



"Celebrate the Bounty of Lea County"

2025

Royalty Application

Queen, Princess, Sweetheart

LEA COUNTY FAIR

&

PRCA RODEO

AUGUST 1-9, 2025

**2025 LEA COUNTY FAIR & PRCA RODEO QUEEN, PRINCESS, AND SWEETHEART
CONTESTANT APPLICATION**

CONSENT AND RELEASE FORM

I, or We, _____, and _____ a minor, born ____ day of ____ month ____ year
Parent/Legal Guardian/Any Heirs *Candidate*

____ Queen Contestant – Must be 17 years old by January 1, 2025 and up to 24 years old by December 31, 2025

____ Princess Contestant – Must be 13 years old by January 1, 2025 and up to 16 years old by December 31, 2025

____ Sweetheart Contestant – Must be 9 years old by January 1, 2025 and up to 12 years old by December 31, 2025

do hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless Lea County, the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board, Lea County employees and any volunteers working with the Fair and Rodeo from any and all liabilities, loss or damage that contestants may suffer as a result of claims, demands, or cost of judgements arising from participation as a contestant in the Lea County Fair and Rodeo Queen, Princess, and Sweetheart Contests.

WARNING: All activities involving horses, donkeys, mules, or ponies have inherent risks for participants. New Mexico State Law protects operators, owners, trainers, promoters, and others from the liability for injuries that are the result of an equine animal’s behavior. Use of these facilities is at your own risk. Equine Liability Act SJC/Senate Bill 268=aa 1993.

Effect of Signature: By signing and submitting this application, the contestant represents and agrees that (1) all facts and representations contained in this application and contract and its attachments are true and accurate; (2) the contestant agrees to abide by all rules and regulations of the Lea County Fair Board described in this application and its attachments in the period before and during the year of service; (3) the contestant meets each requirement for eligibility set forth in the regulations; (4) the Lea County Fair Board shall have the sole discretion to determine whether, in its judgment, the contestant may continue to participate in the program. In the event that the Lea County Fair Board determines that any statement or representation by the contestant is not true and accurate or that any action by the contestant is inconsistent with the rules and regulations of the program, the contestant will be dismissed and will relinquish any title won along with returning all awards to the Lea County Fair Board; (5) other than minor, petty, or traffic offenses, the contestant has never been convicted of any offense and there are no criminal charges presently pending against the contestant; and (6) the contestant does not use or consume any illegal controlled substances or engage in the illegal use of alcohol or other dangerous substances. Contestants will not be allowed to curse, smoke, drink alcoholic beverages, or be under the influence of narcotics at any time after their application is received, during any mandatory and/or public function and after coronation. Any unsatisfactory behavior will be cause for dismissal of contestant and relinquishment of title and any awards. The Lea County Fair Board and the Queen Committee have the right to refuse any application.

Conduct of the Competition: I understand and agree that the Lea County Fair Board shall determine the manner and method of conducting the competition in its sole discretion. I further understand and agree that the Lea County Fair Board shall also determine the time, method, and manner of judging the competition and the awarding and supervision of all scholarships is its sole discretion. The decision of the persons designated by the Lea County Fair Board to judge the various events in any and all matters pertaining to the selection of the winners shall be final in all respects.

Entire Agreement: When signed and approved by the Lea County Fair Board, this application and contract, together with its attachments, shall solely and exclusively determine my rights, privileges, and responsibilities to the Lea County Fair Board. No oral or other written statement that is in any way inconsistent with the provisions of this application and contract shall be binding upon me or upon the Lea County Fair Board. If any provisions of this application and contract should be declared void or unenforceable, such provision shall be deemed omitted from this application and contract. In that event, the remainder of this application and contract shall remain in full force and effect.

Contestant Signature _____
Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Signed before me on this _____ day of _____, 2025

Notary Signature: _____ Seal

PLEASE SUBMIT ONE (1) PHOTOGRAPH OF YOURSELF

1. Contestant should be dressed in Rodeo Dress Attire, with long sleeves and hat. Photograph should be color, head and shoulder close-up with a solid background. No props, crowns, or banners.
2. Send the photo in high resolution .jpg in both color and black and white to fair@leacounty.net.
3. Include your name, age, address, and phone number with your photo, in addition to the name and address of the photographer.
4. Include a written release from the photographer if professionally taken. This release will allow the Lea County Fair & Rodeo to reproduce photographs as necessary.
5. Include a written release giving permission to use photo for the promotion of the Lea County Fair & Rodeo and the Royalty Contest.

COMPLETED AND NOTARIZED APPLICATION/CONSENT FORM AND PHOTO MUST BE SUBMITTED BY THE CONTESTANT ON OR BEFORE 5:00 PM, **FRIDAY, MAY 30, 2025**, TO THE LEA COUNTY FAIR OFFICE, 101 SOUTH COMMERCIAL, LOVINGTON, NM.

Please contact the Lea County Fair Office at 575-396-8686 if you have a scheduling conflict.

I understand that this application will be submitted to the judges as the Queen Committee feels this will help the judges evaluate my thought process and become better acquainted with me. The judges reserve the right to use this information when conducting my private interview, as well as my impromptu questioning during the contest.

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____

IN THE CONTESTANT'S OWN HANDWRITING, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

Full Name: _____ **Age:** _____ **DOB:** _____

Parent/Legal Guardian: _____

Cell Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Address: _____ **City, State Zip:** _____

Number of years in Lea County: _____ **School Attending:** _____

List any other events you will be involved in during the Lea County Fair & Rodeo:
