



Miss Utah State Fair & Rodeo Queen Competition



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Saturday, June 6th, 2026

Registration Deadline - 12 PM on June 1st, 2026.

Thank you for your interest in competing for the title of Miss Utah State Fair & Rodeo in its twelfth annual competition. We hope this experience brings you lasting memories and an enjoyable journey. This packet provides essential information regarding the requirements and schedule to help guide you through the process.

Please note: Locations and activities are subject to change; all contestants will be notified of any changes as quickly as possible.

Applications must be completed online or delivered to the Utah State Fairpark Administration Building, 155 N 1000 W, Salt Lake City, UT 84116 by the deadline.

The Utah State Fair reserves the right to cancel the contest or extend any deadline.

We appreciate your interest in our contest, and we look forward to receiving your application packet.

Sincerely,

The Miss Utah State Fair & Rodeo Queen Committee

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General Rules and Expectations

Winning the title of **Miss Utah State Fair & Rodeo** is both an honor and a responsibility. The titleholder serves as an official representative of the **Utah State Fair** and **Utah's Own PRCA Rodeo**, embodying the values of the Fair while promoting the sport of rodeo. She is expected to conduct herself with dignity, professionalism, and enthusiasm at all times, ensuring her actions, speech, and attire reflect the prestige of her title. Additionally, she must demonstrate exceptional sportsmanship, high moral and ethical character, and a commitment to the humane treatment of animals.

Eligibility Requirements

- Contestants must be between **18* and 26 years of age** as of the competition date (**or graduate high school by spring 2026*).
- Applications must be submitted online (see onlineutahstatefair.com/queen) by **11:59 p.m. on June 1, 2026**, to be considered.
- Contestants must **read, understand, and agree to abide by all competition rules and regulations.**
- Contestants must be **single, never married, and have no children.** Titleholders may not marry or assume marital obligations during their reign.
- Contestants must be **enrolled in school or have successfully completed high school (or an equivalent certification).**

Code of Conduct

To uphold the integrity of the title, contestants must adhere to the highest standards of conduct:

- Contestants must maintain a **positive public image** and refrain from any behavior deemed inappropriate by the **State Fair Park Authority** or the **Queen Contest Committee.**
- Unacceptable actions include (but are not limited to) the **consumption of alcohol, use of illegal drugs, or participation in any illegal activity.** Any violation of these standards is grounds for immediate disqualification.
- Titleholders must follow all contest rules throughout their reign.

Titles and Awards

Queen

Saddle, belt buckle, sash, traveling tiara, traveling chaps and \$1,500 scholarship

First Runner Up

Invitation to carry flags at the Utah's Own PRCA Rodeo

Second Runner Up

Invitation to carry flags at the Utah's Own PRCA Rodeo

Misc Awards

The top scoring contestant in each of the following categories will receive a prize to be announced later:

- Horsemanship
- Written Test
- Photogenic
- Personality
- Appearance



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Competition & Titleholder Responsibilities

- Queen must be available for **scheduled activities leading up to the Utah State Fair** (a full list of required appearances is attached to this application).
- Contestants must provide and maintain a **well-mannered, properly groomed horse** for both the competition and official events.
- If crowned **Miss Utah State Fair & Rodeo**, the winner **may not hold additional rodeo royalty titles** without prior written approval from the **Miss Utah State Fair Committee**.
- Contestants must provide their own **wardrobe** in accordance with the competition's guidelines.
- Any potential **sponsorships** must receive written approval from the **Queen Contest Committee** before being accepted.

Titleholder Obligations & Disqualification

- The **Miss Utah State Fair & Rodeo** winner is required to attend and participate in the **Utah's Own PRCA Rodeo**, held on **September 11th, 12th, and 14th, 2026**, as well as other promotional events for the Fair.
- The Miss Utah State Fair & Rodeo winner is not free to schedule their own appearances. All appearances as the Miss Utah State Fair & Rodeo must be approved by the Pageant Coordinator or Fair Management.
- If the reigning titleholder is unable to fulfill her duties at any point during her term, the **first runner-up** will assume the title. In such a case, all **scholarships, awards, and gifts** received in connection with the title must be returned to the Utah State Fair.
- **All decisions made by the judges are final.**
- The **Utah State Fair and the Queen Committee** reserve the right to **amend competition rules** at their discretion and hold authority over any rule discrepancies.

