



**Miss Rodeo New York,
Miss Teen Rodeo New York,
& Lil' Miss Rodeo New York
2027 Pageant
Application**

Pageant: September 19, 2026

Pageant Venue: Gerry Rodeo Grounds, 4351 NY-60, Gerry NY 14640

Coronation: To follow/Banquet TBD

Application Deadline: August 28th, 2026

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Miss Rodeo New York (Ages 20-25) Entry Fee \$175 + Sponsorship Fee \$300

Miss Teen Rodeo New York (Ages 13-19) Entry Fee \$125 + Sponsorship Fee \$175

Lil' Miss Rodeo New York (Ages 9-12) Entry Fee \$125 + Sponsorship Fee \$175

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Pageant Exhibitions: Available to ages 9-25

Lil Miss: \$25 / Teen & Miss: \$50 (Stage/Interview, Only)

Lil, Teen & Miss with Horsemanship: \$100 (Stage/Interview/Horsemanship)

Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ T-shirt Size: _____

Legal NY Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Home: _____ Cell: _____

Email Address: _____

Parents/Guardian: _____

School/ College: _____



Sponsor (s): *Rodeo, Club, Organization, Business or Individual(s)*

Education: *(Current Grade Level, or College, Special Training)*

Experience with Rodeo, Horse Shows, etc.:

School Activities/Club Memberships/Sports/Hobbies:

Scholastic Honors/ Other Accomplishments and Life Ambitions:

Pageant/Rodeo Experience or Training:

[] Essay on “Why the title of Miss Rodeo is important and what makes me the perfect candidate for the job.” (300 words or less): *please attach separate page.*

[] Your Biography – In 100 words or less, please provide a biography to introduce yourself. *Please write this from third person point of view, as someone may be reading it about you; please attach it on separate page.*

[] Photos - Please **mail** (1) 8 x10 of headshot and **email** three digital photos including **1- Head and shoulders shot** in western attire including hat suitable for website, publication and newspaper announcements. This photo will also be submitted for Photogenic and People’s Choice Contest, **2- Full length pose** modeling western attire including hat, **3- Photo of you doing something that you love.** (Exhibitions require only a digital head and shoulders shot.)

[] A Copyright Release from your Photographer for your photos to be used by Miss Rodeo New York, Inc.

[] Letters of Recommendation - Please submit **2** letters of recommendation; (1) from school/work (1) related equine. ***You are welcome to submit more, but only two are required. It can be mailed or emailed with your name and “reference” included in the subject line.*** **Not necessary for exhibitions.*

[] Verification of Age & Residence - A copy of your birth certificate or driver’s license must accompany your application for verification of age. *Please submit a copy of your driver’s license or valid college ID to verify your residency. A legible scanned copy emailed is acceptable*



Preparation Tips for the Pageant

Interview:

Each contestant will be interviewed by the panel of judges privately, for 15-20 minutes.

Questions asked may test the contestant's knowledge of the pageant, sponsors, rodeo, horsemanship, horse science, current affairs, or personality, etc. This could also include knowledge of the tack, horse care, feeding, diseases, anatomy, etc.; knowledge of professional rodeo, its history, organization, rodeo terminology or vernacular, standard events, championship standings, and awareness of the PRCA and WPRA.

-Dress code is **western business**; (i.e. Blazer, vest with shirt, jeans or skirt, boots, and hat)

Extemporaneous Speech & Questions/Modeling:

Each contestant will be required to give an extemporaneous speech (open-ended topics to speak on will be given prior to your stage time; time limits will vary based on age division). They will also answer impromptu questions about such topics as rodeo, current events, horsemanship, personal, or fun. Judging for this section will be based on content, delivery, and allotted time frame. Modeling will be judged on the ability to show their outfit with poise and grace.

Contestants will be judged on personality projection, ability to have fun, professionalism and how they handle themselves.

-Contestants will model a **western dress** of their choice, belt, boots and felt hat preceding the speech portion.

- For Questions and modeling you will have a western fashion forward outfit. dress or fashionable outfit with belt boots and felt Hat.

Written Test:

All contestants will be required to take a written test demonstrating their knowledge of equine, rodeo, Miss Rodeo America, Miss Rodeo New York and PRCA. The Miss contestants take a different test than our Lil Miss and Teen contestants.

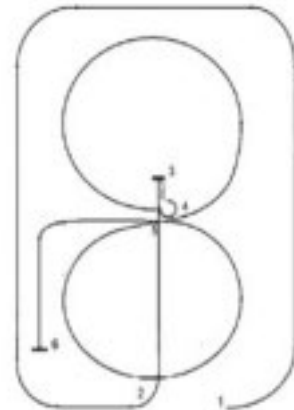
-Dress code will be the same as your interview outfit.

Horsemanship: A horsemanship pattern will be performed by each contestant for the Miss Rodeo New York & Miss Teen Rodeo New York Pageant. Lil Miss will be available for a modified pattern at the choice of Walk/Jog. **The pattern shown is the pattern chosen for this year's 2026 competition.**

The pattern will be demonstrated by reigning royalty the day of the contest, but it is each girl's responsibility to know the correct pattern. Chaps and spurs **will not** be permitted during any part of the judged competition, unless directed by the owner of horses. After the completion of your horsemanship pattern, you will be asked to do a Queens lap around the arena and then to dismount.

