# 2025 Troy FFA Alumni & Lincoln County Relay for Life Rodeo Queen Pageant

# **Entry documents:** - Due August 1

Mail to: 2075 Carter Road, Moscow Mills, Missouri 63362

- One (1) Liability Release Form
- ❖ Four (4) Photos 4 copies of the same photo 5X7 ONLY
- Entry Fee \$50
- One (1) copy of Application Questions
- One (1) copy of the last page in the packet, signed and dated
- Headshot and Bio emailed to troyrodeoqueenpageant19@gmail.com

### ALL paperwork must be turned in by August 1!

NOTE: Submit <u>4 Copies of the SAME photo</u>! Multiple different photos will not be accepted. All documents need to be mailed to 2075 Carter Rd, Moscow Mills, MO 63362.

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### **Documents due at Check-in**

### Turn in at check in for the pageant

- Sponsor Check-In Sheet with Sponsorship Money
- ❖ Ticket Check-In Sheet, Ticket Money, and Extra Tickets (Please keep Sponsor money and ticket money separate)

## Late entries will NOT be accepted!

#### **Pageant Information:**

Judging will take place in conjunction with the annual Troy FFA Alumni and Lincoln County Relay for Life Rodeo at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds in Troy, Missouri. Doors open at 8 a.m. and the pageant will start 9 a.m. **Contestants should arrive READY TO GO!** There are air conditioned restrooms on site with outlets and may be used for changing. At no point in time should you be without your hat and a smile.

Contestants and family members are required to purchase tickets each night to enter the rodeo. Contestants are expected to sell ten **(10) tickets**, more tickets are available to those who wish to sell more. Proceeds go to the Troy FFA Alumni & Lincoln County Relay for Life. Prices for tickets: kids 5 and under free, kids 6-12 \$5 in advance \$7 at the gate, adults \$7 in advance \$10 at the gate.

#### If a contestant fails to sell ten tickets they will not be allowed to compete.

When selling tickets, you must circle "adult" or "child" on that ticket that reflects the amount you collected. They will check at the gate. Contestants and guests of the contestant will be required to wear a wristband that will be given at check in for the pageant and must be worn until the rodeo. Rodeo tickets in exchange for wristbands.

The 2025 Troy Rodeo Queens will be required to stay in town until Sunday, the day after the rodeo for an official photoshoot.

#### **Former Oueens:**

Former queens are required to sell 5 tickets. Former Queens are NOT allowed to compete in the pageant the year following their reign, all girls must compete without a Troy title from the previous year. Former queens may not help/assist/coach any girls that are competing for a title the year of their reign.

Contestants may hold a title with another rodeo/association however if the contestant wins she will have to attend monthly events for the Troy title. In addition contestants may not compete for another title while holding the Troy title.

If a young lady has won a Troy title in a previous year she will be required to compete in the next highest division.

#### **Rules and Divisions:**

This pageant consists of three age (3) divisions:

Miss Rodeo Troy (17-26) Miss Teen Rodeo Troy (13-16) Troy Rodeo Princess. (8-12)

Age divisions are as of August 1st.

All contestants must be a naturally born female, have never been married, or pregnant, enrolled in school, and in good standing with school or graduated. Contestants are not eligible if they have been convicted of a misdemeanor or a felony. A contestant will lose their title if they are convicted of any misdemeanors or felonies during the year they hold their title.

Divisions are based upon age. Younger contestants must be able to handle their horse without a handler and be able to ride in the grand entry of the rodeo with speed around the arena.

All contestants are to act in a professional lady like manner at all times and may be disqualified for behaviors considered inappropriate during the contest. Tattoos and excessive facial or body piercings may not be showing during the pageant and rodeo. No unnatural hair color is allowed for contestants. If the contestant wins, that must continue throughout her reign.

Score sheets will be <u>emailed</u> after the pageant. May take up to 2 weeks. Judges will make notes to help you improve and let you know where you excelled.

If there is a tie within a division the highest score in the public speaking category will win if the public speaking category is tied as well, the highest speech score will win the title in the MISS and TEEN division. The highest Introduction score will win in the PRINCESS division if there is a tie and the public speaking category is tied.

**All judges' decisions are final.** Please be considerate of the judges, coordinators and all volunteers, as they are donating their time.

The Troy Rodeo Queen Pageant works to promote positivity. Remember when posting on social media the Troy Rodeo Queen Pageant boards sees everything. If there are negative or inappropriate comments posted by a contestant the young lady will not be allowed to compete at The Troy Rodeo Queen pageant. The board will be checking social media to make sure that all contestants are posting appropriate content and presenting themselves in a positive manner with no alcohol, drugs, or photos that are deemed inappropriate by the board. We will check all accounts. If there is content online that poses a threat to the reputation of the organization, the Troy Rodeo Queen pageant has the right to refuse any applicant.

The importance of submitting a flattering photo cannot be overstated. This photo is the first impression the judges will get of a contestant. Judges will be looking for a complete, attractive, well put together headshot, with hair and make up done, clean, shaped hat. Photos that do not meet the requirements will not be judged for photogenic. There will be **one (1)** photogenic award winner overall who will receive a **5 point bonus** towards their overall score.

