

*2025 Benton Franklin Fair &  
Horse Heaven Round Up Rodeo  
Queen  
Scholarship Pageant*

**Contestant Packet**



*Application Deadline*

Monday, September 30, 2024 - 5:00pm  
Benton Franklin Fair Office

*The Word version of the application form can be forwarded to you via e-mail,  
please contact the Director for assistance.*

*Toni Zunker, Director  
Benton Franklin Fair Board  
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August 1, 2024

Dear Applicant:

Congratulations on taking the first step towards your goal of becoming the 2025 Benton Franklin Fair and Horse Heaven Round Up Rodeo Queen.

This Pageant is held annually to showcase and honor young ladies who have the maturity, talent, desire and enthusiasm to compete for the Benton Franklin Fair & Horse Heaven Round Up Rodeo Queen title. While there are several categories in which we will present awards to individual winners, there will be only one titleholder crowned at the conclusion of the competition.

The 2025 Queen will be presented with a trophy saddle, awards, sponsored items, royalty clothing and accessories to be worn during the year of her reign. She will experience a memory-filled year of community events, public speaking, parades, luncheons and rodeos all while serving as a goodwill ambassador for the 77<sup>th</sup> annual Benton Franklin Fair and Rodeo. And, upon successful completion of her year of reign, the 2025 Queen will receive a \$2,500 scholarship to be used towards her continuing education, as approved by the Benton Franklin Fair Board.

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On behalf of the Benton Franklin Fair Board and Horse Heaven Round Up Rodeo Committee, I welcome your participation in the 2025 Pageant.

Do not hesitate to contact me at the phone number or email listed above if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Toni Zunker, Director  
Benton Franklin Fair Board  
Royalty Director

# **BENTON FRANKLIN FAIR & RODEO QUEEN SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT**

## **CONTESTANT ELIGIBILITY**

1. Contestants must not be younger than 17 years of age as of the date of application (September 30, 2024) nor turn 23 during the year of reign (October 2024-October 2025). A birth certificate may be requested to verify eligible age.
  2. Contestants must be a legal resident of Benton or Franklin Counties and/or reside in the Columbia-Burbank School District and agree to reside in Benton or Franklin County or Columbia Burbank School District during her reign. Contestants must live with her parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) throughout her reign. Contestants are eligible to compete if enrolled at an educational institution *inside* a 65-mile radius of the Tri-Cities (Kennewick, Pasco, Richland); however, must be a legal resident as stated above. This is a local competition and the duties are a year-round obligation, which are best suited for a young woman who lives and studies locally.
  3. Contestants must be attending or have completed high school.
  4. Contestants must have reliable transportation for herself and her horse.
  5. Contestants must never have been: disqualified from the Benton Franklin Fair; any pageant, nor resigned or have had their title removed from/by another royalty program; nor previously held the title of Queen of the Benton Franklin Fair and Rodeo.
  6. Contestants must be single, never have been married, pregnant, or given birth to a child and must agree to remain so for the duration of her reign.
  7. Contestants must not have engaged in any act, which if made public, would be reasonably likely to cause harm or damage to the contestant's reputation or to the goodwill and reputation of the Benton Franklin Fair and Rodeo or Royalty Program. Any concerns about the applicability of this provision should be discussed with the Royalty Director prior to signing the application.
  8. A contestant must have never posed nude or semi-nude in any pictures, files, publications, movies or other electronic/social media.
  9. Contestants shall never have committed a crime, or been convicted of a felony crime (or equivalent, while a juvenile). Contestants shall not have pending criminal charges or have adjudicated criminal sentences pending against her.
  10. Contestants must be honest and reliable with good moral standards and integrity.
- If the contestant who earns the title of Queen violates any of the eligibility rules during her reign, she will relinquish all rights and privileges of her title, including clothing, scholarship, tack and all accessories provided by Committee and sponsors, at the request of the Committee.

