

2025 Miss Gem State Stampede North Idaho State Fair Scholarship Pageant



AINSLEY GOUGHNOUR
MGSS 2024



Application Packet



Contest

September 20-21, 2024

Application Deadline:

Friday, September 6, 2024 - 5:00 PM

This application can be downloaded at www.nisfair.fun and/or forwarded via email, please contact the Fair Office for assistance.

Dear Applicant and Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Thank you for your interest in the Miss Gem State Stampede, North Idaho State Fair Scholarship Pageant. This is an honorable and amazing opportunity as you will be representing the Gem State Stampede and North Idaho State Fair through your participation at rodeos, parades, luncheons, and many other public appearances and events.

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Pageant Schedule (subject to change).

- Friday, September 20th
 - 4:00 PM ~ Contestant Table Set Up
 - Mandatory Contestant Orientation
 - Written Test
 - Media Interview
- Saturday, September 21st
 - 8:30 AM ~ Personal Interviews
 - 11:00 AM ~ Horsemanship & Horsemanship Interview (Open to the public – held in conjunction with the Coeur d'Alene Classic Team Roping)
 - 2:30 PM ~ Modeling, Speeches, Extemporaneous Questions, Crowning of 2025 Miss Gem State Stampede (Open to the public)

The scored/judged events consist of Written Test, Horsemanship, Speech, Modeling, Interviews, Extemporaneous Questions and Photogenics. There are four major contest categories: Appearance, Personality, Knowledge/Presentation and Horsemanship. Contestants also need to be prepared for possible appearances for sponsors and media interviews.

You may make arrangements to stall your horse at the Kootenai County Fairgrounds as early as Friday, September 20th. Please contact the Fairgrounds office at 208-765-4969 to make these arrangements. Stalls are provided to all MGSS Contestants.

Please read and sign the application packet in its entirety. The application deadline is 5:00 PM, Friday, September 6, 2024. Please turn in the completed application, entry fee, photo, proof of age, residence and required forms to the Kootenai County Fairgrounds, 4056 N. Government Way Coeur d'Alene, ID or mail to fairgrounds, PO Box 963 Hayden, ID 83835.

If you have questions, please contact me at 208-765-4969 or email me at emma@northidahostatefair.com

We greatly look forward to your participation and a successful 2025 Miss Gem State Stampede, North Idaho State Fair Scholarship Pageant.

Sincerely,

Emma Tanner

Miss Gem State Stampede Director
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The Gem State Stampede and North Idaho State Fair invite all interested persons to try out for the title of 2025 Miss Gem State Stampede (MGSS). All Applicants will be expected to follow all rules, regulations, and meet all of the eligibility requirements listed on the following pages. Please **read** the enclosed information in it's **entirely**. Remember, your application can be judged on organization, completeness and neatness.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

1. Applicants must be 16 years of age as of January 1, 2025 & not more than 26 years of age as of December 31, year of her reign 2025. Proof of age is required.
2. Applicants must be a high school student or high school graduate and will produce a diploma as proof upon request (or equivalent).
3. Applicant must not be married and never have been married. Applicant shall not be engaged at the time of application and pageant competition. The winner shall not be engaged to be married throughout the year of reign.
4. The applicant must not be a parent of any child or have minor dependents, must not be pregnant and have never been pregnant nor become pregnant during her year of reign if selected.
5. Applicants will not display body piercings on any visible part of her body, tongue, nose, eyebrow, etc., excluding earrings that are part of the official Rodeo Queen attire. Tattoos must be covered by appropriate clothing, or makeup.
6. There is no limit to the number of times an individual can compete in the MGSS Pageant as long as the Applicant meets eligibility requirements and has never been awarded the title of Miss NIFR or MGSS.
7. If an Applicant has ever been let go from a former title, for any reason, the Queen Director and Fair Management has the right to refuse an application. The Director and Fair Management will investigate and vote before a decision is made.
8. Applicants must be in good health and not have any health concerns which would prevent a contestant from fully participating in this contest or from serving as MGSS if selected.
9. If selected as the MGSS, the Applicant **must** be available to fulfill all the required duties of her reign and be able to commit to (1) one year of reign for scheduled appearances and travel (The schedule is subject to change).
10. To the best of the Applicant's knowledge, there must not be anything that will interfere with her ability to compete in the contest or to perform the obligations of MGSS, if selected.
11. Applicant must not have engaged in any act, which if made public, would be reasonably likely to cause harm or damage to Applicant's reputation or to the goodwill and reputation of the MGSS Program, Gem State Stampede or North Idaho State Fair (any concerns about the applicability of this provision should be discussed with the MGSS Director and/or Fair Management prior to submitting application).
12. Applicant must be able to furnish her own horse or have a written lease agreement for the use of a horse suitable for the activities that she will be asked to participate in for her entire reign, if selected. The 1 (one) horse used for the contest will be the horse she is planning on using for the entire reign, if selected, unless sickness/lameness requires substitution, with approval of the MGSS Director. Applicants' horse must be healthy, current on all vaccinations and worming. Applicants will keep their horse clean, trimmed or shod. No stallions, late term mares or mares with foals will be allowed.
13. Applicants must agree to abide by contest rules with the possibility of disqualification for infractions.
14. Applicants shall sign a Liability Waiver.

ENTRY PROCEDURES

1. Applicant and Parent(s)/Guardian(s) must read all of the Miss Gem State Stampede, North Idaho State Scholarship Pageant and Expectations and Rules of Conduct. If there are any questions, please don't hesitate to ask for clarification from the MGSS Director at 208-765-4969. Applicants will sign as a testament to understand the Expectations and Rules of Conduct.

