



# **Miss Amador County Fair Rodeo Queen Competition 2026**



**Application Entry Deadline: Mon., May 18, 2026  
Orientation: Thurs., May 28, 2026 – 6:30 PM at  
Amador County Fairgrounds**

# Miss Amador County Fair Rodeo Queen Contest

## Schedule

**Orientation:** Thursday, May 28 at 6:30 PM, Amador County Fair Office

### **Pre-Contest Fun Events:**

*\*Pre-event schedule subject to change at the discretion of Pageant Coordinators*

*\*\*Mandatory; you must attend 3 of the events listed below*

**Italian Picnic Parade:** Sunday, June 7th – 9 AM in Sutter Creek (no horses)

**Future Hay Farmers of Amador County Dinner:** Saturday, June 13th – 5 PM at Amador Fairgrounds

**4th of July Parade:** Saturday, July 4th – 9 AM in Plymouth (horseback)

**\*\*Amador Fair Kick-Off BBQ:** Saturday, July 18th – 5:30 PM at Amador Fairgrounds

### **Competition:**

**Saturday, July 18th** – Amador Fairgrounds

**Horsemanship** – 8:30 AM in Benny Brown Arena  
Be warmed up and ready to ride AT 8:30. Open to the public.

**Interview & Written Test** – Immediately following horsemanship in the Fair Office Board Room. Not open to the public.

**Thursday, July 30th** – Amador Fairgrounds

**On Stage: Speeches, Modeling & Impromptu Questions** – 12:00 PM  
During the fair and open to the public!

**Coronation:** Thursday, July 30th at Amador Fairgrounds (time TBA)  
Held just prior to Mutton Busting Prelims in the Benny Brown Arena. Open to the public.

**Amador County Fair and CCPRA Rodeo** (new queen only): Thursday-Sunday, July 30- August 2, 2026 – Amador County Fairgrounds  
*\*The newly crowned queen will be required to attend the rodeo on Saturday, August 1 and is encouraged to attend the fair as available.*

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### **Eligibility**

- Contestant must be between the ages of 16 and 25 as of Orientation, May 28, 2026.
- Must be an Amador County resident, and/or from a contiguous county: Sacramento, San Joaquin, Calaveras, Alpine, or El Dorado.
  - *NEW*: In the event that there are 2 or less contestants, the committee will open applications to all CA residents for one week prior to orientation (May 19-26).
- Contestant must own or lease a suitable horse for the rodeo and other related horse events, but it need not be the horse used in the competition. No stallions allowed. A horse can be determined unsuitable at the discretion of Pageant Coordinators, judges, and county fair representatives ONLY.

### **Rules and Regulations**

1. Contestant must submit the following documents in order to compete in the competition. All documents must be signed by parent/guardian (if under 18) and contestant and be properly completed in order to be eligible for consideration.
  - a. Application form
  - b. Agreement to Abide to Rules and Regulations and Waiver of Liability
  - c. Expectation Agreement
2. A \$50 entry fee will be required by the contestants by May 18th and must be turned in with the application to the Fair Office. Checks should be made out to the **Amador County Fair**.
3. An 8x10 photo is required. One print and electronic file (headshot including hat and western attire, in color). Email electronic file to Pageant Coordinator, [nalie6c209@yahoo.com](mailto:nalie6c209@yahoo.com).
4. Contestants are required to be on time and adhere to the schedule of the competition.
5. Upon arriving at the competition, contestants will be responsible to and under the jurisdiction of the Amador County Fair Rodeo Queen Committee.

6. Parents, friends, and relatives are welcome to attend all activities designated and must agree to abide by all rules and regulations.
7. Contestants must conduct themselves in a proper, lady-like manner, portray high moral standards, and demonstrate good sportsmanship or they may be disqualified.
8. All social media accounts (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, TikTok, etc.) MUST be made available to the ACFRQ Committee and will be monitored.
9. All contestants are required to dress in full western attire for all events unless otherwise specified.
10. All contestants are not permitted, at any time during the competition or as the reigning queen, to smoke, drink alcoholic beverages, or use any foul language.
11. The perpetual chaps are the permanent property of the Amador County Fair Rodeo Queen Committee. You will be liable for any and all damages.
12. After the coronation, the contestants and newly crowned queen are expected to remain at the event location and demonstrate good behavior and sportsmanship. It is appropriate for the queen and contestants to show their appreciation for the opportunity to compete by thanking judges, sponsors, Queen Committee members, and other present Association officials for their efforts to support and organize the competition.
13. Prior to the competition, a contestant must inform the Amador County Fair Rodeo Queen Committee of any queen titles she is currently holding at the any time of the duration of the competition. It is up to the discretion of the Committee if the contestant may be allowed to participate in the contest.
14. **Final decisions will be that of the judges**, including any matter while the contestant is competing.
15. Any misconduct or violations of these Rules and Regulations by a contestant, her family, friends, coaches, etc. may be grounds for contestants to be disqualified from the competition.
16. Any problems that arise should be directed to the Amador County Fair Rodeo Queen Committee.

