



Harvest Festival Rules and Permission

Friday, October 2, 2026

The Thrall Community Education Foundation (TCEF) is proud to be hosting the 10th annual Harvest Festival. Harvest Festival is a long-standing tradition at Thrall ISD. Each year, the student body at each grade level (K-12) nominates a queen and king candidate from their grade. With the help of their classmates, these candidates raise funds by selling raffle tickets or collecting monetary donations. The candidates raising the highest amount are crowned Harvest Festival Queen and King at the coronation ceremony.

The rules governing Harvest Festival Queen/King Race are as follows:

1. There will be one Harvest Festival Queen and King for grades K-12. They will represent the class collecting the most monies through raffle ticket sales or money donations or a combination thereof.
2. Four Diamond Queens and Kings will be selected. They are the representatives from the classes with the next highest amount of monies collected behind the King and Queen.
3. The Queen and King candidate are voted on by the class.
4. No siblings or family member (living in the same household) may compete against each other. We will leave it up to the family to decide which child may run as a candidate.
5. Students may not serve as a Queen or King candidate for 2 consecutive years.

Harvest Festival is Friday, October 2, 2026. Candidates are required to be present at the coronation ceremony the evening of October 2nd. Each class will raise monies for their Queen and King candidates thru raffle ticket sales and/or money donations. If anyone would like to donate an item for the silent auction, it will be greatly appreciated; however, it will NOT count towards a Queen/King candidate total. Parents may volunteer to sell raffle tickets or collect money donations. All monies collected from raffle ticket sales or donations will be deposited into the Thrall Community Education Foundation account. TCEF funding priorities are student scholarships, classroom initiatives and professional development. TCEF offers all graduating Thrall ISD seniors up to a \$1,000 scholarship to be used for education beyond high school. ***Our fundraising success during Harvest Festival directly impacts our ability to fund student scholarships and teacher grants each year. Please keep this important fact in mind when considering allowing your student to run for Harvest Festival candidate.***

Parent permission is required to be considered as a candidate. Please return the attached permission slip by 8am on Thursday, August 27, 2026, as this is the day the candidates will be chosen. Queen candidates will be required to wear long or tea-length evening gowns at the coronation ceremony. King candidates will be required to wear suits or sport coats and ties. No jeans or tennis shoes.

More details outlining the rules and dates of fundraising activities are included on the back of this form.

Listed below are the dates and times when monetary donations and raffle tickets are due. TCEF Members will be on campus on the designated days to collect donations/raffle ticket sales.

- **Candidate Raffle tickets and Monetary Donations** are due on, or before **Thursday, October 1, 2026 by 8:30am** in the Thrall ISD Administration Building. Money turned in after 8:30am will be accepted but will NOT count towards the candidate's total. Unsold raffle tickets should also be turned in at this time.
- **Raffle tickets** will be issued to students when the Request for Raffle Ticket Form has been returned to TCEF. Parents/Guardians must sign for the number of raffle tickets issued. Raffle tickets will be sent home with the student designated on the form. 250 raffle tickets can be checked out at one time.
- **Non-Candidate raffle tickets** (sold and unsold) and money are due back to the high school/middle/elementary office by the **end of school on Monday, September 28, 2026** for all individuals **EXCEPT** candidates. Raffle tickets and money turned in after the deadline will be accepted but will NOT count towards the candidate's total.

If your schedule cannot permit meeting at the times designated above, please contact a TCEF Member to arrange another time. **RAFFLE TICKETS AND MONEY DONATIONS TURNED IN LATE WILL BE ACCEPTED BUT WILL NOT COUNT TOWARDS THE CANDIDATE'S TOTAL.** Please make sure to communicate these deadlines to any individual(s) that will be helping you fundraise for your candidate.

Candidate/Parent Information Packets containing more details on how to collect and document donations will be sent home with candidates on Monday, August 31, 2026.

We look forward to working with you on another successful Harvest Festival!

Harvest Festival forms can be found at www.thrallcef.org or by emailing agola@thrallisd.org

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2026 Harvest Festival

Tentative Schedule of Events

Freshman Class Dinner - 4:00-6:30pm

Silent Auction – 4:00-7:00pm

Carnival Games – 6:15-7:30pm (tentative)

Coronation – 6:00pm

Raffle ticket winners will be drawn after the end of the silent auction (7:00pm)

2026 Harvest Festival Candidate Parent Permission Slip

Please return by Thursday, August 27, 2026

My child, _____, has permission to run for _____ Queen/King candidate.
(student name) (grade level)

My child, _____, does NOT have permission to run for Queen/King candidate.

Parent/Guardian signature: _____

*Your signature above gives TCEF permission to use your child/student's name and photo image for advertising purposes on the TCEF website www.thrallcef.org and other TCEF promotional printed materials. If you **do not** give permission to use name and photo images of your child/student please check the box ☐*

Contact information*:

Name (please print): _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

*Contact information will be shared with TCEF, your candidate partner and other parents/individuals requesting to help with your grades fundraising activities.