2. All Applicants will be required to complete the application, including all requirements listed on the application.

Must include

- Application, Resume, Why Statement & Biography
- Entry Fee: \$30.00
- Proof of Age and Residence
- Sign the Assumptions Of Risk & Release, Expectations and Rules of Conduct, Waiver Agreement
- 5x7 Portrait Color Photo.

Submit all to the Kootenai County Fairgrounds Office by 5 PM Friday, September 6th in order to compete in the 2025 Miss Gem State Stampede, North Idaho State Fair Scholarship Pageant. There will be no exceptions. The Director and Fair Management reserves the right to extend the deadline if fewer than 3 applications have been received.

3. Applicants will supply the MGSS Director with one 5x7 portrait color photo. The photo must be a head and shoulder pose in full western attire including hat. The photo should not have a crown or banner from any other title. The photo will be used for photogenic judging and publicity. **IMPORTANT:** No copyright labels on photos. If a photo is copyrighted, get written permission from your photographer for the MGSS Director to use your photo for publicity. A photo, with written permission of use (if applicable), must be included with your application.

4. **Restaurant Gift Card Auction:** Each applicant is required to bring two (2) Restaurant Gift Cards with a value of at least \$25.00 ea. and marked redeemable for 1 year or more. May be donated or bought. Your gift cards will be turned in at check-in/orientation. Make sure you put cards in an envelope and label with your name, name of Restaurant, and sponsor/donor name (if applicable). Coupons will not be accepted.

5. Applicants are responsible for their own transportation and accommodation and must be prompt and on time to all functions. Please plan ahead.

6. Applicants will draw for positions after everyone has checked in at orientation and given a number that must be worn at all times.

7. The 2025 Miss Gem State Stampede will be announced at the end of the pageant.

8. The reign of the 2025 MGSS officially begins on January 1st and ends on December 31st. The 2025 MGSS may be requested to appear and participate in events prior to the start of her reign.

9. The winner of this contest is encouraged, but not required to, represent the Gem State Stampede and North Idaho State Fair at the Miss Rodeo Idaho State Pageants which is held in Nampa, ID in July.

10. If for some reason the Applicant chosen as MGSS violates any of the eligibility rules or is unable to fulfill her reign, the MGSS must forfeit and relinquish all rights and privileges of her title, including scholarship, awards, tack and accessories provided by the Director, Fair Management and sponsors, at the request of the Director. Failure to complete her reign as MGSS shall obligate the applicant to reimburse the MGSS Program and sponsors for all monies and items won and/or received as MGSS. If this should happen, the MGSS Director and Fair Management reserve the right to name a successor.

GENERAL PAGEANT GUIDELINES

CONDUCT OF CONTESTANTS

Applicants must be of good moral character and conduct herself in a professional manner, practicing good sportsmanship, while identifiable as pageant applicant or MGSS if selected. Applicants will not be permitted to drink alcoholic beverages, use illegal substances or paraphernalia, use tobacco or marijuana products, or use inappropriate language or profanity. She shall not become publicly intoxicated or associate with any person(s) in a manner that brings disrespect to the Gem State Stampede, North Idaho State Fair, or the Program. She shall not participate in public displays of affection. She shall not travel with a significant other to pageant events. She shall not attend or frequent places of questionable reputation. She shall not participate in inappropriate internet or social networking behavior at any time during the pageant or while representing the Gem State Stampede and never been convicted of any crime.

SPORTSMANSHIP

From the time the pageant starts until after the Miss Gem State Stampede has been crowned, applicants must respect the pageant director, judges, volunteers and fellow applicants, and conduct themselves in an appropriate professional manner. Any applicant failing to do so, will be automatically *disqualified* and will forfeit any prizes to be awarded to her and affect future eligibility to compete in the MGSS Pageant. The Pageant Director expects each applicant and their supporters to display the highest degree of sportsmanship during the pageant, during and following coronation and during the Fair & Rodeo Events as well as at any other function where you would be representing the North Idaho State Fair and Gem State Stampede. Each applicant should be mindful that they are representing the MGSS Program, the sport of rodeo and the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association.

PARENTS, FRIENDS AND RELATIVES

The MGSS Pageant welcomes and encourages the presence of parents, friends and relatives during the public portion of the competition. The Pageant Director requests complete cooperation from these supporters during pageant activities. At no time during the pageant shall parents, friends and relatives disturb applicants or approach judges. Parents, friends or relatives will NOT be allowed backstage or at arena gates, the MGSS Director will be there to guide and direct the applicants at each stage of the competition. Parents, friends or relatives are asked to stay in the spectator areas at all events.

FORMAL COMPLAINT/GRIEVANCE PROCESS

Any complaint that is filed in regard to MGSS pageant operations or issues must adhere to the following:

- a. All complaints must be submitted in writing.
- b. Complaints must include the name, address and daytime phone number of the person filing the complaint.
- c. The complaint should include as much detail about the subject as possible in order for appropriate action to be taken.
- d. Complaints may be submitted to the MGSS Director.
- e. Complaints must be signed and dated.
- f. If a response to the complaint is desired, the letter must indicate so.
- g. Any complaints that do not follow the above process will be classified as invalid.
- h. All complaints will be reviewed by the Director and Fair Management. Research and information will be gathered about the situation. Involved parties will be notified about the complaint and given the opportunity to provide a response. The Director and Fair Management will vote and determine any necessary action to be taken.

