shiner contestants, Little Miss contestants, Little Mister contestants, Tiny Miss contestants, Tiny Mister contestants.

Mandatory Contestant/Parent Meeting and Photogenic/Program Pictures will be June 2nd at 6pm. Practice dates & times: June 19th at 6pm, June 23rd at 6pm, and June 26th at 6pm. Meetings/rehearsals will be at the Shiner FUMC Activity Building. Contestants and a parent/guardian must choose to attend rehearsal on **one** of the dates, or can choose to attend all rehearsal days - however, **it is mandatory that contestants attend one rehearsal day.** On-stage practice will be held during the rehearsal. **NOTE: At least one parent/guardian is required to attend with the contestant.**

In the event of illness or unforeseen circumstances, a contestant may be excused from attending an event as deemed acceptable by the Royalty Committee. The Royalty Committee is the **ONLY** entity with the authority to release a contestant from a scheduled event.

Contestants are expected to be *on time and present* for scheduled rehearsals and events leading up to and during the pageant.

Private Interview Information:

Contestants will wear an outfit that reflects their personality, be of “Sunday Best” and should be age-appropriate. All interviews will be no longer than 7 minutes. There is no opening statement; the judges will immediately start the interview. At 6 minutes and 30 seconds, the contestant is given the opportunity to make a 30-second closing statement. If the discussion ends before the 30 seconds are up, then the interview is over. The interview is confidential, even after the pageant is over, and not open to the public.

The judges will conduct a personal interview with each contestant. There will not be specific questions asked. The judges will engage the contestant in casual conversation to learn about the contestant’s interests, school activities, goals, and other personal information, primarily based on the contestant’s entry forms. In general, constants will be judged and given a score for the following categories during the personal interview:

- ❖ Eye Contact
- ❖ Community and School Involvement (where applicable)
- ❖ Personality
- ❖ Speaking Skills
- ❖ Overall Appearance and Conduct (do not dress too casually; appearance will be a part of the judge’s assessment, so dress appropriately.).

All Contestants On-Stage Competition:

The contestants will be introduced with information provided on application while they take their walk on stage.

Tiny & Little Contestants will be asked by the MC to state their name, age, favorite color, and/or favorite food.

Young and Junior Miss contestants will draw their questions at rehearsal.

Miss Shiner contestants will be provided a list of questions that will possibly be asked during the on-stage interview, but their question will not be pre-assigned. Only one on-stage interview question will be asked of each Miss Shiner contestant; randomly drawn on-stage. In addition, Miss Shiner contestants will be asked about their plans to further the mission of the Shiner Royal Court.

The contestants will be judged and given a score in the following categories during the on-stage competition:

- ❖ First Impression
- ❖ Composure on Stage
- ❖ Grace
- ❖ Appearance
- ❖ Attire - Please assure that it is age-appropriate (Junior and Miss Contestants - Prom Dress or Similar Dress; Little, Young and Tiny Contestants - Sunday Best or Formal)

Heart of Shiner Competition:

One winner from the pageant will be awarded a “Heart of Shiner” title. This pertains to whichever entrant fundraises the most amount of money for the pageant. This money excludes the sponsorship fee and raffle ticket sales. In order for an individual contestant to be eligible for the title, money has to be donated via check, cash, or money order to the Shiner Chamber of Commerce office by 3:00pm on June 20, 2024. This money will be used to help fund Community Service Projects for the Shiner Royal Court. The Heart of Shiner will ride on the official Shiner Royal Court Float in the Half Moon Holidays parade.

The Heart of Shiner titleholder will have the opportunity to be a supporting member of the Shiner Royal Court, including additional parade and appearance opportunities. This title does not require mandatory attendance or participation and is not awarded a scholarship. The Heart of Shiner title can be awarded as an additional title to any crowned Royal Court titleholder.

Photogenic Competition:

The Shiner Royalty Pageant contestants may also be judged in the category of most photogenic contestant. This will be judged on expression, appearance, posture and appeal.

Headshot:

Headshots will be taken at the Contestant/Parent Meeting on June 2nd by the Pageant Committee. This headshot will be used for the Photogenic Competition and may also be used for press releases, social media posts, and pageant programs.

Judges:

The judges are impartial volunteers from out of town. They will score the contestants based on their observations and opinions. There will be interview judges along with pageant judges. The Shiner Chamber of Commerce sponsors this event but has no involvement with the results of the contest.

Sponsorship Information:

All contestants must obtain a sponsor. The sponsor may be an individual, business, or organization. The sponsor will pay an entry fee to the "Shiner Chamber of Commerce". The Royalty Committee can assist a contestant with obtaining a sponsor if necessary. The sponsorship fee goes towards the associated costs of producing the Shiner Royalty Pageant. Please see the page for Sponsors for additional information.