# BENTON FRANKLIN FAIR & RODEO QUEEN SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT

## GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

*Acceptance of the Benton Franklin Fair and Rodeo Queen title presupposes her voluntary relinquishment of a certain amount of freedom in personal choices and activities while competing for or holding this position of responsibility.*

1. Contestants must conduct themselves in a proper lady-like manner and portray high moral standards. While identifiable as Benton Franklin Fair and Rodeo Queen or pageant contestant, contestants/titleholder 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 on her title, the Benton Franklin Fair and Rodeo or the Royalty Program. She shall not participate in public displays of affection. She shall not travel with a significant other to royalty or 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 Benton Franklin Fair and Rodeo.
2. The horse that the contestant tries out on must be the same horse she rides throughout the year of her reign (unless unforeseen circumstances dictate otherwise). No stud horses will be allowed to be used as a royalty horse. Horse must be used primarily for Queen's year of reign for royalty activities; the schedule does not allow for multiple uses and/or riders throughout the year. If contestant is using a leased horse, a signed lease agreement must accompany this application. Lease must specify lessee has "full access" to horse throughout year of reign.
3. Contestant must provide her own clothing for the competition. Contestants will agree to follow the wardrobe requirements. (Please see "Pageant Wardrobe" requirements.)
4. Contestants must be prompt and on time to all functions. Please plan ahead.
5. Contestants/titleholder will not display body piercings on any visible part of her body, tongue, nose, eyebrow, etc., excluding earrings that are part of the official Royalty attire. If contestant/titleholder is engaged, the engagement ring shall not be worn during any Royalty activity. Tattoos must be covered by appropriate clothing, or makeup.
6. From the time the competition starts until after the Benton Franklin Fair and Rodeo Queen has been crowned, each contestant and their parent(s)/guardian(s) must respect the Royalty Committee, judges, volunteers, fellow contestants and their family members, and conduct themselves in an appropriate manner. Any contestant and/or their parent(s)/guardian(s) failing to do so, may cause the *disqualification of the contestant* and she will forfeit any prizes to be awarded to her.
7. Contestant will supply the Benton Franklin Fair and Rodeo Royalty Committee with one vertical 8x10 color photo. Photo must be head and shoulder pose in full western attire including western cowboy hat. Photo should not have crown or banner from any other title or competition. The photo will be used for photogenic judging and publicity. **IMPORTANT:** No copyright labels on photos. If photo is copyrighted, get written permission from your photographer for the Benton

Franklin Fair and Rodeo Royalty Committee to use your photo for publicity. Photo, with written permission of use (if applicable), must be included with your application.

8. All contestants must complete the application process by returning the completed application packet, with photo, no later than 5:00pm on Monday, September 30 to the Benton Franklin Fair office, located at 812 W. Washington Street, Pasco.
9. Each contestant and parent(s)/legal guardian(s) must attend the mandatory orientation meeting to be held at 6:00pm, Monday, September 30 at the GESA Carousel of Dreams. Please allow at least two hours for this meeting.
10. Contestants are required to attend the workshop sessions. Parent(s)/legal guardian(s) are encouraged to attend the workshop sessions; however, their attendance is not mandatory.
11. Judges and Royalty Committee have the final say on all scoring decisions. During the pageant or any pageant-related functions, there may be a silent judge(s) present. Any contestant or individual with the intent to influence or harass a judge may be subject to *disqualification*.
12. Contestants must also understand that in the event of winning the title, the Queen will work closely with the Royalty Director or Committee on all projects.
13. The Queen and her parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) will be required, immediately following the coronation, to sign a contract for her year of reign and abide by its rules. A copy of the contract is included in this packet for your review.
14. Royalty Committee and Queen will select appropriate clothing, hat(s), boots, belt(s), belt buckle, coat, chaps, name badge, sash and accessories to be worn for the year of reign. Queen will also receive parade flower basket, and assortment of horse tack, as budget allows. Selected items will be paid for through the Royalty budget. Royalty Committee has final authority over attire and all expenses.
15. The below listed property will be made available to titleholder. Titleholder will be responsible for maintenance, damage, loss or theft of such property while in her possession. Such property shall be returned to the Royalty Director in good condition at or before the 2026 Pageant or immediately upon dismissal: three queen crowns; parade flower basket; all perpetual clothing or chaps.
16. If Queen fails to fulfill her year of reign, or is relieved of her title, all items purchased for, or provided to, titleholder must be returned in good condition to the Royalty Committee and no scholarship shall be awarded.
17. The Queen must attend selected rodeos, appear in parades and participate in civic and social activities. The Royalty Committee 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 Committee with short notice. The Queen is never to attend an event representing the Benton Franklin Fair and Rodeo without prior Royalty Committee authorization, and an appropriate chaperone in attendance.