AWARDS

Awards may be given to high point applicants in the following categories: Horsemanship, Written Test, Photogenics, Speech and Congeniality. Other awards may include but may not be limited to, First & Second Runner-Up. Specific awards and scholarships provided in each category may vary from year to year. Additional awards and scholarships may be provided.

SCORING/JUDGING GUIDELINES

- a. A panel of (3) three judges will be selected. Silent Judges may be present. An applicant's score will consist of the total of all judge's scores.
- b. Judges are selected for their expertise in all fields of competition including horsemanship, personality and appearance. They should all have an awareness of correct western dress, they should be knowledgeable about the sport of professional rodeo, and they should be experienced western-type horsemen and horsewomen who are accustomed to judging horse events.
- c. The judges have been instructed as to the type of girl the MGSS contest seeks, exemplifying: sincerity, integrity, attractiveness, intelligence, high moral standards, maturity, public speaking ability, horsemanship ability, knowledge of the Gem State Stampede and North Idaho State Fair, knowledge of professional rodeo, current events, the state of Idaho and horse science.
- d. MGSS is selected based on her overall performance in several categories, which may include horsemanship (including patterns, equitation, presentation ride, and flag presentation), personal interview, modeling, speech, impromptu questions, written knowledge test, personality, appearance, and overall impression. 545 points per Judge are possible in the contest, with 40 points for the written test to be added in. The overall winner will be crowned Miss Gem State Stampede with the next highest individual receiving First Runner-up. Highest scoring applicant must meet a minimum - scoring standard of 70% (of the total overall score) to be considered for the position of Miss Gem State Stampede. The horsemanship portion will be weighted heavier than the other categories. (See Appendix C)
- e. Judges may attend any or all pageant events that are not scored; therefore, you should be yourself at all times.
- f. All decisions of the judges are final.
- g. Ties for award winners will be broken by referring back to Judge #1. Judge #1's score will break the tie. If a tie still remains, Judge #2's score will be used and so on until the tie is broken. Miss Congeniality ties will be broken by a second balloting by contestants. A tie for MGSS and runners-up will be broken by the horsemanship scores, i.e., the contestant with highest score in horsemanship will receive the higher ranking.
- h. An individual's scores and judges' comments will be available to her not less than 10 days or no more than 30 days after the pageant, upon written request of applicant.

JUDGED CATEGORIES/EVENTS

Horsemanship - Includes but not limited to rail work, pattern, cattle work, presentation run and flag run. The purpose of this judged division is to select the young lady who rates highest in:

1. Equitation: balance, ability and position of hands, feet and seat when riding at a reasonable rate of speed for the activity.
2. Pattern: understanding of leads and proper execution of a specific pattern.
3. Showmanship: posture, poise, style and flair (how well a contestant projects her personality to the audience from horseback).

It is not the horse, but the skill, understanding and ability of the contestant that will be judged. Each contestant will be required to provide her own horse, which can be ridden in a bridle (NO snaffle bits, O-ring, D-ring) with one hand on the reins.

Each applicant will compete in two go-rounds of horsemanship competitions. **One** will consist of a set pattern and end with a flag presentation. The judges will select ONE of the patterns marked Pattern #1, #2 or #3 (See Appendix B). The pattern will be demonstrated by the reigning MGSS.

The other round will be rail work, an Equitation-like Class, to show her mount to the best of her ability and end with a presentation ride on a draw horse. No applicant will ride the same horse in both go-rounds. Horses will be drawn at random, and the contestant will have 5 minutes to ride the drawn horse prior to performing. Horses may be drawn from contestant horses or stock contractor and/or outside string of horses. **The horsemanship competition will be weighted heavier than the other categories.** At the judges' discretion, patterns may be altered. The applicants may be required to

dismount and remount, perform rail work, move cattle, do free style work or change the pattern as so designated by the judges. Any changes and/or alterations to the horsemanship patterns will be announced to the applicants before the Horsemanship competition begins. The applicants may be asked to carry a flag and/or make a presentation ride following the completion of one or both rounds. Judges may talk to the applicants or ask horsemanship questions in the arena during the Horsemanship piece of the pageant. **Please bring a flag boot with you!**

- Required attire for Horsemanship is western attire including a plain white long-sleeved button or snap up western shirt (NO embellishments), blue or black Wrangler jeans, belt, western boots and hat. (Approved ASTM Equestrian Helmets are okay. NO straw hats). *No chaps, sequins or rhinestones of any kind will be allowed.* Please try to be conservative with belts and tack. The applicant's horse should be appropriately groomed and suitable for others to ride; tack should be clean and in good working order. Hats must be secured to ensure that they do not come off while performing.

Note: Judges may, at their discretion, deduct points or disqualify from competition any applicant if they see trainers, family members or friends coaching applicants from the side. No stallions, late term mares or mares with foals will be allowed.

Appearance - The purpose of this judged division is to select the young lady who rates highest in:

1. Attractiveness
2. Grooming – to include neatness and cleanliness in every detail such as complexion, use of cosmetics, hands, fingernails, hair, hat, boots and other apparel. Meticulous care in general grooming is essential.
3. Poise, posture, and lady-like behavior.
4. Photogenic quality.
5. Knowledge of proper western attire to include:
 - a. Clothing that is western, fashionable and tasteful. Attention will be given to an applicant's ability to use color and style to enhance their personal features. Proper fit is important, including figure flattering styles altered for a personal fit and properly fitted and shaped hats. Judges will be looking for versatility, imagination, and an applicant's ability to carry out a "total look" rather than expensive or excessive clothing.
 - b. Dresses, skirts, and blouses should reflect a western image. Evening gowns or cocktail type dresses are not permitted.
 - c. Applicants are expected to appear in full western attire at all times unless otherwise specified. This includes Wrangler pants or jeans, dresses, skirts, blouses, jackets, hats, boots, belt.
 - d. The dress should always be appropriate for the occasion.
 - e. Knowledge of current trends in western wear manufacturing.

