

**2026 INFORMATION SHEET FOR
VAN ZANDT COUNTY FAIR PAGEANT
AGES 4-9 years old**

**This is NOT a glitz pageant; you are not allowed to have props with your child.
This is a local county fair pageant that is meant for you and your child to have a
good experience.**

QUALIFICATIONS:

Contestants must be at least a part-time resident of Van Zandt County or attend a Van Zandt school or participated in the Van Zandt County Fair Pageant in previous years. The board reserves the right to open to outside Van Zandt County or modify age division pending the number of entries to make a viable pageant experience for all contestants without notice.

DRESS CODE FOR PAGEANT GIRLS: PLEASE COME DRESSED

- **Evening Wear:** Short party dress, appropriate short pageant dress, or tea-length dresses will be acceptable but must be at least 1" above the ankle. No floor length formals will be acceptable.
- **Western Wear:** **Denim** Skirt or Jeans; Shirt; Boots; **Hat Optional**
- **Interview Wear:** Church or spring dress or pant suit (slacks)
- **Talent Competition:** Must be pre-approved by Pageant Board, and dress must fit the talent that is being performed.

NOT CONFORMING TO THE DRESS CODE MAY CAUSE DISQUALIFICATION!

TO ENTER:

Complete the attached form and mail it with a \$50.00 entry fee (check or money order) PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH. Make the check payable to the VAN ZANDT COUNTY FAIR PAGEANT. Send entry form and check or money order to:

**Van Zandt County Fair Pageant
16177 FM 279
Chandler, TX 75758**

We now accept PayPal for entry fees. Hard copies of the entry form will still need to be sent to the address above. @vzcpageant

DEADLINE:

Entries must be postmarked by Friday, February 7, 2026.

- **There will be an additional late fee of \$50.00 per entry for those postmarked after February 8th till February 22rd.**
- This deadline is for the actual pageant entry, photos for the photogenic entries and Sales Advertisements. Please include all information pertaining to the ad with the ad sales sheet when you turn it in.

No refunds after February 22rd!!

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Chassity Sukiennik - Pageant Coordinator

Sherri Durham – Pageant Assistant

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JUDGING:

Judging will be based on the following: Poise, Personality and Stage Presentation. All winners must be able to represent the Van Zandt County Fair Association and Van Zandt County at various events throughout the year, including the Van Zandt County Fair in 2026.

ORIENTATION:

February 22, 2026 at 2:00 p.m., in the Todd Berry Building located on the Van Zandt County Fairgrounds. A photographer will be set up to take a headshot of your child for the program at no charge.

Physical Address: 24742 State Hwy 64, Canton, Texas 75103

REHEARSAL/PRACTICE:

Sunday, March 22, 2026 at 2:30 p.m., in the Todd Berry Building located on the Van Zandt County Fairgrounds. A parent or guardian **MUST** be at the practice because number order will be determined. If you are not able to attend, please call and let one of us know.

PAGEANT:

If you are late, you may still participate, but points will be deducted. The board reserves the right to split or not to split either of these divisions depending on number of entries

Saturday, March 28th at 9:00 a.m. **Western Wear Competition followed by Talent Competition**

Saturday, March 28th at 1:00 p.m. **Interview**

Saturday, March 28th at 3:00 p.m. **Party Wear Competition**

Crowning will be Saturday Evening at 4:00 p.m. If finalists do not return for crowning they will forfeit their title and it will be awarded to the next eligible contestant.

INTERVIEW:

Group interviews (4-6 age group) and individual interviews (7-9 age group) will be held at the Todd Berry Building located on the Van Zandt County Fairgrounds on Saturday, March 28th at 1:00 p.m.

PHOTOGENIC:

This is an optional category your child may enter. The additional amount to enter this category is \$20.00. They will be judged by Independent Judges. Please submit a recent 5x7 photo, taken within the last 3 months. If your photo is not a 5x7, it will be disqualified. The photo has to be in our hands by the day of orientation! No exceptions, we will refund any entries that are not received by the end of orientation.

TALENT RULES/REGULATIONS:

This is an optional category your child may enter. The additional amount to enter this category is \$20.00.

1. Each contestant will be allowed a maximum of FOUR (4) minutes to perform. The stopwatch will begin when the performance of the talent team starts (i.e. singing, playing, or music begins, etc.) The stopwatch will run throughout the performance and end when the contestant is completely finished.
2. Order of performance will be determined prior to the talent contest at the rehearsal.
3. Talent will have a chance to rehearse on-stage prior to the pageant.
4. The following standards of dress will be enforced:
 - a. No clothing with obscene or suggestive lettering or pictures
 - b. No clothing with beer, alcoholic beverage, drug, violence and/or sex promotions
 - c. No see-through shirts, blouses or shorts
 - d. No blouses or shirts that expose the midriff
 - e. Dresses, skirts, slits in dresses and shorts must be no shorter than extended finger length.
 - f. Other items not listed, but considered to be inappropriate will not be allowed.Decisions concerning dress by the pageant directors are final. Contestants are encouraged to discuss clothing which may be questionable with the pageant directors during rehearsal.
5. No vulgar, profane, or inappropriate language will be tolerated. Reference to alcohol, drugs, violence or sex, will not be tolerated. Decisions concerning lyrics by the pageant directors are final. Contestants are encouraged to discuss lyrics which may be questionable with the pageant directors during rehearsal.
6. There will be no derogatory references -- nothing in the songs or performance -- related to race, color, creed, or sex. No vulgar language or actions will be tolerated.

PHOTOGRAPHER:

There will not be a photographer available during the pageant. A backdrop with props will be available for you to take your own pictures if you choose. Please be respectful of the amount of time you are taking and noise you are making.