

2017 Texas Rice Festival Little Rice Sweetheart

Chairman: Kelly Jackson – 409-656-4325

Little Rice Sweetheart ~ Rules & Information

Age Limit: Open to girls' ages 6 – 8 years old as of September 30, 2017.

Entry Fee: \$35.00 due upon entry w/application. Fees will not be refunded for no-show.

Number of Contestants: The contest will automatically close when 30 entries have been accepted. Deadline for entry is Friday, September 15, 2017. In the event an entry form arrives at the Festival office after the contest has been declared closed, the applicant will be notified and the entry fee will be returned.

Interview Outfit: You will be able to express your personality by wearing an outfit of choice. Points will not be given for the outfit, but should be age appropriate and tasteful.

Dress for Stage: Any style of tea-length or full length dress is appropriate. **Short dresses, hats, and gloves are prohibited.** Contestants wearing a short pageant dress, hats, or gloves will not be given a score for **“Appearance”**.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 ~ JUDGING!

Judging: All judging will be completed on 9/30. Contestants will be judged on Interview, Appearance, Personality, & Stage Presence. Winners will be announced on Youth Day, Friday October 6, 2017.

Interview: at 9:00 am (wearing outfit of choice)

Be at East Chambers High School no later than 8:45 a.m. Parents/Guardians may not stay with contestants during this portion. Contestants will be given a number from 1 to 30, and must be interviewed in that order or forfeit their turn. Each girl will have a 2 minute interview with the judges. We will rehearse, and then children will be released. Parent/Guardian should pick their child up at 10:30 am.

On Stage Judging: at 1:00 pm (wearing formal dress)

Be at East Chambers High School no later than 12:45 p.m. completely dressed and ready to go on stage. Judging will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m. Contestants one at a time will walk on stage while the emcee reads information submitted on their entry form. Family members and friends are invited to attend the onstage portion of the contest.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 6, 2017~ YOUTH DAY

Check In: 12:45 p.m. – Meet at Prosperity Bank (rear parking lot) wearing the same dress that was worn the weekend before during judging. Contestants will be bussed to the Main Stage in the park for their final stage presentation. One Parent/Guardian may accompany contestant on the bus to the festival grounds.

Line-up: Upon arrival when exiting the bus, **PARENTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED** in the line-up area behind stage. This will be strictly enforced. Please go directly to the front of the stage and wait in the viewing area. Back stage is chaotic and the amount of traffic flow must be kept at a minimum. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Little Rice Sweetheart Contest: 1:20 p.m. – Each contestant will be individually introduced and lined up on stage. After introductions the new Texas Rice Festival **Little Rice Sweetheart and Runners-ups** will be announced.

Youth Day Parade: All contestants are strongly encouraged to ride on the Little Rice Sweetheart float during Friday's parade. Please meet in front of the Community Building at the South end of the park at 2:15 p.m. to be placed on the float. One adult may ride with each child. Contestants will be dropped off in front of the Community Building after the parade. Little Rice Sweetheart and runners-up are to wear their dresses. All other contestants should wear their pageant dress to ride in parade.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2017

Grand Parade: 9:15 a.m. – Contestants wearing their Little Rice Sweetheart t-shirt or formal dress wishing to ride in the Grand Parade should meet at the corner of Pear Ave. and Hwy 124, across from First Baptist Church to be placed on floats. The Grand Parade starts at 10:00 a.m. Floats will unload in the East Chambers School parking lot. Parents you may pick up your child at that location immediately following the parade. For safety reasons **no one will be allowed to get off their float until it reaches the school.**

Should you need further assistance please call Tara Audilet at (409) 781-2984 or the festival office at (409) 296-4404 and we will be happy to answer all of your questions. For information about the 2017 Texas Rice Festival go to www.texasricefestival.com.

Registration opens Wednesday, July 12, 2017 @ 9:00 a.m. and will automatically close on Friday September 15th or when the limit of 30 entries is reached.

*****Please Note*****

In the event of a rain out
or natural disaster, entry
fees will not be refunded.

2017 Little Rice Sweetheart Entry Form

Age Limit: 6 – 8 yrs

Entry Fee: \$35.00

Child's Name _____

Parent's Name _____

Address: _____
(Mailing Address) (City) (State) (Zip)

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age (as of 9/30/17) _____

Hair Color: _____ Eye Color: _____

School Attending: _____ Grade _____

T-Shirt Size: Small (6-8) Medium (10-12) Large (14-16) AS AM AL

Names of Brothers and Sisters and ages: _____

Tell us about all your favorites:

Toy/Game _____ Book _____

Movie _____ TV Show _____

Song _____ Singer _____

Food & Place to Eat _____

When I grow up I want to be _____

Sponsor: _____

I hereby give consent for my child to participate in the Texas Rice Festival Little Rice Sweetheart Contest. By signing, I understand and give consent for any photographs taken during or after the contest to be used for publicity or anyway deemed necessary by the festival.

Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____