Personality - The purpose of this judged division is to select the young lady who rates the highest in:

1. Intelligence – good common sense and logic.
2. Education – knowledge of and conversational ability in rodeo and other areas with special emphasis on grammar and enunciation.
3. Attractiveness – not necessarily to mean beauty in this sense, but rather that the contestant radiates self-confidence. She should also show maturity, high moral standards, sincerity, and integrity.
4. Genuine interest in other people in the pageant, rodeo and in the fair – and a noticeable consideration of others.
5. Self-projection – the ability to project one's personality whether it is from horseback in the arena, or before an audience. Other considerations include a sense of humor, showmanship, ambition, desire, and enthusiasm.
6. Sense of humor, positive outlook on life in general.

7. Extemporaneous questions – which require the contestant to think on her feet and show maturity, intelligence, wisdom and imagination.
8. Professionalism – the contestant’s ability to conduct herself in a professional manner in all aspects of competition.
9. Public Appearances – the ability to speak to an audience in an interesting manner about facts, their state, rodeo and more.
10. Promptness and cooperation. Please note that if an applicant fails to arrive on time for any pageant event, she may be disqualified at the Pageant Coordinator's discretion.
11. Ability and willingness to work well with others, including coordinator and event staff.

Knowledge/Presentation - This category includes Written Test Score, Photogenics, Modeling, Speech and Knowledge scores from the interviews and extemporaneous questions.

Personal Interview - Each applicant will meet with the panel of judges for a minimum of 10 minutes and not to exceed 15 minutes. The applicant should have the ability to remain poised while holding a conversation or answering questions. The applicant has the opportunity to show her knowledge of rodeo as well as show her personality. The questions will help the judges determine how well the applicant remains composed under pressure and how she acts or reacts under certain situations and environments.

Horsemanship Interview - Knowledge of tack, horse science (including feeding, grooming, parts of the horse, health care, etc.) rodeo terminology, explanation of rodeo events, championship rodeo standings and current issues of the PRCA and Columbia River Circuit. Judges may ask horsemanship questions in the arena, during the interview or for the impromptu question, and are looking for:

1. Correct answers to questions related to knowledge of the pageant, the Gem State Stampede, North Idaho State Fair and its sponsors, Pro-Rodeo World including PRCA and WPRA/PWRA (including current standings, history & organization), rodeo terminology, explanation of rodeo events, equine knowledge (including tack, horse care, feeding, diseases, anatomy, etc.) & current events (excellent sources of information are the Pro-Rodeo Sports News, the Official PRCA Rule Book, and the Official Pro-Rodeo Media Guide all of which are available from the PRCA Office, 101 Pro-Rodeo Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80919 or (www.prorodeo.com) Also the North Idaho State Fair at <http://www.nisfair.fun>.
2. Appearance
3. Personality

Modeling - Modeling will have two rounds. Each applicant will model a Western Trendy (Fashion Forward) outfit in the first round. The second round they will wear their elegant dress and model before delivering their speech. What the judges would like to see is poise and lady-like behavior in every situation. This should include handling each situation with grace, style and proper etiquette, and the ability of each contestant to draw in the audience. The judges will also be looking for:

1. Appearance
2. Personality
3. Creativity
4. Initiative/Flair
5. Stage Presence
6. Proper Presentation
7. Self Confidence

Public Speaking - Extemporaneous Speech:

1. Each contestant will receive 1 to 5 topics selected by the MGSS Director.
2. There are 10 minutes for each applicant to prepare a minute and a half speech.
3. All speeches will be timed, and the judges will be given the length of each contestant's speech.

The purpose of this judged division is to select the applicant who rates highest on content, delivery, including use of microphone, enunciation and grammar. Appearance, including poise, self-assurance, including personality, projection to the audience, eye contact, organization, and subject relevancy to required topic.

Extemporaneous Questions - will be asked during modeling and public speaking portion and can be asked during other events as well. They may cover such topics as rodeo, current events, the fair, horsemanship, horse science, personal or fun. Judging criteria includes:

1. Ability to answer the question.
2. Delivery
3. Knowledge
4. Enunciation
5. Personality:
 - a. ability to relate to the audience
 - b. sense of humor

Media Interview - The judges will score the recorded media interview. Judging criteria includes:

1. Overall appearance
2. Expression-Attitude
3. Eye contact with camera
4. Knowledge of topics being discussed

Written Test - Applicants will be required to take a written test, which will consist of questions relating to the sport of rodeo, PRCA, the North Idaho State Fair & Gem State Stampede, history of the Fairgrounds and equine knowledge, etc.

Excellent sources of information are (but not limited to):

- * ProRodeo Sports News
- * Current PRCA Rule Book
- * ProRodeo Media Guide
- *www.prorodeo.com
- * www.wpra.com
- *www.missrodeoidaho.com
- *www.nisfair.fun
- *Friends of Rodeo

Photogenic - The judges will score the 5" x 7" vertical head and shoulders photograph. Judging criteria includes:

1. Overall appearance
2. Choice of colors
3. Expression-Attitude
4. Eye contact with camera

Congeniality - This category is chosen by the applicants. This award has no point value towards the title.