#### **Appearance**

The purpose of this is to select the young lady who rates highest in grooming and poise. These should be outfits to include clean boots, dark or dyed western jeans, dresses or skirts, belt with buckle, western shirt or top with at least a ¾ sleeve length or longer, with or without a vest or jacket and a felt western hat. Nails should have clear or nude polish. Hair should be curled and out of the way of the face. Makeup should be tasteful and should be age appropriate. Please reach out to the pageant directors and we are happy to help. Always remember FIT over FLARE, dress in well fitting clothing. The appearance score is only worth 60 points for the entire pageant. There is no appearance award. Outfits are not something to stress about, focus on the other categories. See appearance guidelines and score sheet!

### **Pageant Judging:**

Contestants will be judged in three (3) main categories:

- Public Speaking
- Knowledge
- Horsemanship

#### **Public Speaking Category**

**Introduction** – Each contestant will introduce herself. May include name, hometown, age, grade, and what connects you to horses/rodeo. The goal of your introduction is to be short and concise to give the judges a chance to place a name with a face. Make it unique, stand out and be yourself!

**Impromptu Question** – Each girl will draw two (2) questions randomly and will formulate an answer on the spot. The Judges will be looking for quickness, confidence along with knowledge and understanding of the question.

The MISS division will draw one (1) Impromptu question and each MISS contestant will answer the same question on stage. Contestants not answering the question will be in the back, not able to hear the other contestants answer the question.

**Speech -** This is for the MISS and TEEN age divisions ONLY! TEEN contestants will be given 3 topics ahead of time and will have to produce a 1 minute and 30 second speech on <u>ONE</u> of the following topics. TEEN Speech Topics to choose from:

Success comes when opportunity meets preparation - Zig Ziglar

#### You don't have to be great to start but you do have to start to be great - Zig Ziglar

#### Motivation gets you going, habit gets you there - Zig Ziglar

The MISS contestants will be given the topic the day of the pageant. Each Miss contestant will be given a list of speech topics to choose from and will have ten (10) minutes to prepare a 1 minute 30 second speech over her topic. The Troy Rodeo Queen Pageant works to follow the trends of the Miss Rodeo America pageant each year. MISS contestants will not be allowed to use any outside material when writing their speech but will be provided note cards and pencils.

Contestants in both divisions may use note cards; however a speech that is given <u>without</u> the use of note cards will be scored <u>much higher.</u>

#### **Knowledge Category**

**Interview** – This is to let the judges meet you and talk with you on a one on one basis. Questions may be about anything rodeo, equine or current events based. This is to be judged on how well the contestant can answer questions with poise, knowledge and confidence. Be sure to know proper interview etiquette. Contestants are judged on ease of conversation, personality and overall knowledge.

**Test -** This is for the MISS and TEEN divisions ONLY! The test will consist of write in questions. The test is worth fifty points with several questions being worth more than one point. Test is made of rodeo knowledge, rodeo terminology, PRCA cowboys, and state or national rodeo queens. We provide a FREE and extensive study guide on our website, all test questions come directly from this.

#### Horsemanship Category

The horsemanship portion of the pageant will consist of each contestant performing the following three maneuvers:

- Horsemanship Pattern
- Queen's Wave
- Flag Run

**Horsemanship Pattern** – The purpose of this is to select the young lady who rates highest in horsemanship, to include control of horse, and the way any situation that may occur is handled. Balance, hands, feet and seat will all be judged. Horsemanship is judged on the rider, not the horse. **In the event of inclement weather, a horsemanship interview will take place. This is for the safety of all contestants and horses.** 

**Queens Wave Presentation** - To be run at a run or fast pace the contestant keeps her hand even with her elbow and fingers closed while she waves the entire way

around and utilizes the entire arena. Points will be deducted if the contestant does not use the whole arena, stops waving, and doesn't have a clean stop.

**Flag Presentation** - To be run at a fast pace, the contestant keeps the flag pushed forward, uses the whole arena and has a clean stop. MISS and TEEN must dismount in the arena after the flag presentation. Dropping the flag will result in a score of **zero. Please ensure your horse is safe with a flag.** 

**Horsemanship Interview -** Short interview for MISS and TEEN only. Questions will be about her ride with emphasis in equine care & knowledge specifically.

Contestants must bring a horse and may not share horses. For the horsemanship portion, western attire including clean boots, western felt hat, dark or dyed jeans, long-sleeved shirts, additional accessories or jewelry if desired however, remember you are riding so don't use anything too distracting. Makeup should be tasteful and should be age appropriate. Please reach out to the pageant directors and we are happy to help. For the horsemanship portion your outfit is recommended to be one color. Hair should be tied back in a low ponytail.

