

Kit Carson County Fair and Rodeo Queen, Attendant and Princess Contest Rules

Entry Deadline: _____

Judging Date: _____

Judging Location: Kit Carson County Fairgrounds

Royalty Crowning: Friday night of Fair

Mail or Deliver Entries to:

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*** Year of reign and sponsorship is from September 1- August 31

If there are any questions regarding this competition or the Kit Carson County Fair & Rodeo Royalty Program, please contact either the Royalty Coordinator or the County Commissioners.
Contest Rules and Regulations

1. Applicants must be a resident of Kit Carson County 6 months prior to entering the contest and must reside in the county throughout her reign; unmarried without children, and must remain unmarried throughout reign.
2. Queen/Attendant applicants must be at *least 14 to (senior in high school)* age as of January 1 of current year of selection.
3. Princess applicants must be at least 9 and not over 13 years of age as of January 1 of current year of selection.
4. Contestant must complete and pass the Level I 4-H Riding test or Royalty Safety Riding prior to July 1.
5. Attire for the contest is as follows:
 - a. Western hat
 - b. Western pants
 - c. Long-sleeve shirt/blouse
 - d. Belt
 - e. Western Boots with Heels
 - f. Accessories as age appropriate
6. Contestants must be present for the entire contest and crowning.
7. The girl selected to be "Fair Queen" will not be eligible to compete in future Fair Queen contests in this county unless there are no other girls trying out for the upcoming year. The Attendant and Princess will be eligible for future queen contests.
8. The girl selected to be "Fair Princess" will not be eligible to compete in future princess contests in this county unless there are no other girls trying out for the upcoming year. The princess would then be eligible for future queen contests.
9. All contestants must to be present in front of the grandstands on Friday before the evening rodeo for Crowning of the New Royalty. Western attire is required. Should you be a winner, failure to be present will result in forfeiture of title. Title will then go to first runner up.
10. Should the new Kit Carson County Fair and Rodeo Queen/Attendant/Princess fail to comply with all the rules and regulations of this contest, the duties that she has and the behavior/conduct, she will be required to relinquish the crown and all awards, money and benefits to Kit Carson County. The first runner-up will then assume the title and responsibilities and will continue the reign for that year.
11. Contestants are required to take the test, do the selected patterns, do the Queen wave while riding, interview with the judge(s) and answer the question "Why I want to be the next Kit Carson County Fair and Rodeo Queen//Princess".
12. All contestants are required to sign an agreement.

Judging:

- All contestants will give a 2-3 minute speech. The speech topic will be sent after application has been received.

Appearance:

- The aim of this division is to select the girl who rates the highest in grooming, posture, poise, fashion sense and who most reflects the western image. Judges will be looking for neatness and cleanliness in every detail including hands, hair, boots and other apparel.

Personality:

- The aim of this division is to select the girl who rates the highest in education, conversational ability, sense-of-humor, genuine interest, consideration for others and has a happy outlook on life.

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Horsemanship:

- The aim of this division is to select the girl who rates highest in riding ability, control of their mount, mounting and dismounting, balance, position of hands, feet, seat and the way that each situation is handled with the horse care.

Questions and interviews:

- The aim of this division is to select the girl who rates highest in interview ability, getting her ideas and thoughts across in conversation and answering the question.

Biography:

- This should include name, age, school attending, parents, hobbies, favorite food, activities involved in, and college or future plans.

The contest will be judged by 3 fair board members, 2 people from the county, and someone outside the county with horse knowledge, and 1 past royalty. Total of 7 judges.

Duties

The Queen, Attendant and Princess's duties will include the following:

- Hand out ribbons at all events at the Kit Carson County Fair and Rodeo.
- Be present for introductions.
- Be available and present at all designated events of the fair.
- Queen is required to have a queen's luncheon and invite the neighboring Fair royalty and their guardian, Fair Board, commissioners, attendant, princess and their immediate families, in addition to queen inviting her family.
 - County Royalty's additional family is welcome to attend, but will be required to pay for their own meals.
- Represent Kit Carson County at least four (4) area fairs, parades and activities.
- Royalty need to know about our county, and be able to answer questions.
- It is the Queen, Attendant and Princess's duty to communicate all information with/to the coordinator in a timely manner.
- Royalty pictures for advertising will be taken as a group. Only one picture will be used for advertising purposes. Picture will be taken on a prescheduled date and location by coordinator.
- Royalty is required to have a controlled horse for all events and parades.
 - Royalty is responsible for their own horses and stalls prior, during and after fair for clean-up.
 - The Royalty are not required to own a horse, but must have the guaranteed use of horse and truck/trailer during their reign.
 - Royalty are suggested to travel together as much as possible. They are reimbursed for mileage only when traveling outside the county.
 - If Royalty plan to go to Cheyenne Frontier Day or any other such event - it has to be approved by coordinator.
 - All reimbursements need to be approved by coordinator.

*** A coordinator will be present at every required event. (A coordinator may be a parent in the absence of the appointed coordinator or someone the coordinator has appointed).

The Kit Carson County Fair and Rodeo Queen/Attendant/Princess should exhibit high moral standards and lady-like behavior in every situation. You must wear your sash, tiara, buckle and western attire (must be yours from the current year of reign) whenever serving in the capacity of the Fair and Rodeo Queen/Attendant/Princess. With regard to attitude you should be pleasing and willing to help in any way that will help promote Kit Carson County in general and the Fair and Rodeo in specific.

Appearance

- Hat – should be appropriately shaped for a woman, it should fit securely, be clean and in good condition. Hat should not be worn on the back of the head, even if requested by photographer.
- Boots – should be kept clean and polished.

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- Pants – should enhance the figure by being neither too tight nor too baggy. They should also be correct length (1” above bottom of heel when sitting in saddle or on chair). All western style pants are accepted. No faded or low-rise pants.
- Belt/Buckle/Tiara – belt should be attractive and appropriately sized and strong enough to support the weight of the buckle. The buckle, tiara and sash are part of the outfit and should be worn at all times when acting as the Kit Carson County Fair and Rodeo Queen/Attendant/Princess.

In summary the minimum dress code for the Queen/Attendant/Princess will be: An attractive long-sleeve western shirt/blouse, western pants, clean coordinating boots, clean hat and tiara, belt with buckle and sash at all times. Should also be presentable when out in public when not serving in the official capacity (i.e. showing other animals at fair).

*** A coordinator will pre-approve major wardrobe purchases. Parent involvement is appreciated; however, coordinator has the final approval. Any outfit(s) cannot be purchased or ordered until reign begins. The County Commissioners have final authority on all decisions. The coordinator shall notify the county commissioners of all meetings.

Conduct/Behavior:

- Use of Alcohol/Tobacco is not tolerated.
- Any trouble with the law may be reason for dismissal.
- Boyfriends- KCC Royalty may not cohabitate with any significant other during their reign. There shall be no outward display of affection (i.e. kissing, holding hands, etc.) during the duration of your reign of Queen/Attendant/Princess duties and while you are in official dress.

Humane Precautions:

- There shall be no unnecessary roughness of horses or other livestock or rudeness to people during the contest of the Queen/Attendant/Princess reign.

Sponsors:

- The Royalty will not be able to solicit sponsors as long as Kit Carson County Commissioners have declared an official sponsor.

AGREEMENT:

I have read and understand the rules and agree to comply.

Applicant Signature

Date

Guardian Signature

Date

Application must be received no later than _____

Contest date _____