Raffle Ticket Information:

Each contestant is required to sell ten (10), \$10 Raffle Tickets as part of the application fee. Funds from raffle ticket sales will help offset production costs of the Shiner Royalty Pageant as well as to help fund Community Service Projects for the Shiner Royal Court. If you need additional raffle tickets to sell, please contact the Shiner Chamber of Commerce office at 361.594.4180 or chamber@shinertx.com. All tickets and money from ticket sales (cash or checks made to Shiner Chamber of Commerce) **must be turned in no later than Thursday, June 20th**. The drawing will take place after the completion of the competition, before the announcement of winners.

Prize/Scholarship Information:

These awards are given out after successful completion of the year at the Shiner Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Awards Dinner:

Miss Shiner	\$1,500 check
Miss Shiner Ambassador	\$750 check
Junior Miss Shiner	\$400 check
Junior Miss Shiner Ambassador	\$200 check
Young Miss Shiner	\$200 check
Young Miss Shiner Ambassador	\$100 check
Little Miss & Little Mister Shiner	\$150 check
Little Miss & Little Mr Ambassador	\$50 check
Tiny Miss & Tiny Mister Shiner	\$150 check
Tiny Miss & Tiny Mr Ambassador	\$50 check

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CONTESTANT EXPECTATIONS

Contestants are required to sign the Contestant Expectations, which states the following:

Contestant affirms that he/she:

- Is and will continue to be a person of good moral character
- Has not committed or been convicted of any crime and will not commit any act inconsistent with the highest standards of public morals or that will reflect unfavorably on the pageant, its representatives, sponsors, and/or the Royalty Committee and the Shiner Chamber of Commerce
- Will conduct himself/herself in a courteous, professional manner at all times during the Shiner Royalty Pageant and while representing Shiner
- Will **not** slander or libel other contestants, judges, Shiner Chamber of Commerce and Shiner Pageant volunteers, or anyone else involved with or connected to the pageant. Defamatory verbal and/or written remarks against the Shiner Royalty Pageant will result in immediate disqualification and possible legal charges
- Agrees to **not** post any pictures on social media and/or other sites presenting them in inappropriate settings/situations. Examples include inappropriate parties, drinking, drugs, smoking, and/or inappropriate sexually suggestive poses. The contestants are representing Shiner and should consider themselves role models. Violation of this important section will result in disqualification. The determination will be made by the Royalty Committee.
- Will exhibit good sportsmanship at all times. Disruptive behavior before, during, or after the pageant may result in disqualification and/or removal from the premises.

Contestant agrees/understands that:

- He/she may use the name/or likeness of the Shiner Royalty Pageant in any social media forms, media or press release. These postings must be appropriate and follow the rules within the Shiner Royalty Pageant. The Royalty Committee reserves the right to decide if a post is appropriate or not. Should the Royalty Committee decide that a post is inappropriate, further action will be taken. The Committee *does* encourage contestants/winners to post pictures of themselves at the pageant and at associated events on social media pages. HOWEVER, should a contestant wish to use the name/or the likeness of the Shiner Royalty Pageant in a press release, he/she must have written approval from the Royalty Committee.
- By participating in the Shiner Royalty Pageant, the contestant agrees to allow the Shiner Chamber of Commerce the right to use the contestant's name, likeness, voice, and/or biographical information for purposes of publicity and promotion now and in the future.
- All issues related to the Contestant Expectations and consequences for violation thereof shall be determined solely and exclusively by the Royalty Committee. Contestant agrees to accept such determinations made by Royalty Committee as to both themselves and others
- The Royalty Committee and the Shiner Chamber of Commerce reserve the right to approve all contestants and to determine, without question, their eligibility to participate in the Shiner Royalty Pageant.

Interview/Pageant Dress & Grooming

- No visible cleavage; necklines should cover the breast
- No bare midriffs or completely backless attire
- Slits on dresses must not go above 4 inches above the kneecap
- Any visible body piercing will not be worn while representing the pageant or city in any capacity. However, tasteful jewelry in the earlobe is permitted.
- No tattoos may be visible while representing the pageant or city in any capacity. Tattoos must be covered completely with clothing or makeup.

2024 Shiner Royal Court

TITLEHOLDER OBLIGATIONS

The Shiner Royal Court shall consist of Miss Shiner, Miss Shiner Ambassador, Junior Miss Shiner, Junior Miss Shiner Ambassador, Young Miss Shiner, Young Miss Shiner Ambassador, Little Miss Shiner, Little Miss Shiner Ambassador, Young Mister Shiner, Young Mister Shiner Ambassador, Tiny Miss Shiner, Tiny Miss Shiner Ambassador, and the Heart of Shiner. The term "titleholder" refers to the titles listed above.

