

## **Hello and thank you for your interest in serving on the Valley County's Fair and Rodeo Royalty Court! We look forward to meeting you!**

*Valley County Fair and Rodeo Royalty Contest Application, Disclaimer, Expectations, and Rules:*

Our Valley County Fair and Rodeo Royalty Contest is held annually to select young ladies who have the desire and enthusiasm to serve as goodwill ambassadors for Valley County Fair and Rodeo and the western way of life. The Royalty consists of a Queen (aged 16-19), Jr Queen (aged 13-15) , Princess (aged 10-12), and Junior Princess (age 8-9).

*Disclaimer: The Fair and Rodeo Board may choose to have additional Royalty, as it sees fit. Including placing contestants to fill positions if positions cannot be filled with a contestant of a certain age. Only to include participants of 8 to 19 years of age that have completed the application and turned it in by the noted due date of the participating year.*

The Fair and Rodeo Board will provide crowns, sashes, serapes, chaps, and buckles for all chosen Rodeo Royalty. Additional items such as saddle pads, leg wraps, flower packs, and jackets, may be provided by the Fair Board or other appropriate sources. All items provided to the Royalty from the Valley County Fair and Rodeo Board, with the exception of the buckles, are to be returned in the same condition as received to the Royalty Coordinator immediately after the coronation ceremony which will be determined by the coordinator. The member(s) of Royalty not returning any or all of these items, in the same condition by the due date will be responsible for the cost of the item(s) and will be billed accordingly.

### Contestant Eligibility

1. Contestant must agree to abide by contest rules with the possibility of disqualification for infractions including but not limited to; not showing up to scheduled events.
2. Contestants must be female residents of Valley County. (If there are no more than two applicants for a position by the application deadline. The contest will be opened to contestants from other counties and be given the opportunity to submit applications. If a Valley County resident submits an application after the contest has been opened up, priority is not given to the Valley County resident unless the two contestants tie.)
3. Queen Contestants must be 16 years of age, but not more than 19 years of age, as of January 1st of competing year.

4. Jr Queen Contestants must be 13 years of age, but not more than 15 years of age, as of January 1st of the competing year.
5. Princess contestants must be 10 years of age, but not more than 12 years of age, as of January 1st of competing year.
6. Junior Princess contestants must be 8 years of age, but not more than 10 years of age as of January 1st of competing year. Exceptions on Junior Princess can be made from the royalty coordinator based off of the youths riding ability as long as the youth will be 8 years of age during the reigning year.
7. Contestants must not have a conflict representing another rodeo title within the same year except for overlapping time frames.
8. Contestants must never have been convicted of a felony or drug charges.
9. Contestants must submit a minimum of \$75.00 in sponsor funds with application for the Valley County Royalty fund that will NOT be reimbursed if you do not win the contest. These monies will be donated for the royalty that is chosen to help purchase future crowns, sashes, buckles, chaps, and serapes.
10. Contestants must submit the completed application, or have their application postmarked, including all signatures and sponsor funds by the designated date.

Applications can be mailed to Valley County's Fair and Rodeo Royalty Coordinator:

VC Fair Board attn Alea Bunker

PO Box 910

Cascade, Idaho 83611

Or Emailed to

[vcfrroyalty@outlook.com](mailto:vcfrroyalty@outlook.com)

**\*\*Please remit payment to "Valley County Fair and Rodeo Royalty"\*\***

### **Judging (200 Pts Total)**

There will be a minimum of three (3) judges for each part of the contest. Judges' scores will be combined and averaged to determine the winner(s). Judging will be on the following criteria:

1. Horsemanship 50% or 100 pts
2. Personality/Speaking ability 30% or 60pts
3. Poise/Appearance 20% or 40 pts

**\*\* you must have an overall score of 60% or higher to be accepted onto the royalty court if you are the only contestant in your age category. \*\***

### **Horsemanship (100 pts)**

Horsemanship is the most important of all the required contest activities! Contestants **MUST** show control of their horse at all times. Safety is very important to us as well as the safety of the public.

Your Horsemanship skills will be judged on the following criteria:

1. Control and safety of horse. Balance, position of hands, feet, and seat. Mounting and dismounting (younger, smaller riders may have assistance). Reining pattern (50 pts)
2. Flag Presentation. Ability to carry flag safely. (10 pts)
3. Queens Presentation "Buzz". Safety and control and personality projection. (10 pts)
4. Knowledge of horse anatomy and tack /knowledge of rodeo events (20 Pts)
5. Grooming and overall health of animal/cleanliness of tack (10 pts)

### **Personality/Speaking Ability (60 pts)**

Intelligence and ability to present herself to people in a positive manner, conversational ability, genuine interest in other people and noticeable courtesy and diplomacy in all situations. Happy outlook on life, general sense of humor, and ability to adapt. Promptness and dependability.

