



**MARIPOSA
COUNTY FAIR
RODEO
ROYALTY
2017**

**“COUNTRY SCENES AND
CHILDREN’S DREAMS”**



2017 MARIPOSA COUNTY FAIR RODEO ROYALTY APPLICATION

Make Checks payable to: "Mariposa Friends of the Fairgrounds Foundation"
Mail to: c/o Carol Suggs PO Box 5008-202 Mariposa CA 95338
Questions?: Carol Suggs 209-966-8150 home or mobile 209-347-7759
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ALL applications are subject to review by committee for acceptance.

Pick your division (age as of December 31, 2016):

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Junior Princess (Age 6-10) | Application Fee \$ 50.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Princess (Age 11-15) | Application Fee \$ 75.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Queen (Age 16-21) | Application Fee \$ 100.00 |

(note: all contestants required to sell a minimum of 20 rodeo tickets (\$10 each), 100 raffle tickets (\$1 each) and obtain a minimum of advertising/sponsorships: Queen \$300, Princess \$200, Jr Princess \$150 (see details) .

Applications & fees due: On or before 5 pm Sunday June 4, 2017.

Please read Eligibility, Rules & Regulations & Application Requirements provided. Additional specifics & appearance dates will be reviewed at introduction meeting.

CONTESTANT Name: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN Name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Physical Address: _____ City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone # (_____) _____ Cell Phone # (_____) _____

Email Address: _____

Date of Birth ____/____/____ (must attach copy of Drivers License or Birth Certificate)

Current Grade in School (if applicable) _____ Name of School _____

Provide biography electronically (to the email listed above) and attached to this application (approx 350 words or less) about yourself that includes, but is not limited to:

(Committee reserves the right to edit as needed)

- School(s) you have attended, are attending, will attend
- School, Club and or Community activities you are involved in
- Hobbies/Interests and Family
- Goals
- Why you are running for the title: Junior Princess, Princess or Queen

Sign a Release of Liability for Silver Valley Ranch, Mariposa County Fairgrounds and Mariposa Friends of the Fairgrounds Foundation (available at intro meeting).

What is your COWGIRL ADVICE? Cowgirl advice is something that you believe in and you should be able to explain. This quote will go into the rodeo program on your page and you will also be explaining this during the on stage performance.

My Cowgirl Advice is:

MAKE SURE YOU FRIEND US ON FACEBOOK! Mariposa County Fair Rodeo Royalty

Important Dates:

- June 4th, Sunday 3pm Introduction meeting Silver Valley Ranch 3937 Silver Bar Road, Mariposa CA. Light snacks and refreshments, overview of the contest, horsemanship patterns will be provided, promotional photos to be taken, please dress in appropriate western attire (jeans, long sleeved button up shirt, boots, belt and cowboy hat). Call at least 24 hours prior to let coordinators know if you will be attending and to obtain directions to the ranch.
- June 14th, Wednesday 6pm Workshop on Public Speaking, Impromptu Questions, Modeling & Interview. Fairgrounds, Red Bud Room.
- June 28th, Wednesday 6pm Workshop on Horsemanship. Silver Valley Ranch. We will go over patterns for each division and participants are encouraged to bring a horse. Be ready to ride by 6pm (may arrive at 5:30 pm). See packet for directions.
- Riding opportunities are available at Silver Valley Ranch on Wednesday evenings from 6pm-8pm on July 12th & 19th If you are going to attend you MUST call royalty coordinator the day before and let her know.
- July 12th and July 26th, Wednesdays 11:30 am Senior Center Lunch Service, assist with serving lunch and visiting with the seniors. MUST call ahead to tell royalty coordinator which day you will be assisting. **QUALIFIES AS A COMMUNITY SPIRIT EVENT!**
- July 12th immediately following Senior Center lunch we will have a Mariposa History Lesson and Museum tour.
- August 9th Wednesday 11am Parks and Rec Rodeo Fun. Come hang out and have some fun at Parks and Rec with the kids day camp! Sharing info about rodeo and fair and maybe doing a little dummy roping and stick horse barrel racing. **QUALIFIES AS A COMMUNITY SPIRIT EVENT!**
- August 10th, Thursday 6pm Rehearsal, Building A, Mariposa Fairgrounds. We will be going over the contest day schedule and practice on stage and will be selecting the order of go.
- August 12th, Saturday, Rodeo Royalty Competition Day, Horsemanship (8am) Interview (1pm) and Dinner/On Stage Performance (6pm) Fairgrounds.
- August 19th, Saturday 8am Mariposa County Fairgrounds Saddle Mount & Gymkhana Show. We encourage you to participate in this show. When not participating make arrangements to volunteer. **QUALIFIES AS A COMMUNITY SPIRIT EVENT!**
- September 1st, Friday 6pm Mariposa County Fair, Family Fun Night. Gold Bowl Arena. Current Royalty will be assisting staff, please be there to make an appearance and to help if needed. You are welcome to compete in the games if you wish. If you are showing an animal at the fair and it conflicts with your appearance at Family Fun night you must notify the coordinators ahead of time.
- September 2nd, Saturday 11am Mariposa Labor Day Parade. Report at 10:00 am at the designated area for staging. Do not bring your horse to the parade as you will be riding as a group in a trailer, truck or wagon. After parade come to fair and have fun! If you are showing an animal at the fair and it conflicts with the parade or being able to do any work assignments on Saturday, you must notify the coordinators ahead of time so that arrangements can be made for you to make up time.
- September 3rd, Crowning of the Mariposa County Fair Rodeo Royalty. Will either occur prior to the Rodeo or will occur at the Grand Entry as specifics are still being worked out. The rodeo typically starts at 8:00 pm. Queen contestants must have a suitable horse to ride in the crowning and grand entry and horse must be capable of carrying a flag if requested. If Princesses want to ride in the grand entry and carry flags they must be able to demonstrate to the coordinators their ability to do so. Junior Princess Contestants are not to bring horses to this event. If you are showing or selling an animal at fair you may have a conflict with your time on this day as the livestock auction and buyers dinner is held on Sunday. There are no exceptions, you MUST be at the crowning and must be at the Rodeo or you will be disqualified.
- September 4th, Monday. Mariposa County Fair. Mandatory for the newly crowned Junior Princess, Princess and Queen to be present at closing day of the fair. Calf Branding starts at 10am at the Gold Bowl Arena with Team Penning at 1pm, please be there to present awards and obtain other assignments as needed.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: If you need a stall or pen at the fairgrounds during your horse competition, please call ahead of time: 209-966-3686 to make arrangements. Let the fairgrounds staff know that you are part of the contest. If you need a stall during Fair you must arrange a stall well in advance as stalls are limited. When attending any event you are to check in and check out with your coordinator/representative. If any dates and or times change you will be notified accordingly.

Eligibility, Rules and Regulations

During this contest and during her reign (should she win) each contestant shall:

- Be of the appropriate age per their division as of December 31, 2016, unless the committee has granted a waiver.
- Be a primary resident of Mariposa, Merced, Madera or Tuolumne counties
- Be single, never have been married, nor pregnant, nor the mother of a child. A title holder who becomes pregnant or marries during her reign will relinquish all rights and privileges of her title at the request of the committee.
- Understand that this contest is being run by a sub-committee of the Mariposa Friends of the Fairgrounds Foundation and that committee has the authority to make provisions, waive eligibility, rules and regulations including but not limited to the right to cancel the contest, cancel a division, extend the deadline or amend the age qualifications and the committee may deduct points should there be any infractions in wardrobe or behavior during this contest.
- Conduct themselves in a proper lady like manner, displaying utmost respect for others, portraying high moral standards and exhibit a high degree of sportsmanship. The use of tobacco, alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, and foul language is not permitted. Each contestant is to be mindful that they are not only representing the Mariposa County Fair, but also the County of Mariposa, the sponsors of the event and the sport of Rodeo.
- Obtain a minimum of \$300 (Queen) \$200 (Princess) and \$150 (Jr Princess) in sponsors/advertisers for the contest (see sponsor/advertiser form) and points will be applied as per the following:

20 points will be available for contestants in each division to share. The distribution of points will be based on the percentage of funds brought in by a contestant. For example not including the initial entry fee, rodeo ticket sales or raffles, if the total of sponsor money brought in by all the contestants in that division is \$4000:

Contestant	\$ brought in	Percentage of \$ brought in	Points earned
A	\$1,600.00	40%	8
B	\$ 500.00	12.5%	2.5
C	\$1,500.00	37.50%	7.5
D	\$ 400.00	10%	2

ALL checks need to be made payable to **Mariposa Friends of the Fairgrounds Foundation**. Sponsorship money and digital ads must be received by August 1, 2017. Refer to sponsorship letter for details.

