

Dear Prospective Contestant,

The Bosque Farms Rodeo Queen Committee invites you to compete for the Bosque Farms Rodeo Queen, Princess and Sweetheart titles. The BFRA Royalty Pageant is held annually to select young ladies who have the desire and enthusiasm to serve as BFRA ambassadors promoting rodeo, our community, the rural equestrian lifestyle and our western heritage. To build confidence and riding skills; the Pageant is based on public speaking, rodeo and community knowledge and horsemanship.

BFRA offers contestants free riding, modeling, and speech clinics, and additional training as necessary. Clinic and training sessions are held at the BFRA Cowboy Hall and arena located in Bosque Farms, NM. The BFRA Royalty Committee has local, county, state, and national pageant experience; and will offer direction, support and assistance to the BFRA Royalty throughout their reign. We encourage any young lady interested in being a part of this great association to try out. If you need help, or even need a horse feel free to contact us.

The 2016 Pageant will be held at the Bosque Farms Rodeo Association arena this August. First we will have an Orientation May 18th at Cowboy Hall. Competition will include, but may not be limited to, the following categories: Horsemanship, Speech, Modeling, Personal Interview, Impromptu Questions, Personality & Appearance.

To compete, Contestants must meet the eligibility requirements and fill out an application and sign a waiver. Since these are legal documents you may wish to review them with your attorney prior to competing. A copy of your birth certificate and a non-refundable entry fee of \$25.00 must accompany your application packet.

Being Miss Bosque Farms Rodeo Queen, Princess and Sweetheart requires a time commitment to represent the Bosque Farms Rodeo Association throughout the year. Please take this commitment into consideration in your decision to compete in the Bosque Farms Rodeo Queen Pageant.

For additional information, please send all inquiries regarding the Pageant and application process to jtbataglia@jtbadvisors.com.

We look forward to meeting you during our 2016 Bosque Farms Rodeo Queen Pageant!

Sincerely,

Joyce Battaglia
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BFRA Vice President
Queen Coordinator

Eligibility Requirements for Bosque Farms Rodeo Queen Contestants

Each Contestant in the Miss Bosque Farms Rodeo Queen Pageant on the date of competition and final selection of Miss Bosque Farms Rodeo Queen, Princess and Sweetheart:

1. Queen Contestants must reach the age of 18 by December 31, the year of the competition. Contestants must not reach the age of 23 by December 31, the year of the competition. Princess Contestants must reach the age of 13 by December 31, 2016 and must not reach the age of 18 by December 31, 2016. Sweetheart Contestants must be 12 years or younger and must not reach the age of 13 by December 31, 2016. Copy of Birth Certificate is required.
2. Must live in New Mexico. Verification may be requested.
3. Must not have previously been, or presently be, married and/or have any children.
4. Must execute all required documents as set forth in the application packet, consents and/or waivers of liability presented as conditions prior to competition, by application deadline.
5. Shall abide by all rules and regulations of the Bosque Farms Rodeo Queen Pageant.
6. Must not have ever been convicted of a crime. A background search may be conducted.
7. Must portray unexcelled sportsmanship, high morals and a superb ethical character.

Any contestant not meeting the qualifications set forth above shall be denied the right to compete in the Bosque Farms Rodeo Queen Pageant.

Rules and Regulations

1. Contestants must conduct themselves in a proper lady-like manner and portray high moral standards. Contestants will not be permitted to take any illegal drugs, drink alcoholic beverages, smoke/smokeless tobacco or use foul language at any time during the pageant.
2. Each Contestant is required to submit a non-refundable \$25 entry fee with her application.
3. Upon entering the Bosque Farms Rodeo Queen Pageant, Contestants must sign Waiver of Liability and Expectation Forms and completed Application Form. A copy of Contestants' birth certificate must accompany application and will be returned following the pageant.
4. The new Bosque Farms Rodeo Queen, Princess and Sweetheart, will be required to sign a contract (s) with the Bosque Farms Rodeo Association, immediately after the winner is announced.
5. A Contestant, or any friend or family member of the contestant, must not approach Judges with the intent to influence or harass. Action of this type will be reported to the Bosque Farms Rodeo Queen Committee and disqualification of that Contestant will result.
6. Contestants will be expected to present a two-minute speech about her country, state, community or on anything with a western theme
7. Contestants must provide their own wardrobe and agree to follow the Wardrobe Guidelines (See the preliminary instructions in the Wardrobe Guidelines section.)
8. The Bosque Farms Rodeo Association expects each Contestant to display the highest degree of sportsmanship during the Pageant and particularly following the Coronation Ceremony. Each Contestant should be mindful that she is representing her hometown, her family, the Bosque Farms Rodeo Association and the sport of rodeo. Poor sportsman-like conduct will not be tolerated and could result in the Contestant being disqualified and may affect future eligibility to compete in the Bosque Farms Rodeo Association.
9. All contestants must bring in a minimum of \$100 in sponsorship funds. This may be brought in through soliciting local businesses, family or friends.
10. Photographs taken of Contestants during the pageant, by pageant officials or their designees, will become property of the Bosque Farms Rodeo Association, and may be used for publicity and other purposes.