Upon commencement of his/her reign, titleholder and a parent/guardian will be required to sign a Titleholder Contract which will contain all policies & procedures of the Shiner Royal Court in detail. If awarded a title in the Shiner Royal Court, the contestant understands that as a titleholder:

- His/her reign on the Shiner Royal Court will commence immediately after crowning and will end following the end of Half-Moon Holidays.
- He/she must attend a minimum of 75% (Main Titleholder)/50% (Ambassador) of appearances & parades and adhere to the dress code required for each appearance.
- Main titleholders *must* take a year off from the Shiner Royal Court. Previous main titleholders must wait a minimum of one year before being eligible to compete again. Ambassadors may compete back-to-back years.
- He/she agrees to maintain a professional image on their personal social media sites during their reign with the Shiner Royal Court.
- Shiner Royalty Parent/Guardian agrees to attend monthly meetings with the Royalty Committee.
- He/she agrees that he/she will not enter any other pageant or compete for any other titles during their year's reign. *(Unless approved by the Royalty Committee, however, Shiner Royalty duties MUST come first. If they do not, that will result in forfeiture of the title).*
- His/her main priority is the Shiner Royalty. The titleholder is expected to give his/her time and energy to this title and this title only during his/her reign. While it is important that our youth are involved in various activities in our community, only school sanctioned activities interfering with parades and/or appearances will be excused.
- One parent/guardian for Miss Shiner and one parent/guardian for Junior Miss Shiner agree to participate in the Royalty Committee for the year of reign.
- Main Titleholders agree to attend next year's pageant to crown his/her successor.

Disqualification/Title Relinquishment:

If the winner of a title is disqualified or relinquished, all prizes must be returned in full, and in condition received. If the titleholder moves outside of Shiner ISD during his/her reign, the title will be relinquished. The relinquished title will then be awarded to the Ambassador in the appropriate category and he/she will assume the title and all prizes.

CONTESTANT ENTRY FORM

(Please circle the category you will be competing in)

MISS SHINER
(10th-12th Grade)

JUNIOR MISS
(7th-9th Grade)

YOUNG MISS
(4th-6th Grade)

LITTLE MISS
(2nd-3rd Grade)

LITTLE MISTER
(2nd-3rd Grade)

TINY MISS
(K-1st Grade)

TINY MISTER
(K-1st Grade)

(PLEASE PRINT)

First Name Middle Last Age / /20
Date of Birth

Name (To be announced on stage Pageant Night)

Parent(s) or Guardian's Name(s) *To be announced on stage Pageant Night)

Contestant's E-mail Address Parent(s) or Guardian's Name(s) Email Address(es)

Mailing Address **Shiner, TX 77984**
City/State/Zip Code

Contestant Home/Cell Phone Mother's Cell Phone Father's Cell Phone

School Grade/Classification Fall of 2023

Siblings Name(s)

Sponsor's Name (Listed in Pageant Program and announced on Pageant Night) Sponsor's Phone

- DEADLINE FOR ENTRY -
MAY 31, 2024

Completed application WITH appropriate signatures, school verification, and sponsor fee is required before acceptance is accepted as an official entry.

Contestants will be contacted when Raffle Tickets are available for pickup.

The Shiner Chamber of Commerce office is located at 817 N Ave E and is open Tuesdays 10am-5pm and Thursdays 10am-3pm. If the office is closed, applications can be dropped off in the black mailbox on the porch.

The Shiner Chamber of Commerce and Royalty Committee reserves the right to cancel the pageant or move the date prior to the pageant date. Sponsorship money will be refunded if cancellation occurs.

CONTESTANT INFORMATION

Contestant Name: _____

Please provide the following contestant information. Attach additional pages if needed.

List six accomplishments or things you would like the judges to know about you in order of importance. BE SPECIFIC. This information will be used by the MC's as you are presented on stage.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

Favorite Movie: _____

Favorite Book: _____

Favorite Celebrity: _____

Favorite Historical Figure: _____

Happiest Memory: _____

Fondest Wish: _____

Who inspires you?: _____

My career and/or life ambition: _____

My next personal goal: _____

My Hobbies, Sports, and/or Talents: _____

Limitation of Liability/Responsibility:

Shiner Chamber of Commerce its officers, employees, and pageant volunteers are not responsible for accidents, injury, or theft incurred at the time of the Shiner Royalty Pageant or travel to or from. Shiner Chamber of Commerce is not responsible for negligence or fraud on the part of contestant sponsors, judges, or contract vendors who may be providing products or services to the Shiner Royalty Pageant. Shiner Chamber of Commerce is not responsible for loss, theft, or damage caused to any prizes, gifts, and awards bestowed upon contestants after these items become the property of the contestant. Contestant agrees to incur replacement and/or repair costs to lost, stolen, or damaged items including but not limited to: crown/tiara, cowboy hats, sash, plaques, trophies, etc.

