

WELCOME TO THE QUEEN SCHEHERAZADE SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT

In February of every year, the Riverside County Fairgrounds is transformed into the home of Southern California's greatest annual winter event. World famous for its uniqueness, the *Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival* is one of the largest single events in the Greater Palm Springs area. The Queen Scheherazade Scholarship Pageant is at the heart of this world renowned Festival, which also serves as the County Fair. This well-known scholarship pageant is not part of any pageant franchise (i.e., "Miss America," "Jr. Miss," etc.) and does not feature a talent or swimsuit competition.



One queen and two princesses make up the "court" for the Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival. The highly visible court acts as the goodwill ambassadors for this event and makes many public promotional appearances during the year-long reign. Queen Scheherazade and her court must be poised, congenial, relaxed with the public and eager to represent the Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival and Riverside County. Many of our former queens have gone on to successful business and professional careers and have referred to their experience on the court as a time that taught them public speaking skills and developed their confidence to achieve.

During the year-long commitment, the weeks leading up to the Fair are extremely busy and demanding for the queen and her court with parades, radio and television interviews and public appearances. For the actual ten (10) days of the Fair, the court is chaperoned at all times (during the scheduled hours of duty). Although the responsibilities of being Queen Scheherazade or a member of her court are many and the hours long, the memories will last a lifetime.

We are pleased that you are considering entering the pageant and look forward to working with you.

**THE 72ND ANNUAL
RIVERSIDE COUNTY FAIR & NATIONAL DATE FESTIVAL**

2018 QUEEN SCHEHERAZADE SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT

Application Due Date:

Wednesday, October 11, 2017, 5:00 P.M.

Preliminary Phone Interviews:

Tuesday, October 17th & Wednesday, October 18th, 2017
Calls will be made from 3:30 – 7pm

First Round Interviews & Information Sessions:

Saturday, October 21st, 2017
Shalimar

Pageant Will Be Held:

Saturday, November 18, 2017

Scholarships:

Queen Scheherazade \$3,500
Princess Dunyazade \$3,000
Princess Jasmine \$3,000

Submit Entries to:

Queen Scheherazade Pageant Committee
82-503 Hwy 111, Indio, CA 92201

PAGEANT RULES

1. The Queen Scheherazade Scholarship Pageant is open to qualified young ladies who are residents or students of Riverside County and are citizens of the United States.
2. A candidate must be at least *17 years of age by November 18, 2017*.
3. A candidate shall not have been a previous Queen Scheherazade.
4. Minimum **Unweighted Cumulative GPA 3.0** (official grades must be submitted).
5. The pageant will **not** include a bathing suit or a talent competition.
6. The competition consists of, but is not limited to, questions regarding Arabian Nights and Queen Scheherazade, knowledge, significance and facts about: the Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival, the date industry and Riverside County. The contestant will be introduced to the judges in their self-provided business attire; and will continue in business attire for 1st interview question; formal attire will be loaned to the contestant, of which they will respond to a second question and answer interview. The contestants will be dressed in pageant costumes, provided by the Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival, for the final round of questions.
7. In order for a candidate to qualify, the following information is required by 5:00 p.m., **Wednesday, October 11, 2017**, and should be sent to the Pageant Committee address listed on previous page. No postmarks will be considered. A short **Preliminary Phone Interview** will take place on either **Tuesday, October 17, 2017** or **Wednesday, October 18, 2017** between 3:30 - 7pm. Scheduling, via **phone calls**, for the **1st Round Interviews** will begin **Thursday, October 19, 2017**. The **1st Round Interviews** will be held on **Saturday, October 21, 2017**. (A parent or guardian is encouraged to attend the information session prior to the first round of questions.)
8. All candidates must turn in the following:
 - a. A Completed Entry Form
 - b. A Completed Photograph Release Form
 - c. **OFFICIAL GRADES/SEALED TRANSCRIPTS**, including **unweighted** cumulative GPA from the attendance office
 - d. **Legal proof of age** (a copy of birth certificate and/or driver's license)
 - e. **Proof of Citizenship** (birth certificate and/or passport)
 - f. **A color portrait photograph**, at least 5" x 7".
 - g. **An essay (300 words)** describing your interests and goals.



9. Contestants shall attend all interviews, rehearsals and actual pageant as scheduled. Failure to be on time or missing any of these events may disqualify a candidate. Written excuses may be accepted; ie: SAT exams. Please give written excuse/proof to the Pageant Coordinator prior to an absence. The coordinator and/or Pageant Advisory Committee will determine if the absence is excused.
10. The first runner-up will be Princess Dunyazade and second runner-up Princess Jasmine.
11. On completion of the 2018 Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival, the three crowned participants shall have their scholarship funds paid to a school of their choice in the amount of \$3,500 for the Queen and \$3,000 for each Princess.
12. The Queen Scheherazade Committee will determine all contestant questions pertaining to residency and other qualifications of the candidate.
13. All questions should be in writing and directed to the Queen Scheherazade Committee, 82-503 Hwy 111, Indio, CA 92201 or to vferrino@rivco.org.
14. The Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival reserves the right to add, change, modify, or delete any of the rules and regulations as deemed necessary for the good of the pageant.
15. Past pageant contestants and Princesses are eligible to apply. Previous Queens are not eligible to apply.



