

# Miss Hidalgo & Miss Hidalgo Borderfest Queen's Pageant

## OFFICIAL APPLICATION

Please read through entire application before completing it. You may type or print

**Please check one:**

- Miss Hidalgo: 16-19 years (must reside in the City of Hidalgo)  
 Miss Hidalgo Borderfest: 16-19 years

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_ (As of March 1, 2018)

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

DAYTIME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ CELL: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL CURRENTLY ATTENDING /GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

LIST THE NAME OF YOUR PARENTS AND SPONSORS THE WAY YOU WANT THEM ANNOUNCED AT THE PAGEANT.

PARENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

SPONSOR(S): \_\_\_\_\_

LIST UP TO THREE HONOR/AWARDS, ORGANIZATIONS, ACTIVITIES ETC., YOU HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THAT YOU CONSIDER OUTSTANDING. THESE, ALONG WITH THE REST OF THE APPLICATION WILL BE USED DURING YOUR PERSONAL INTERVIEW.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

We hereby give permission to Hidalgo Borderfest to use the above information and to use the picture for publicity purposes. If any of the rules listed are violated, the contestants will forfeit all privileges connected with Hidalgo Borderfest. The decision of the committee and the judges is final. No Protest will be accepted. I understand that if my child is a selected winner of their age division that my child will participate in various events to promote Hidalgo Borderfest. **\*\*Please make sure you include a wallet size photo (No Glamour Portraits) with your application. This photo will not be returned and will be used for publicity purpose only.** For more information, please call 956-843-6688/956-843-5311. Do not email application-must be hand delivered to a pageant official or at the pageant interviews at the Renaissance Casa de Palmas, by the deadline, Sunday, February 25, 2018.

\_\_\_\_\_  
PARENT / GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
CONTESTANT SIGNATURE

OFFICE USE ONLY: Contestant # \_\_\_\_\_ Division: \_\_\_\_\_

Ticket Booklet Issued#: \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Tickets #: \_\_\_\_\_

# *Miss Hidalgo & Miss Hidalgo Borderfest Queen's Pageant*

Rules and Requirements - Please keep and review prior to pageant

This is an invitation to enter the 2018 Miss Hidalgo & Miss Hidalgo Borderfest Queen's Pageant to be held on **Thursday, March 1, 2018** at the festival grounds – State Farm Arena, Hidalgo, TX at the State Farm Arena at 7:30pm

1. Contestants competing for Miss Hidalgo must reside in the City of Hidalgo. Proof of residency will be required. Contestants competing for Miss Hidalgo Borderfest is open to all single girls residing in the Rio Grande Valley and Northern Mexico.
2. All contestants must be 16-19 years of age (as of March 1, 2018), must have been born female. She must have never given birth to a child, and have never been married. A contestant must have never been convicted of any crimes nor any criminal charges pending. Previous winners may not enter the same pageant again.
3. Each contestant must complete an official application form to enter the pageant. Contestants must turn in their entry forms as soon as possible to the State Farm Arena office with a pageant official.
4. There is a **\$50.00 registration fee** that can be paid by the contestant, a sponsoring business or an organization. Contestant applications and registration fees must be received by the **deadline, Sunday, February 25, 2018** at the place of interviews for the application to be considered complete. Registration fees are non-refundable. Interviews will be held at the Renaissance Casa de Palmas Hotel in McAllen, TX at 2 PM.
5. Each contestant will receive **20 – 3 Day Mega Pass Tickets** for Hidalgo Borderfest to begin selling to their families and friends. Tickets will be picked up at the State Farm Arena building at 2600 N. 10<sup>th</sup> St. Hidalgo, Texas. If you need additional tickets, you can sign up for more. Ticket sales count towards the Hospitality Award and special prize.
6. Each contestant must turn in all money from tickets sold for Hidalgo Borderfest to the State Farm Arena, 2600 N. 10<sup>th</sup> St. Hidalgo, TX with a pageant official and is due on **Wednesday, February 28, 2018 before 5:00pm**. This is mandatory in order to compete.
7. Each contestant must turn in a wallet size photo with their application. This will not be returned and will be used for publicity purposes only.
8. Each contestant must participate in **the Walk of Fame/ Mayor's Dinner on Wednesday, February 28, 2018** at the State Farm Arena, 2600 N. 10<sup>th</sup> St. (Hwy 336), Hidalgo, TX through the VIP Entrance. There is no charge to the contestants. Additional guest tickets can be purchased at the State Farm Arena, 2600 N. 10<sup>th</sup> St. (Hwy 336) Hidalgo, TX with a pageant official. Seating is limited, make your reservations early.
9. Winners must participate in the Hidalgo Borderfest Parade on **Saturday, March 3, 2018** that starts at **10:00a.m.** The correct attire for the parade is an evening gown. Contestant must report to the parade line up by **8:30a.m.**
10. If you have a sponsor and want them to be included in the program, you must bring a business card when you turn in your money on the deadline, **Wednesday, February 28, 2018**. Please make sure you enter the name of your sponsor on the official application.
11. Guests who have a BorderFest ticket will grant them free admission to the pageant. All others must pay admission at the door.
12. Each contestants' photo will appear in the pageant program along with their name and sponsor.
13. Contestants are required to be on time for check-in at 5:30p.m. at the pageant location. All contestants must be ready for line up and roll call by 6:30p.m. **Tardiness may result in the contestants' being unable to compete, so be on time.**
14. In the event, a contest winner cannot, for any reason, fulfill the duties of the winner's position, or becomes ineligible during the course of the year, the first runner-up will have the opportunity to take over the remainder of the year as Queen and will receive all privileges.
15. A reigning Queen must conduct herself properly at all times. Inappropriate behavior bringing unfavorable publicity to herself and/or Hidalgo Borderfest and the City of Hidalgo will result in the Queen's forfeit and return of all prizes, monetary awards, including relinquishing the title.
16. Any display of poor sportsmanship and/or unbecoming conduct, any interference and/or disturbance, or any other behavioral problem created by the contestant, chaperone, parent, relative or even a supporter of a contestant could/will result in disqualification of the contestant not only from the current contest but also from future contests. In the event this situation should occur all prizes and crowns will be revoked.
17. The Pageant Committee reserves the right to change the rules and guidelines as deemed necessary and without notice.