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## **EXPECTATIONS**

I understand that if I earn the title of Benton Franklin Fair and Rodeo Queen, I will be an official representative and be responsible to represent the Benton Franklin Fair and Rodeo in a professional manner. I will strive to represent sportsmanship, high moral and ethical character and humane treatment of animals.

I understand that the Benton Franklin Fair and Rodeo Queen Program is not a beauty contest. Rather, it is a competition that recognizes a number of attributes (i.e., knowledge, horsemanship, public speaking, personality, and appearance). Therefore, it is my responsibility, as a Benton Franklin Fair and Rodeo official representative to act, speak and dress according to the esteem my title deserves any time I am in the public eye.

Public speaking is an essential part of the position and, as such, I will continue to grow in my public speaking abilities so as to professionally represent the Benton Franklin Fair and Rodeo.

Riding and horsemanship skills are essential to the promotion of the sport of rodeo. Therefore, I will strive to improve my riding and horsemanship skills in order to better promote the sport of rodeo.

I understand that during official Benton Franklin Fair and Rodeo Queen activities, an official chaperone will be designated for me and that I will abide by that chaperone.

I understand and agree that my official appearances must be approved by the Benton Franklin Fair and Rodeo Royalty Committee, and agree to maintain close contact with the Committee to accomplish this.

I agree that during the term from my entry as a contestant and through my reign as Benton Franklin Fair and Rodeo Queen, I shall remain unmarried and shall observe a high standard of moral and ethical behavior befitting my title and set a good example to the public, to future competitors, and the Benton Franklin Fair and Rodeo Royalty Program.

I agree to live with my parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) throughout the year of my reign (see "Contestant Eligibility" No. 2). I will not cohabitate with a significant other (male/female) and will not be involved in a domestic partnership or similar intimate living relationship.

No significant other (male/female), who I am in a relationship with, shall attend events that I am attending as Benton Franklin Fair and Rodeo Queen. As Queen, I will not travel to any appearances with him/her regardless of the situation.

If I possess a personal website or social media profile (i.e., Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, TikTok, Snapchat, etc.), I agree that all material contained therein will be maintained to reflect a positive image of me, and my position as Benton Franklin Fair and Rodeo Queen.

I agree that the Benton Franklin Fair and Rodeo Queen title commitment will be my first priority over any other activities I may be involved in (i.e., rodeo, WAHSET, barrel racing, softball, track, etc.) throughout the year of my reign.

If I become the Benton Franklin Fair and Rodeo Queen, I will:

- Attend specific events as requested by the Royalty Committee (with a Royalty Committee-approved chaperone), and be prepared to promote the Benton Franklin Fair and Rodeo.
- Be fully dressed in Royalty attire, as assigned, before arrival to an event (unless other arrangements have been made by the chaperone) any time I am acting in the capacity of Benton Franklin Fair and Rodeo Queen.
- Make sure clothing is kept clean and pressed (using dry cleaning services unless otherwise designated) and hat is appropriately shaped and clean, for all appearances.
- Never wear hair “wash and wear” style or be seen in curlers/rollers.
- Keep fingernails clean and manicured with French tip and/or clear polish.
- Be careful when choosing attire when not in uniform, remembering I constantly represent the Benton Franklin Fair and 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 Benton Franklin Fair and Rodeo. Phones are not allowed to be carried in jean/pants pockets at an event.
- Not be accompanied by a significant other when traveling to/from an event, making appearances or while wearing crown and banner/badge.
- 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 Benton Franklin Fair and Rodeo Queen.
- Maintain a positive attitude.
- Maintain appropriate conversations at all events; no discussion regarding intimate relationships, drugs or alcohol, political topics or gossip.
- Agree to execute a separate agreement with the Benton Franklin Fair and Rodeo with respect to my duties as Benton Franklin Fair and Rodeo Queen.
- Uphold the title of Benton Franklin Fair and Rodeo Queen 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.