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Pageant Guidelines

Appearance Guidelines

1. Attractiveness with self-confidence.
2. Grooming: This should include neatness and cleanliness in every detail including complexion, hands, fingernails, hair, hat, boots, and other wearing apparel.
3. Posture: How a Contestant carries herself is very important. The Judges will be looking for Contestants to carry themselves straight and tall and exude self-confidence and poise.
4. Poise and ladylike behavior in every situation: Judges will be looking for Contestants to handle each situation in which they are involved with grace and style. Judges will be also be looking for Contestants to have a substantial knowledge of proper etiquette.
5. Western Fashion Sense: Contestants should pick outfits that reflect fashionable and tasteful western clothing. Judges will be paying particular attention to Contestant's ability to use colors to enhance her natural coloring, appearance and eye appeal.
6. Proper fit of clothing: Contestants should pay particular attention to the fit of their outfits. Outfits should be figure flattering and altered to fit her personally. Judges will be looking for a properly fitting hat that is shaped to flatter the Contestants face.
7. Contestants should remember that this is not a clothing contest. It is not necessary to invest an excessive amount of money in clothing.

Personality Guidelines

The purpose of this category is to select the young lady who rates the highest in:

1. Intelligence and good common sense.
2. Conversational ability in varied circumstances, with an emphasis on grammar and enunciation.
3. A good sense of humor.
4. Self-confidence, high moral standards, sincerity, and integrity.
5. Genuine interest in other people and consideration of others.
6. Self-Projection – the ability to project one's personality, whether it be from horseback or appearing on stage before a crowd.
7. A happy outlook on life.
8. Promptness in keeping the pageant schedule.
9. Maturity.
10. The ability to clearly express one's educational backgrounds and career goals.

Horsemanship Guidelines

The purpose of this category is to select the young lady who rates the highest in:

1. Horsemanship – Control of the horse and the way the Contestant handles each situation that may occur.
2. Balance – The ability to sit steady in a saddle.
3. Position of hands, feet, and seat.
4. Understanding and skill will be judged and not the horse or equipment.
5. There will be two parts to the Horsemanship competition. The first part will be a reining pattern that requires lead changes, stops and speed variation. The second part will include a flag run, a presentation ride and pushing cattle down the arena.
6. Showmanship: How well a Contestant projects her personality to the audience from horseback.

Judging Guidelines

1. At least three Judges will be used to judge all categories. There will also be a secret judge to assist in the scoring of some categories.
2. Judging will cover six categories with 200 total possible points from each judge. (There will also be a written test worth 25 points making the total 225)
 1. Horsemanship – 50 points
 2. Interview – 50 points
 3. Personality – 25 points
 4. Appearance – 25 points
 5. Speech – 25 points
 6. Impromptu Questions – 25 Points
3. Scoring ties for each category (Appearance, Personality, Horsemanship, Speech and Photogenic) will be broken by referring back to the score of Judge #1. That score will break the tie. If a tie still remains, the score of Judge #2 will be used... and so on until the tie is broken.
4. A tie in scoring for the winner (and first runner-up) will be broken by the Horsemanship scores. The Contestant with the highest score in Horsemanship will receive the higher ranking.
5. The Bosque Farms Rodeo Queen Committee will select the Judges based on their expertise in the various categories.
6. Contestants will have one personal interview with the panel of Pageant Judges. Judges will ask questions pertaining to rodeo, horsemanship, current events, knowledge of the community,

personal goals, opinions, etc. Judges will attempt to determine the character and knowledge of each Contestant.

