

Miss Rodeo Texas Pageant Requirements

1. Be age nineteen (19) by the first day of the State Pageant and not over twenty-five (25) by January 1 of the following year.
2. Be a legal resident of the state of Texas for a minimum of one (1) year and have a valid Texas driver's license or identification card.
3. Have obtained a high school diploma or equivalent of high school education.
4. Be a student in good standing, if enrolled in college.
5. Not been married or nullified a marriage.
6. Not be, nor have been pregnant.
7. Not been charged or convicted of a felony or misdemeanor.
8. Not been a prior contestant at the Miss Rodeo America Pageant.
9. Not be a current state or national title holder of any other pageant (Ex. Miss Texas High School Rodeo, Miss Rodeo, etc...)
10. Have executed all consents, waivers and/or agreements presented as conditions precedent to competition.
11. Be representing a local pageant or local sponsor. (No commercial entries are allowed; example – Miss Rodeo Smith Western Wear)
12. Abide by all rules and regulations of the Miss Rodeo Texas Pageant.
13. Have not been disqualified or had the title forfeited in the Miss Rodeo Texas Pageant. Note: Any contestant not meeting the qualifications set forth above, shall be denied the right to compete in the Miss Rodeo Texas Pageant.

Judging

1. **Horsemanship:** All horses and tack will be provided for the horsemanship competition. Each contestant will draw two horses to ride; one for the pattern furnished by the Miss Rodeo Texas Pageant and one for a rail work (western pleasure style) class. No one will be allowed to ride the same horse. Judges will answer any questions prior to the start of the Horsemanship competition. See pattern.
2. **Speech:** Each contestant is required to give an extemporaneous speech. Contestants will be sequestered in order to not give away the speech topics. Each contestant will select ONE of three topics and have three (3) minutes to prepare and one and a half (1.5) minutes to present the speech. Judging is based on content, delivery and the time allotted for the presentation.

3. Interviews: Each contestant will have three private interviews in the categories of Horsemanship, Personality and Appearance. They may also be interviewed as a group if the judges so desire.

4. Extemporaneous Questions: Extemporaneous questions will be asked of each contestant during pageant functions. Questions may relate to the sport of rodeo, current events, personality, appearance, and/or basic horsemanship.

5. Media Interview: Miss contestants will be tape recorded in a media interview style (ex. Jennifer Douglas Smith interviewing cowboys for ESPN at the National Rodeo Finals). They will have one and a half (1.5) minutes to answer questions. The interview will be scored by the judges at a later time.

6. Modeling: Contestants will model a variety of fashions, as well as their own dress, at the Fashion Show.

7. Photogenic: Three (3) to Four (4) photos of each girl will be taken by the official pageant photographer (time TBD) then judged for the Photogenic Award. (Subject to Change)

Entry Requirements

Postmark Deadline May 1, 2016 Each contestant must do the following, by the date above, to be accepted as an entrant into the pageant.

1. Submit a complete and notarized application. Please don't change, add, or deviate the official application.

2. Pay a \$300.00 entry fee.

3. Pay a \$200.00 fee to have a picture and bio in the program book. NOTE: You may send one \$500 check for the entry fee and photo fee. ALL contestants must have their photo and bio in the program book.

4. Each contestant must also submit eight (8) 5x7 vertical head and shoulder photographs of the same pose using a plain background. Your name, title, address, age and division must be typed on a label and placed on the back of all photographs. All photographs become the property of the Miss Rodeo Texas Pageant and WILL NOT be returned to the contestant.

5. Submit the SAME photo as above electronically to Devin Sisk at devin@devinsiskphotography.com for the program book. The photo should be formatted as a 5x7, 300 dpi, jpeg file.

6. Sell a minimum of two (2) pages in advertisements for the official pageant program and turn in by the specified deadline. The contestant shall receive 20% back on any amount sold over the required two (2) pages. Please see program ad guidelines for more information.

