

2025 Deschutes County Fair & Rodeo Queen Tryouts
Sunday, September 29, 2024 1:30 pm
Juniper Arena & North Sister Building

To Contestants:

Thank you for considering participating in the Deschutes County Fair & Rodeo Queen Tryouts. Please read all the enclosed information with this letter. Remember your application is judged on organization, completeness and neatness.

- Please fill out the application completely, include a photo of yourself, your biography, sign the release form, a copy of your speech and bring three updated letters of reference. Submit application neatly in a folder or notebook to the Fair Administration office by 4:00 pm on Friday, September 23, 2024.
- Wear black pants and white shirt for the horsemanship pattern in the Juniper Arena (rodeo arena) on the fairgrounds. Be prepared to make a queen run-in. Then you will also be asked to carry a flag. Bring your own flag boot.
- Following the horsemanship portion, we'll give you a brief moment to change clothes, if you so choose, and move to the Middle Sister Building on the fairgrounds for speeches, interviews, and the written test.
- If you are interested in practicing the pattern in the outdoor arenas call the Fair office at 541-548-2711 to set up that time.
- The speech must be 2 minutes in length, the subject: What is your favorite rodeo event and why?

The results of the tryouts will be announced the same evening but the coronation of the Queen will take place at the Annual Deschutes County Fair Association Dinner in January 2025. The \$1000 educational scholarship will be sent to the college of your choice in the spring of 2026, upon successful completion of your title and duties.

If you have any questions, please call Carol Shull Zimmerman, at 541-389-2529 or email at cshull@ykw.net I look forward to seeing you there!

Deschutes County Fair & Rodeo Pageant Rules and Regulations

The Applicant must be 17 through 22 years old by June 1st 2025, single, never been married, no children, and a resident from the Eastern Central Oregon area.

The Applicant cannot be a former Deschutes County Fair and Rodeo Queen.

The Applicant must own the horse that is used for the horsemanship performance. Applicants must get approval from Fair Management if the horse is leased.

The Applicant's parent/guardian must provide the medical insurance for applicant and applicant's horse; and, liability insurance for their car.

The applicant will be responsible for her own transportation and accommodations for herself and her horse.

A chaperone is required for all applicants competing who are under the age of 18.

Applicants attending school or college must be in good standing (at least a 2.5 grade point, and have good attendance and behavior).

The Contestants will be judged by the following criteria: speaking ability, interview, horsemanship, congeniality, general appearance, school record, application (content, organization and neatness), a written test, personality, and current events. Others (never have been divorced, have a child, or a criminal record).

The Deschutes County Fair Association reserves the right to accept or reject any applicant based upon any infractions of the law or other information brought to our attention.

Please fill out the application completely, provide three references from someone who is not related to the applicant such as teachers, work supervisors, ministers, etc. and prepare at least a two-minute speech. Please see the contestant letter for the topic chosen.

Contestants need to be prepared to perform a given horsemanship pattern, queen run-in and a flag run at the tryouts.

There will be at least 1 week between the day applications are due and tryouts.

After the selection of the Queen, a character reference may be conducted. For example: school/work behavior record, background check, etc.

The Fair Board of Directors and Pageant Committee reserve the right to change or postpone the Queen's tryouts when only one application is submitted on the due date. If no other applications are submitted with the next tryout date, the Fair Board reserves the right to omit a Queen for the Fair. If there is only one applicant they must score a given amount of the possible points to be awarded the title.

If the Queen is unable to fulfill her duties, the Pageant Committee reserves the right not to replace the Queen.

Complaints regarding the selection of the Queen must be submitted in writing to the Pageant Committee within 48 hours following the selection date and time of announcement.

The Queen is required to have an adult chaperone when attending any event representing Deschutes County Fair & Rodeo, if under the age of 18.

Rules & Regulations

Contestant Number _____

2025 Deschutes County Fair & Rodeo Queen Tryouts

Official Entry Form

Must be 17 through 22 years old by June 1st 2025, single, never been married, no children, and a resident from the Eastern Central Oregon area.

I would like to be considered for the Deschutes County Fair & Rodeo Queen.

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

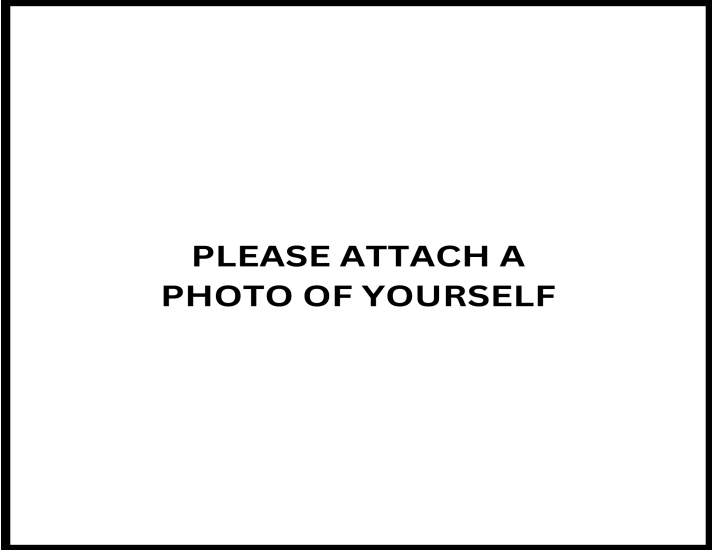
Address: _____

Email: _____

Name of High School or College: _____

Grade this Fall: _____

Grade Point Average: _____



Work Experience:

Job: _____ How Long: _____

Job: _____ How Long: _____

Job: _____ How Long: _____

Name of Parents/Guardian: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Please attach a brief **biography** including hobbies, special talents, extracurricular activities in school, community involvement and your educational goals. This biography can be typed or handwritten.