- Be required to sell a minimum of 20 Rodeo Tickets which are \$10 per ticket. There will be no points awarded for the sale of Rodeo Tickets; however there will be a special award for the contestant that sells the most tickets. Rodeo Ticket sales **MUST BE completed Wednesday prior to fair**. If a contestant has not completed her sale of the minimum tickets she will be ineligible for the contest. Note: In order to watch the crowning, spectators must have a rodeo ticket. **Should a contestant check out tickets and not return the money or unsold tickets by the deadline date they will be disqualified.**
- Be required to sell a minimum of 100 raffle tickets, for \$1.00 each. Raffle is for a chance at a \$500 visa card that will be given away at the Rodeo. There will be no points awarded for the sale of raffle tickets; however there will be a special award for the contestant who sells the most tickets. Money and corresponding ticket stubs **MUST BE TURNED IN** by noon, Sunday September 3rd to the designated committee member. Should a contestant check out tickets and not return the stubs, money or unsold tickets by the deadline date they will be disqualified.
- Volunteering at specific events or functions that the committee has listed as COMMUNITY SPIRIT each contestant will earn up to 5 points for each event. There is an opportunity to earn 25 points. You must volunteer for a minimum of 1 hour in order to get your 5 point credit. Some of the events you will want to stay longer and if you do that is on your own. Remember have fun at these events! You may have a volunteer job that is more than 1 hour, but you are only going to get credit for 1 hour per event. We have four events listed with the Mariposa Fair Horse Show being the last opportunity and that will be worth 10 points but for that event you need to volunteer for a minimum of 2 hours.
- Shall be required to participate in contest elements that will take place on Saturday August 12, 2017:

HORSEMANSHIP (All Divisions): Provide a horse, tack and appropriate western wear (see wardrobe guide) for the horsemanship element of this contest. Will be required to perform a pre-determined pattern(s) and a royalty wave. Will be required to answer appropriate questions about themselves, their horse and their gear. Will be required to do a flag run (Queen contestants only). No sharing of horses within the same division, no stallions. Horse is not required to be owned by

the contestant. IF for some reason your horse is injured and cannot compete it is your responsibility (not the responsibility of the committee chairs or organizers) to obtain a replacement horse. The horse that you use for the contest element does not have to be the same horse you ride at the rodeo.

The order for the competition will be Queen, Princess and Junior Princess.

Note Regarding differences in the divisions. Princess and Junior Princess will not do a flag run. Jr Princess Horsemanship pattern will not include loping. Jr Princess contestants may have assistance with mounting and dismounting. Jr. Princess contestants will only be using a portion of the arena and will be required to perform a modified "royalty wave" run at either the walk, jog or lope at the contestants choice, however it should be noted that depending on the gait selected it will determine the available points for that wave run (refer to scoring sheet for details).

INTERVIEW. (Princess and Queen Contestants only). Participate in a personal interview. May include but are not limited to questions regarding: Mariposa, Fairgrounds, Friends of the Fairgrounds, Rodeo and You!

ON STAGE. (all divisions): Participate in modeling, impromptu questions, sharing cowgirl advice, talking about why they are running and participate in an "ice breaker" at the dinner. Queen contestants to also present a speech/poem/narrative that is no more than 3 minutes on the fair theme. The speech is to be memorized and no props are allowed. The Fair Theme for 2017 is: "Country Scenes and Children's Dreams".