I have carefully read the aforementioned statements and accompanying Waiver of Liability and fully understand and agree to abide by the terms therein. I also agree that I have read and understand the Benton Franklin Fair and Rodeo Queen Pageant rules and agree to abide by these rules during official Benton Franklin Fair and Rodeo Pageant events.

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Signature of Contestant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# **BENTON FRANKLIN FAIR & RODEO QUEEN SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT**

## **PAGEANT CATEGORIES**

There will be three or more judges. Each contestant will be judged in: personal interview; media interview; horsemanship; modeling; speech presentation and impromptu questions. A written test will be scored. There may be other activities deemed appropriate by the Royalty Committee or judges.

### **MEET & GREET:**

The contestants, judges and Royalty Committee will have an informal meet & greet at the Comfort Suites (3703 Plaza Way, Kennewick), on Friday, October 25, 4:00pm. Light appetizers and/or dinner will be served. (Start time may vary, depending upon the number of contestants.)

### **PERSONAL INTERVIEW:**

Personal interviews will be conducted on Friday, October 25, 5:00pm at the Comfort Suites. Contestants individually (20-minute interview), and contestants and their parent(s)/legal guardian(s) (10-minute interview) will participate in the interview process. An appointment time will be provided to each contestant's parent(s)/legal guardian(s) prior to interview process.

The purpose of this category is to recognize the young woman who scores the highest in:

- **Application:** Information, response to questions and grammatically correct.
- **Intelligence and knowledge of:** Benton Franklin Fair and Rodeo; PRCA rules and standings; equine science; animal welfare; topics related to agriculture; and current local and world events.
- **Conversational abilities:** The ability to answer questions in a confident and thorough manner and proper use of the English language.
- **Showmanship:** The ability to present herself in a gracious manner; reflect self-confidence, sense of humor, ambition and enthusiasm; and demonstrate the ability to promote the Benton Franklin Fair and Rodeo in public events as appropriate.
- **Parent(s)/legal guardian(s) support:** Parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) should be prepared for an interview with the judges.

### **MEDIA INTERVIEW:**

On-camera media interviews will be conducted on Friday, October 25, 5:00pm at the Comfort Suites, on a rotated schedule with the personal interview and written test.

The purpose of this category is to recognize the young woman who scores the highest in:

- **Conversational abilities:** The ability to answer questions in a confident and thorough manner, proper use of the English language, enunciation and speaking etiquette.
- **Self-Projection:** The ability to present herself in a friendly, up-beat, positive manner and demonstrate the ability to promote the Benton Franklin Fair and Rodeo while on camera.



## **WRITTEN TEST:**

A written knowledge test will be administered to each contestant on Friday, October 25, 5:00pm at the Comfort Suites, on a rotated schedule with the personal and media interviews. If you require assistance with the written test (reading or scribe services), you will need to put your request in writing, and email it to Toni Zunker for consideration. This request must be received on or before October 20, 2024 to be considered.

The purpose of this category is to recognize the young woman who scores the highest in:

- **Knowledge:** Benton Franklin Fair and Rodeo; PRCA; equine science; animal welfare; topics related to agriculture; and current local and world events.

### ➤ **Suggested Study Links:**

- Benton Franklin Fair & Rodeo: [www.bentonfranklinfair.com](http://www.bentonfranklinfair.com)
- Horse Heaven Round Up Rodeo: [www.horseheavenroundup.com](http://www.horseheavenroundup.com)
- PRCA: [www.prorodeo.com](http://www.prorodeo.com)
- WPRA: [www.wpra.com](http://www.wpra.com)
- Columbia River Circuit: [www.columbiarivercircuit.com](http://www.columbiarivercircuit.com)
- 4H: [www.4-h.org](http://www.4-h.org)
- FFA: [www.ffa.org](http://www.ffa.org)

**NOTE:** Contestants will remain at the Comfort Suites until everyone has completed the Personal Interview, Media Interview and Written Test process.

## **HORSEMANSHIP:**

The Horsemanship competition will take place on Saturday, October 26, 9:00am in the 4-H arena at the Benton County Fairgrounds. The official competition pattern will be provided by the Royalty Committee during the contestant/parent meeting on September 30.

