



## 2024 Lincoln County Fair and Rodeo Queen Rules and Requirements

**The following are the rules and requirements for the Lincoln County Fair Rodeo Queen**

1. Applicants must be 16 years of age as of July 30, 2023, and not over 24 years of age as of July 30, 2023.
2. There will be only one lady chosen for the position of Queen.
3. Applicants must not be pregnant before or during the competition, and the chosen Queen must agree to remain so during the year of their reign. The applicants will have **NO CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS OF ANY KIND!!!** This includes: no criminal filing, no public record in court, and no diversion in lieu of any formal court action.
4. Applicants must have access to a saddle horse and mode of transportation for the horse. Tack will be western, clean, in good repair, and properly adjusted. Horse will be clean, well-groomed and in good condition.
5. The reign of the Queen will begin on **January 1, 2024** and end **December 31, 2024**.
6. The Queen must be able to work as a team with the Royalty Committee and Fair Advisory Board. All royalty activities, fundraisers, purchases, etc. must be discussed and agreed upon in the Royalty Committee and then proposed to the Fair Advisory Board prior to implementation.
7. All applicants will be judged by the following criteria. A total possible score of 150 points will be awarded as follows:

**The Portfolio.....25 points**

- a. One 5" x 7" close-up of the applicant in western attire for publicity purposes
- b. One written resume including all the following:
  - Name and date of birth
  - Address and phone number
  - Past rodeo experience and competitions
  - Past queen experiences
  - Schools attended and school activities
  - Job experience
  - Community service
  - Future plans
- c. A typed essay (2-6 paragraphs) on "Why I want to become the 2023 Lincoln County Fair & Rodeo Queen", including what you would do to promote the Fair and Rodeo, and what you would do to help gather sponsors for the Fair.
- d. A signed (by parent or guardian, and Queen candidate) & notarized copy of the Lincoln County Fair and Rodeo Queen Contract.

**Public Speaking.....25 points**

You will be judged on your presentation skills as well as appearance, poise, and posture

with your speech being 3 to 5 minutes. The topic for this year will be “How would you promote the Lincoln County Fair & Rodeo?”

**Questions & Answers .....25 points**

A panel of judges will be asking you questions, and you will be judged on your answers as well as appearance, poise, and posture.

**Horsemanship.....75 points**

You will be judged on, appearance, poise, posture, as well as how you handle your horse during the horsemanship activities.

All Queen candidates as a group will be required to meet with horsemanship judge for instructions prior to the horsemanship judging. When the judge gives permission, the candidates will perform the reining pattern that will be posted 15 minutes prior to tryouts. After you have completed your pattern, the judge will dismiss you from the arena.

Each candidate will be required to individually make a full rodeo Queen’s run carrying a flag, stopping in the center and then exiting the arena as you would at a rodeo. After all candidates have completed the Queen’s run individually the entire group will be required to enter the arena as if they are performing the actual grand entry at an event. Stop in the center of the arena, be dismissed by the judge, and leave the arena as a group.

8. **Judging and interviews will take place on October 15, 2023. The Application & Portfolio deadline is on October 11, 2023 or postmarked by that date. Must bring Notarized Queen contract to tryouts to turn in if selected.**
9. Western attire consisting of denim or other solid-colored jeans, long-sleeved western shirt, boots, belt and cowboy hat will be worn for the judging and for all appearances made as a representative of the Lincoln County Fair and Rodeo. Applicants **MUST** adhere to the clothing requirements or will be subjected to penalty by loss of points for that portion of the competition.
10. The Queen will make public appearances during the year at radio stations, rodeos, parades and **local community events**. The Queen will attend the Lincoln County events first. The Queen is expected to wear her hat with crown, her sash, and appropriate makeup/hair at any public event where she is representing the Lincoln County Fair and Rodeo. A schedule of events will be compiled by the Royalty Committee and new Queen at a date to be determined at the conclusion of tryouts. Schedule will be approved by the Fair Advisory Board.
11. The Queen will ride both nights during the Grand Entry of the rodeo. The Queen will participate with the rodeo clowns during the rodeo events, hand out rodeo give-a-ways, herd cattle during the rodeo, and present awards after the completion of the rodeo at the Lincoln County Fair and Rodeo. She may be required to do other public appearances during the Fair & Rodeo; for example, helping at the Livestock Sale.
12. The Queen is expected to participate in fundraising events, which shall be determined by the Fair Advisory Board at a later date.
13. The Fair Advisory Board will provide a belt buckle and sash to the Queen.
14. **IMPORTANT:** If for any reason you choose to not finish or are dismissed from your reign as Queen you will be required to return or reimburse the cost of the items in number 13.
15. Any illegal use of alcohol and or drugs is strictly prohibited, and any violation of this rule will result in immediate dismissal.

16. Inappropriate and/or illegal occurrences or behavior of any kind will be cause for dismissal from at the discretion of the Fair Advisory Board.
17. If the Queen is under 18 years of age, the Fair Advisory Board must have a written commitment by the parent or guardian, that they will also attend all events and serve as chaperone.
18. Lincoln County, TheLincoln County Fair and Fair Advisory Board will assume no liability for any accidents, injuries or damage to any personal property.