- Complete and sign (if under 18 parent/guardian signature required) all necessary forms for this contest, including the submittal of a biography and be able to answer questions regarding your biography, the sport of rodeo, Mariposa County, Mariposa County Fair, Mariposa Friends of the Fairgrounds Foundation, horses and situational questions during portions of this contest, specifically at the sponsors dinner and personal interview. Being mindful that the extent of knowledge required increases with the age of the contestant. Meaning we wouldn't expect a 7 year to know what a 19 year knows regarding these subjects.
- Provide their own wardrobe and adhere to wardrobe guide given by the committee. It is noted that TANK TOPS, HALTER TOPS, MIDRISE SHIRTS, CAMI TOPS. etc. are never acceptable when we are making appearances or volunteering. No skin is to show between shirt and pants/skirt. Leather or leather type formal dresses are not required for the on stage performance. Gowns must be long, long sleeved with modest neck line. There are times when a short sleeved shirt and fashion forward attire is appropriate, and when at clinics, workshop or practices casual attire is acceptable, when in doubt ask your coordinator.
- Not allow themselves, their friends or related individuals to influence, intimidate or harass judges, committee members, other contestants or contestant's families which include but are not limited to negative gestures, comments and or verbal or written communication during the contest and after the crowning. Action of this type may result in the disqualification of a contestant at the discretion of the committee and could result in barring them from future competition. It is the contestant's responsibility to inform their friends and family of this rule and any other pertinent rules.
- Acknowledge that the committee who is running this contest welcomes and encourages friends and family of the contestants to attend different phases of the competition and crowning, however at no time during the contest activities shall parents, family or friends disturb the contest, nor may they coach the contestants from the sidelines during any of the elements (unless it is a safety issue). This committee seeks all cooperation from family, friends and supporters during this competition. Please know that cheers, encouragement and applause are always welcome!
- While each contestant gets three dinner tickets, a fair wristband pass and a parking pass they must inform family and friends that they are responsible for purchasing their own tickets for events and this includes Fair, Rodeo and any events that the contestants or crowned royalty attend unless otherwise noted.
- If the contestant wins a division she can not enter that division again. Contestants may be involved in other contests; however any contestant in this contest may not hold a current Rodeo Royalty title.
- Understand that all Entry Fees, Ticket Sales, Donations and Sponsorships are non refundable.
- Be required to participant in the Committee and Rodeo events as specified by the committee and if crowned be willing and able to attend specified events throughout the year of her reign as well as having a suitable horse for parades and rodeo appearances.
- Understand that photographs, images or likeness of the contestants may be used by the committee for promotion and advertising purposes and the signing of this document serves as the contestant's/parent/guardian's written consent. This includes posting photos on social media such as Facebook.

- Understand that if the Queen or Princess divisions result in a tie with the overall scoring, that the tie will be broken by the contestant who had the higher scoring at the Personal Interview. Should the Junior Princess division have a tie, that tie will be broken by On Stage Performance scores.
- Understand that all contestants must volunteer at least for 1hour during Fair (Friday, Saturday or Sunday) at a designated fair booth or activity that is separate from events already listed. Jr Princess contestants must be accompanied by a parent or with Princess or Queen Contestants or current royalty. You will be assigned times and locations.
- Understand that following the crowning of the Queen, ALL contestants must remain at the rodeo to participate and failure to do so may impact their ability to participate in future contests. Non crowned Queen contestants may be required to run flags at the rodeo. Crowned and Non Crowned Princess contestants may be able to run flags, depending on the decision of the committee, based on riding ability, suitable horse and experience.
- Acknowledge that the Royalty Winners will be responsible for perpetual awards through out their reign and those awards are to be presented to the newly crowned royalty at the crowning. Queen: Parade Serape, Chaps, Leather Sash. Jr Princess and Princess: Chaps. If these items are damaged or lost during her reign, she is responsible for immediately notifying the committee and for the replacement/repair of the item(s). Queen, Princess and JR Princess Chaps may be purchased for REPLACEMENT COST and arrangements for this must be made with the Rodeo Royalty Coordinators at least 90 days prior to the crowning of the new Rodeo Royalty so that we have time to get another set made.

I, the undersigned, acknowledge that I have read the aforementioned statements, eligibility requirements, rules and regulations and I fully understand and agree to abide by the terms and conditions therein, including informing my friends and family of these rules and my responsibility to adhere to these rules.

Signature of Contestant

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian
(if contestant is a minor)

Date

MAKE TWO COPIES, KEEP ONE FOR YOURSELF AND TURN THE OTHER IN TO COMMITTEE