

*Schertz Sweetheart Pageant
Application / Rules / Responsibilities*

Sponsored by the City of Schertz

*Schertz Sweetheart Pageant
Wednesday, 16 September 2009, 6:30 pm
Schertz Civic Center*

The deadline for applying for the 2009-2010 Schertz Sweetheart Pageant is 27 July 2009 at 5 pm.

Complete application package will include 2 letters of reference (1 from a teacher/counselor, and 1 from a non related adult (ie, employer, organization for which you do community service) in sealed envelopes; personal resume; an official sealed high school transcript; and a 3"x 5" photograph (head and shoulders).

Please print clearly in ink.

Name: _____ Grade (09-10 School yr) _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____ City/State: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____ Mobile: _____

Employer: _____

School Attending: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Email Address: _____

Parent Work Phone: _____ Parent Work Phone: _____

Clubs/Organizations/Community Service:

Other Interests:

Tell us about your accomplishments:

Why do you want to be a Schertz Sweetheart? (50 words or less):

Provide three references who are not family members: Name, Address, Phone Number, and Relationship: (different than those in the letter of reference)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Requirements & Responsibilities

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Entering the 9th through 12th grades in the Fall of 2009
- Must be a resident of Schertz (must have a Schertz water billing address).
- Single, never married, no children & not pregnant
- Must be attending public or private school or be home schooled.
- Be of good health and good moral character
- No record of illegal or immoral activity (applicant's criminal history may be checked)
- No visible tattoos and/or piercing when wearing Sweetheart attire (other than ears)
- Not be related, by blood or adoption, to a Schertz Sweetheart Advisory Group member within the first degree of consanguinity (i.e. mother or father) or within the second degree (i.e. grandparents, grandchildren, uncle, aunt, first cousin, nephew, niece, brother, sister).
- Not currently participating in any other pageant or holding another pageant title from an outside organization.
- Schertz Sweethearts must complete the annual community service project as determined by the Schertz Sweetheart Advisory Group.
- Schertz Sweethearts must be available for appearances in Schertz throughout the year. (Schertz events are mandatory events.)
- Schertz Sweethearts must be available for out of town appearances throughout the year.
- All Schertz Sweethearts must be available for Fiesta San Antonio scheduled events.
- The winning applicants **MUST** agree to be available for the full term of one (1) year. Titles and scholarship amounts will be awarded according to the corresponding school grade level and each applicant understands that **ALL** required community service projects and Sweetheart obligations must be met prior to being awarded the scholarship.
- All official "ATTIRE" will be provided to the winning Sweethearts with the exception of shoes, socks or hosiery, underclothing and in some cases, pants or shorts, as discussed between the Schertz Sweetheart Director and the Sweetheart parents.
- Sweethearts **AND** Parents will learn to set up and take down the Sweetheart float in conjunction with the parade driver and group members.
- Parents will take turns chaperoning different functions such as parades, community events, etc. Parents must commit to attend at least three (3) functions per year.
- All scholarship monies will be held by the City of Schertz. Once the Sweetheart is registered in college, the Sweetheart or parent must present a copy of the paid tuition to the City of Schertz. A check will be issued to the Sweetheart in the awarded scholarship amount.

| Title | Grade Level | Scholarship |
|--------------------|---|-------------|
| Miss Schertz | 12 th Grade | \$1000.00 |
| Miss Tri-County | 12 th Grade | \$1000.00 |
| Miss Friendly City | 9 th - 12 th Grades | \$500.00 |
| Miss Freedom | 9 th - 12 th Grades | \$500.00 |
| Miss Liberty | 9 th - 12 th Grades | \$250.00 |
| Miss Sunshine | 9 th - 12 th Grades | \$250.00 |

By mail:

Schertz Sweetheart Pageant
1400 Schertz Parkway
Schertz, Texas 78154

In person:

Schertz Sweetheart Pageant
Administration Building (Bldg #2)
1400 Schertz Parkway
Schertz, Texas 78154

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No entry fee is required. Finalists will be chosen through an interview process conducted in August. Applicants will be notified of their scheduled interview time.

Judging

Preliminary Judging

Applicants will be judged in the following categories

- (1) Personal interview, and
- (2) Submitted application, and
- (3) Letters of Reference, and
- (4) Personal resume

Finalists will be judged in the following categories:

- (1) Poise/Presentation (Sunday dress /Evening attire) and
- (2) Prepared Original Oration discussing a famous person in Texas history; or your Pride in Texas; - three (3) minutes; topics must be approved by Sweetheart Director. A Texas themed skit or talent may be substituted for the oration.

Additional Information

Applications for the Schertz Sweethearts Pageant 2009-2010 are being accepted between 1 April 2009 and 27 July 2009. Schertz Sweetheart Advisory Group members will score the submitted applications and those chosen to compete will be notified by phone that they have been selected. Oration/skit practice and rehearsal will be conducted **Tuesday, 15 September 2009**, at the Schertz Civic Center. The Schertz Sweetheart pageant will be held on Wednesday, 16 September 2009 at 6:30. A **MANDATORY** meeting for the newly selected Sweetheart Court and their parents will take place after the pageant; during this meeting, you will be given the current schedule of events, and liability release paperwork for signature.