7. Contestants will vote for the selection of Miss Congeniality. A tie in scoring will be broken by a second vote by Contestants with only those tied for the selection on the ballot.
8. All Pageant Judges will select the Contestant most deserving of the Miss Photogenic Award. There will be no points awarded to Contestants for this award.
9. Contestants will receive score sheets at the end of the pageant with feedback from the judges.

Wardrobe Guidelines

1. Blue denim jeans and plain white cotton blouse or shirt with long sleeves, collar, and cowboy hat. PLEASE NOTE: Blouse or shirt is to be plain. No ruffles, accessories, tuxedo shirts or other fancy styles allowed. Accessories (hat, boots, belt, etc.) may be any color. Chaps are not permitted. Contestants will be interviewed in this outfit.
2. The On-Stage portion of the pageant including speech, modeling, and impromptu questions will require a western skirt or dress outfit. All blouses, dresses and shirts worn in the Queen Contest must have long sleeves extending to the wrist. All dresses and skirts must end at the knee or below.
3. Contestants shall wear no personal crown or sash.

Bosque Farms Rodeo Queen, Princess, and Sweetheart EXPECTATION STATEMENT

- I understand that if I win the title of Bosque Farms Rodeo Queen, Princess or Sweetheart, I will be the Bosque Farms Rodeo Association Official representative and responsible to present the sport of rodeo in it's true light to the general public.
 - I will strive to represent unexcelled sportsmanship, while exhibiting high moral and ethical character during the pageant. I have read the rules regarding sportsmanship and proper conduct during the pageant and agree to follow these rules.
 - I will educate myself concerning the proper treatment of animals used in rodeos and agree to treat all animals in a humane way.
 - I understand that the Bosque Farms Rodeo Queen contest is not a beauty contest. Rather it is a competition that recognizes a number of attributes: Horsemanship, personality, public speaking, rodeo and equine knowledge, and appearance. Therefore, it will be my responsibility, as the BFRA's official rodeo representative to act, speak and dress according to the esteem my title deserves, any time that I am in the public eye.
 - Riding and horsemanship skills are key to the promotion of the sport of rodeo. Therefore, I will strive to improve my riding and horsemanship skills so that I can better promote the sport of rodeo.
- If I become Bosque Farms Rodeo Queen, Princess or Sweetheart I will:
- Wear my crown, buckle, banner, western hat, western boots, as well as suitable western attire, any time I am acting in the capacity as Bosque Farms Rodeo Queen, Princess or Sweetheart.
 - Avail myself of all opportunities to appear as Bosque Farms Rodeo Queen, Princess or Sweetheart to the public and to be prepared for photographs and interview opportunities to promote the sport of rodeo.
 - Attend specific rodeos as requested by the Bosque Farms Rodeo Queen Committee and attend other rodeos, when I am able, in my area of the state.
 - I understand and agree to execute a contract with the Bosque Farms Rodeo Association with respect to my duties as Bosque Farms Rodeo Queen, Princess or Sweetheart.
 - I understand that during my reign as Bosque Farms Rodeo Queen, Princess or Sweetheart, the Bosque Farms Rodeo Queen Coordinator must approve all of my appearances as Bosque Farms Rodeo Queen, Princess or Sweetheart and I agree to maintain close contact with that representative.
 - I agree that during the term of my entry as a contestant and throughout my reign as Bosque Farms Rodeo Queen, Princess or Sweetheart, I shall remain unmarried and shall observe a high standard of moral and ethical behavior, including all internet sites, including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, etc. befitting my title and setting a good example to the public, future competitors and the Bosque Farms Rodeo Association.
 - I agree to provide my own horse and transportation to all events as necessary.
 - I agree to execute the accompanying Waiver Agreement.
 - I agree that I have read and understand the Bosque Farms Rodeo Queen Contest Rules and Regulations and will abide by these rules during the entire Bosque Farms Rodeo Queen Contest and during my reign as Bosque Farms Rodeo Queen, Princess or Sweetheart, should I earn the title.