Contestants shall, upon observing and/or being informed of any violation of, and/or perceived violation of, any contest rule or regulation by another contestant during or leading up to the Pageant (from the application deadline on):

- Inform the Pageant Coordinators of the alleged and/or perceived violation at the earliest and most proximate time to the instance, but in no event, not any less than two (2) hours prior to the scheduled naming of the contest winner and

- In no way act to withhold information from the Pageant Coordinators as to deprive the pageant of the time and opportunity to investigate the alleged and/or perceived violations. In this regard, the Pageant Coordinators are hereby designated as the persons to receive and investigate and determine a course of action for any and all alleged and/or perceived rule violation(s).

Unless timely reported as defined above, each and every alleged and/or perceived violation of contest rules shall be deemed waived, and the complaining party shall be stopped from presenting allegations regarding the same.

The Pageant Coordinators will, with respect to the reported violation(s), conduct a timely and thorough investigation of each allegation and report its findings to the contestant presenting the allegation and enforce its rules and regulations as outlined against any contestant found to have violated the same.

The Pageant Coordinators and, if necessary, the Amador County Fair CEO/Board, are the sole and exclusive entities to determine the existence of and/or non-existence of a violation of rules and regulations and the determinations shall be final and binding. The Pageant Coordinators are the sole and exclusive authority to interpret and enforce its rules and regulations.

Additionally, any Contestant inquiries or concerns regarding the Pageant's judging guidelines and/or scoring system must be brought to the attention of the Pageant Coordinators at least three (3) days prior to the start of the Pageant. Changes will only be made if deemed absolutely necessary by the Pageant Coordinators with input from the Amador County Fair CEO/Board if needed. Any and all potential changes will be communicated to all contestants and judges in a timely manner prior to the start of the Pageant.

NOTE: These rules and regulations are designed for your safety and to keep the competition running properly and in a professional manner. If any grievances arise, either during or after the queen contest, the matter should be brought to the attention of the Amador County Fair Rodeo Queen Committee.

**Agreement to Abide by Rules and Regulations  
and Waiver of Liability**

In consideration of my application having been accepted for participation in the 2026 Miss Amador County Fair Rodeo Queen Competition, I hereby certify that I have read and agree to abide by all Rules and Regulations and understand that any violation of these Rules and Regulations may disqualify me from participation in this contest.

I further agree to hold harmless the Amador County Fair, their officials, agents, and volunteers for any claims resulting in loss accident, or injury received by me in connection with participation by me in any event or performance of this contest.

**If contestant has existing royalty title:** In consideration of my application, I will have my existing coordinator sign the application below that I am eligible to apply for this title and understand, if crowned the 2026 Amador County Fair Rodeo Queen, there are no dates of events or duties in conflict of serving as Miss Amador County Fair Rodeo Queen. Please note — approval of the Queen Committee is required if the contestant holds an existing title. You may not run for Miss Amador Scholarship Competition at the same time.

In consideration, I hereby release the right, title, and claim of any photographs that may be taken by the management for their use in promotion and publicity.

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Contestant Street Address, County City, State, Zip

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Contestant's Home Number

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Contestant Signature Date

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Parent/Guardian Street Address, County City, State, Zip

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Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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Current Title Held (if applicable)

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Coordinator's Phone Number (if applicable)

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Current Title Coordinator's Signature (if applicable)

## **Expectation Agreement**

This expectation agreement is between the Amador County Fair Rodeo Queen Committee, here in after referred to as the ACFRQ and \_\_\_\_\_, a Miss Amador County Fair Rodeo Queen contestant, competing for the honor of being selected as the 2026 Miss Amador County Fair Rodeo Queen, here in after referred to as “Queen”. The purpose of the Expectation Agreement is to make both parents and Contestants aware of their responsibilities in the event a contestant is selected as QUEEN.

If I am selected QUEEN, I agree to abide by the following expectations during my reign.

1. I will send thank you notes to all sponsors, judges, and appropriate officials within 14 days of the date I am crowned.
2. I will promote the ACFR and the sport of rodeo in a positive manner at all times.
3. I will demonstrate honesty, good sportsmanship, good behavior, and etiquette. This includes, but not limited to, use of social media such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok, etc.
4. If under 18, I will be chaperoned at my events by either a parent, ACFR adult member (adult of 21 years or older), or an approved chaperone.
5. I will, at all times, treat animals humanely; if at any time I mistreat my horse, it may result in the loss of my title.
6. I will have a horse and appropriate tack suitable for use in the Amador County Fair Rodeo Grand Entry and other special events.
7. I will wear my sash, crown, buckle, chaps (if applicable), and proper western attire whenever I make public appearances as QUEEN.
8. I will represent ACFR at a minimum of 5 rodeos (CCPRA preferred) and 5 local functions as required.
9. I am not expected to make appearances during school hours (if applicable) unless approved by my parents.
10. I will keep in close contact with my coordinator(s) and will notify them if I am unable to meet any obligations as QUEEN or if any problems arise.
11. All appearances must be approved by the ACFR Queen Coordinator. Any unapproved appearance may result in the loss of my title.
12. If I am unable to fulfill my duties as QUEEN or if I do not adhere to this Expectations Agreement, I agree to forfeit my title as QUEEN and return all ACFRQ property and all prizes I received.