By submitting the signed entry form to the Shiner Chamber of Commerce, the contestant agrees to abide by all policies, rules and regulations set forth by the Royalty Committee. Contestant attests that all information is true and accurate. Falsification of information and failure to comply with the policies of the Shiner Royalty Pageant may result in immediate disqualification and/or forfeiture of prizes won without the benefit of refund in full or in part at the sole discretion of the Royalty Committee. I have read and understand the Expectations and Obligations of the Shiner Royalty Pageant. The Royalty Committee reserves the right to alter or change this document as they see fit at any time.

I, _____ (parent/guardian), hold harmless the Royalty Committee/Shiner Chamber of Commerce and its members, for loss of property or person and from all accidents that may result from my participation in the Shiner Royalty Pageant or activities surrounding the pageant. I hereby grant Shiner Chamber of Commerce and its legal representative's editorial and advertising rights to use and publish photographs that I may be included in, for editorial, trade, advertising and any other purpose and in any manner or media. I hereby release the Shiner Chamber of Commerce and its representatives and assignees from all claims and liability relating to said photography.

Parent or Guardian's Signature Date

Contestant Signature Date

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

DATE RECEIVED: _____

SPONSOR NAME: _____

PD BY CHECK # _____ **CASH** **CREDIT CARD** **AMOUNT:** _____

HEADSHOT: _____

SCHOOL VERIFICATION: _____

ATTIRE APPROVAL: _____



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SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT
For: _____
(Name of Contestant)

The Shiner Chamber of Commerce has scheduled the Shiner Royalty Pageant for Thursday, June 27, 2023 beginning at 7pm. Your sponsorship of a contestant is greatly appreciated. Only one sponsor per contestant is allowed. This year's fee is \$100.00 for Shiner Chamber of Commerce members and \$150.00 for non-members. If you have questions about a membership status within the Shiner Chamber of Commerce, please reach out to the Chamber Office at 361.594.4180.

As a sponsor, you are responsible for the *Contestant's Pageant Entry Fee*. Payment must accompany the contestant's application; the contestant is not eligible until payment is made. Cash, check, or credit cards (in office) are accepted. Checks should be made to the Shiner Chamber of Commerce.

Heart of Shiner Title:

In addition to an entry fee sponsorship, each contestant is given the opportunity to collect additional pageant sponsorships. These sponsors can be business(es), family member(s), friend(s), etc. The total amount collected will be added to the yearly Royalty Fund that will be used for community events throughout the year. The contestant who fundraises the most money in sponsorships will be awarded the Heart of Shiner Title. Both boys and girls are eligible to win this title and consists of only one winner.

Each sponsor will receive four complimentary tickets for the Pageant, a listing in the Pageant Program, and be mentioned by the MC as the contestant is presented on stage.

Sponsors are not expected to furnish clothing or gifts to contestants. Any gifts provided are done so at the sponsor's discretion.

SPONSOR: Please keep the top for your records. CUT BELOW & TURN IN WITH PAYMENT

Please circle the category that applies to you:

2024 Member Sponsor Fee – \$100.00

Non-Member Sponsor Fee – \$150.00

Please place your check/cash with this form in a sealed envelope and give it to the applicant to turn in with the entrant's application. If you would like to pay by Credit Card or have any questions, please feel free to contact the Chamber office. Due no later than May 31, 2024.

Physical: 817 North Avenue E, Shiner, Texas 77984

Mailing: PO Box 221 Shiner, Texas 77984

Ph. (361) 594-4180

Email: chamber@shinertx.com

I have read the sponsor agreement above and understand my duties as a sponsor. My sponsorship fee is attached in a sealed envelope.

Business Name (or Sponsor's Name)

Sponsor Signature

*As You Wish It to Appear in the Pageant Program and Be Announced

Phone Number

Email Address

Contestant's Name



Shiner Royalty Pageant
SCHOOL VERIFICATION FORM

Contestant's Name (PLEASE PRINT)

Physical Home Address

City, State, Zip Code

Name and address information above is verified and applicant is presently enrolled as a _____
grade student at _____ school. Student has earned no less than a
"C" overall average.

Registrar, Principal or Authorized Representative

Title

Phone Number