

Arkansas State Fair Rodeo Queen Contest
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ENTRY DEADLINE
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2011 ARKANSAS STATE FAIR RODEO QUEEN CONTEST

October 14 - 23, Arkansas State Fairgrounds

The Arkansas State Fair and Arkansas Livestock Show Association welcome contestants from around the state to compete for the title of Arkansas State Fair Rodeo Queen. Judging is based on appearance, personality and horsemanship. This fun and entertaining three day event brings beauty and charm, and is the highlight of the Rodeo on Saturday night when the 2011 Arkansas State Fair Rodeo Queen is crowned.

QUALIFICATIONS AND RULES

1. Contestants must not be less than 16 or more than 24 years of age as of September 1 of the current year.
2. The contestant must be single; never been married, pregnant and/or had a child.
3. The contestant must be a female legal resident of the state of Arkansas.
4. The contestant may be amateur or professional.
5. Past Arkansas State Fair Rodeo Queens are not eligible to compete again. Contestants in the Rodeo Queen Contest are not eligible to compete in State Fair Youth Talent or State Fair Queen Contests in the same year.
6. **NO STALLIONS ARE PERMITTED.** No tie-downs are allowed in horsemanship competition.
7. Entry constitutes agreement to release Arkansas Livestock Show Association from all liability.

CHAPERONES

Contestant must be accompanied by a parent/guardian or female chaperone appointed by parent/guardian. The chaperone must be present at registration and remain with the contestant throughout the contest. Arkansas State Fair provides additional supervision in planned activities for the girls during their stay in Little Rock.

SPONSORS

Each contestant must be sponsored. She can be sponsored by a Private Business, Civic Group, Fraternal Organization, Chamber of Commerce, Riding Club, Fair or Livestock Show Association, etc.

HORSES

Arkansas horses must be accompanied by the original report of negative EIA test within 12 months prior to exhibition. Horses from out of state require the original report of negative EIA test within 12 months AND original health certificate issued within 30 days prior to exhibition. Health Certificate must include individual identification and temperature reading of animal. Photocopies are not acceptable. Contestant's horses will be stalled at Horse Barn #1 on the Fairgrounds. Bedding will be provided by the State Fair.

DRESS REQUIREMENTS

Each contestant should come prepared with enough WESTERN ATTIRE for the 3 day event, including an interview session, community appearance, and riding in the Grand Entry of two (2) PBR Bull Riding performances with the crowning ceremony on Saturday night. During Horsemanship Competition, contestants should wear blue jeans and long sleeved white western shirts. Hats are required during all phases of the competition, including the interview. Chaps are not allowed.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Two photographs must be attached to the entry form: 4" x 6" of the head and shoulders (these photos are not used for judging purposes - snapshots are acceptable). Contestants should be dressed in western attire including hat. On the back of the photographs, **please print the date, contestant name and address.**

ENTRY FORMS

Entry Forms are available online at www.arkansasstatefair.com, or contact the State Fair office by phone or email as listed at the top of previous page. Completed Entry Form and Photos must be sent to the State Fair office no later than October 4th. We recommend that entries are submitted early, and that your participation is confirmed prior to arrival at the fairgrounds. Only the contestant and chaperone are allowed free admission. All others must pay at the gate or purchase tickets in advance. There is a \$5 parking fee. **LATE ENTRY FORMS WILL RESULT IN LENGTHY DELAYS AT THE GATE.**

REGISTRATION - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20TH, 4:00 PM

Enter the fairgrounds through Gate 11 on Schiller Street (Go south off Roosevelt Road on Schiller along the east fence line of the grounds to the end). Security staff will direct you to Horse Barn #1 to unload and stall horses, and then to park trailers as instructed. Contestants and chaperone/parents will then gather at the south end of the Coliseum for 4:00 pm registration. At that time contestants will be provided with an agenda, horsemanship pattern and further instructions. **CONTESTANTS SHOULD ARRIVE DRESSED AND PREPARED FOR PICTURES, DINNER.**

CONTESTANTS WILL ENTER THE FAIRGROUNDS THROUGH A PUBLIC GATE: VARIOUS GROUPS MAY BE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE AT THE SAME TIME, INCLUDING SCHOOL BUSES AND LIVESTOCK TRAILERS, RESULTING IN POSSIBLE DELAYS - ALLOW YOURSELF TIME.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Arrangements have been made with Holiday Inn Express, I-440 and Airport Exit (Exit #3) in Little Rock, at a special rate. Contestants are not required to but may choose to stay there: Call 501-490-4000; identify yourself as a State Fair Rodeo Queen contestant to receive the special rate. We recommend that reservations are made early for the best room availability. Contestants are responsible for their own room, transportation, veterinary care and other expenses.

JUDGING

Arkansas State Fair & Livestock Show will appoint 3 judges for Appearance and Personality and Horsemanship. They will be persons well qualified to judge a contest of this kind. Manners, behavior and grooming will be observed at all times from registration to the crowning ceremony. Their decision is final. Poor sportsmanship, tardiness, interference or otherwise inappropriate conduct will affect your score. Rule violations could result in disqualification, from this and future contests.

AWARDS

The contestant named 2011 Arkansas State Fair Rodeo Queen will receive prizes that include a Saddle, Trophy, \$250 Cash Award, Trophy Buckle, Crown, Portrait, Flowers, and other awards. The portrait will be displayed in the State Fair Administration Office until the 2012 winner is crowned.

The First Runner-Up, Miss Horsemanship, and Miss Congeniality will receive various awards.

Just for fun, there will be a stall decorating contest. Participation is optional and will in no way affect any judge's scoring for the Rodeo Queen Contest. All participants are welcome to stretch their imagination!

For contest entry or more information, contact Deb at:

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