

**SOUTHEAST TEXAS  
HISPANIC CULTURAL & EDUCATION CENTER  
MISS MERCADO DAY FESTIVAL SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT**

**Date: April 18, 2009  
Application: March 20, 2009**

Please print or type the following information:

Princess Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*This is to certify that I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Princess Signature), have read all the rules and requirements by the Southeast Texas Hispanic Cultural and Education Center Board of Directors and accept the responsibility of fulfilling my obligations as Princess.*

*This is to certify that I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent or Guardian Signature), have read the rules and contract required by the Southeast Texas Hispanic Cultural & Education Center Board of Directors give my permission for my daughter to participate and accept the responsibilities which allow her to be a Princess in the 2008 Mercado Days Festival.*

*This is to certify that I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Princess Signature), have submitted all questions in this packet truthfully. Any unlawful or untrue information will disqualify me (the contestant) from participating in the pageant.*

Please write or type your parent's name as you will want them to appear in the newspaper and announced at the pageant.

*Example: Jane is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Mark and Linda Gonzales*

*If a deceased parent: Jane is the daughter of The Late Mark Gonzales & Mrs. Linda Gonzales*

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REQUIREMENTS & RULES

**ELIGIBILITY**

- Candidates must be at least a senior in high school (12<sup>th</sup> grade) to at least 21 years of age.
- Be enrolled the first day of the fall semester for High School or College.
- Candidates may not hold any other title and if crowned she may not participate in any other pageant during her reign.
- Southeast Texas Hispanic Cultural and Education Center, Inc. (HCEC) provides six scholarships to the winner (\$1000), 1<sup>st</sup> runner up (\$750), 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up (\$500), 3<sup>rd</sup> runner up (\$250) Miss Photogenic (\$100) and Miss Congeniality (\$100). The determination of winners of these funds is based on school and community involvement, as well as poise, beauty, and maturity.

**PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS**

We ask **ALL** candidates to participate in the festivities leading up to the Festival and **ALL** functions following the pageant that you are invited to attend.

Any Candidate that is expecting or has a child, is married or divorced is ineligible to be a Princess. **(This stipulation also applies to the Queen during her reign. If she becomes pregnant or gives birth, she will relinquish her crown and give any and all money given to her back to the organization.)**

Any Candidate that has a felony conviction may not participate in the Mercado Days Festival Pageant.

All contestants must be of Hispanic decent, having one or more parents of Hispanic Origin. Central American, Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South American, Spaniard.

Mother's Heritage: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Heritage: \_\_\_\_\_

If awarded a scholarship, a scholarship recipient has up to two years to request her scholarship. If time should expire, a scholarship recipient will need to contact the HCEC Board of Directors and President to obtain permission to keep the scholarship after the expiration date. Each scholarship winner has two years from the day of the pageant, April 18, 2008, to request her scholarship. Proof of attendance at a college or university (registration, receipt, etc.) must be provided before the scholarship is mailed to the educational institution.

**DRESS REQUIREMENTS**

Mother- Daughter Orientation  
Golf Tournament  
Judging  
Parade (Friday of Festival)

Dress Casual, No jeans, no shorts  
nice jeans, Mercado Days T-shirt  
Sunday Dress or Business Attire  
Dress Casual

There are specific rules for the costumes and outfits that will be discussed at the orientation. All costumes and attire must be approved by the Pageant Chair two weeks prior to the pageant. No contestant will be allowed on stage without having clothes pre-approved.

### **FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS**

Each application must be accompanied by a \$50 Princess Fee. These fees help to underwrite events, t-shirts, crowns, trophies, gifts, etc.

### **PHOTO REQUIREMENTS**

**Four (4) wallet size color photos and four (4) wallet size black and white photos (all the same pose)** are required for participation in the Mercado Days Pageant. These photos are due by **March 20, 2009**, and can be made by the photographer of your choice. These photos will be used for the newspaper and judges packets. These photos are very important and should be made professionally and tastefully. Please note that these pictures will not be returned after the pageant.

*Please send application information to:*

**Southeast Texas Hispanic Cultural and Educational Center, Inc.  
P.O. Box 1494  
Port Arthur, Texas 77641-1494**

You may email your completed applications to [Cassievb14@aol.com](mailto:Cassievb14@aol.com). You may also drop off the applications to Cassie. If you have any questions regarding the application or rules of this contract, you may contact Cassie Esqueda Guy at 409-718-2881, 409-960-6333, and 409-749-6362 or Cecelia Esqueda 409-962-7448.

**Please follow the instructions for the resume.**

**Any Questions, please call Cassie Esqueda Guy, 718-2881, 960-6333 or 749-6362**

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**Name (Centered and Bold)**

*(3 Spaces)*

**School (bold)**

**Year (bold)**

**Major (for those who attend college) (bold)**

*(4 Spaces)*

**Extra Curricular Activities (bold & underline)**

- Activity (2005)      (.25 indention for bullet & .5 tab to start typing)
- Activity (Fall 2005 to present)

**Organizations**

- Out of school organizations
- Lector- Church name (2000- present)
- Team Captain- Relay for Life South Jefferson County (2004- present)
- Etc.

**Hobbies**

(no more than 5)

- Dancing
- Scrapbooking
- Photography
- Etc.
- Etc.

**Who is/are your role model(s)? And why?**

**Future plans (after high school/college)**

**Awards Scholarships**

- Deans list
- A Honor Roll
- Who's Who Among High School Students (Spring 2005)