## **JUDGING CRITERIA**

Judging will be done in the following three categories:

1. Interviews
2. Sportswear
3. Formal Wear

## **INTERVIEWS**

Personal interviews with the judges will be held at the Renaissance Casa de Palmas Hotel in McAllen, TX on **Sunday, February 25, 2018 at 2p.m.** Contestants must bring one parent, \$50.00 registration fee and all sponsorship information to the personal interview session. **Dress code for the interviews is Sunday's best.** There will be a photographer this day taking headshots for each of the contestants. A group photo will also be taken with the reigning Queen for the program.

## **SPORTSWEAR**

After the introduction dance, the contestants go backstage to change into their Sportswear. Contestants will be judged in this category. This category is your opportunity to shine and select a fashionable outfit that describes your individual style and personality. Contestants can select an outfit representing our festival's theme "**Celebrating Spain**". (This is not mandatory)

## **FORMAL WEAR**

Immediately after the sportswear presentation contestants must return backstage to change into formal wear. There will be pageant committee members to assist contestants change into formal wear. **Absolutely no parents** will be allowed backstage day of the pageant. Contestants may select an outfit for formal wear representing our festival's theme "**Celebrating Spain**" (This is optional not mandatory)

If any rules listed under "requirements" and dresses of contestants are violated, the contestants will forfeit all privileges and the decision of the Board of Directors is **final and no protest will be accepted.**

There will be practice sessions before pageant day. It is in the best interest of the contestants to attend these sessions.

## **CROWNING AND QUEEN PRIZES**

One Queen will be crowned each for Miss Hidalgo and for Miss Hidalgo Borderfest. They will both receive a \$500.00 cash prize, rhinestone crown, satin sash, plaque, and a dozen roses. **\*\*Cash prize will be given once the year of reign is complete\*\*** All contestants will receive a Certificate of Participation or trophy

1<sup>st</sup> Runner up for Miss Hidalgo and Miss Hidalgo Borderfest will receive a plaque and \$100.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Runner up for Miss Hidalgo and Miss Hidalgo Borderfest will receive a plaque and \$75.00

3<sup>rd</sup> Runner up for Miss Hidalgo and Miss Hidalgo Borderfest will receive a plaque and \$50.00

## **MISS PHOTOGENIC**

Judges will select one Miss Photogenic winner for each category (Miss Hidalgo/Miss Hidalgo Borderfest). The winner will receive a plaque and a sash.

## **MISS CONGENIALITY**

This award goes toward the contestant who was the most friendly and helpful throughout practices, meetings, interviews, and on the day of the pageant. This will be chosen by the contestants.

## **HOSPITALITY AWARD**

The Hospitality Award is given to the contestant who sells the most 3-day Mega Pass tickets for Hidalgo Borderfest in both categories (Miss Hidalgo/Miss Hidalgo Borderfest). Please note this does not affect overall crowning awards, but is a special award given on stage to one contestant over both categories. The winner will receive special recognition and a special prize.

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## **WINNER'S DUTIES**

1. The Queens will be required to attend Hidalgo's Borderfest 2018 on opening and closing nights, Saturday morning parade, and during the hours that other activities are taking place. Hidalgo Borderfest 2018 will be the first weekend of March. The Queens must make necessary arrangements to attend.
2. The Queens will be asked to appear in other local and out of town parades, shows, special events, and other promotions during the coming year of the Queens reign requested by Pageant Directors. These functions are by invitation only. Should she be queen of another organization, her first obligation will be to represent the Hidalgo's Borderfest and the City of Hidalgo.
3. Queens will relinquish her title if she wins another title during her year of reign.
4. Winners will be on the cover of our program and promotional flyers for the following Hidalgo Borderfest in 2018.
5. The winners and the parents will sign a contract. It will state that if the Queen is unable to fulfill the phase of the contract for one year she will pass the contract and the opportunity to the first runner-up who will reign as Queen and will receive all privileges.
6. Winners must stay in contact with the Pageant Director throughout her reign.

Winners will need to stay for stage photos and awards immediately following the crowning ceremony.

I acknowledge that there are two pages of Rules and conditions

Contestants initials \_\_\_\_\_ Parents initials \_\_\_\_\_

Contestants signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_

Contestants Name \_\_\_\_\_