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Contestant’s Signature

Date

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Parent’s Signature

Date

## Judging Categories

Categories to be judged and points to be used are as follows:

### 1. **Horsemanship** — 250 points total

Required dress for horsemanship: Long-sleeved shirt and wrangler jeans, felt cowboy hat, boots (Fat Baby style or crepe sole boots are not permitted due to safety precautions), belt, and buckle. Gloves and chaps are not permitted.

No two girls may ride the same horse during this portion of the competition.

Contestants will be judged on:

- Control of her mount and the way she handles each situation
  - Appearance (cleanliness and appropriateness) of her horse and equipment
  - Overall understanding and horsemanship skill
- a. Horsemanship Pattern and Interview (100 points)
    - i. The contestant will be required to mount, dismount, drop bridle, and answer equine science questions.
  - b. Rail Class (50 points)
    - i. All contestants will ride together and be judged on equitation and overall control of her mount.
  - c. Flag Run (25 points)
    - i. Contestant will perform a lap carrying a flag provided by the Queen Committee to replicate carrying sponsor flags at a rodeo.
  - d. Queen Wave (25 points)
    - i. Contestant will perform a well-controlled “hot lap” to replicate queen introductions at a rodeo.
  - e. Draw Horse Pattern (50 points)
    - i. The contestants will trade horses for a simple Draw Horse pattern. If any contestant horse is deemed unsafe by the Queen Committee, another will be provided.
    - ii. Spurs will not be permitted for Draw Horse.

### 2. **Speech** — 100 points

- a. The contestant will prepare a 3-5-minute speech on a topic selected by the Queen Committee.

3. **Interview** — 100 points
  - a. Written questions will be reviewed by the Queen Committee
  - b. Contestants will be judged on
    - i. Rodeo and Equine Knowledge
    - ii. Amador County Fair and Current Event Knowledge
    - iii. Conversational Ability
    - iv. Projection
    - v. Posture
    - vi. Eye Contact
    - vii. Professionalism
    - viii. Overall Appearance
4. **Personality/Live Like Lilly Spirit** (judged throughout) – 125 points total
  - a. Overall attitude and personality
  - b. Professionalism
  - c. A “Live Like Lilly” spirit
5. **Appearance** (judged throughout) — 75 points total
  - a. Fit
  - b. Appropriate color
  - c. Knowledge of current western styles
  - d. Flatters one’s body type
6. **Written Test** — 50 points
  - a. Contestants will be judged on knowledge of
    - i. Horses
    - ii. Tack
    - iii. Rodeo
    - iv. Amador County Fair
7. **Modeling** — 50 points
  - a. Confidence
  - b. Use of stage
  - c. Projection of one’s personality
8. **Impromptu** — 50 points
  - a. Contestants will be asked 3-5 short questions onstage
9. **Ticket Sales** — 0 points; tiebreaker only
  - a. People’s Choice “tickets” will be sold by contestants for \$1 each
    - i. Girl who sells most tickets and the crowned queen will each receive 15% cash back as her award
    - ii. Money and tickets due on Speech/Modeling day (July 30)
10. **Photogenic Award** — 0 points
  - a. Voted on by the contest photographer (or Fair Board)

Judges will sign score sheets and seal them in an envelope, and be returned to the Queen Coordinators immediately following each category. An independent auditor shall total the scores and they will be given back to the Queen Committee upon crowning. Scores shall be provided to each contestant following the Queen announcement. The judged categories for the Amador County Fair Queen Competition is open to the public, with the exception of test and personal interview.

Application on following pages

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# Miss Amador County Fair Rodeo Queen Contestant Application Form

Please type or print clearly. If the application form is illegible, it may not be accepted. If additional space is needed, please type information on plain white paper (8 ½ x 11) and attach to the back of this application form. Please print out a copy of your application for your records. Please include a printed headshot of yourself with your application and email an electronic copy to the Pageant Coordinator, [nalie6c209@yahoo.com](mailto:nalie6c209@yahoo.com).

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Names: \_\_\_\_\_

What is your horseback riding background?

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List your special activities, interests, and hobbies (not related to horses):

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List any awards or recognition that you have received (i.e. rodeo, horse-related, school, work, church, community service):

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What are your personal goals for the future?

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Why do you want to be the 2026 Miss Amador County Fair Rodeo Queen?

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