Miss Gem State Stampede, North Idaho State Fair **Expectations and Rules of Conduct**

General

1. As Miss Gem State Stampede (MGSS), you will be an official representative and will be responsible for representative the Gem State Stampede and North Idaho State Fair in a professional manner. You will strive to represent sportsmanship, high moral and ethical character and humane treatment of animals, befitting your title and set a good example to the public, to future competitors and the Miss Gem State Stampede Queen Program.
2. As an applicant of the Miss Gem State Stampede Program, it is not a beauty contest. Rather, it is a competition that recognizes a number of attributes (i.e., horsemanship, public speaking, personality and appearance). Therefore, it is your responsibility as a Gem State Stampede official representative to act, speak and dress according to the esteem the title deserves anytime you are in the public eye.
3. The Fair Board and Manager have a **zero-tolerance policy** in regard to drinking alcohol, smoking cigarettes, use of marijuana or any other drug abuse. If you are of legal drinking age, you may do so *in private* and *in moderation*; absolutely no public drinking is allowed. If this rule is violated, it will result in immediate dismissal.
4. As MGSS, public speaking is an essential part of the position and, as such, you will continue to grow in your public speaking abilities so as to professionally represent the Gem State Stampede.
5. As MGSS, riding and horsemanship skills are essential to the promotion of the sport of rodeo. Therefore, you will strive to improve your riding and horsemanship skills in order to better promote the sport of rodeo.
6. The MGSS and her parent(s) and/or guardian(s) will be required, immediately following the pageant, (as set by the Director and/or Fair Management) to sign a contract for her year of reign and abide by its rules. A copy of the contract will be handed out at orientation.
7. As MGSS you understand and agree that your official appearances must be approved by the MGSS Director and/or Fair Management and agree to maintain close contact with the Director to accomplish this. As MGSS, you are never to attend an event representing the Gem State Stampede or North Idaho State Fair without prior MGSS Director Authorization.
8. As MGSS, you will be required to wear queen attire at all events. It is the responsibility of the MGSS to keep yourself neat, clean and well-groomed at all times. Clothes must be clean, pressed, and presentable and you must be in complete Queen Attire at each event, meeting or appointment. Equipment and tack must be clean, presentable and in working order at all times.
9. As MGSS, you will be required that during the term from my entry as an applicant and through my reign as Miss Gem State Stampede, I shall not be engaged to be married at the time of my selection and agree not to enter into engagement to be married for the duration of my reign.
10. As MGSS, becoming pregnant during reign will result in immediate dismissal.
11. As MGSS, you will be required to present yourself in a professional manner. Significant others (male/female), who you are in a relationship with, may attend events that you are attending as MGSS, they must be in the general seating area, not backstage or by any arena gates. There may be no public displays of affection during the reign of MGSS.
12. As MGSS, having prior possession of a personal website or profile (i.e., Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, TikTok, etc.), you agree that all material contained therein will be maintained to reflect a positive image of you, and your position as MGSS.

13. As MGSS, the Title commitment will be your first priority over any other activities you may be involved in (i.e., rodeo, sports teams, 4-H etc.) throughout the year of your reign.
14. As MGSS, you will be required to provide yourself with a horse and transportation suitable for the activities that you will be asked to participate in. Examples are riding in parades and carrying sponsor flags.
15. The MGSS Director oversees the MGSS Program and provides administrative guidance and approval upon the direction of the North Idaho State Fair Manager.
16. As MGSS, you must attend selected rodeos and appear in parades and other civic and social activities and North Idaho State Fair, designated events and meetings requesting your presence. The MGSS Director will prepare an itinerary. Great care will be taken in providing as much advance notice as possible for all events; however, please keep in mind that some invitations are received by the Director with short notice.
17. As MGSS, all requests for not attending scheduled events must be delivered two weeks prior to the event for the MGSS Director to consider. Emergency, illness or ample notice of conflict will be excused absence by the MGSS Director. Not having transportation or fuel will not be excused. Absence from 2 (two) scheduled events/appointments without prior approval from MGSS Director may result in dismissal.
18. As MGSS, you may be requested to assist and/or attend events prior to the end of 2024 as MGSS Lady-In-Waiting. Your official reign and duties as MGSS will begin January 1, 2025.
19. As MGSS, if at any time you are observed violating any of these rules, by the MGSS Director, members of the Board of Directors, or any of the Gem State Stampede or North Idaho State Fair general membership, the MGSS Director will discuss the matter with you. If there is no resolution to the problem, it can be requested that you forfeit and relinquish all right and privileges of your title, including scholarship, awards, tack and accessories provided by Director and Fair Management and sponsors, at the request of the MGSS Director. Failure to complete your reign as MGSS shall obligate the title holder to reimburse the MGSS Director and Fair Management and sponsors for all monies and items won and/or received as MGSS.
20. As MGSS, in the event that you cannot fulfill your duties as title holder or has been dismissed, if there is a Runner Up, she will be asked to assume the duties of MGSS. If there is no runner up the MGSS Director, Fair Manager, and Fair Board of Directors reserves the right to either appoint a queen or contact the past MGSS (in reverse chronological order) until a MGSS is found or forego a MGSS for the rest of the reign.

Finances

All monies generated by the MGSS shall be deposited into the North Idaho State Fair account. The MGSS Director, with oversight of Fair Management, manages how the budget and money is spent.