The purpose of this category is to recognize the young woman who scores the highest in:

- **Horsemanship:** Includes four-part competition: rail work, pattern, flag run and presentation run. Judges will be looking for:
  - **Equitation:** balance, ability, and position of hands, feet and seat when riding at a reasonable rate of speed for the activity.
  - **Pattern:** understanding of leads and proper execution of a specific pattern.
  - **Showmanship:** posture, poise, style and flair (how well a contestant projects her personality to the audience from horseback).
    - Tack need not be expensive or flashy, but must be clean, safe and properly cared for.
- **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 an interview and as one, or more, of the impromptu questions.

### **MODELING/PHOTOGENIC:**

The Modeling portion of the competition will take place on Saturday, October 26, 6:00pm, at the Three-Rivers Convention Center, Kennewick.

The purpose of this category is to recognize the young woman who scores the highest in:

- **General:** Judges will be looking for personality, individuality, creativity and how the contestant presents a complete image and appearance.
- **Grooming:** Appearance must be neat; cleanliness is expected in every detail (hands, hair, nails, fragrance and clothing).
- **Fashion Sense:** Outfits should be fashionable, tasteful clothing that fits the contestant. Outfits should be proper for the occasion, coordinated and enhance the natural coloring and figure of the contestant.
- **Posture and Poise:** Judges will observe a contestant's posture, how she walks, models her outfit, the style she projects and her overall appearance and behavior.
- **Photogenic:** Judging is based solely on the picture submitted.

### **SPEECH:**

Contestants will present their speech on Saturday, October 26 (following the modeling competition), at the Three-Rivers Convention Center, Kennewick. Official speech topic will be provided by the Royalty Committee during the contestant/parent meeting on September 30.

The purpose of this category is to recognize the young woman who scores the highest in:

- **Speech/Presentation:** Contestant will deliver a 2.5 to 3-minute speech/presentation in which the content is well developed, interesting, understandable and which most fits the speech topic.
- **Communication:** The ability to communicate with an audience using appropriate and correct sentence structure, vocabulary, grammar and projection, including delivery, voice, manner and use of a microphone.
- **Personality:** Let your personality, imagination and creativity be your guide when preparing and presenting your speech.

### ***NOTE:***

- Notes, note cards and/or props are not permitted.
- Four copies of the contestant's speech must be submitted to the judges during the personal interview, conducted on Friday, October 25. Judges will compare written speech to presented speech for overall speech scoring.
- **Impromptu Questions:** Same questions to be asked of each contestant. Judges will score on contestant's ability to clearly state their opinion, delivery and timeliness of responses. Questions will be presented at conclusion of contestant's speech presentation.

## **GENERAL:**

Judges will also look for contestants who:

- Can conduct themselves in situations that require maturity, diplomacy and leadership (ability to adapt to most situations).
- Are able to maintain conversational ability in varied areas with an emphasis on grammar, enunciation and speaking etiquette.
- Show intelligence and common sense.
- Have a happy outlook on life, general sense of humor.
- Demonstrate promptness in keeping pageant schedules.
- Possess the ability to:
  - Relate to people of all ages and abilities.
  - Show genuine interest in other people and noticeable courtesy in all situations.
  - Present herself to people in a positive manner.
  - Project her personality to people she may meet in a short time span, in formal situations, in a riding arena, and/or before an audience in other activities.

## **SCORING/JUDGING:**

- Qualified judges will be selected and will judge all parts of the contest.
- Contestants must meet a minimum-scoring standard of 70% (of the total overall score) to be considered for the position of Benton Franklin Fair and Rodeo Queen.
- Contestants should realize they could be judged at any time during the Pageant, whether formally or informally.
- The services of an official Pageant auditor will be used to tally the judging sheets.
- A head judge will be chosen amongst the judges. The head judge will place completed score sheets from all of the judges in a sealed envelope and sign the seal. The sealed envelope will be delivered to the auditor. The scores will then be tallied and presented to the emcee for announcing category winners and titleholder, at conclusion of the competition.
- Contestants and judges will vote on the selection of Miss Congeniality. Royalty Committee members and judges will vote for the winner of the “Spirit” award. There are no points given for these awards.
- Ties for category winners (Horsemanship, Interview, Speech, Photogenic) will be broken by adding in the silent judge’s scores. A tie for Miss Congeniality will be broken by a second balloting by contestants and judges.
- The contestant receiving the highest grand total score for all categories shall be crowned Benton Franklin Fair and Horse Heaven Round Up Rodeo Queen 2025. The contestant receiving the second highest score shall be first runner-up. In the case of a tie, the silent judge’s scores will be added to the scoring for the two (or more) contestants who are tied.
- Judges’ comments, if any, will be available to each contestant not less than 15 days or no more than 60 days after the pageant, upon written request of contestant.