Speech: (45 pts) Give a 1-2 minute speech. The topic is 'Trails of Yesterday Leading to Tomorrow's Dream'

Impromptu Questions: (15 Pts) You will randomly draw three impromptu questions total, this will test your knowledge of rodeo, the western way of life and mimic a real-life experience with an outsider who may not know much about our way of life.

### **Appearance: (40 Pts)**

Neatness, cleanliness, and personal grooming. Royalty competition attire shall consist of western style jeans, western button-down shirt with collar, hat, belt and boots. *Boots may not have waffle pattern soles and no lace up boots will be permitted.*

### **Contest Rules and Regulations**

1. Contestants and future Royalty must conduct themselves in a proper ladylike manner and portray high moral standards.
2. Contestants and future Royalty will not be permitted to drink alcoholic beverages, use tobacco, controlled substances, or use foul language at any time, during the royalty competition or at royalty events.
3. Unsportsmanlike conduct will result in being removed from the royalty contest or royalty events.
4. At no time will parents, relatives, or friends of the contestants/future Royalty interfere with the contest judges or any Fair Board members.
5. The judges' scoring is the final decision.

## **Royalty Expectations**

All Royalty members are expected to attend public events throughout Idaho, as well as select public events in Valley County to promote Valley County and the Valley County Fair and Rodeo throughout the year. Idaho Public Events may include, but are not limited to; parades, rodeos, fundraiser dinners, trade shows, etc.

1. All Royalty members are expected to be available to the Coordinator and/or Fair and Rodeo Board for advertising purposes.
2. All Royalty members are expected to participate in these mandatory events: McCall Winter Carnival, Riggins Rodeo (first full weekend of May), Thunder Mountain Days (4<sup>th</sup> of July in Cascade), and all nights of the Valley County Rodeo. The only exception to this will be family emergencies, illness, or exceptional events. In any of these cases, the Royalty Coordinator must be notified immediately. Exceptions to events will be at the discretion of the Royalty Coordinator and Fair Board. Royalty members are encouraged to attend other local fairs and rodeos.
3. All Royalty members are expected to assist with the following: Promoting the Valley County Fair and Rodeo, helping at the kindergarten rodeo, handing out belt buckles to the mutton busting participants, carrying flags at the rodeo if asked, assisting the rodeo secretary during the Valley County Rodeo all three nights, and obtaining sponsors for our rodeo. You may be asked to mount your horse to help with steers and the roping calves during our rodeo nights.
4. The use of tobacco, alcoholic beverages, controlled substances, exhibiting inappropriate behavior, or using foul language at any function where the Valley County Rodeo is being represented is strictly prohibited! Any violation of these will result in immediate dismissal and removal as the royalty representative.
  - a. *In addition, if a member of the royalty's conduct in public outside of the above-mentioned function(s) is deemed inappropriate for representation of Valley County and the Valley County Fair and Rodeo, the Royalty coordinator and/or the Fair Board may give a warning or immediately dismiss the Royalty member. If a member is dismissed from the Court, a meeting will be held with the Valley County Fair and Rodeo Board to discuss the dismissal. Should you be dismissed, all items provided to the member for use by the Valley County Fair and Rodeo Board shall be immediately returned to the Royalty coordinator. This will also include the belt buckle.*

5. At all Royalty functions, performances and events, each member shall be dressed in tasteful western attire. You will be part of a team with the other royalty members. YOU WILL BE ASKED TO WEAR CLOSE TO MATCHING SHIRTS AT ALL TIMES.
6. All members are required to provide their own transportation, horse and tack for all activities where/when needed.
7. Members are responsible for the purchase of their shirts and will collaborate with the Royalty Coordinator before purchase.
8. Members are responsible for providing their own jeans, hats, belts, boots.
  - a. Fundraising efforts can be arranged to purchase matching shirts
9. All purchases or expenditures must be approved by the royalty coordinator and voted on by all royalty members.
10. All members must inform/seek permission from royalty coordinator about attending events.
11. All royalty contestants (if deemed safe at tryouts) will be expected to buzz all three nights of the rodeo and be present for the coronation.

By submitting this application, Royalty Contestant, future Royalty, and parents/legal guardians of minor contestants agree to the terms of the contest rules, disclaimer, guidelines and expectations.

**Contest Overview**

Contestants' application MUST BE POSTMARKED or EMAILED by the contest deadline

\_\_\_\_\_ date  
Contestant signature

\_\_\_\_\_ date  
Parent/Guardian signature

\_\_\_\_\_ date  
Additional parent signature

## Valley County Rodeo Royalty Contestant Application

Position Applying For: \_\_\_ Jr Princess Age 8-9 \_\_\_ Princess age 10-11 \_\_\_ Jr Queen age 13-15 \_\_\_ Queen age 16-19 (as of January 1st)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ AGE (as of January 1st) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

PARENTS:

FATHER \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_









