



DELTA RICE QUEEN/AMBASSADOR 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/Ambassador contest who will be attending any Mississippi university, community college, college, or trade school. In the event the awarded winner chooses not to attend a Mississippi school, both title and scholarship shall be relinquished and presented to the 1st runner-up.
2. The Delta Rice Queen/Ambassador 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. Scholarship may be applied towards the *current* fall or spring semester.
3. Contestant must be a resident of or attend school in a rice producing county:
(Bolivar, Coahoma, DeSoto, Humphreys, Holmes, Issaquena, Leflore, Panola, Quitman, Sunflower, Tallahatchie, Tate, Tunica, and Washington)
4. Contestant must submit a completed application and supporting documents by the established and designated deadline.
5. Contestant must have a \$150 sponsored entry fee to compete in the Delta Rice Queen/Ambassador Contest. Checks should be made payable to Delta Rice Promotions and mailed to P. O. Box 1678, Cleveland, MS 38732 **BY SEPTEMBER 7, 2023.**
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 to E.carter@msstate.edu OR mail@deltaricepromotions.org **BY SEPTEMBER 7, 2023.**

DELTA RICE QUEEN/AMBASSADOR CONTEST RULES AND REGULATIONS

The winner of the Delta Rice Queen/Ambassador 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. To be eligible to compete for the title of Delta Rice Ambassador, contestant must be a natural born male. Contestant must be available to serve from September 2023 thru September 2024.
2. Contestant must be a resident of or attend school in a rice producing county (as listed).
3. Each contestant must have a \$150 sponsorship to participate in the contest.
4. Contestant must be single and have never been married or had a marriage annulled.
5. While attending a Rice Event/Activity, you must have the permission of the Rice Event Coordinator to leave.
6. Arrive at the event/activity at least 15 minutes prior to event and check in with the Rice Event Coordinator.
7. During tenure Delta Rice Queen/Ambassador 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. If hotel stay is required, arrangements will be made thru coordinator.
8. You will be expected to participate in requested Rice Events/Activities unless otherwise granted excused absence by the Rice Coordinator.
9. NEATNESS and PROFESSIONALISM IS VERY IMPORTANT. Pay careful attention to your attire and appearance. Proper attire should be confirmed with coordinator.
10. While serving as Delta Rice Queen/Ambassador, 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. Smoking, drinking and illegal drug use will not be tolerated.
11. In assuming the duties of the Delta Rice Queen/Ambassador, you automatically give permission to use your photo in advertisements, publicity, social media, etc.



DELTA RICE QUEEN/AMBASSADOR CONTEST CONTESTANT CONSENT

I have reviewed and understand the guidelines for the Delta Rice Promotions, Inc. Delta Rice Queen/Ambassador Contest. If I am selected, I will make appearances on behalf of Delta Rice Promotions, Inc. at events deemed appropriate by the Delta Rice Promotions, Inc. Board. I will only make appearances that have been approved by the Delta Rice Promotions coordinator. 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/Ambassador 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/son participating in the Delta Rice Promotions, Inc, Delta Rice Queen/Ambassador Contest, and I understand that if selected, she/he will be expected to participate in events with Delta Rice Promotions, Inc. I further acknowledge that I have read this entire application and supporting documents, discussed it with my daughter/son, understand its contents, and agree to be bound by its terms.

Name of Parents or Guardian _____

Address _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____



DELTA RICE QUEEN/AMBASSADOR CONTEST 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:

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

The essay should be no more than 300 words in length. (*Single spaced, Times New Roman font no smaller than 11*) Correct grammar is essential.

There will be an in-person interview with the judges in which the contestants will present "The Importance of Rice in Mississippi's Economy." Visual aids, including Power Points, are encouraged. However, judges' gifts are not acceptable. Following the oral presentation, judges will ask contestants questions taken from their essay and presentation. Interviews may be recorded for later judging, if needed.

****The following information and materials must be provided and submitted to Emily Carter at the address given (see Guidelines and General Requirements):***

- 1. Contest application***
- 2. 4 x 6 color photograph of yourself***
- 3. Essay – 300 words or less***

****Sponsorship check should be mailed to Delta Rice Promotions, Inc. at the address given (see Guidelines and General Requirements).***



DELTA RICE QUEEN/AMBASSADOR CONTEST APPLICATION

Full Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Age _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ County _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

What Mississippi 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 TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2023, 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”