PRINCESS: PATTERN 1 TEEN: PATTERN2 MISS: PATTERN 3

## IF A CONTESTANT LOSES HER HAT DURING THE HORSEMANSHIP PORTION SHE WILL HAVE 10 POINTS DEDUCTED FROM HER SCORE

#### Tips to keep a hat on:

Bobby pins in the hat band, toupee tap on the front of the hat, stuffing the hat with paper towels or tissues to fit more snug. Stampede strings should **NOT** be used during the pageant at any time.

#### **Sponsors:**

Sponsorship is a huge part of the Rodeo Queen industry and the Troy Rodeo Queen Pageant would not be put on without the help from our many generous sponsors.

We require that each contestant obtains sponsors.

Princess division contestants are required to obtain one (1) sponsor Teen division contestants are required to obtain two (2) sponsors Miss division contestants are required to obtain three (3) sponsors

If a contestant does not turn in the correct number of sponsors at check in she will not be allowed to compete.

As a pageant we are requiring that contestants abide by this to ensure that we can allow the Troy Rodeo Queen Pageant to continue. **There is <u>NO</u> sponsorship minimum.** We ask for your generosity and the generosity of your sponsors. We do not want to discourage any contestant from competing solely based on sponsorship. Although not judged we encourage the girls to work to get sponsors as it is a networking experience as well as spreading the word about the pageant and rodeo. Sponsors can be family, friends, or businesses. Anyone that wants to support you!

#### **Pageant Order of Events**

Introduction
Impromptu Questions
Speeches (MISS and TEEN only)
\*Break to Change\*
Test (MISS and TEEN only)
Interviews
\*Break to Change\*
Horsemanship Pattern
Queen's Wave
Flag Presentation
Horsemanship Interview (MISS and TEEN only)
\*Pageant scoring is over\*
Awards Presentation at 5:30p.m. in Exhibit Hall

# \*IF A CONTESTANT LOSES HER HAT DURING THE GRAND ENTRY OR CORONATION DURING THE RODEO SHE MUST PAY FINE OF \$20 TO THE TROY RODEO QUEEN PAGEANT \*

\*NOTE; If you are traveling to the rodeo and you do not have a pull vehicle, meaning you do not have a horse trailer behind your truck, you **MAY NOT** park inside the gates. You MUST park outside and walk in. There will be people monitoring this, and if you choose not to follow instructions, you will be found and asked to move your vehicle.

We have made changes to the pageant, in an effort to help our contestants to prepare to compete at higher-level pageants. The Troy Rodeo Queen Pageant will pay the entry fees for our queens to compete at their next pageant for one year <u>AFTER</u> fulfilling their Troy title. (**Only pageants approved by the board**) Reigning Troy titleholders may not compete in another pageant during their year.

If you win a Troy Rodeo Queen Title you will be required to be at the following events as well as making at least one monthly appearance (does not have to be in Troy, Missouri)

2025 MRCA Finals
2025 Official Photoshoot (Sunday after the Pageant)
2026 Miss Rodeo Troy Pageant and Coronation
2026 Troy Rodeo (Friday and Saturday)
2026 Lincoln County Fair Parade

- Awards:
  - o High Ticket Sales Overall
  - o High Sponsor Award Overall
  - o \*Photogenic Award Overall
  - o TETWP Spirit Award Overall
  - o Austin Roper Sportsmanship Award Overall
  - \* High Test Score Overall
  - \* Public Speaking Category Winner each division
  - \* Knowledge Category Winner each division
  - \* Horsemanship Category Winner each division
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Runners Up each division
- \*Denotes an award that counts towards winning a title. Score sheets show how points are allocated
  - 2025 Troy Rodeo Queens
    - o Crown
    - o Buckle
    - o Sash
    - Flag Boot
    - lacket
    - Autograph Sheets
    - Photoshoot (the day after the pageant)
    - o Entry Fee
    - Chaps (MISS and TEEN)
    - Saddle (if qualified)

THIS IS AN INFORMATIONAL DOCUMENT AND SHOULD BE READ THOROUGHLY BEFORE SUBMISSION OF ANY DOCUMENTS TO THE TROY RODEO QUEEN PAGEANT IS MADE. TO ENSURE THAT ALL RULES AND GUIDELINES ARE UNDERSTOOD WE REQUEST A SIGNATURE OF CONTESTANTS AND A PARENT OR GUARDIAN IF CONTESTANT IS UNDER 18.

If there are any questions about the information contained within this document please contact the Troy Rodeo Queen Pageant on Facebook or via email at <a href="mailto:troyrodeoqueenpageant19@gmail.com">troyrodeoqueenpageant19@gmail.com</a>

By signing this document you agree that you have read and understand all the information contained within this document and if the contestant is to be found breaking any of the rules within this document she may be disqualified additionally she recognizes that if the ten (10) tickets are not sold and if the correct number of sponsors are not turned in then she will NOT be allowed to compete.

The signature also verifies that you agree that all judges' decisions are final. If the contestant wins a title she is then required to sign a contract for her reign.

By competing in this pageant you are releasing the right for the coordinator to use photographs and or public relations materials for use in pageant promotion.

Signature	Date	
(of contestant)		
Signature	Date	
(of parent or guardian if under 18)		