

**HISPANIC HERITAGE QUEEN, PRINCESS, SWEETHEART, AND LITTLE MISS
CONSENT AND RELEASE FORM**

I, or We, _____ (Parent/Legal Guardian) and _____

(Candidate) a minor, born _____ day of _____ month _____ year.

_____ Queen Contestants-Must be 17 years old by January 1, 2025, and up to 24 years old by December 31, 2025.

_____ Princess Contestants-Must be 13 years old by January 1, 2025, and up to 16 years old by December 31, 2025.

_____ Sweetheart Contestants-Must be 9 years old by January 1, 2025, and up to 12 years old by December 31, 2025.

_____ Little Miss Contestants-Must be 5 years old by January 1, 2025, and up to 8 years old by December 31, 2025.

Do hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless Lea County, Lea County Fair Board, Lea County employees and any volunteers working with the Fair and Rodeo from any and all liabilities, loss or damage that the contestant may suffer as a result of claims, demands, cost of judgments against the County of Lea, Lea County Fair Board, Lea County employees and any other volunteers working with the Fair and Rodeo, arising from participation as a contestant in the Lea County Hispanic Heritage Royalty Contest.

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; (5) other than minor, petty or traffic offenses, the contestant has never been convicted of any criminal 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 the crowning. **Any unsatisfactory behavior can and/or will be cause for dismissal of contestant and relinquishment of title and/or 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.

Responsibility of Contestant: **Contestant must be bilingual.** Contestants are responsible for giving their speech to a civic group. If the contestant is not able to be present to give speech, it is the contestant's responsibility to present it to a Hispanic Heritage committee member.

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 provision of the 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: _____

Raised Seal or Stamp:

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: _____

Signed before me on this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Notary Signature: _____ Date of Notary: _____

Notary services are available at the Lea County Fair Office, Monday thru Friday, 8am to 5pm.

SCHOLARSHIP WILL BE AWARDED TO QUEEN AT THE COMPLETION OF HER 1-YEAR REIGN AND WHEN ALL EXPECTATIONS HAVE BEEN MET.

PLEASE ENCLOSE THREE (3) 5x7 GLOSSY, HEAD AND SHOULDER CLOSE-UP PHOTOGRAPHS OF YOURSELF. YOU ARE WELCOME TO SEND THE PHOTO IN HIGH RESOLUTION .JPG IN BOTH COLOR AND BLACK AND WHITE TO FAIR@LEACOUNTY.NET. CONTESTANT ATTIRE FOR PICTURES MUST INCLUDE WESTERN ATTIRE AND A COWBOY HAT. PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR NAME, AGE, ADDRESS, AND PHONE NUMBER ON THE BACK OF EACH PHOTO OR WITHIN THE EMAIL IF DIGITALS ARE SENT, AS WELL AS THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE PHOTOGRAPHER.

PARENTS MUST BE PRESENT WITH THE CONTESTANT WHEN THE APPLICATION & PHOTOS ARE TURNED IN. IF PARENT IS NOT PRESENT APPLICATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BY THE OFFICE STAFF.

COMPLETED AND NOTORIZED APPLICATION, CONTRACT, AND PHOTOS, MUST BE SUBMITTED BY THE CONTESTANT, ON OR BEFORE MAY 16, 2025 TO THE LEA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS OFFICE. A MEET AND GREET TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2025 AT 6:00pm AT THE LEA COUNTY FAIR BOARD MEETING ROOM, 101 SOUTH COMMERCIAL STREET IN LOVINGTON, NM.

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

I understand that this application will be submitted to the judges and that the Hispanic Heritage Committee feels that this will help the judges to evaluate my thinking 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 information:

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

Parents/Legal Guardians: _____

Home Phone: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

Email: _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____

Number of years in Lea County: _____ **Number of Siblings:** _____

School Attending: _____ **Year Graduated (if applicable):** _____

College (if applicable): _____ **Year Graduated:** _____

Special Training: _____

List any awards or special recognition you have received: _____

Scholastic Honors: _____

Hobbies and Sports: _____

Club Memberships: _____

Please explain why you would like to become the Hispanic Heritage Queen, Princess, Sweetheart, or Little Miss: _____