7. Send proof of residency. (i.e. copy of driver's license or school ID)

8. Send proof of age. (i.e. copy of birth certificate or driver's license)

9. Send the latest copy of a school transcript. The above requirements must be by postmarked by the deadline date above and sent to the MRT Office.

Dress Code

General Dress Code: All sleeves must be full length. No Short or $\frac{3}{4}$ sleeved dresses, jackets or blouses allowed. This rule is to align with the PRCA arena sleeve length rule and applies the entire pageant.

No Short dresses or skirts. Hem of the skirt or dress must be below the knee and no shorter than two inches from the top of the boot.

Judges will deduct points if any of the above dress code rules are broken.

Crown: If a contestant has a crown for the title she is representing at the pageant, she should wear the crown for competition.

Banner: All contestants must wear a "Title Banner," which the contestant must furnish. Sash must be white satin with black embroidered letters. The banners must be 4 inches wide and 30 inches long and purchased from Archer Monograms, P.O. Box 1701, Twin Falls, ID 83301. For questions and/or pricing information, call (888) 441-3689 or visit www.magicemb.com. Fill out the Banner form and mail it to the above address to place your order, do not call. Be sure to tell them it is for the Miss Rodeo Texas Pageant so they will use the correct lettering and set-up. Your check or money order must accompany the order. Please allow four (4) weeks for delivery.

Photo for Program Book: Outfit of your choice, vertical 5 x 7 color head and shoulders photo. Picture must include hat. A crown should be worn if you received one for your title. You should not wear your banner. Must be sent by the required date and email listed above.

Horsemanship: Wrangler pant product with a fitted blouse. No vests, jackets or chaps are permitted.

Fashion Show*: Dress or skirt with blouse and/or jacket. Please bring additional shoes (heels, flats, etc.) to wear with other fashion show outfits. An email will be sent out with information on what to bring for the outfits that are provided.

Petroleum Club Fiesta*: Dress or skirt with blouse and/or jacket.

Coronation*: Dress or skirt with blouse and/or jacket.

Coronation Dance Routine: Will be provided by the Miss Rodeo Texas Pageant. Should there be any additional clothing items needed for the dance routine, an email will be sent to the contestants prior to the pageant.

Awards Breakfast: Contestants receiving awards must wear the same outfit that they wore for Coronation. Other contestants may wear a Wrangler product with blouse and/or jacket. All contestants must be in full western attire including boots, hats, belts and banners.

All other functions not listed above: Wrangler pant product with blouse and/or jacket or vest. *There are occasions to wear multiple dresses or skirts with blouses and/or jackets. Please know that the same outfit may be worn more than once without being penalized by the judges. Note: Wrangler pant product refers to any fabric or style of pant, jean, or slack that is manufactured by Wrangler.

Other Pageant Requirements

1. All contestants are required to stay at the host hotel, The San Antonio Marriott Northwest. The cost of contestant lodging is included in the entry fee.
2. All contestants will be assigned to a chaperone and must stay with the chaperone, unless otherwise notified. Contestants may visit with parents during Free Time only. During judging and when you are with your chaperone, please refrain from visiting with your parents. Remember to bring what clothes you need as you cannot be running back and forth to your parents rooms to pick up things that you forgot. All cleaning, messages, etc. have to be channeled through the head chaperones' room. All this will be discussed at length during orientation.
3. Parents are more than welcome to stay at the host hotel; however, the rooms will go fast and we suggest that you make your reservations early. To receive the negotiated rate, please inform the hotel that you will be there for the Miss Rodeo Texas Pageant.
4. Contestants must register in the lobby of the hotel at the designated time on the pageant schedule.
5. Parents are urged to attend all "Open" functions, such as breakfasts and luncheons that are posted. Tickets may be purchased online and after orientation on the first day of the pageant in the Parent Hospitality Room.
6. Contestants are REQUIRED to attend the Awards Breakfast (and be properly dressed) the morning after coronation. Any contestant that leaves without permission will forfeit all awards and their right to participate in the pageant in the future.