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Release and Required Events Certificate

Initials (Applicant & Parent/Legal Guardian, if applicable)

_____ (I)(We) agree to the conditions of the rules established for the Schertz Sweetheart Pageant.

_____ (I)(WE) agree that the judges' decision is final and will not hold any party to this contest liable for any damages incurred while participating in this contest. The contestant and parent/guardian will agree to all items and terms of the Schertz Sweetheart Pageant Rules and Responsibilities.

_____ (I)(WE) agree that parents will take turns chaperoning different functions such as parades, community events, etc. Parents must commit to attend at least three functions per year.

_____ (I)(WE) understand that any photos/videos taken by the Schertz Sweetheart Advisory Group or the City of Schertz Public Affairs office may be used for City of Schertz related marketing materials without further permission.

_____ (I)(WE) agree to waive all claims against and release, indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the City, and all of the City's employees, officers, agents, and representatives, in both their public and private capacities, from and against any and all liability, claims, suits, losses, damages, and causes of action, including all expenses of litigation and/or settlement, for the death of, or injury to, my child, or for loss of, damage to, or loss of use of any property of mine or my child, arising out of or in connection with attending any event associated with the Schertz Sweetheart program.

_____ (I)(WE) agree that in the event of illness or injury during any event or activity associated with the City of Schertz and the Schertz Sweetheart program, I authorize and consent to medical treatment and agree that I am responsible for the cost of such treatment.

In case of an emergency, please contact:

Name: _____ **Relationship:** _____

Home Phone: _____ **Work/Mobile Phone:** _____

_____ (I)(WE) agree that if the need arises for transportation to and from an event, this transportation will be provided by a City of Schertz related individual and all members of the Schertz Sweethearts Advisory Group shall be transported together. Furthermore, (I)(WE) hold harmless the City, and all of the City's employees, officers, agents, and representatives, in both their public and private capacities, from and against any and all liability, claims, suits, losses, damages, and causes of action, including all expenses of litigation and/or settlement, for death or injury related to transportation to and from any and all City of Schertz and Schertz Sweetheart events.

_____ (I)(We) agree that it is my responsibility as a member of the Schertz Sweetheart to make every effort to attend all official events as determined by the Schertz Sweetheart Advisory Group as coordinated through the Schertz Sweetheart Director.

_____ (I)(We) understand that all City of Schertz and Fiesta San Antonio related events are **MANDATORY** and will only be excused by a doctor's note or family emergency.

_____ (I)(We) have made every effort to cross check the given dates with other extracurricular activities and have notified any teacher/instructor involved of my obligation.

_____ (I)(We) understand that these dates could change due to circumstances beyond the Director's control, but that (I)(We) will receive adequate notice of any changes. (I)(We) also understand that this list is not complete and that there are a number of additional parades and/or community events that (I)(We) have the opportunity to participate in and (I)(We) are expected to participate in as many as possible.

_____ (I)(We) understand that there will be three community service projects per year and (I)(We) must participate in order receive the Schertz Sweetheart scholarship.

Certification:

I certify that I meet the requirements listed on this application and that all information on this form is correct. I take full responsibility for the publication and use thereof. I represent that I have not and will not engage in any activities which, if disclosed to the public, would bring, or tend to bring, myself, the City of Schertz or the Schertz Sweetheart program and/or the Schertz Sweetheart Advisory Group into disrepute, ridicule or contempt, not limited to, but to include any type of use of illegal drugs, any other illegal behavior or activity, professional or amateur nude or semi-nude dancing or modeling in any sexually oriented business or club, any type of nude or semi-nude photographs or video tapes, prostitution, any felony conviction, probation or misdemeanor involving moral turpitude. I also understand that the above information must be verifiable and that any misrepresentation on my part will lead to the termination of my Schertz Sweetheart participation.

Contestant's Signature

Date

Contestant's Printed Name

Parent or Guardian's Signature
(If contestant is under 18 years of age)

Date

Parent/Guardian's Printed Name

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
 §
COUNTY OF GUADALUPE §

This instrument was acknowledged before me on the _____ day of _____, 20__.

(NOTARY SEAL)

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

(Printed Name of Notary)

My Commission Expires: _____

Tentative Schedule of Events

(Events Scheduled to Change)

All Schertz and Fiesta Related Events are Mandatory

September

TBD Dress fitting
TBD Council meeting
TBD Schertz Fest

October

3 – Night in Ole Converse
10 – Guadalupe County Fair or Floresville Peanut Festival
24 – Kerr County Fair

November

14 – Universal City Veterans Day Parade
28 – Schertz Wedding Parade

December

4 – Festival of Angels
5 – Bandera Holiday Parade

January

TBD – Community Service

February

TBD – Community Service

March

TBD – Community Service

April

20 – Cavalier River Parade
23 – Battle of Flowers Parade
24 – Fiesta Flambeau Parade

May

TBD – Kirby Hobo Festival
TBD – The Hop and Grackle Festival

June

TBD – Luling Watermelon Thump
TBD – Stockdale Watermelon Jubilee

July

4 – Schertz Jubilee
TBD – Band of the West

August

TBD – Community Service