- a. As MGSS, funds can be raised by holding fundraisers and securing sponsorships. All fundraisers and sponsors must be approved by the MGSS Director on the direction of the Fairgrounds Manager. Those monies will help support the MGSS Program.
- b. Any form letters sent to business sponsors need to be approved by the MGSS Director and Fairgrounds Manager prior to distribution.
- c. All expenditures will be paid out of the MGSS annual budget.
- d. The financial responsibility of transportation, wear and tear, is the responsibility of the MGSS and her family.
- e. Reimbursement for submitted expenditures must be submitted on the Purchase Request Form and all receipts MUST be turned into the MGSS Director (mailed or emailed). After approved, a check for reimbursement will then be submitted to the fair office to the MGSS.
 - Examples of reimbursable expenses include travel expenses, and tickets/fees to attend required events for the MGSS.
 - Examples of non-reimbursable expenses include clothing, personal grooming items, supplies, horsetack and care supplies.
- f. Expenses over \$250 must be pre-approved by the Office.

- g. The final expense report must be submitted no later than December 1st of the year of the MGSS's reign in order to allow for processing prior to December 31st.
- h. Monies left over from the MGSS reign will go into the general fund to help build up the fairgrounds in the future.
- i. The North Idaho State Fair will pay mileage at the current federal rate per mile **when hauling a horse to approved appearances only**. Request for reimbursement of mileage must be submitted to the MGSS Director, no later than 7 days after event. Mileage is calculated and paid from the fairgrounds address 4056 N Government Way, Coeur d'Alene, ID, to the event location, not from the MGSS home address. Roundtrips of fewer than 30 miles will not be reimbursed.

Scholarship

Each year the North Idaho Fair Foundation Board of Directors and North Idaho State Fair Board sponsor a scholarship, upon successful completion of her year of reign for the lady who wins the Miss Gem State Stampede Title. The scholarship can only be redeemed by contacting the Fair Foundation Scholarship Chairman (or Development Director) and the North Idaho State Fair Board Chair with a letter of acceptance from the school or with another form of conformation of school attendance. Scholarship money will be sent directly to the school and has no monetary value unless redeemed through a recognized school.

Traveling Property Items

The following items are the property of the Miss Gem State Stampede program and will be made available to the titleholder. The titleholder will be responsible for maintenance, damage, loss or theft of such property while in her possession. Such property shall be returned in good condition within 10 days of completion of reign as MGSS or immediately upon dismissal. Other items obtained during a MGSS reign may be added to the below list of the rotating items for the MGSS program.

- 1 MGSS Crown
- 1 MGSS Lady in Waiting Crown (to be returned prior to receiving MGSS Traveling Properties)
- 2 MGSS Sashes (black/white, white/pink)
- 1 MGSS Lady in Waiting Sash (to be returned prior to receiving MGSS Traveling Properties)
- 1 Leather Serape with hardware
- 2 Parade Flower bouquets (red/white/blue & gold/white)
- 3 pairs of Chaps (MGSS red set, R/W/B set & TETWP set)
- 3 Leather tack sets Headstall & Breastcollar (Normal Leather, R/W/B & TETWP)
- 1 MGSS Handbag

Queens Closet items:

Revolving list of shirts, jackets, vests & skirts

The Miss Gem State Stampede may retain upon completion of the reign the following:

- Buckle
- (2) Leather name plates from serape with Name and Year
- MGSS Sash with Year
- 1 North Idaho State Fair ID Badge

The MGSS is required to: *(Note: this list is not all-inclusive)*

- Attend at least **five (5) PRCA Rodeos in our circuit** during her reign. Absences must be pre-approved by the Director and Fair Management. Promptness is expected at all events. Excessive tardiness or absences may result in dismissal. She may attend **with prior approval** from the Director; Circuit Finals, NPRA, ICA, College Rodeos, Play Days and/or Open Rodeos if they do not conflict with any PRCA or other Fairgrounds Events.
- Write **1 Biography** for the Miss Gem State Stampede webpage.
- Write **2 short articles (“monthly updates”)** for the Miss Gem State Stampede Facebook page and keep the Miss Gem State Stampede Facebook page updated with her travels and appearances.
- Planning for MGSS Coronation event, includes marketing, selling tickets, decorations, securing silent auction donations, setting up and take down. (usually in February)
- Securing sponsors for MGSS travel fund.
- Volunteer to help deliver posters, hand out brochures, flyers and sponsor tickets prior to fair week.
- Attend rodeo committee meetings (when invited) and other approved functions/events on behalf of the Fair & Rodeo.
- Attend 10 days of the North Idaho State Fair. The MGSS is required to be at the Fairgrounds and participate in Fair functions as scheduled. Her horse may be kept at the Fairgrounds during the Fair in the assigned stall/area only.
- Complete Two (2) community projects prior to the end of her reign.
- Solicit Awards for 2026 Queen Pageant, hosted in September 2025.
- Must attend all required events.

If I become the Miss Gem State Stampede, I will:

- Attend specific events as requested by the MGSS Director and be prepared to promote the Gem State Stampede and North Idaho State Fair.
- Be fully dressed in Queen attire, as assigned, before arrival to an event anytime I am acting in the capacity of Miss Gem State Stampede.
- Make sure clothing is kept clean and pressed (using dry cleaning services unless otherwise designated) and hat is neat, blocked and clean for all appearances.
- Never wear hair “wash and wear” style or be caught in rollers.
- Keep fingernails clean and manicured.
- Be careful when choosing attire when not in uniform, remembering I constantly represent the Fair & Rodeo.
- Understand that chewing gum is not allowed while in public places or riding in parades and rodeos.
- Keep family/personal matters private and not on display.
- Avoid cell phone use during any event that I am a guest of while representing the Fair & Rodeo.
- Not engage in gossip or lying, make defamatory or slanderous comments concerning others, exhibit racial insensitivity, use inappropriate language or participate in other conduct unbecoming of the title of Miss Gem State Stampede.
- Maintain a positive attitude.
- Agree to execute a separate agreement with the Gem State Stampede and North Idaho State Fair with respect to my duties as Miss Gem State Stampede.
- Uphold the title of Miss Gem State Stampede while fulfilling the provisions of my reign.
- Encourage others to participate in future pageants, act as a hostess to contestants in future pageants, and assist in the promotion and conduct of the pageant in every way.

