

Hello and thank you for your interest in becoming one of Valley County's Royalty Court! Please read through all the print below and understand what you are signing parents and participants alike. We look forward to meeting you!

Valley County Fair and Rodeo Royalty Contest Application, Disclaimer, Expectations, and Rules:

Our Valley County Fair and Rodeo Royalty Contest is held annually to select young ladies who have the desire and enthusiasm to serve as goodwill ambassadors for Valley County and the western way of life. These young ladies need to possess desirable traits for representing Valley County and the Valley County Fair and Rodeo. Selected Royalty will promote the Valley County Fair and Rodeo. The Royalty consists of a Queen (aged 16-19), Jr Queen (aged 13-15) and Princess (aged 10-12).

Disclaimer: *The Fair and Rodeo Board may choose to have additional Royalty, as it sees fit. Including placing contestants to fill positions if positions cannot be filled with a contestant of a certain age. Only to include participants of 10 to 19 years of age that have completed the application and turned it in by the due date of July 1st of the participating year.*

The Fair and Rodeo Board will provide crowns, sashes, serapes, chaps, and buckles for all chosen Rodeo Royalty. Additional items such as, saddle pads, leg wraps, flower packs, and jackets, may be provided by the Fair Board or other appropriate sources. All items provided to the Royalty from the Valley County Fair and Rodeo Board, with the exception of the buckles, are to be returned in the same condition as received to the Royalty Coordinator by September 1st of the end of her reign. The member(s) of Royalty not returning any or all of these items, in same condition by the due date **will be responsible for the cost of the item(s) and will be billed accordingly.**

Contestant Eligibility

1. Contestant must agree to abide by contest rules with the possibility of disqualification for infractions including but not limited to; not showing up to scheduled events, and rude behavior.
2. Contestants must be female residents of Valley County.
3. Queen Contestants must be 16 years of age, but not more than 19 years of age, as of January 1st of competing year.
4. Jr Queen Contestants must be 13 years of age, but not more than 15 years of age, as of January 1st of the competing year.
5. Princess contestants must be 10 years of age, but not more than 12 years of age, as of January 1st of competing year.
6. Contestants must never have been convicted of a felony or drug charges.

7. Contestants must submit a minimum of \$150.00 in sponsor funds with application for the Valley County Royalty fund that will NOT be reimbursed if you do not win the contest. These monies will be donated for the royalty that is chosen to help purchase future crowns, sashes, buckles, chaps, and serapes.
8. Contestants must submit the completed application, or have their application postmarked, including all signatures and sponsor funds by **May 20th of competing year**. Applications can be mailed to Valley County's Royalty Coordinator:
Jodi Wise
69 Clear Creek Road
Cascade, ID 83611

Judging

There will be a minimum of three (3) judges for each part of the contest.

1. Speech Presentation
2. Horsemanship
3. Appearance

Judges scores will be combined and averaged to determine the winner(s). Judging will be on the following criteria in order of importance:

- 1. Horsemanship knowledge and practices!!**
2. Attitude
3. Speaking ability
4. Poise
5. Appearance

Speech Topics and lengths to be determined and will be age appropriate. There will be impromptu questioning from each of your judges. Be prepared and knowledgeable!

Horsemanship

Horsemanship is the most important of all the required contest activities! You MUST be able to sit your seat and handle your animal at all times. You and your animal will be judged together in this part of the contest. The judges have the right to dismiss you for an unruly animal or for your inability to show your animal. Your safety is very important to us as well as the safety of the public.

Your Horsemanship skills will be judged on the following criteria:

1. Control of mount and handling
2. Your balance, position of hands, feet, and seat
3. Mounting and dismounting (younger, smaller riders may have assistance)
4. Knowledge of horse anatomy and tack
5. Grooming and overall health of your animal