RESPONSIBILITY OF QUEEN SCHEHERAZADE AND HER COURT

1. All appearances, photographs and interviews of Queen Scheherazade and her Court must be pre-approved by Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival management.
2. Queen Scheherazade and her Court shall not enter any other competition between **November 18, 2017 and February 25, 2017**.
3. During the 2018 Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival, Queen Scheherazade and her Court will be chaperoned at all times, during the scheduled hours of duty.
4. Use of the Queen Scheherazade title, without advance permission from the Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival, is strictly prohibited.
5. The pageant will be held **Saturday, November 18, 2017 at 5:00 pm** in the evening.
6. Queen Scheherazade and her Court shall be available for media and promotional appearances between **November 18, 2017 and November 2018**.
7. Following the completion of the 2018 Fair, the Queen and her Court shall be available whenever possible to promote the Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival until their final appearance at crowning the Queen for the 2019 Fair in November 2018.
8. Each day during the Fair, Queen Scheherazade and her Court shall arrive at the Fair at specified times, sometimes as early as 5:00 a.m., and will be available during the day for appearances and photo opportunities.
9. Scholarship is dependent on the recipient fulfilling **ALL** their responsibilities as Queen Scheherazade, Princess Dunyazade or Princess Jasmine.

10. Queen Scheherazade and her Court shall:
 - a. Conduct themselves in a manner that will reflect favorably on them, the Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival, the County of Riverside, sponsors and the Queen Scheherazade tradition.
 - b. Follow the rules and regulations established by the Queen Scheherazade Committee and abide by the decisions of their chaperone.
 - c. Refer all questions regarding conduct, attitude, make-up, hairstyle, body-piercings, dress and general appearance and behavior to the chaperone. **Visible tattoos while in costume must be covered up cosmetically with make-up.**
 - d. Submit, for approval, a written request to the Queen Scheherazade Committee before making any commitments that might conflict, in any way, with the responsibilities of the Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival.
 - e. Give up the title as the queen or princess if for any reason the member becomes ineligible to complete the reign and may be required to return all awards depending on circumstances for the relinquished title. The princess who is first runner-up will assume the title and responsibility of Queen Scheherazade in the event Queen Scheherazade is unable to complete the reign.
 - f. The Queen Scheherazade Scholarship Pageant follows the Miss California USA rules that include, but may not be limited to:
 - 1) **Cannot have ever been married.**
 - 2) **Must be of good health and moral character.**
 - 3) **Cannot have ever given birth.**
 - 4) **Must be a female citizen of the United States.**
 - 5) **Must comply with age limits of pageant.**
11. The Fair Advisory Board may **revoke** an individual's scholarship title at any point during or after the pageant should the individual be found exhibiting inappropriate and/or ill-mannered behavior. Methods of monitoring such behaviors include, but are not limited to: Face-to-face interactions and Social Media exchanges.

NOTE: Information provided on this form will be considered by the judges and used as a contestant description in the Pageant Program and may be subject to public record.

2018 QUEEN SCHEHERAZADE SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT ENTRY FORM

NAME: (Please print or type) _____

First Middle Last

HOME ADDRESS: _____

Street City Zip

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

(if different) Street City Zip

HOME PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

PLACE OF WORK: _____ WORK PHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

TWITTER/FACEBOOK URL: _____

PERSONAL STATISTICS: _____

Hair Color Eye Color Height

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ PLACE OF BIRTH: _____

Month Day Year City State

EDUCATION: College Attending/Attended: _____ Year in College _____

College Curriculum: _____

Major Minor

High School Attending/Attended: _____ GPA (unweighted): _____

Grade in School: _____ Year Graduated: _____

HONORS/AWARDS: _____

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: _____

FATHER'S NAME: _____

First Last

MOTHER'S NAME: _____

First Last

FATHER'S ADDRESS (if different): _____

MOTHER'S ADDRESS (if different): _____

FATHER'S PHONE: (H) _____ (W) _____ (C) _____

MOTHER'S PHONE: (H) _____ (W) _____ (C) _____

BROTHERS/SISTERS (Names & Ages): _____

OTHER INFORMATION OF INTEREST: _____

(i.e., relative that was former Queen Scheherazade, etc.)

CHECK HERE IF YOU HAVE APPLIED PREVIOUSLY OR BEEN CROWNED A PRINCESS _____ YEAR

2018 QUEEN SCHEHERAZADE SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT PHOTOGRAPHER & INFORMATION RELEASE

In consideration of value received, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I hereby give the Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival permission to use my name, statement, information provided in this application, photograph and likeness for promotional, advertising and media purposes or others authorized by management of the Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival. My picture may be used alone, as a member of a group, in a composite or in such other manner as will most favorably serve to promote and advertise the Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival. My picture may be used with my name, without my name or with a fictitious name supporting the theme of the Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival (i.e. Queen Scheherazade).

