



Eagle County Fair & Rodeo 2025 Royalty Handbook & Application

THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

The purpose of the Eagle County Fair & Rodeo Royalty program is to provide an opportunity for young women to become ambassadors for Eagle County and the sport of rodeo by demonstrating knowledge of the sport of rodeo, respect for the western way of life, and a commitment to their community.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

All eligible applicants must meet the following criteria. Please contact Hanna Albertson with any questions hannajnelson@gmail.com.

- The contestant must be an Eagle County resident and involved in a horse organization – contact the coordinator with questions.
- It is recommended that candidates be involved in an organized horse organization (NBHA, NRHA, etc.). However, at the coordinator's discretion, a candidate may be approved without belonging to such an organization.
- The contestant must be single.
- Must not have a criminal history.
- Contestants must have access to a horse worthy of competition and the tasks required for the Fair & Rodeo. (i.e. horse parade ready; not easily spooked; good around other horses, livestock, and people)
- The queen must be between the ages of 15 and 19 years, as of Jan. 1, 2024.
- Princesses must be between the ages of 12 and 14 years, as of Jan. 1, 2024.

TRYOUT INFORMATION AND SCHEDULE

Tryouts are to be determined and will be held at the Eagle County Fairgrounds. Tryouts include interview (30 points), speech (30 points), horsemanship (30 points), application (5 points), and poise (5 points) for a total of 100 possible points.

Horsemanship pattern, speech topic, and sample interview questions are to be e-mailed two (2) weeks prior to the contest.

Application deadline is Friday, May 25, 2024, 5 p.m. – email fairrodeo@eaglecounty.us, hand deliver to the Eagle River Center at 794 Fairgrounds Road in Eagle, or mail to P.O. Box 850, Eagle, Colorado 81631.

Tryout attire

Western attire is required for the tryout. This includes a western long-sleeve shirt, belt, felt hat, riding boots, and jeans for riding. Western skirts and shirts or dresses are required for interviews and speeches. Interview and speech apparel should be worn with dress boots, no ropers. Clothing and accessories need to be up-to-date, neat, clean and fit well. The use of make-up needs to be age-appropriate and neat. Hair must be clean and styled neatly.

During tryouts the following rules apply:

- Coaching or prompting during the competition will not be allowed.
- All spectators (including friends and parents) must remain in the grandstands and/or in the established viewing areas during the competition. Judges need to be able to interview and observe horsemanship skills.
 - Failure to do so may result in the spectator being removed from the fairgrounds.
 - Parents are welcome to **assist** during saddling and changing for events.
- Upon entering the arena, contestants have five minutes to complete the pattern.
- Contestants must ride the assigned pattern without assistance (including entrance into the arena).
- The flag will be handed to contestants prior to entering the arena and must be carried for the entire pattern.
- Candidates will be allowed to warm up.

Award of Title

The titles of 2024 Queen and Princess will be awarded to the individuals with the highest score of out of the possible 100 points in their respective categories.

Prizes: Must carry the full length of the title to be eligible to keep prizes.

Queen: Belt Buckle, sash, chaps, clothes for reign, and \$1,000 educational scholarship (payable directly to the educational institution of choice at end of reign).

Princess: Belt Buckle, sash, chaps, and clothes for reign.

Upon award of the title, the appointed Queen, Princess, and their parents will be required to sign a code of conduct and acknowledgment of responsibilities that will be valid until the end of their reign.

RESPONSIBILITY AS QUEEN AND PRINCESS

- Reign begins July 27, 2024, and runs through the last day of Eagle County Rodeo Fair & Rodeo 2024, where Queen/Princess will crown the 2025 Eagle County Fair & Rodeo Queen/Princess.
- Assist the Royalty Coordinator with the 2024 Royalty Clinic and Contest.
- Ride in all Grand Entries at the Fair & Rodeo, help with Mutton Bustin', and other duties as requested.
- Assist with as many 4-H events as possible.
- Invite royalty from other counties to the Eagle County Fair & Rodeo.
- Attend radio, TV appearances, and other community events as suggested.
- Write thank-you notes for all events attended.
- Royalty cannot hold any other Rodeo Queen/Princess titles in or out of Eagle County during their reigning year.