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## **PAGEANT WARDROBE REQUIREMENTS**

### **MEET & GREET, PERSONAL INTERVIEW, MEDIA INTERVIEW AND WRITTEN TEST:**

- Western outfit of choice: pants, skirt or dress to reflect your personality (no leather dress or “elegance” dress/formal permitted), boots, belt, western cowboy hat and accessories.

### **HORSEMANSHIP:**

- Dark blue denim western jeans, long-sleeved button/snap up western shirt with collar, boots, belt, western cowboy hat and accessories.
- No gloves or chaps permitted.
- Only pull-on western boots will be allowed during the horsemanship competition. No fashion heels, “Fat Babys” or lace-up boots will be permitted to be worn during horsemanship.

### **SOCIAL HOUR:**

- Dark blue denim western jeans, long-sleeved button/snap up western shirt with collar, boots, belt, western cowboy hat and accessories.

### **MODELING, SPEECH, IMPROMPTU QUESTION:**

- “Fashion Forward” outfit (no leather dress or “elegance” dress/formal permitted). Outfit must include western cowboy hat, as crowning will be done while in this outfit.
  - Questions regarding a “fashion forward” outfit can be asked at the contestant/parent meeting, or by contacting the Director. Fashion forward discussion will be held during several of the workshop sessions as well.
  - Please keep in mind that you will be modeling and presenting your speech in this outfit; it should flatter your figure, match your personality, and be able to move with you on stage.
  - Judges will be scoring you on your outfit, its appropriateness for the professional image you are portraying and the title you are running for.
  - *From MRA Fashion Forward Dress & Skirt Fashion Tips:* skirts and dresses need to be no shorter than three inches above the knee, dresses should not show cleavage, nothing extremely low in the back and must be longer than a cap sleeve (or wear a jacket over it).

# BENTON FRANKLIN FAIR & RODEO QUEEN SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT

## PAGEANT SCHEDULE

*All events are mandatory for each contestant*

*Please plan ahead*

EVENT	LOCATION	DATE	TIME
Application Deadline	Fair Office 812 W. Washington Pasco	Monday, September 30	5:00pm
Contestant Meeting Contestant and Parent(s)	GESA Carousel of Dreams		6:00 – 8:00pm
Workshop Classes*	Carousel of Dreams	Saturday, October 5	8:00am – 5:00pm
Workshop Classes*	Carousel of Dreams	Wednesday, October 9	6:00 – 8:30pm
Horsemanship Workshop	TBD	Saturday, October 12	9:00am – 2:00pm
Workshop Classes*	Carousel of Dreams	Wednesday, October 16	6:00 – 8:30pm
Introduction - Fair Board Meeting (contestants only)	TBD	Tuesday, October 22	6:00pm
Workshop Classes*	Carousel of Dreams	Wednesday, October 23	6:00 – 8:30pm
<b>Meet &amp; Greet</b> (contestants, judges, committee)	<b>Comfort Suites</b> <b>3703 Plaza Way</b> <b>Kennewick</b>	<b>Friday, October 25</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>
<b>Personal Interview, Media Interview &amp; Written Test Competition</b>			<b>5:00pm</b>
<b>Horsemanship Competition</b>	<b>4-H Arena</b> <b>Fairgrounds</b>	<b>Saturday, October 26</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Contestants: 8:30am</b></li> <li>• <b>Contest: 9:00am</b></li> </ul>
<b>Royalty Pageant</b>	<b>Three Rivers Convention Center</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Contestants: 4:00pm</b></li> <li>• <b>Social hour: 5:00pm</b></li> <li>• <b>Pageant: 6:00-10:00pm</b></li> </ul>