Please print or type:

Date

Candidate's Name

Candidate's Signature

Address (Street, City, Zip)

Legal Guardian Name (if under 18 years of age)

Legal Guardian's Signature

Legal Guardian's Address (Street, City, Zip Code)

FORMER QUEEN SCHEHERAZADES

1947	Janet Jackson	Riverside	1988	Crystal Starr Brown	Lake Elsinore
1948	Janet Anderson	Riverside	1989	Kristi Pyles	Corona
1949	Winnie Gavin	Indio	1990	Erika Franco	Desert Hot Springs
1950	Eloda Miller	Riverside	1991	Norma Lopez	La Quinta
1951	Sally Pringle	Palm Springs	1992	Leanne Hammond	Indio
1952	Barbara Overby	Hemet	1993	Michelle Leduc	Riverside
1953	Laurett Taylor	Palm Desert	1994	Dana Denise Harrell	Indio
1954	Beverly Hill	Corona	1995	Bianca Reane Figueroa	Blythe
1955	Karen Morton	Palm Desert	1996	Tanya Holmes	Palm Desert
1956	Jeaniene Cook	Hemet	1997	Heather McWorter	La Quinta
1957	Barbra Duer	Palm Springs	1998	Vanessa Ruiz	La Quinta
1958	Sandra Jennings	Riverside	1999	Sarah Young	Indio
1959	Melanie Todd	San Jacinto	2000	Valerie Cecilia Arias	Thermal
1960	Bobbie Keith	Corona	2001	Lynn Snyder	Sky Valley
1961	Jayne Stars	Banning	2002	Diana Ramirez	Coachella
1962	Linda Strangman	Riverside	2003	Kymberle Creson	Palm Desert
1963	Vickie Palmer	Palm Springs	2004	Brooke Akers	Desert Hot Springs
1964	Susan Fast	Indio	2005	Sierra Hanson	Indio
1965	Betty Hendrikson	Palm Springs	2006	Ginger Rae McCartney	Desert Hot Springs
1966	Paulette Taylor	Riverside	2007	Jessica Walls	Bermuda Dunes
1967	Cindy Eller	Eagle Mountain	2008	Desiree Porras	Coachella
1968	Scarlett Huenergardt	Palm Springs	2009	Madi DiPietro	Hemet
1969	Donna Kennedy	Coachella	2010	Amber Amaya	Indio
1970	Dianne Rothenberg	Palm Desert	2011	Anna Reyna Acosta	Indio
1971	Linda Benjamin	Norco	2012	Jordana Totman	Palm Desert
1972	Linda Norris	Blythe	2013	Madison Givens	Palm Desert
1973	Toni Tusso	Riverside	2014	Makenna McIntyre	La Quinta
1974	Debra Morris	Lake Elsinore	2015	Carla Cabrera	Thermal
1975	Tawny Aungst	Norco	2016	Tyler Kelleher	Beaumont
1976	Patricia Lynn Norris	Blythe	2017	Ngan Kim Nguyen	La Quinta
1977	Katherine Murry	Hemet			
1978	Shelli Hayes	Lake Elsinore			
1979	Julie Jenkins	Blythe			
1980	Sheryl Vancleave	Riverside			
1981	Anne Apra	La Quinta			
1982	Bertha Balbastro	Blythe			
1983	Theresa Carmichael	Temecula			
1984	Rachelle Munoz	Indio			
1985	Peggy Foley	Thermal			
1986	Stephanie Ann Williams	Temecula			
1987	Lisa Renee Marshall	San Jacinto			

QUEEN SCHEHERAZADE PAGEANT SCHEDULE

Interviews, rehearsals and the pageant are held at the
Riverside County Fairgrounds
82-503 Hwy 111, Indio, CA 92201

- WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11TH Application Deadline – 5:00 pm

- TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17TH *and*
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18TH Preliminary Interviews – Phone 3:30 pm – 7:00 pm

- THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19TH 1st Round Scheduling Phone Calls

- SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21ST **1st Round Interviews and
Information Session – 8:30 am – 4:00 pm
LOCATION: Shalimar**

- WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25TH 2nd Round Acknowledgement
Phone Calls

- To be determined by Seamstress **Costume Fitting
LOCATION: Pageant Stage – Costume Room**

- WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH Full Dress Rehearsal - 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm
LOCATION: Taj Mahal Building

- SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH Pageant - 5:00 -7:00 pm
Contestants arrival - 3:00 pm
Fair Board meet & greet - 4:00 pm
LOCATION: Taj Mahal Building

PLEASE KEEP THIS SCHEDULE FOR REFERENCE

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL THE PAGEANT COORDINATOR
AT (951) 955-3201 OR SEND AN EMAIL TO VFERRINO@RIVCO.ORG .**