



DELTA RICE QUEEN CONTEST

GUIDELINES and GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. Scholarships will be awarded through Delta Rice Promotions, Inc.
One scholarship in the amount of \$2500 will be awarded to the winner of the Delta Rice Queen contest who will be attending any Mississippi university, community college, college, or trade school.
2. The Delta Rice Queen Scholarship payment will be made directly to the community college, college, university, or trade school in which the recipient is attending once the required certificate of enrollment for the current year is received.
3. Contestant must be a resident of or attend school in a rice producing county: (Bolivar, Coahoma, DeSoto, Holmes, Issaquena, Leflore, Panola, Quitman, Sunflower, Tallahatchie, Tunica, and Washington)
4. She must submit a completed application and supporting documents by the established and designated deadline.
5. Contestant must have a sponsor to compete in the Delta Rice Queen Contest.
The sponsor **must not** be a family member.
6. Entry forms, essays, and other required documents are **due** in the **Sharkey County Extension Office, 614 Pine Street, Rolling Fork, MS 39159 OR by email: Ecarter@msstate.edu OR mail@deltaricepromotions.org BY SEPTEMBER 6, 2022.**



DELTA RICE QUEEN CONTEST RULES AND REGULATIONS

The winner of the Delta Rice Queen Contest is expected to follow the rules listed below.

1. To be eligible to compete for the title of Delta Rice Queen, contestant must be a natural born female.
2. Contestant must be a resident of and attend school in a rice producing county (as listed).
3. Each contestant must have a sponsor (***who is not a family member***) to participate in the contest.
4. Contestant must be single and have never been married or had a marriage annulled.
5. Smoking, drinking and illegal drug use will not be tolerated.
6. While attending a Rice event/activity, you must have the permission of the Rice Event Coordinator to leave.
7. Arrive at the event/activity with plenty of time to check in with the Rice Event Coordinator.
8. During tenure Delta Rice Queen will be responsible for transportation to and from events/activities when called upon. Tenure will end at the conclusion of the Rice Festival the following year.
9. You will be expected to participate in requested Rice Events/Activities unless otherwise granted excused absence by the Rice Coordinator.
10. Thank you notes are ESSENTIAL and should be mailed to ALL Delta Rice Queen sponsors the week following the Rice Festival.
11. NEATNESS and PROFESSIONALISM IS VERY IMPORTANT. Pay careful attention to your attire and appearance.
12. While serving as Delta Rice Queen, you are expected to be a positive role model. Inappropriate behavior or conduct will not be tolerated and could result in dismissal by the Delta Rice Promotions, Inc. Board, and the loss of scholarship award.
13. In assuming the duties of the Delta Rice Queen, you automatically give permission to use your photo in advertisements, publicity, social media, etc.

DELTA RICE QUEEN CONTEST CONTESTANT CONSENT

I have reviewed and understand the guidelines for the Delta Rice Promotions, Inc. Delta Rice Queen Contest. If I am selected, I will make appearances on behalf of Mississippi rice producers and Delta Rice Promotions, Inc. at events for civic organizations and other events deemed appropriate by the Delta Rice Promotions, Inc. Board. I will also attend and assist with next year's contest to be held during the Rice Festival.

I further acknowledge and consent that should I be selected as the winner of the Delta Rice Queen Contest, I will support the endeavors and goals of the Delta Rice Promotions, Inc. organization during my term.

Contestant's Signature _____ Date _____

PARENTAL CONSENT:

I approve my daughter participating in the Delta Rice Promotions, Inc, Delta Rice Queen Contest, and I understand that if selected, she will be expected to participate in events and promotions with Delta Rice Promotions, Inc. I further acknowledge that I have read this entire application and supporting documents, discussed it with my daughter, understand its contents, and agree to be bound by its terms.

Name of Parents or Guardian _____

Address _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____



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SELECTION PROCESS AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTS/ITEMS

A panel of judges will review all applications and make the selection of the recipients using the following criteria:

- **20 points** **Application and Essay**
- **35 points** **Interview with Judges**
- **30 points** **Oral Presentation**
- **15 points** **Dress/Attire/Appearance**

The following information and materials must be provided and submitted with the contest application:

1. 4 x 6 color photograph of yourself.
2. Essay – 300 words or less:
“The Importance of Rice in Mississippi’s Economy”
***Power point or other visual aids will be allowed for use during the oral presentation of essays.**



DELTA RICE QUEEN CONTEST APPLICATION

Full Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Age _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

What college, university or trade school do you plan to attend? _____

Have you decided on a major? ___ Yes ___ No If so, what? _____

I am being sponsored by _____

Has your family ever farmed rice? _____ Yes _____ No

CONTESTANT MUST BE AVAILABLE THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2022, FOR INTERVIEW AND ORAL PRESENTATION.

***PLEASE ATTACH/INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WITH THIS APPLICATION.**

- List of extracurricular school activities
- List of church or community activities/involvement
- 4 x 6 color photograph of yourself
- Essay – “The Importance of Rice in Mississippi’s Economy”