Remember, you are representing Gem State Stampede and North Idaho State Fair, its members and affiliates. You will be looked upon as a role model and an example. During your reign as the Miss Gem State Stampede, you will be the “Ambassador” and will be expected to portray the highest of moral standards and show the ideals of womanhood. Appearance shall reflect being “on the job” at all times setting an example beyond reproach.

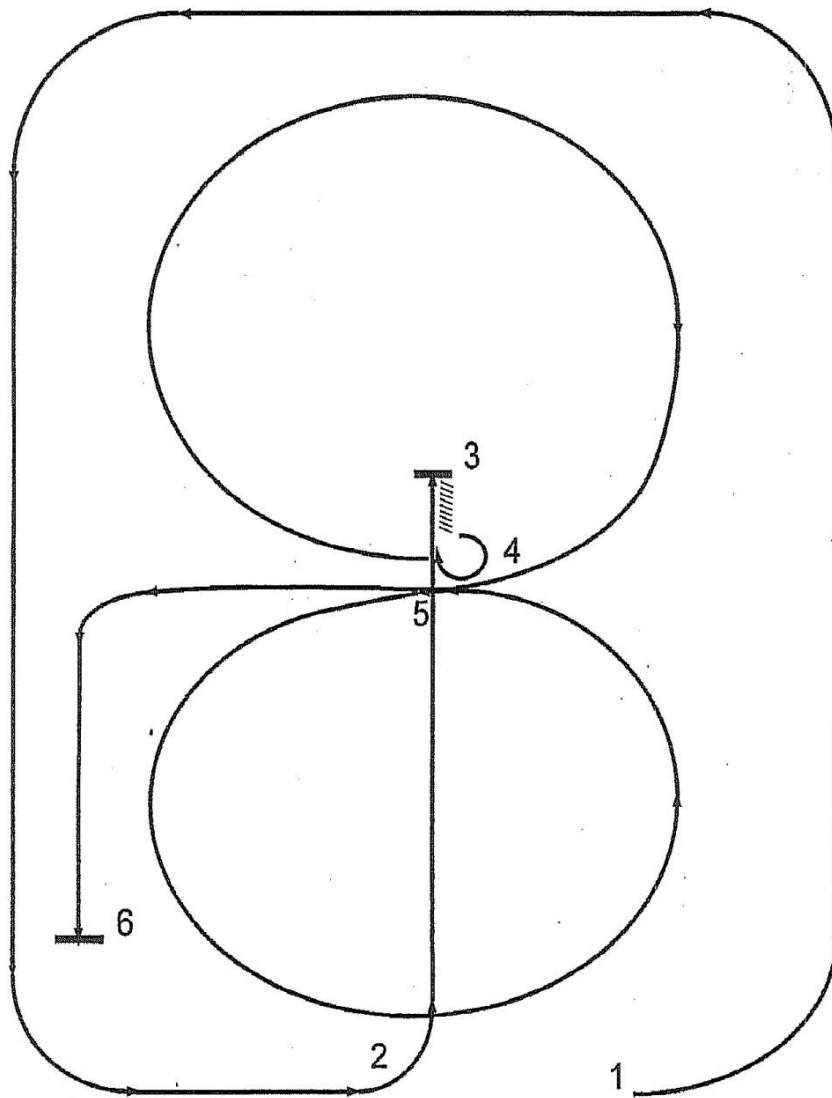
APPENDIX A

COMPETITION ATTIRE

Applicants will provide their own wardrobe and follow the guidelines on the wardrobe.

- Photogenics: Photograph (submitted with application): Outfit of your choice, western attire including hat (NO crowns), 5X7 portrait color photo submitted should be head and shoulders only.
- Orientation, Written Test & Media Interview: Wrangler pants with grand entry style arena shirt, any color and embellishments okay. Belt, western boots and hat.
- Horsemanship: Western attire including a plain white button or snap up western shirt (NO embellishments), blue or black Wrangler pants, belt, western boots and hat. NO Chaps.
- Western Trendy (Fashion Forward) Modeling: A Fashioned forward / western trendy outfit that represents your personality. Skirts and/or dresses need to be no shorter than three (3) inches above the knee, dresses should not show cleavage, nothing extremely low in the back, and must be longer than a cap sleeve, or you need to wear a jacket over it.
- Personal Interview: Wrangler pants (NO blue denim) or skirt with shirt, vest or jacket.
- Speech and Modeling: An elegant western dress or skirt with blouse and/or jacket (maybe the same outfit for both events).

