

Miss Rodeo Texas Pageant Requirements

1. **Be age twenty (20) by the first day of the State Pageant and not over twenty-six (26) by December 31st of the year you compete at the State Pageant.**
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 (Example - 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. You can, however, create a title from a local sponsor; example - Miss Rodeo Rockin R Ranch)
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.
14. **All contestants are required to stay at the host hotel. However, due to Covid, contestants will NOT be furnished a hotel room by Miss Rodeo Texas, Inc. during the 2021 pageant.**
15. **There will be a designated chaperone during all functions of the Pageant. It is mandatory that all contestants check-in at the chaperone's room thirty (30) minutes prior to the start of each event. Contestants are required to stay under the supervision of the chaperone until released by the chaperone at the conclusion of each event. Any contestant that leaves without permission will forfeit all awards and their right to participate in the Pageant in the future.**
16. Parents and family are encouraged 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.
17. Contestants must register in the lobby of the hotel at the designated time on the pageant schedule.
18. Parents are urged to attend all "Open" functions, such as breakfasts and luncheons that are posted. Tickets may be purchased online and/or after orientation on the first day of the pageant in the Parent Hospitality Room. All tickets must be purchased at least twenty-four (24) hours before the event. The location of the Parent Hospitality Room will be announced at orientation.
19. **Transportation for the contestants will not be provided to horsemanship due to Covid protocols.**
20. **No personal photos or videos may be taken or posted on social media during the pageant. The official Pageant photographer and videographer are the only people with permission to take photos or videos.**

****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 (2) horses to ride; one (1) for rail work and one (1) for the pattern furnished by the Miss Rodeo Texas Pageant. No one will be allowed to ride the same horse in both rounds. Spurs are not allowed. Judges will answer any questions prior to the start of the Horsemanship competition. See enclosed pattern for the horsemanship competition.
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 (1) of three (3) topics and have ten (10) 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*: Personal interviews will last approximately ten (10) minutes. Teen contestants will also participate in a group interview.
4. *Impromptu Questions*: Impromptu questions will be asked of each contestant during pageant functions. Questions may relate to the sport of rodeo, current events, personality, appearance, horses/horsemanship, and/or anything else deemed appropriate by the Pageant Committee and Judges.
5. ***Modeling***: Contestants will model a variety of fashions, including their own dress, at the Fashion Show. Due to Covid, contestants will bring two (2) outfits instead of modeling fashions from designers. An email will be sent to contestants with details after the deadline to enter. **PLEASE DO NOT GO BUY OUTFITS.**
6. *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.

Dress Code

General Dress Code:

1. **Sleeve Length:** No short sleeve dresses, jackets and/or blouses allowed. $\frac{3}{4}$ length sleeves are approved.
2. **Dress/Skirt Length:** Dresses and skirts must be no shorter than three (3) inches above the knee.
3. **Crown:** If a contestant has a crown for the title she is representing at the pageant, she should wear the crown for competition.
4. **Banner:** All contestants must wear a "Title Banner" which the contestant must furnish. Sash(es) must be white satin with black embroidered letters. The banners must be four (4) inches wide and thirty (30) inches long and purchased from Archer Monograms, 4842 W. Moonlake Dr, Meridan, ID 83646. For questions and/or pricing information, call (888)441-3689 or email sales@archermonograms.com. Fill out the Banner Order Form and mail it to the above address to place your order; orders will not be taken over the phone. 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.
5. **Belt:** All outfits must include a belt.
6. **Cowboy Hat:** All outfits must include a cowboy hat. Your hat should be clean and well-shaped.
7. **Cowboy Boots:** All outfits must include cowboy boots. Your boots should be clean and polished.

****Note: Judges may deduct points if any of the dress code rules are broken.*

Dress Code by Event:

1. **Check-In/Orientation:** Wrangler button up shirt. You may not add any embellishments or embroidery to the shirt. You can dye the shirt if you would like or you can buy a Wrangler shirt off the rack and wear it as is. No vests or jackets are permitted. Wrangler pant product.
2. **Horsemanship:** Wrangler pant product with a fitted blouse. No vests, jackets or chaps are permitted.
3. **Fashion Show:** Dress or skirt with blouse and/or jacket. Before you model your pageant dress you will model outfits two (2) other outfits. Due to Covid, contestants will bring those two (2) outfits instead of modeling fashions from designers. An email will be sent to contestants with details after the deadline to enter. **PLEASE DO NOT GO BUY OUTFITS.**
4. **Coronation:** Dress or skirt with blouse and/or jacket.
5. **Dance Practice Rehearsals:** Wrangler pant product and button up shirt, or the outfit you were wearing at the previous event if there isn't time to change. Dance practice times are TBD and subject to change during the Pageant.
6. **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.
7. **Personal Interview/Group Interview:** Wrangler pant product with a blouse and/or jacket or vest. You can wear two (2) different outfits for your personal interview and group interview, or you can wear the same outfit.
8. **All other functions not listed above (Breakfast and Lunch events):** Wrangler pant product with blouse and/or jacket or vest.
9. 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.

Entry Requirements

Postmark deadline May 1st

Entries must include the following:

- _____ 1. Complete and notarized application – Please don't change, add, or deviate from the official application.
- _____ 2. \$400.00 entry fee – The entry fee includes the contestant's meals during the pageant and the publishing of their picture and bio in the program book.
- _____ 3. Submit six (6) 5x7 vertical head and shoulder photographs of the same pose using a plain background – Picture must include hat and a crown should be worn if you received one for your title. You should not wear your banner. Your name, age division, age, title, and address 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.
- _____ 4. Submit the same photo as above electronically to Brandy Bendele at brandybendele@yahoo.com for the program book. The photo should be formatted as a 5x7, 300 dpi, jpeg file.
- _____ 5. *Sell a minimum of two (2) pages in advertisements for the official pageant program book and turn in the ad form, money, and electronic ad 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 regarding ads.
- _____ 6. *Sell a minimum of 100 donation tickets – a minimum of \$500 (100 tickets at \$5 each) must be turned-in when contestants check-in on the first day of the Pageant. Returned tickets from the initial 100 tickets sent does not take place of the minimum \$500 requirement.
- _____ 7. Send proof of residency (example – copy of driver's license or school ID)
- _____ 8. Send proof of age (example – copy of birth certificate or driver's license)
- _____ 9. Send the latest copy of a school transcript

Mail your application and all supporting documents to:

Miss Rodeo Texas, Inc.
8452 Fredericksburg Rd #302
San Antonio, TX 78229

Entries postmarked after the deadline, or incomplete entries, will be ineligible to compete.

*Note: The **TOP SALES AWARD** will be determined by the TOTAL money turned-in by each contestant for program book ads and donation tickets.