\* Workshop classes to include:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Benton Franklin Fair &amp; Rodeo</li> <li>• “Rodeo 101”</li> <li>• Public Speaking</li> <li>• Interviewing</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Media Interviews</li> <li>• Modeling</li> <li>• Makeup/Skin Care</li> <li>• Teamwork/Communication</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Western Fashion</li> <li>• Hair and Grooming</li> <li>• Etiquette</li> <li>• Impromptu Questions</li> </ul> |
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TBD = To Be Determined

**Notes:**

1. Horsemanship Competition and Coronation Pageant are open to the public; all other above-listed events are for contestant, parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) only (unless otherwise noted).
2. A more complete schedule will be handed out at the contestant/parent meeting on September 30.

**2025 BENTON FRANKLIN FAIR & RODEO QUEEN SCHOLARSHIP  
PAGEANT APPLICATION**

*(Preferably typed – additional sheets may be used if desired)*

**CONTESTANT:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Age as of 9/30/24: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT(S) AND/OR LEGAL GUARDIAN(S):**

Father/Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother/Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**1. EDUCATION**

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**2. SCHOLASTIC HONORS AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

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**3. SCHOLASTIC AND LIFE AMBITIONS**

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**4. HORSEMANSHIP BACKGROUND/TRAINING**

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**5. HORSEMANSHIP HONORS AND AWARDS**

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**6. WHAT IS YOUR PERSONAL MISSION STATEMENT OR MOTTO AND WHY**

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**7. WHAT KIND OF GOALS WOULD YOU HAVE IN MIND IF YOU EARNED THIS POSITION**

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**8. WHAT TECHNIQUES OR TOOLS DO YOU USE TO KEEP YOURSELF ORGANIZED**

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**9. WHY I WANT TO BECOME BENTON FRANKLIN FAIR & RODEO QUEEN** (150 words or less)

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**10. PLEASE WRITE A BRIEF BIOGRAPHY** (Third Person)

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**Entry deadline (including photo) is Monday, September 30, 2024 - 5:00pm**

Be sure to include:      Your completed and signed application packet (retain a copy for your files).  
One vertical 8x10 color photo, with permission to use for publicity (if applicable).

Mail or hand-deliver to:      Benton Franklin Fair Office  
812 W. Washington Street  
Pasco, WA 99301  
(509) 222-3749

## BENTON FRANKLIN FAIR & RODEO QUEEN SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT

By my signature on this application, I certify that I have read the regulations established by the Royalty Committee.

I hereby grant permission to the Royalty Committee to verify any information on my application and attest that the information I have provided is true.

I hereby release the Royalty Committee from responsibility of injury or loss to person or property involving myself related to my appearance in the pageant; this also applies to persons related to me.

I hereby certify that I have never been married, pregnant, or given birth to a child.

I hereby certify that I am a resident of Benton or Franklin County or reside in the Columbia Burbank School District in Washington State.

I hereby certify that I do not have a criminal record.

I hereby release title, claim, and rights to photographs, and/or public relations materials involving myself to the Royalty Committee for use in Pageant promotion.

In the event I receive the Benton Franklin Fair and Rodeo Queen title, I will complete the tenure of my title in accordance with aforesaid regulations and in the best interest of the Benton Franklin Fair and Rodeo Royalty Program and I will relinquish all claims and accouterments relating to the title upon the naming of my successor.

I agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless, the Benton Franklin Fair and Rodeo Royalty Committee and all rodeo committees, their officers, agents, or employees from and against all loss of expense by reason of liability imposed by law for damages due to bodily injuries. This includes death at any time resulting from/or sustained by any person or persons and/or damages to property, including loss of use thereof arising out of/or in damages to property due any negligence.

I hereby affix my signature attesting my agreement to the above without reserve.

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Signature of Contestant

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Date

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Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

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Date

**The below contract will be signed at the conclusion of the pageant by the 2025 Queen and parent(s)/legal guardian(s). Please review.**

## **BENTON FRANKLIN FAIR & RODEO QUEEN**

### **CONTRACT**

It is mandatory that the following set of rules be thoroughly understood and agreed to by the Queen (Titleholder) of the Benton Franklin Fair and Rodeo, and her parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s). Failure to abide by these rules of conduct will be reason for dismissal from the Benton Franklin Fair and Rodeo Royalty.

