



"Country Pride, County Wide"

2023

Royalty Application

Queen, Princess, Sweetheart

LEA COUNTY FAIR

&

PRCA RODEO

AUGUST 4 - 12, 2023

**2023 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, 2023 and up to 24 years old by December 31, 2023

___ Princess Contestant – Must be 13 years old by January 1, 2023 and up to 16 years old by December 31, 2023

___ Sweetheart Contestant – Must be 9 years old by January 1, 2023 and up to 12 years old by December 31, 2023

Application Fee: \$50 No personal checks will be accepted; CASH ONLY

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, cost of judgements against Lea County, the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board, Lea County employees and any other volunteers working with the Fair and Rodeo, arising from participation as a contestant in the Lea County Fair and Rodeo Queen, Princess, and Sweetheart Contests. The Lea County Fair Board and the Queen Committee have the right to refuse any application.

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 this application and submitting it, 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.

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 in 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 _____, 2023

Notary Signature: _____ Seal: _____

PLEASE ENCLOSE THREE (3) 5X7 PHOTOGRAPHS OF YOURSELF

1. Contestants should be dressed in Rodeo Dress Attire, meaning hat, boots, and long sleeves. Photographs should be glossy, color, head and shoulder close-ups with a solid background. No props, crowns, or banners.
2. Include your name, age, address, and phone number on the back of each photo, in addition to the name and address of the photographer.
3. Include a written release from the photographer, if professionally taken. This release will allow the Lea County Fair & Rodeo to reproduce photographs as necessary.

COMPLETED AND NOTARIZED APPLICATION, CONSENT FORM, AND PHOTO MUST BE SUBMITTED BY THE CONTESTANT ON OR BEFORE 5:00 PM, **FRIDAY, MAY 26, 2023**, TO THE LEA COUNTY FAIR OFFICE, 101 S. COMMERCIAL, LOVINGTON, NM along with the \$50 cash entry fee.

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 and that the Queen Committee feels this will help the judges to 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 2023 Lea County Fair & Rodeo:

In the space below, provide a picture of yourself by listing any information that you feel would be informative or interesting. Such information might include activities, clubs, or associations in which you are or have been involved, rodeo or horse show activities that you participate in, scholastic honors or goals, career or life ambitions, hobbies, sports, special training, etc.

List all titles that you have held or are currently holding. List any contest in which you have placed or won, in addition to any special awards that you have received.