- Assist in all Eagle County Fair & Rodeo promotions as requested by the Eagle County Fair & Rodeo Advisory Council.
- Recruit sponsors, trade or cash, to benefit the Royalty program. Queen/Princess must raise at least \$1,000 each.

Expected to represent Eagle County at the following events:

Notification to the committee ASAP if unable to attend (example: death in family, illness, school interview). No reimbursements will be provided.

- Eagle County Fair & Rodeo
- Christmas on Broadway Parade
- Flight Days
- Vail America Days Parade
- 4-H benefits including Rocky Mountain Oyster Fry
- Gypsum Daze
- At least two community service days (hospital visits, Echo Days, Salvation Army Bell Ringing, etc.)
- Following year's royalty tryouts

Optional events:

Events that the Royalty may do if interested.

No reimbursements will be provided.

- Greeley Stampede – must be scheduled around local events.
- Grand Olde West Days in Craig
- Cheyenne Frontier Days
- Routt County Fair
- National Western Stock Show (invitation only)
- State Fair (invitation only)
- Garfield County
- Carbondale weekly rodeo series
- Steamboat Springs Pro Rodeo
- Farmer's Markets

ROYALTY CODE OF CONDUCT

- Conduct yourself as a lady at all times when representing the Eagle County Fair & Rodeo, whether in Queen/Princess attire or not. This includes behaving in a polite and gracious manner at all times. The Queen/Princess should never be seen arguing with anyone (this includes family). Yelling and acting out toward others is considered inappropriate behavior.
- The Queen/Princess must remember that she is in the public eye and is expected to represent the Eagle County Fair & Rodeo properly.
- The Queen/Princess is expected to attend all required events in a punctual manner.
- The Queen/Princess is allowed to attend events that are not required as long as they are run through the Royalty Coordinator prior. Under NO circumstances should the Queen or anyone aside from the Eagle County Fair & Rodeo Royalty Coordinator call to set up an outside event.
- The Queen/Princess and her mount must always be appropriately groomed and well-turned out. The Queen's/Princess's mount must show good care and the Queen/Princess must remember this at all events. The Queen/Princess should have no visible tattoos or piercings with the exception of having one piercing in the ears.

- The Queen/Princess will always wear the designated attire when representing the Eagle County Fair & Rodeo. This includes colored jeans, a belt, Eagle County Fair & Rodeo buckle, tiara, western boots with a heel, a hat, and long-sleeve shirt that matches the rest of her attire. Clothing should be clean and pressed. All clothing should be modest and tactfully worn. Hair and makeup should be nicely and tastefully done. The Queen/Princess should also wear her sash.
- The Queen's/Princess's tack, no matter how old or new, should also be clean and show good care. This includes checking tack often for any needed repairs.
- The Queen/Princess should never forget that even when not in official attire, she is in the public eye. This means that swearing, vulgarity, crude remarks, smoking, chewing tobacco, illegal drug use, and drinking alcoholic beverages are inappropriate and can result in a reprimand or dismissal.
- Always remember to handle your horse as a horsewoman. All training and discipline should be done at home or in lessons. If discipline is needed, it should be done in a tactful and inconspicuous manner.
- The Queen/Princess should, in no way, display any affection for a significant other. This includes but is not limited to kissing, hand-holding, and sitting on laps. The Queen/Princess cannot live with a significant other.
- If the Queen/Princess is a minor (under 18), she should be supervised by a chaperone/parent at all times.
- The Queen/Princess will refrain from slandering others. The Queen/Princess must avoid all inappropriate behavior and or language. This includes all information and slanderous remarks made via text, phone, photos, internet chat, Twitter, Myspace, Facebook, or other social media outlets.
- If the Queen/Princess, Royalty Coordinator, or their families have questions or issues these must be directed through the Eagle County Fair & Rodeo Royalty Coordinator first. If the problem cannot be resolved then consult the Eagle County Fair & Rodeo Advisory Council.
- The following items are the property of the Eagle County Fair & Rodeo Committee and will be returned in good condition within a week of completion of royalty reign or immediately upon dismissal: breast collars, tiaras, chaps, vest, and saddle sash. If these items are not returned, the Queen/Princess is fully responsible for reimbursing Eagle County Government for all replacement expenses incurred.
- The Eagle County Rodeo Queen/Princess is representing the Eagle County Fair & Rodeo and all of Eagle County. This should be a fun and positive experience.
- The experience at Eagle County Fair & Rodeo Royalty can be as fulfilling as you want to make it. It is entirely up to the Queen/Princess as to how much or how little she experiences. The Royalty Committee is your aid in determining your experiences over the next year. It is expected that the Queen/Princess and her family respect the opinion of and decisions made by the Royalty Committee, Fair Board, or Eagle County liaison. Failure to comply with Royalty Committee, Fair Board, or Eagle County liaison will result in a warning and potential loss of title – no negotiation.
- Most importantly, if you have questions, ASK! Call your Royalty Coordinator, Hanna Albertson at 970-471-4562.