1. Titleholder will agree to live with her parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) throughout her year of reign, unless enrolled at an educational institution *inside* a 65-mile radius of the Tri-Cities; however, must be available to fulfill her obligations throughout her year of reign. Reference “Contestant Eligibility,” paragraph #2.
2. Titleholder will not cohabit with a significant other (male/female) and will not be involved in a domestic partnership or similar intimate living relationship.
3. Titleholder must be under the control of Committee-approved chaperones during all public appearances. Chaperones have complete authority over the titleholder, and this authority is to be respected.
4. Titleholder must understand and agree that she will be available for appearances at any and all times as decided by the Royalty Coordinator and/or Committee.
5. Titleholder must provide her own horse (a back-up horse should be available at all times). Horses must be capable of performing basic required maneuvers (i.e., arena presentation runs and walking parade routes) in a safe and controlled manner. Proper grooming and care of horse(s) is the sole responsibility of titleholder and her family.
6. Titleholder is responsible for the equipment, saddling, and transportation of her own horse to all parades and events when required to do so, and must observe promptness in keeping engagements. The financial responsibility of transportation, wear and tear, and fuel is the responsibility of the titleholder and her family. The rodeo truck and horse trailer will be used, when appropriate, to transport the titleholder and her horse(s) to and from an event.
7. Titleholder must conform to requests regarding her personal grooming including, but not limited to, clothing, makeup, hair and accessories.

8. Titleholder must agree to keep her Royalty uniforms in excellent condition, making sure all clothing is appropriately cleaned and pressed at all times using dry cleaning (unless otherwise designated). The expense for dry cleaning is the responsibility of the titleholder and her family.
9. Titleholder must agree to assist in the fundraising process or seeking of sponsorships for the benefit of her reign (if necessary). This includes but is not limited to silent auction items for the pageant and special travel.
10. Titleholder must agree to remain in official uniform during all public appearances. The Royalty Committee must approve any changes or alterations made to official uniforms. Titleholder is not to alter or make changes to official uniforms without permission from the Royalty Director.
11. Titleholder must understand that she is looked upon as representative of the Benton Franklin Fair and Rodeo, and all sponsors, directly or indirectly related to the Benton Franklin Fair and Rodeo. Understanding this, titleholder must refrain from any tobacco products, drinking alcohol, drug use, chewing gum while in public, limit personal cell phone use at events, and any type of unlawful behavior. As a representative of the Benton Franklin Fair and Rodeo, you will be required to present yourself in a dignified and wholesome manner. You will be required to smile and present yourself openly to the public regardless of personal issues. You will be required to represent the Benton Franklin Fair and Rodeo in grand entries, parades, luncheons, interviews, official openings, and anywhere the Committee and/or chaperone have agreed that you will be available. You will always represent yourself in a manner in which you and the Committee will be proud that you are the Benton Franklin Fair and Horse Heaven Round Up Rodeo Queen.

**Sign to acknowledge understanding of 2025 contract:**

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Signature of Contestant

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Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

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Date

# **BENTON FRANKLIN FAIR & RODEO QUEEN**

## **WAIVER OF LIABILITY**

In consideration of my acceptance of the position of Titleholder for the Benton Franklin Fair and Rodeo, I hereby agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the Benton Franklin Fair and Rodeo Royalty Committee, and understand that any violation of the rules and regulations may disqualify me from participation. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless committee members, agents, and employees or any of the contestants in the Benton Franklin Fair and Rodeo Royalty Program, together with those persons and entities who donate horses, float trailers and vehicles, or buses for use by me from any claims resulting from the loss, accident or injury received by me in connection with participation by me in any event, performance, parade or any other activity. Also, I hereby release the right, title and claim of any photographs that may be taken by the Benton Franklin Fair and Rodeo Royalty Committee, in its use in promotion and publicity. I certify that I have read the rules and regulations of the Benton Franklin Fair and Rodeo Royalty Committee. Except as modified by this waiver, the Rules of Conduct form remains in full force and effect.

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Signature of Contestant

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Contestant Date of Birth

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Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

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Date