

City of Mission

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Duchesses
Competition

Sunday, October 2nd
2:00 p.m.

Mission Event Center

Miss All-America City
Duchess of Pomelo Grapefruit
Duchess of White Marsh Grapefruit
Duchess of Honey Dew

**Junior, Sophomore & Freshman
Students only**

**ONLY the first 25 fully completed
applications will be accepted.**



APPLICATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th - 4:30PM

Drop-off at City Hall (Executive Department)- 1201 E. 8th St.

MANDATORY MEETING - September 21st 6:30 P.M.

at the Mission Event Center

For information call 956-877-4867



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Contestant Application Form

(please print clearly)

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ Texas, Zip _____

Mobile phone: _____ Email: _____

Mother: _____ Phone: _____

Father: _____ Phone: _____

School: _____

Grade: _____ Age: _____

List the extracurricular activities that you are involved in:

List awards, honors or achievements:

Future Ambition:

Hobbies:

Parental Signature

Date

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QUALIFICATIONS

REVIEW CAREFULLY

We are excited to begin the journey of selecting this year's City of Mission Duchesses in time for the 2023 Texas Citrus Fiesta Royal Pageant. This is a stepping stone that could lead you to be the next Queen Citrianna or a member of their royal court. There is no mold as to who can best represent the City's as one of the four Duchess titles. We believe everyone has something special to contribute and diversity is what makes us stronger as a community.

We are looking for contestants who are/can:

- Positive and professional representatives for the City of Mission
- Good role models to youth in our community
- Proud of Mission and eager to promote our community as a great place to work, play, and live
- Mature, responsible, dependable, positive, professional, fun, outgoing, approachable, charming, poised, and able to put a smile on others' faces
- Intelligent individuals, who exhibits patriotism, understands community, and civic responsibility
- Cooperative and will work with the City of Mission and Texas Citrus Fiesta for the good of the program
- Meet the public and is comfortable mingling with others in our diverse community
- Speak extemporaneously
- Meet a demanding schedule during the City's celebrations and festivities, and is reasonably available throughout the year to represent the City at various other community events



Contestants:

1. Must be a resident within the city limits of the City of Mission
2. Must be a junior, sophomore or freshman in high school
3. Must be of good moral character and must not have been involved nor involve herself with any type of immoral, illegal, or illicit behavior
4. Must be single and never have been married, had her marriage annulled, nor may she have co-habitated with a male in lieu of a marriage contract and must not be pregnant or be a parent
5. Must submit a fully completed Contestant Application Form on time
6. Must submit two letters of character (from teacher, counselor, community leader, spiritual advisor (non-related)
7. Must submit a one-page essay about "Who inspires you?"
8. Must present a 3-5 minute speech contest - "Mission, a City of Choice"
9. Must submit a signed Code of Conduct form (Exhibit A)
10. Must arrive to all scheduled meetings on time

***Miss All-America City will have dual title as Duchess of Star Ruby Grapefruit*

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Duchesses Competition CODE OF CONDUCT

As a City of Mission Duchess, you will be expected to uphold and maintain the dignity and honor of the title both in your official capacity (i.e. while wearing the crown or banner, at appearances & events, in photos, etc.), and your personal capacity.

Remember, a City of Mission Duchess:

- Is a positive and professional representative for the City of Mission, and
- Is a good role model to youth in our community

The City of Mission believes that we can best meet these objectives by establishing some basic Code of Conduct standards. While this is not an exclusive list, it provides you with the minimum standards of conduct that are expected. Your signature indicates you agree to:

1. Not engage in conduct that has the potential to discredit or bring the program into disrepute
2. Represent your designated Duchess title with high moral character and not engage in acts of moral turpitude
3. Behave accordingly as a good role model and upstanding citizen that follows the law
4. Respect and protect the crown, banner, and other insignia and ensure it is not misused by yourself or others
5. Not use, make, store, sell, or distribute illegal drugs, or misuse prescription drugs
6. Not smoke, vape, or use tobacco or other harmful substances
7. Not violate the following regarding alcohol: (Whether of legal age or not) While in your official capacity or while wearing the crown/banner, at no time consume alcohol, give the appearance that you are consuming alcohol, simulate consumption of alcohol (i.e. posing with a can to your mouth that at first glance may appear to be alcohol), be photographed with alcohol or what looks like alcohol or engage in activities that could be construed as promoting alcohol consumption and not engage in underage consumption of alcohol
8. Not engage in any activity that could be viewed as violent, abusive, hostile, discriminatory, or harassing
9. Not use foul or vulgar language nor engage in foul or vulgar body actions
10. Not use social media irresponsibly and refrain from social media activities that have the potential to reflect negatively on the City of Mission and your designated Duchess title
11. Not take, distribute or post any photos of yourself or others that could be deemed questionable, including but not limited to scantily or minimally clothed or provocatively posing. Exceptions obviously apply for legitimate reasons such as a theatrical performance or similar purposes (please notify the City of Mission if this will apply to you)

I have read, fully understand and agree to follow these basic Code of Conduct standards during my Year of Service.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

(Parent/Guardian signature, if contestant is less than 18 years of age.)