Dress Code:

- Royalty is always expected to wear a hat, tiara, sash, buckle, and western wear.
- No undergarments should be visible at any time.
- Clothing shall be neat and clean, western boots must be worn at all times.
- Unacceptable clothing, paraphernalia, grooming, jewelry, hair coloring, accessories, etc.

includes spaghetti strap shirts; clothing that leaves bare or exposes traditionally private parts of the body including, but not limited to, the stomach, buttocks, back, and breasts; items with reference to drugs, tobacco, alcohol, or weapons; items that are of a sexual nature; articles which by virtue of color, arrangement, trademark, or other attribute denote membership in gangs or advocate drug use, violence, or disruptive behavior; or obscene, profane, vulgar, lewd, or legally libelous clothing. No visible body adornments (e.g. tattoos) are permitted.

Resignation:

- If a member of the Eagle County Fair & Rodeo Royalty has resigned or has been dismissed, that member cannot compete in future Royalty tryouts.
- If the resignation was due to circumstances beyond the member's control, such as family illness, personal illness, or other acceptable reasons, under the discretion of the Royalty committee, that member may try out the following year.
- If there is a resignation or dismissal, all prizes must be forfeited and returned to the Royalty Committee. Failure to do so may result in possible legal action.

Disciplinary Procedures:

- For any violation of the code, the Royalty Coordinator and Advisory Council will determine disciplinary action to be taken and their decision is final.
- If an individual is dismissed, the prizes will be forfeited.
- The Royalty Coordinator and Eagle County Fair & Rodeo will investigate any possible rule violation and/or misconduct and appropriate disciplinary action will be taken, which may include a written reprimand and/or immediate dismissal based on the severity of the violation.



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Please read the Eagle County Fair & Rodeo Royalty Handbook prior to applying for the title of Queen or Princess. **Please type all answers.** Attach additional pages if needed. *Please attach a headshot for judge reference.*

Contest Date: Saturday, June 8, 2024. Time and order of events TBD.

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Name:

Phone:

Email:

Mailing Address:

Physical Address:

Date of Birth:

Age as of Jan. 1, 2024:

Position applying for: Queen _____ Princess _____

Education:

Scholastic plans and future ambitions:

Experience with horses:

Honors and awards:

Community service (list contact person and phone number for each):

Why I want to be the Eagle County Fair & Rodeo Queen/Princess. (200 words or less, may use a separate sheet of paper):

Please attach two (2) Professional Letters of Recommendation from an employer or teacher.

Contestant Printed Name: _____

Contestant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Printed Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____