I _____ attest that I meet the Bosque Farms Rodeo Queen, Princess or Sweetheart Eligibility Requirements and I understand and agree, as a contestant of the Bosque Farms Rodeo Queen Contest, to comply with the expectations set forth in the Bosque Farms Rodeo Queen Contestants Expectations, copies of which I received in my official contestant's packet. I understand that if I fail to meet the aforementioned Eligibility Requirements or Contestant Expectations, I will not be eligible to hold the title "Bosque Farms Rodeo Queen, Princess or Sweetheart", and will not be permitted to compete in the Bosque Farms Rodeo Queen Contest.

**Bosque Farms Rodeo Association Queen Contest
WAIVER AGREEMENT**

I, _____ (Contestant), born on the _____ day of _____ in the year of _____, do hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless Bosque Farms Rodeo Association, the Village of Bosque Farms, Contest Committee and any volunteers working with the contest from any and all liabilities, loss or damage that the contestant may suffer as a result of claims, demands, costs of judgments against the Bosque Farms Rodeo Association, Village of Bosque Farms, Contest Committee and any volunteers working with the contest, arising from participation as a contestant in the Bosque Farms Rodeo Association Queen Contest.

WARNING: All activities involving horses, donkeys, mules or ponies have inherent risks for participants. New Mexico State Law protects operators, owners, trainers, promoters and others from the liability for injuries that are the result of an equine animal's behavior. Use of these facilities is at your own risk. Equine Liability act SJC/Senate Bill 268-aa 1993 Effect of Signature: By signing this application and submitting it, the contestant represents and agrees that (1) all facts and representations contained in this application and contract and its attachments are true and accurate; (2) the contestant agrees to abide by all rules and regulations of the Rodeo Queen Committee and Bosque Farms Rodeo Association described in this application and its attachments, in the period before and during the year of service; (3) the contestant meets each requirement for eligibility set forth in the regulations; (4) the Bosque Farms Rodeo Association Queen Committee shall have the sole discretion to determine whether, in its judgment, the contestant may continue to participate in the program, in the event that the Bosque Farms Rodeo Association Queen Committee determines that any statement or representation by the contestant is not true and accurate or that any action by the contestant is inconsistent with the rules and regulations of the program; (5) other than minor, petty or traffic offenses, the contestant has never been convicted of any criminal offense and there are no criminal charges presently pending against the contestant; and (6) the contestant does not consume any illegal controlled substances or engage in the illegal use of alcohol or other dangerous substances. Contestants will not be allowed to curse, smoke, drink alcoholic beverages or be under the influence of narcotics at any time after their application is received during and mandatory and/or public function and after the crowning. Any unsatisfactory can and/or will be cause for dismissal of contestant and the relinquishment of title and/or any awards.

Conduct of the Competition: I understand and agree that the Bosque Farms Rodeo Association Queen Committee shall determine the manner and method of conducting the competition in its sole discretion. I further understand and agree that the Bosque Farms Rodeo Association Queen Committee shall also determine the time, method and manner of judging the competition and the awarding and supervision of all scholarships in its sole discretion. The decision of the persons designated by the Bosque Farms Rodeo Association Queen Committee to judge the various events in any and all matters pertaining to the selection of the winners shall be final in all respects.

Entire Agreement: When signed and approved by the Bosque Farms Rodeo Association Queen Committee, this application and contract, together with its attachments, shall solely and exclusively determine the rights, privileges and responsibilities to the Bosque Farms Rodeo Association and Queen Committee. No oral or other written statement that is any way inconsistent with the provisions of this application and contract shall be binding upon me or upon the Bosque Farms Rodeo Association Queen Committee. If any provision of the application and contract shall be declared void or unenforceable, such provision shall be deemed omitted from this application and contract. In that event, the remainder of this application and contract shall remain in full force and effect.

Contestant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Bosque Farms Rodeo Queen Contest Application

Name: _____ Age: _____ Birthdate: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

School Attending: _____

Highest Level of Education/Any Degrees you hold: _____

School Activities: _____

Special Interests, Awards, and Activities (Not horse related): _____

Goals and Future Plans: _____

Rodeo and other horse related activities (Past and Current): _____

Awards received for rodeo and other horse related activities: _____

Rodeo Queen titles you have held and year(s): _____

Volunteer Experience: _____

Why do you want to be Miss Bosque Farms Rodeo Queen/Princess/Sweetheart? _____

Parent/Legal Guardian's Name: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian's Phone: _____

Contestant Signature: _____ Date: _____