

**2026 Garden City Community Mexican Fiesta Celebrates
“CENTENNIAL FIESTA: THEN, NOW & SIEMPRE 1926-2026”**



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2026

2026 MISS GARDEN CITY FIESTA
September 11, 2026
Scholarship Pageant Application

Thank you for your interest in competing for the title of **Miss Garden City Fiesta 2026**. We are excited to learn more about you and your commitment to representing the Garden City Fiesta celebration and our community. Please complete this application in its entirety. Incomplete applications or packets missing required materials may not be considered.

Application Submission Checklist:

- ☐ Completed application
- ☐ One-page personal statement
- ☐ Signed Expectations Statement
- ☐ Signed Waiver of Liability
- ☐ One (1) 5" x 7" color photograph
- ☐ One (1) digital headshot

Timeline of events:

Submission Deadline

Applications must be postmarked or hand-delivered by August 15, 2026.

Please mail or deliver your completed application packet to:
Miss Garden City Fiesta Scholarship Committee
Attn: Angelica Castillo Chappel
3108 Yellowstar
Garden City, KS 67846

Application

Contestant information

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Name _____

Full Address (City, State, Zip) _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Parent/Guardian information

Parent/Guardian 1 _____

Full Address (City, State, Zip) _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Parent/Guardian 2 _____

Full Address (City, State, Zip) _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Parent/Guardian information

Current School _____

Grade or class level _____

Previous Schools Attended _____

Personal Statement

Please submit a one-page personal statement that introduces you to the selection committee. Your statement should highlight your educational and career goals, extracurricular activities and hobbies, community involvement, leadership experience, special awards or honors, and other accomplishments that have helped shape who you are.

In addition, please explain your personal ambitions and why you would like to serve as Miss Garden City Fiesta. We encourage you to share how this opportunity aligns with your values, goals, and commitment to representing the Fiesta celebration and the Garden City community.

Signature

I hereby certify that the information provided herein is factual and correct to the extent of my knowledge. By signing, I agree to comply with the rules and regulations of the Miss Garden City Fiesta Scholarship Pageant.

Contestant's Signature _____ **Date** _____

Rules and Regulations

Qualifications

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The contestant applicants are to be young women between the ages of 17 and 24 (Exception: you must have a birthday before 2008) a Kansas resident for at least six months prior to application deadline of August 15, 2026. Applicant must not: ever have been married, including common law; have had a marriage annulment; cohabitate (live together); ever have had a child; or be pregnant. Contestants must be in reasonably good health to meet the job requirements.

Contestant requirements

Contestants are required to attend all rehearsals, and must be present for the entire pageant, coronation, and all related activities to the Fiesta events at Stevens Park the weekend of the Pageant, September 11th –13th, 2026. If crowned, the Miss Garden City Fiesta Queen winning contestant must commit to at least 40 hours of community service during her reign. This must be performed in Garden City, KS, while completing high school, continuing to attend college, or before leaving for college (if not attending the local Garden City Community College).

Preliminary competition includes Presentation and Community Achievement (Interview). Day of competition activities include: Presence and Poise (Evening Wear); and Artistic Expression (Talent). See judging section for more information.

Judging

Judging of the six categories will be weighted as follows:

1	Personal interview	35%	Conducted on September 8, 2026
2	Introduction	5%	1 minute
3	Talent	35%	2 minutes
4	Evening Gown	15%	2 minutes
5	Final Question	10%	1.5 minutes

At the end of the evening gown portion of the pageant, each contestant must answer an impromptu question. Questions will be pre-written and randomly picked by each contestant.

The top-scoring contestant will be crowned the **2026 Miss Garden City Fiesta Scholarship Queen**. The next highest scoring contestants will be designated to the queen's court.

If, for any reason (marriage, moving out of state, cohabitation, pregnancy, etc.) the chosen candidate is unable to fulfill her reign as queen, the candidate must forfeit all awards and relinquish said title to first attendant, or next successor, immediately.

Awards:

The Miss Garden City Fiesta Scholarship Pageant Committee will award a Grand Prize Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 to the queen, \$750 to the first attendant, and second finalist will receive \$500. Unused funds will be reclaimed by the Garden City Mexican Fiesta organization.

The award will be payable to any institution of higher learning upon proof of full-time enrollment and invoice from the college/university during that upcoming spring semester. After crowning the recipient has two semesters, from the subsequent spring semester to utilize the award funds. If no request of funds is submitted the award will go back to the unrestricted account for planning of future Scholarship Pageants.

Expectations Statement

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As a contestant in the Miss Garden City Fiesta Scholarship Pageant, I understand that should I win the title, I will become the organization's official representative. During my year of service, I will promote and assist the Garden City Community Mexican Fiesta Committee with activities. I will also commit to performing at least 40 hours of community service in Garden City while I complete high school, continue attending college, or before leaving to attend the college/university of my choice.

I understand that in order to project the proper image as the Miss Garden City Fiesta Scholarship Pageant Queen, I must act, speak and dress according to the esteem that this title deserves at any time while I am in the public eye. I will demonstrate high moral and ethical character throughout my reign. I agree as the Miss Garden City Fiesta Scholarship Pageant Queen to strive to improve my knowledge of language, polishing my appearance, and interpersonal skill development - as these characteristics are important to the public wherever I am present. I will always be ready for photographs and interviews that aid in the promotion of the Miss Garden City Fiesta Scholarship Pageant Queen weekend.

I understand that, should I become the Miss Garden City Fiesta Scholarship Pageant Queen, I will attend all activities designated and approved by the Pageant Committee. I agree to attend all functions or activities that the Pageant Committee schedules for me. I agree to maintain close contact with the Pageant Committee.

I further agree that should I become the Miss Garden City Fiesta Scholarship Queen, I will uphold the title, fulfill my reign, encourage other young women to participate in future pageants, hold judgment to self, continue to maintain a high-grade point average, and have a cohesive friendly attitude and relationship with the public. I will promote the Scholarship Pageant in any way I can. If possible, I will join the Garden City Community Mexican Fiesta Association Committee for one year for my expertise to be utilized. As a past Miss Garden City Fiesta Queen, I will attend Garden City Community Mexican Fiesta Association committee meetings whenever possible.

The Miss Garden City Fiesta Scholarship Pageant Queen, as a titleholder, is automatically eligible to compete in the Miss Kansas Pageant held in Pratt, KS (date TBA), which is a precursor to the Miss America pageant. The contestant must be a US Citizen. This is your prerogative, and the Miss Garden City Fiesta Scholarship Pageant Committee is not liable for aid or mentoring if you, as titleholder, choose to compete.

I have read the above statement carefully and understand and agree to abide therein.

Contestant's Signature: _____ **Date** _____

Waiver of Liability

In consideration of my application being accepted, I hereby pledge to abide by all the rules and regulations pertaining to the Miss Garden City Fiesta Scholarship Pageant Queen competition. I certify that I have read the foregoing release and fully understand the meaning and effect of it. Photos submitted become property of the Fiesta Association and all publishing rights are owned.

Contestant's Signature: _____ **Date** _____