



Schertz Sweetheart Court Application / Rules / Responsibilities

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*Schertz Sweetheart Coronation
Thursday, May 3, 2018 at 5:30 PM
Schertz Civic Center*

Deliver complete package in a sealed envelope to:

City of Schertz Civic Center
1400 Schertz Parkway, Bldg. 5
Schertz, TX 78154

Completed package should include:

1. **Complete Application**
2. **Personal resume**
 - Please include your extracurricular activities and accomplishments
3. **Reference letters in individual, sealed envelopes**
 - A letter from a teacher/counselor stating your good academic standing.
 - A letter from a non-related adult (i.e., employer, organization) for whom you perform community service.
4. **Essay**
 - One page, double-space, typed
 - Topic: Active or proposed Community Service Project for the Schertz area
5. **5"x7" Photograph (head and shoulders)**

THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS 5:00 PM MARCH 9, 2018

Please print clearly in ink.

Name: _____ Grade (2018-19 School Yr) _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip _____

Date of Birth: _____ Email: _____

Phone Numbers: Home _____ Mobile _____

Employer: (if applicable) _____

School Attending: _____

Parent Name(s): _____

Parent Email Address(es): _____

Parent Mobile Phone: _____ Parent Mobile Phone: _____

Emergency Contact Name & Number:

List the web site profile username/profile name(s) you may have:

Facebook: _____

Twitter: _____

Instagram: _____

Snapchat: _____

What talent/oration/skit will you perform?

i.e., Dancing, Singing, Reciting an oration, or Playing an instrument. Talent will not be duplicated and must be reviewed by committee for approval. Please list props, if using:

Please note: Contestant is responsible for researching, writing, and performing a skit/talent/oration for 2-3 minutes. Contestant must address the audience during the skit/talent/oration. Topics must be approved by the Sweetheart Court Committee.

**Please answer the following questions on a separate piece of paper.
Answers must double-spaced and typed.**

1. What qualities do you possess that would make you a good ambassador for the City of Schertz?
 2. How will you balance high school and your extra-curricular activities if you are chosen to be part of the Sweetheart Court?
 3. What do you like most about your community?
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References: please provide three non-family member references, different from those in the letters of reference.

(Name)_____

(Phone)_____ **(Relationship)**_____

(Name)_____

(Phone)_____ **(Relationship)**_____

(Name)_____

(Phone)_____ **(Relationship)**_____

Certifications

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, Schertz Sweetheart Scholarship Pageant and/or The City of Schertz 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 participation in the Schertz Sweetheart Scholarship Pageant.

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

I (We), as parent(s) or guardian(s) of the said contestant, agree to the above statement and further agree that I (we) will not interfere with the Program Officials in carrying out the rules and regulations of the Schertz Sweetheart Scholarship Pageant. I (We) understand that interference on our part could lead to termination of our child's participation in the Program.

Parent/Guardian signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Phone: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Phone: _____ **Date:** _____

Scholarships:

MISS SCHERTZ	12 th GRADE	\$ 2,500.00
MISS JUBILEE	9 th – 12 th GRADE	\$ 1,500.00
MISS FRIENDLY CITY	9 th – 12 th GRADE	\$ 1,500.00
MISS SUNSHINE	9 th – 12 th GRADE	\$ 1,500.00

Requirements & Responsibilities

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- **Must be a resident of Schertz.**
- Entering the 9th through 12th grades in the fall semester of 2018 between the ages of 13-21.
- Single; never married; no children; not pregnant.
- Must be attending public, private or be home schooled.
- Be of good health and good moral character.
- No record of illegal or immoral activity.
- No visible tattoos and/or piercing when representing the City of Schertz (earrings permitted).
- Not be related, by blood or adoption, to a City of Schertz employee 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.
- Must complete the annual community service project as determined by the Schertz Public Affairs office.
- Must be available for appearances in Schertz throughout the year. Schertz events are mandatory.
- Out-of-town event participation is encouraged.
- Selected applicants **MUST** agree to be available for the full term of one (1) year. Scholarship amounts will be awarded according to the corresponding Title earned. 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.
- Parents will take turns chaperoning various functions such as parades, community events, etc.; Parents are encouraged to attend at least three (3) functions per year; must not show favoritism to one court representative over another; must respect the titles awarded; and follow the direction provided by the Sweetheart Court Director and/or City Staff.
- All scholarship monies will be held by the City of Schertz. Once the Sweetheart is registered in college, a verification form must be completed by the College or University. A check will be issued in the name of the College or University and the name of the recipient.

Send completed application, personal resume, letters of reference, essay, and a 5"x 7" photograph (head and shoulders) postmarked no later than 5:00 PM, March 9, 2018 to:

City of Schertz - Sweetheart Court
1400 Schertz Parkway, Bldg. 5
Schertz, TX 78154

Judging Process:

- **Preliminary Judging.** Applicants will be judged in the following categories:
 - Submitted application
 - Letters of Reference
 - Personal resume

- **Final Judging.** Ten (10) finalists will be chosen to compete in the Sweetheart Court Coronation to be held on May 3, 2018.

Finalists will be judged in the following categories:

- 60% - Personal interview and essay (prior to coronation)
- 20% - Poise/Presentation (Evening gown)
- 20% - Prepared original skit/talent/oration.

Additional Information:

1. **Applications for the Schertz Sweetheart Pageant 2018-19** are being accepted between January 2, 2018 and March 9, 2018. No entry fee is required. Judges will score the submitted applications and finalists chosen to compete will be notified by email correspondence of their selection. Non-finalists will be notified by e-mail. Skit/talent/oration practice and rehearsal will be conducted at the Schertz Civic Center or other City facility.
2. The Schertz Sweetheart Coronation will be held Thursday, May 3, 2018; 5:30 PM.
3. 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.
4. For more information visit our web site, www.visitschertz.com. Look under the 'Events' tab for Sweetheart Court.

For questions:

Contact: Schertz Public Affairs
Email: sweethearts@schertz.com
Phone: (210) 619-1630