

## **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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 National High School 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. Miss contestants are required to stay at the host hotel under the supervision of pageant chaperone(s). There will be two contestants per room if there is an even number. If there is an odd number, one contestant may room by themselves or with an outgoing queen. Room arrangements will be made after all applications are received and room assignments will be given out during registration the first day of the pageant.
15. Contestants will be under chaperone supervision from the time of registration on day one of the pageant until Saturday morning at 8AM. Prior to departure, chaperones will complete a room check and formally release you. DO NOT leave without being released by your chaperone.
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. See details on the Miss Rodeo Texas website, along with the link to secure rooms.
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 Miss contestants will be provided to pageant events.
20. Contestants are not allowed to have their cell phone during the pageant.
21. No photos or videos may be taken or posted on social media by anyone except pageant personnel. 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 three personal outfits and possibly fashions provided by outside vendors. Fashion Show outfits brought by contestants should follow the following requirement/theme:

A. Dress or skirt with blouse and/or jacket. This is the final outfit you will wear to answer questions at the fashion show.

B. *Sponsor Spotlight - WRANGLER* - you are required to wear off-the-rack wrangler products. You may embellish if you like and alter to fit as you prefer (such as tailoring the shirt). You are not limited to jeans for your outfit. **Any** off the rack outfit by Wrangler is fine but the outfit must stay true to the original design. (i.e. pants cannot become a skirt or a shirt become a dress) The pageant sleeve length rule does not apply to this outfit only.

C. *Dress to Impress* - this theme is totally up to you as long as you follow the general dress code as outlined in the Pageant Requirements on the website.

D. *Extras* – please bring an all-black outfit (top, pants, jeans, skirt, dress, etc.) in case you are asked to model in the “accessories” section.

*Note*: We do not want this to be an extra expense! We’re asking that you please come up with outfits using something already in your closets. Obviously we can’t monitor that request but PLEASE remember, this portion of the fashion show isn’t technically judged, it’s more about you having fun and entertaining the audience. Personality is more important than the outfits themselves as long as you attempt to adhere to the outfit specifications. Also, you do not have to wear boots, hat, belt or your banner for the Wrangler or Dress to Impress outfits.

*Required*: For additional audience entertainment, descriptions are REQUIRED for the Wrangler and Dress to Impress outfits. Please write a maximum of 4-8 sentences about each of your outfits and email them to Lana Hickok at [lanahickok@gmail.com](mailto:lanahickok@gmail.com) no later than Saturday, June 11th so they can be added directly to the script. On a side note, please don’t name a boot brand other than Justin Boots since they are the official boot sponsor of the Miss Rodeo Texas Pageant (*Note: Wrangler is the only other exclusive clothing sponsor*).

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](mailto: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, off-the-rack Wrangler outfit, and Dress to Impress outfit. See Judging section for more details.
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:** Dark denim Wrangler jeans, **plain white button-down shirt with NO embellishments**, black boots, black belt and white hat. 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 1<sup>st</sup>**

Entries must include the following:

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Complete application – Please don't change, add, or deviate from the official application.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \$500.00 entry fee – The entry fee includes the contestant's meals during the pageant, hotel room and the publishing of their picture and bio in the program book. *Can be mailed or paid online (online payments include a 3% convenience fee).*
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. *Vertical head and shoulder photograph 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. Submit the photo online at [www.missrodeotexas.com](http://www.missrodeotexas.com) or electronically to Brandy Bendele at [brandybendele@yahoo.com](mailto:brandybendele@yahoo.com). The photo should be formatted as a 5x7, 300 dpi, jpeg file.*
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. *Photographer release*
- \_\_\_\_\_ 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. *Payment can be mailed or paid online (online payments include a 3% convenience fee).*
- \_\_\_\_\_ 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
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. *W-9*

Mail your application, fee & all supporting documents to: **OR Upload & pay fee online at [www.MissRodeoTexas.com](http://www.MissRodeoTexas.com)**

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**You must choose one delivery method shown above and stick to it please.**

**Entries uploaded or 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.

## **Grievances**

1. Grievances must be filed with a member of the grievance committee no later than 10:00AM on Friday (morning of Coronation).
2. The Grievance Committee will consist of one Miss Rodeo Texas, Inc. committee person and one parent of a contestant in the Miss Rodeo Texas, Miss Rodeo Texas Teen or Miss Rodeo Texas Princess Pageant.
3. Members of the Grievance Committee are chosen during Pageant Orientation after asking for volunteers.
4. If no one volunteers for the Grievance Committee, names of qualifying individuals in the room during Orientation will be placed in a hat and the person(s) drawn will serve on the committee.
5. Grievances will be investigated by the Grievance Committee and a ruling made prior to Coronation.