6. Reining pattern (to be received the week before the competition)
7. Buzzing
8. Flag presentation

Rules and Regulations

1. Contestants and future Royalty must conduct themselves in a proper ladylike manner and portray high moral standards.
2. Contestants and future Royalty will not be permitted to drink alcoholic beverages, use tobacco, controlled substances, or use foul language at any time, during the Royalty competition or at Royalty events.
3. Future Royalty is required to attend **all** events listed in their schedule.
4. Unsportsmanlike conduct will result in being removed from the Royalty contest or Royalty events. Disqualification from their reign may occur.
5. **At no time** will parents, relatives, or friends of the contestants/future Royalty interfere with the contest judges or any Fair Board members.
6. **The judges' scoring is the final decision.**
7. Royalty competition attire shall consist of jeans (absolutely no holes or stains), western style, button down, long sleeve shirt with collar, hat, no straw hats please, belt and boots. Boots may not have waffle pattern soles and no lace up boots will be permitted. At all other Royalty functions, performances and events, each contestant shall be dressed in tasteful western attire, much like described previously. You will be part of a team with the other royalty members. **YOU WILL BE ASKED TO WEAR CLOSE TO MATCHING SHIRTS AT ALL TIMES. NO EXCEPTIONS!**
8. No shorts, sandals, or tank tops will be allowed at anytime around your animal!
9. Each contestant/future Royalty member shall provide her own transportation to each function, performance and/or event unless otherwise instructed by the Royalty coordinator.
10. Royalty members are responsible for purchasing their own shirts. The royalty coordinator must approve of the shirts before purchase!
11. Each contestant/Royalty member shall provide the horse to be used by her, together with all necessary saddles, bridles, and/or other equipment.
12. When away at events or performances the Royalty members will not be permitted to run around unsupervised. The royalty coordinator or a parent/legal guardian must be present. This could be grounds for dismissal!

Royalty Expectations

All Royalty members are expected to attend public events throughout Idaho, as well as select public events in Valley County to promote Valley County and the Valley County Fair and Rodeo throughout the year. Idaho Public Events may include, but are not limited to; parades, rodeos, fundraiser dinners, trade shows, etc. Valley County **mandatory** events will include, McCall Winter Carnival, Cascade's Thunder Mountain Days and our Rodeo, all three nights. The only exception to this will be family

emergencies, illness, or any other catastrophic event. In any of these cases, the Royalty Coordinator must be notified immediately.

1. All Royalty members are expected to be available to the Coordinator and/or Fair and Rodeo Board for advertising purposes.
2. All Royalty members are expected to participate in these **mandatory events:** Thunder Mountain Days, McCall Winter Carnival, and all 3 nights of the Valley County Rodeo).
3. All Royalty members are expected to assist with the following NO EXCEPTIONS:
Promoting the Valley County Fair and Rodeo, helping at the kindergarten rodeo, handing out belt buckles to the mutton busting participants, carrying flags at the rodeo if asked, assisting the rodeo secretary during the Valley County Rodeo all three nights, and assisting with obtaining sponsors for our rodeo. You may be asked to mount your horse to help with steers and the roping calves during our rodeo nights.
4. The use of tobacco, alcoholic beverages, controlled substances, exhibiting explicit sexual behavior, or using foul language at any function where Valley County is being represented is strictly prohibited! Any violation of these will result in immediate dismissal and removal from the Royal Court. In addition, if a member of the Royalty's conduct in public outside of the above mentioned function(s) is deemed inappropriate for representation of Valley County and the Valley County Fair and Rodeo, the Royalty coordinator and/or the Fair Board may give a warning or immediately dismiss the Royalty member. If a member is dismissed from the Court, a meeting will be held with the Valley County Fair and Rodeo Board to discuss the dismissal. Should you be dismissed, all items provided to the member for use by the Valley County Fair and Rodeo Board shall be **immediately** returned to the Royalty coordinator. **This will also include the belt buckle.**
5. All members are required to provide their own transportation, horse and tack for all activities where/when needed.
6. Members are responsible for the purchase of their shirts and will collaborate with the Royalty Coordinator before purchase.
7. Members are responsible for providing their own jeans, hats, belts, boots, and horses tack.

By submitting this application, Royalty Contestant, future Royalty, and parents/legal guardians of minor contestants agree to the terms of the contest rules, disclaimer, guidelines and expectations.

Contest Overview

Contestants' application MUST BE POSTMARKED by May 20th of participating year.

Contestant Date

Parent/Legal Guardian Date