Horses will be provided for contestants. No warm-up or practice time is allowed prior to competition ride.

-Dress Code will be Wrangler jeans, western shirt (any brand), belt, boots and felt hat, no jackets or vests please. Fringe is not recommended.



1. Circle the arena, on the left lead, at an extended lope
2. Guide left and lope down the center of the arena with moderate speed
3. Pass the center of the arena, stop and back to the center
4. Execute a 3/4 turn to the right and lope a circle, to the right, with moderate speed
5. Change leads and lope a circle, to the left, with moderate speed. After completing the circle, continue loping on the left lead toward the end of the arena
6. Stop and pause to show completion of pattern
7. The MRNY judges reserve the right to make alterations and/or additions to this pattern.

WAIVER OF LIABILITY



By my signature on this application, I hereby certify that I have read the regulations governing the Miss Rodeo NEW YORK, Inc; that my conduct as a Pageant contestant will be in strict accordance with the regulations established by the Miss Rodeo NEW YORK Pageant Committee (hereinafter called The Committee) as stated in the official Pageant Rules and Regulations, that I acknowledge these regulations to prevail throughout all Pageant Programs, activities and functions; and that said regulations pertain to all persons related to my appearance in the Pageant.

That I hereby grant permission to The Committee to verify any information contained on my application.

That I hereby release The Committee, and Pageant Venue Hosts from responsibility of injury or loss to persons or property, involving me or persons related to appearance in the Pageant, and which applies also to the heirs, assign, executors or administrators for me or persons relative to my Pageant and all officers, directors and member individuals and groups of The Committee/Pageant Producers or Promoters. I further release The Committee/Pageant Producers or Promoters from any responsibility of injury or loss to any horse I bring to use in the pageant.

I hereby release title, claim and right to photographs and public relations materials involving me to The Committee/Pageant Producers or Promoters for use in Pageant Promotion.

That I hereby certify that I have never been married, had a marriage annulled or have had a child out of wedlock. I have never been, nor am I pregnant now.

Failure on my part to disclose this information to local or State officials will automatically disqualify me from participating in any pageant. Scholarships or prizes of any kind which I may receive will be returned to Pageant/State Pageant/The Committee will be released from any and all liability resulting from my action.

That in the event that I receive a Miss Rodeo NEW YORK Title for any of the age divisions, I will complete the tenure of my title in accordance with the aforesaid regulations and in the best interest of the Miss Rodeo NEW YORK Program; and, will relinquish all claims and accouterments (crown, sash, et al) relating to the title upon the naming of my successor.

I certify that the aforementioned information is given freely and is true and accurate. The Miss Rodeo NEW YORK Program and/or agents are authorized to verify the accuracy and correctness of these statements and to check criminal history. I expect to rely on this information, and I agree that if any information herein contained is false that any contract made on the strength of this application may, in my opinion, be terminated.

That I hereby affix my signature attesting my agreement to the above without reserve:

Contestant's Signature

Parent Signature (if contestant under 18)

Street Address, PO

Box, City, County, State & Zip

Phone: _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public, within and for the County of _____.

Day, Month, Year.

Signature of Notary Public & Term Expiration Date



Entry Fees:

An Entry Fee of **\$175.00** for Miss Rodeo New York Contestants and **\$125.00** for Miss Teen Rodeo/ Lil' Miss New York Contestants must accompany your application. Each division also requires a Sponsorship Fee, **\$300.00** for Miss and **\$175.00** for Teen & Lil.

Tickets: Each contestant is expected to sell *at least* 10 Raffle tickets, prior to the pageant. This is our organization's main fundraiser, and it is mandatory to participate. Contestants will receive their 10 tickets (or more if requested) as soon as their entry materials are submitted. The earlier you enter, the earlier you get your tickets. Amount of sales effects Spirit Award.

All applications and monies will be DUE (NOT POSTMARKED) Anyone not having their application materials and fees paid by the date will be charged a **\$25 late fee**. Anything received more than 7 days past the deadline will not be accepted. No personal checks please. Only Cashier's Checks or Money Orders will be accepted, **made out to Miss Rodeo New York, Inc.**

Awards Presented:

Divisional Awards: **Personality, Horsemanship, Appearance, Speech, Highest Written Score Award, Most Photogenic Award, People's Choice Award** (*voted on our Miss Rodeo New York, Inc. Facebook page prior to the pageant*), **Miss Congeniality** (*voted on by contestants*), **Spirit Award** (*based on who sells the most raffle tickets/raises most money for organization.*)

Exhibition Notes: Exhibition was created to offer young ladies the opportunity to practice their skills before entering a pageant, without the commitment of the title. Horsemanship availability will depend on the number of riding contestants and will be determined after the application deadline. If space is not available, the exhibition will be refunded \$25. For photos, exhibitions will only need to submit one DIGITAL headshot in color emailed with application. Participants will receive feedback, but no awards. Letter of References are not needed.

Mail Entry Materials & Fee to:

Miss Rodeo New York, Inc. (Lisa A Burdick)
2068 County Highway 33. Bloomville New York 13739
Email Entry Materials to: mrnynatldirector@gmail.com
For questions or inquiries: Call/Text 607-434-3473