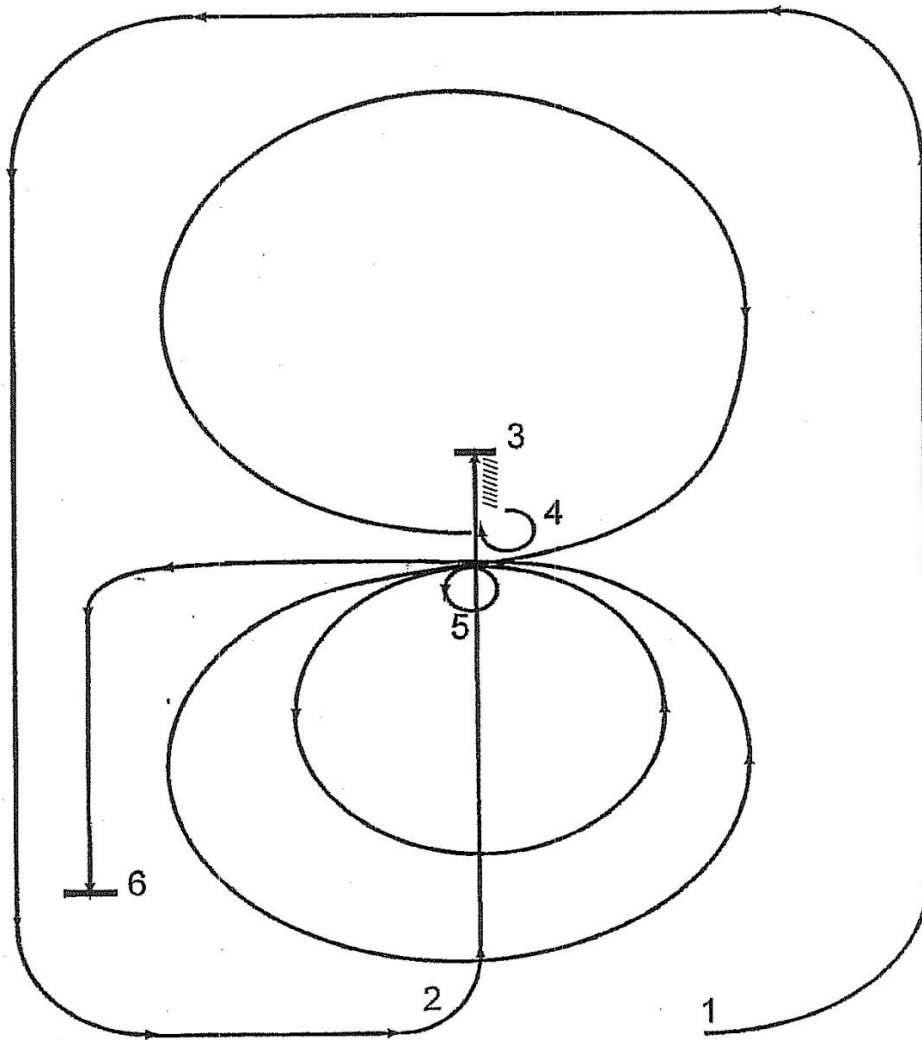
Pattern 2



Horsemanship Pattern 2:

1. Circle the arena, on the left lead, at an extended lope.
2. Guide left and lope down the center of the arena with moderate speed.
3. Pass the center of the arena, stop and back to the center.
4. Execute a 3/4 turn to the right and lope a circle, to the right, with moderate speed.
5. Change leads and lope a circle, to the left, with moderate speed. After completing the circle, continue loping on the left lead toward the end of the arena.
6. Stop and pause to show completion of pattern.
7. Walk to judges, Dismount
8. When Excused, remount and walk out of arena

Pattern 3



Horsemanship Pattern 3:

1. Circle the arena, on the left lead, at an extended lope.
2. Guide left and lope down the center of the arena with moderate speed.
3. Pass the center of the arena, stop and back to the center.
4. Execute a 3/4 turn to the right and lope a circle, to the right, with moderate speed.
5. Stop in the center, execute a 360 degree turn, to the left. Lope a small slow circle, to the left, followed by a larger, faster circle to the left. At the center of the arena, rate back to the slower speed and continue loping on the left lead toward the end of the arena.
6. Stop and pause to show completion of pattern.
7. Walk to judges, Dismount
8. When Excused, remount and walk out of arena

APPENDIX C

2025 Miss Gem State Stampede Scoring Breakdown

Due to unforeseen schedule changes that may occur, this Scoring Breakdown may change up to the beginning of the pageant. All contestants will receive the Final Composite/Scoring Breakdown at Orientation of the Miss Gem State Stampede Pageant.

***Please note the scoring breakdown provided below is to be considered an example.**

You may receive a finalized composite by email prior to the pageant and will receive a physical copy of the Pageant Composite at Orientation on September 20th.

2025 Miss Gem State Stampede Pageant Scoring Breakdown				
Event	Knowledge/Presentation /Application	Appearance	Personality	Horsemanship
1. Media Interview	20	10	10	
2. Photogenics		10		
3. Personal Interview	40	10	10	
4. Horsemanship Round 1 (pattern & interview)	15	10		75
5. Horsemanship Flag Presentation		10		40
6. Horsemanship Round 2 (equitation)	15	10		60
7. Horsemanship Presentation Run		10		40
8. Modeling- Fashion Forward	5	5	5	
9. Extemporaneous Questions (Current Event)	15	5	5	
10. Extemporaneous Questions (Personality)	15	5	5	
11. Speech (Extemporaneous)	40	15	15	
12. Modeling (western Elegance)	5	5	5	
Category Totals	170	105	55	215
Overall Total Points Possible Per Judge	545			
Written Test(added once)	40			
Scoring Criteria Per Judge	Points will be awarded to contestants in the major categories of Personality (55 total points), Appearance (105 total points), Horsemanship (215 total points) and Knowledge/Presentation and Content/Delivery (170 total points).			