Check in and orientation

Check-in and orientation will take place at **9:45 a.m. sharp** in the **Hospitality Building** (adjacent to the arena) at the **Utah State Fairpark**. Please enter through **Gate 17 (1200 W 300 N, Salt Lake City)**.

At check-in, contestants will receive their **contestant number, horsemanship pattern, and the day's agenda**.

During orientation, we will introduce the **pageant coordinators, Fair and Rodeo dignitaries, and the judges**. There will be three judges, each highly qualified to evaluate this competition. **All judging decisions are final.**

Conduct Expectations:

- **Poor sportsmanship, tardiness, interference, or inappropriate behavior** will negatively impact scores.
- **Harassment** of judges, committee members, or other contestants—by a contestant, family member, or representative—will result in **immediate disqualification**.

The orientation will also include a review of the **schedule and activity locations**, followed by **media and sponsor photos**.

Contestants must arrive dressed and ready for horsemanship.



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Horsemanship

Horsemanship will begin at **10:00 a.m.** in the **Days of '47 Arena** at the **Utah State Fairpark**. **Miss Utah State Fair & Rodeo 2025, Lexi Harsh**, will demonstrate the pattern before the competition begins.

Attire: Contestants must wear **denim jeans (any color), a long-sleeved western shirt, a cowboy hat, a belt, and cowboy boots**. **Chaps, gloves, and vests are not permitted.**

The arena will open for **warm-up rides at 9:00 a.m.** Please ensure your horse is warmed up and ready **before orientation.**

Each contestant will perform a **set reining pattern**, which will be provided at orientation along with a personal copy for reference. Additionally, **a flag run is required and will be factored into the final score.**

Contestants are to provide their own horse for horsemanship. The horse ridden at the contest must be the same horse used in appearances during the year, unless permission to do otherwise is granted by the queen committee. **Horsemanship represents 50 points of your total score.**

Testing

All contestants must complete a **timed, written test**, which will be administered at **11:00 a.m.** in the **Hospitality Building.**

To prepare, contestants should familiarize themselves with a wide range of topics, including **rodeo, current events, horse care, tack, diseases, feed, anatomy, professional rodeo knowledge, rodeo terminology, and world standings.**

Potential study resources include:

- **PRCA website:** www.prorodeo.com
- **Pro Rodeo Sports News**
- **PRCA Rule Book**
- **Official ProRodeo Media Guide**

These materials are available through the **PRCA** at:
101 ProRodeo Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80919.

The written test is worth **up to 25 points** of the total score.

Personal Interview

The personal interview portion of the contest will begin at **12:15 p.m.** in a designated room of the **Hospitality Building.**

- Interviews will be conducted **privately** with the three judges and will last approximately **10 minutes** per contestant.
- Contestants must wear a **western-style dress or a blouse and skirt outfit.**
- **Late arrivals may be docked points.**

The personal interview is worth up to **50 points** of the total score.



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Speeches, Modeling & Impromptu Questions

This portion of the contest will begin at **1:00 p.m.**

- **Modeling:** Contestants will perform their own **modeling routine** to music provided by the committee (**maximum time limit: 2 minutes**).
- **Speech:** Contestants will be given **five topics** to choose from and will have **10 minutes** to prepare a **1.5- to 2-minute** speech on their selected topic. **Speeches must be original and written by the contestant—plagiarism of any kind will result in immediate disqualification.**
- **Impromptu Question:** After speech, contestants will draw a question and provide a spontaneous response.

Attire: Contestants must wear a **western-style dress or a blouse and skirt outfit.**

Each category (**speech, modeling, and impromptu question**) is worth **up to 25 points**, contributing to the total score.

