



*“Hats Off to 90 Years”*

*July 31 – August 8, 2026*

*Little Miss*

## *Rules and Regulations*

The Lea County Fair & Rodeo Fair Board and Queen Committee are excited you are interested in being a Little Miss for the 2026 Fair and Rodeo. The title of Little Miss holds a place of honor and we want to highlight our Little Miss Contestants as future rodeo queens and build their interest in being part of our prestigious Lea County rodeo royalty.

The Little Miss contestants represent the western way of life in being a cowgirl as well as becoming a leader among young girls in Lea County. Little Miss Contestants act as ambassadors to the Lea County Fair & Rodeo by helping in any way they can; always being the best person they can be. While growing, we want Little Miss Contestants to be able to speak intelligently and with knowledge of the Lea County Fair & Rodeo and Lea County. Little Miss Contestants are expected to act, speak, and dress according to the prestige the title of Little Miss deserves at all times during the Lea County Fair and Rodeo.

**MANDATORY MEET & GREET – June 4, 2026 AT 6pm**

**FAIR BOARD MEETING ROOM**

### **2026 LITTLE MISS CONTEST REGULATIONS**

Little Miss Contestants must be enrolled in a Lea County School and/or prove residency in Lea County prior to the day of the entry deadline. The Queen Committee reserves the right to request proof of residency.

The Queen Committee and the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board welcome and encourage family and friends to attend events designated in the agenda. The support and assistance of family and friends is important to the confidence and success of each contestant.

Little Miss Contestants are required to attend scheduled events/activities prior to and during fair week. Contestants must be in full western dress and wear their contestant sash at all times. Little Miss Contestants can be of assistance to the Queen, Princess and Sweetheart Contestants while also observing and learning about the leadership, poise, and confidence of the older contestants. Scheduled contest activities will include, but are not limited to the following:

- ❖ Radio Interviews
- ❖ Livestock Sale
- ❖ Fair Parade
- ❖ Rodeo Performances
- ❖ Media Activities
- ❖ Private Interview
- ❖ Modeling
- ❖ Impromptu Questions
- ❖ Rodeo Introductions
- ❖ Sell Day Sheets
- ❖ Special Rodeo

## **LUNCHEON TICKETS**

Little Miss Contestants are responsible for selling tickets at \$20 each. The number of tickets required to sell is based on the number of contestants. Money is due on Thursday, August 6, 2026 by 3:00pm to the Lea County Fair Office. Contestants are responsible for returning any unsold tickets after the required number are sold. NO PERSONAL CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

## **SILENT AUCTION**

Each Little Miss Contestant must acquire one (1) item valued at a \$50 minimum for a silent auction to be held during fair & rodeo week. This item may be purchased, but the purpose is for the contestant to build community and business relationships within Lea County.

## **INTERVIEWS**

Little Miss Contestants will have a three to five-minute interview with the personality judges Friday morning before the luncheon. This will greatly benefit the girls as they become public speakers. It will give them an opportunity to practice the poise and confidence we demonstrate in clinic and receive feedback from the judges. Contestants will wear the same outfit to the luncheon for modeling and impromptu.

## **PASSES**

The contestant's sash will be her ticket for admittance into the events at the Lea County Fair & Rodeo. Parents and chaperones are encouraged to purchase tickets early. Season Passes will be available in the Fair Office until July 31. General Admission tickets can be purchased online at [www.leacountyfair.net](http://www.leacountyfair.net).

## **CROWNING**

The coronation will take place on Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 PM. All contestants are expected to appear at the coronation. The Queen, Princess, and Sweetheart will be crowned at that time. Little Miss contestants will receive their gift package and belt buckle at the coronation. The Prize and Award Release is to be signed at the conclusion of the coronation.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

1. Little Miss Contestants are responsible for their own transportation, clothing, and expenses incurred while representing the Lea County Fair & Rodeo.
2. No sponsorship donations may be accepted in the name of the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Little Miss contest without knowledge and consent of the Queen Committee and Lea County Fair Board. All donations including money, clothing, horse, tack, etc. received by the contestant must be with the donor's knowledge and understanding that it is for the contestant's personal benefit.
3. The contestant agrees that the Queen Committee and the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board shall determine the method and shall manage the method of conducting the competition including determining time, method, and manner of judging, presentation, and supervision of all awards. The decisions of the persons designated by the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board to judge the various events in any and all matters pertaining to the selection of the winners shall be FINAL in all respects.
4. By signing and submitting this application and contract, the contestant agrees that:

- Each requirement of eligibility set forth has been met
- All facts and representations presented by the contestant are true and accurate
- The Queen Committee and the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board shall have sole discretion in determining whether a contestant may continue to participate in the program in the event that any statement or representation by the contestant is found not true and accurate or that any action by the contestant is inconsistent with the rules and regulations of the program

5. The contestant agrees to abide by all rules, regulations, and deadlines as set forth by the Queen Committee and the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board. When signed by the contestant and approved by the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board, this application and contract, together with its attachments, shall solely and exclusively determine the contestant's rights, privileges, and responsibilities to the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board.

6. The Queen Committee and the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board have the right to refuse any application.

The contestant and parent/legal guardian have read the rules and regulations and agree to abide by all rules, regulations, and deadlines set forth by the Lea County Fair Board and the Queen Committee. When signed by the contestant and approved by the Lea County Fair Board, this application and contract, together with its attachments, shall solely and exclusively determine the contestant's rights, privileges and responsibilities to the Lea County Fair Board. No other oral or written statement that is in any way inconsistent with the provisions of this application and contract shall be binding upon the contestant, the Lea County Fair Board or the Queen Committee.

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Contestant Signature

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Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Signed before me on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

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Notary Signature

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