I hereby acknowledge that I have read and comply with the Deschutes County Fair Queen Tryout Rules and Regulations and that the personal data as set forth herein is correct.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Return application to: Deschutes County Fair Office, 3800 SW Airport Way, Redmond by 4 pm September 23. If you have any Questions, Please call Carol Shull Zimmerman 541-389-2529 or Email cshull@ykwc.net or Fair Office 541-548-2711

Deschutes County Fair & Rodeo Queen

Contestant Release Form

Contestants Name: _____ Age: _____

Horse's Name: _____

Release Responsibility:

All entries are accepted with the understanding that neither the Deschutes County Fair nor any of their officers, judges, official members, agents, servants, employees, or assigns shall be held responsible in any way for any loss, injury, or damage of any kind or nature whatsoever, to any horse, person, or equipment during this event. Every owner and exhibitor accepts full and complete liability and responsibility for any loss or injury to any person, property, or horse exhibited or in attendance at this horse event, occasioned by his negligence. It is specifically understood and agreed that all risk of loss or damage or injury to any horse, person, equipment, and full liability for any such loss, injury or damage is accepted by each and every owner and exhibitor by submitting an entry or participating in any way in this event.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Queen's Policy Handbook - Contestants Release Form

DESCHUTES COUNTY FAIR & RODEO QUEEN

Reference Form

Name of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Please comment about the individual's general character (conduct, behavior, responsibility, sense of loyalty, honesty, trustworthiness, outstanding skills, talents, people skills, intelligence, etc.) Why does this individual deserve to be selected as the Deschutes County Fair & Rodeo Queen?

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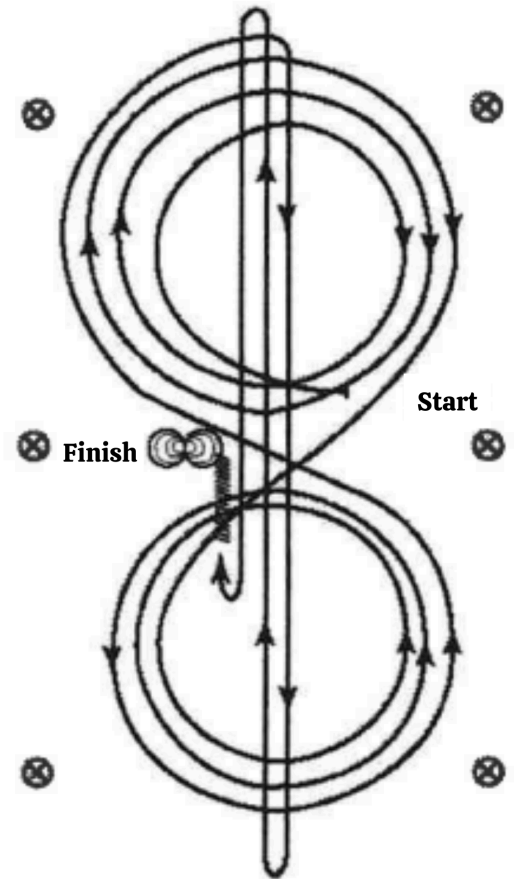
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AMERICAN QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION
Reining Pattern #2

Horses must walk or stop prior to the starting pattern.
Beginning at the center of the arena facing the left wall or fence.

1. Beginning on the right lead, complete three circles to the right: the first circle small and slow; the next two circles large and fast. Change leads at the center of the arena.
2. Complete three circles to the left: the first circle small and slow; the next two large and fast. Change leads at the center of the arena.
3. Continue around the previous circle to the right. At the top of the circle, run down the middle to the far end of the arena past the end marker and do a right rollback - no hesitation.
4. Run up the middle to the opposite end of the arena past the end marker and do a left rollback - or haunch turn no hesitation.
5. Run past the center marker and do a sliding stop. Back up to the center of the arena or at least 10 feet (3 meters). Hesitate.
6. Complete one spin to the right.
7. Complete one spin to the left. Hesitate to demonstrate the completion of the pattern.



Rider may drop the bridle to the designated judge.

2025 Rodeo/Parade Schedule

Required Events*

- *Spray Rodeo - May, Memorial Day Weekend
- *Sisters Rodeo - June, Wednesday Extreme Bulls optional
- *Crooked River Roundup - June
- *La Pine Rodeo - First weekend in July
- *Jefferson County Fair & Rodeo - July
- *Deschutes County Fair & Rodeo - 1st weekend in August
- Wheeler County Fair & Rodeo - Fair in August, horse show & play night, parade & luncheon, Rodeo
- Harney County Fair & Rodeo - September Fair, Rodeo, Parade
- Pendleton Roundup - Third weekend in September with Parade & Luncheon on Friday & Tickets to 1 pm Performance
- *Deschutes County Fair & Rodeo Queen Tryouts - Sept. or Oct.
- *NPRA Finals in Salem September

There will be luncheon/breakfast meetings with various community clubs in June & July that you will need to attend and be prepared to share about yourself and promote your Fair & Rodeo.