



Royalty Program Bylaws and Contestant Application

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Royalty Program Bylaws

**Please keep a copy the following
Bylaws for your Records.**

INTRODUCTION

Garfield County Fair & Rodeo Royalty Program consists of a horsemanship and leadership competition open to Garfield County residents.

1.1 Welcome

Welcome to the Garfield County Royalty Program, we are happy to have you as a potential candidate!

The Garfield Board of County Commissioners, the Fair Board members and all the County staff are proud of the annual Garfield County Fair & Rodeo that began in 1938 in our County. Together we work to continue the strong tradition that it holds in our community as a valuable community event. The Royalty Program is an integral part of the fair and rodeo experience and we are happy you are hoping to join us in the experience!

1.2 Royalty Mission Statement

The Garfield County Fair & Rodeo Royalty program is dedicated to provide an opportunity for young women to be spokespersons for the Garfield County Fair & Rodeo, the sport of rodeo, the western way of life and their community of Garfield County. The Royalty program utilizes teamwork, organizational skills, public speaking, community service, and relationships to prepare participants in becoming future community leaders.

1.3 General Information

The Garfield County Fair Board ("Fair Board"), and its representatives, reserve the right to hold a judged contest to select participants at its discretion in accordance with the Royalty Bylaws and Application. The Fair Board has the ultimate authority over the royalty contest, contestants, crowned royalty and all others involved.

- a. Please read all paperwork thoroughly. You are responsible for knowing and following the Royalty Bylaws.
- b. Handwritten, not typed, signatures and initials are required.
- c. Please keep a copy of the Royalty Bylaws for your own reference.

2 ROYALTY ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- a. To qualify for all royalty positions, you must be 12-20 years of age, and no older than 20 as of January 1st of the reigning year.
- b. Judges, Royalty Committee, and the Royalty Coordinator will decide contestant levels: Queen, Junior Queen, and Princess.
- c. Contestants may not be in the immediate family of the Royalty Coordinator or Assistant Coordinator(s). Contestants in the immediate family of Fair Board Members would require that Fair Board member to recuse themselves from Royalty related matters and decisions.

- d. Contestant must be a legal resident of Garfield County for the period of at least one year.
- e. Contestant must reside in Garfield County during their reign.
- f. Contestant must not have a criminal history.
- g. Contestant must be of sound moral character.
- h. Contestants cannot hold additional titles during their reign. Current Garfield County Fair & Rodeo Royalty is allowed to tryout consecutively.
- i. Parents and participants must comply with Garfield County Fair and Rodeo Royalty Program Bylaws for the full year of reign.
- j. Fair budget and other circumstances permitting, winners are required to attend the Colorado Association of Fairs and Shows (CAFS) royalty clinic, or similar training approved by the Royalty Subcommittee, in November of their reigning year. The dates and place of clinic are subject to change. Garfield County will pay for the cost of registration and hotel rooms for the royalty members and the Royalty Coordinator. Parents/guardians are welcome to attend and must pay for their registration and hotel rooms.

3 CONTEST RULES and PROCEEDINGS

- a. The application must be completed and turned in to the Garfield County Fairgrounds & Events Manager at 1001 Railroad Ave., Rifle CO 81650 or by email cmiller@garfieldcountycoco.gov by the last Friday in October.
- b. The Royalty Contest will be held on the first, second, and third Mondays of November from 6:00-8:00pm at the Garfield County Fairgrounds.
- c. If there are not enough applicants, the contest may be postponed until there is at least one qualified applicant. The Royalty Coordinator and the Fair Board reserve the right to appoint qualified applicants to fill available positions.
- d. The new Royalty court will be crowned at the next fair board meeting by the Royalty Coordinator.
- e. The year of reign begins December 1 of the competing year and continues until November 30, the following year. If a contest has to be postponed due to lack of contestants, the reign will continue from the time of crowning until the following year's contest is completed. The previous royalty will not make appearances after the new royalty begins its reign.
- f. Equipment and saddle drapes purchased by the Fair Board are to be returned to the Royalty Coordinator at the end of their reign, no later than October 1st. If these items are missing or damaged, the original cost of the item will be charged to the person legally responsible.
- g. If not participating in the present contest, current royalty is expected to assist with tryouts.
- h. Contestants will be judged and scored in the following categories:
 - a. Application

- b. Appearance
 - c. Personal interview
 - d. Current events
 - e. Horsemanship knowledge and riding ability
 - f. Written Test
 - g. Speech Presentation
 - h. History of the Garfield County Fair & Rodeo
- i. Contestants must be able to ride and have access to a suitable horse for the contest, rodeos, and all other approved events. Suitability will be determined at the contest and is left to the discretion of the Royalty Coordinator, Assistant Coordinator(s) and Royalty Committee throughout the year.
- j. All contestants, parents/guardians and royalty are expected to comply with these bylaws, be friendly, courteous and respectful at all times. If there is any questionable behavior the Royalty Coordinator will report it to the Royalty Committee, who may report it to the Fair Board. The first offense will be documented by the Royalty Coordinator and may result in a verbal warning or other action. The second offense will be documented by the Royalty Coordinator and may result in a written warning or other action. The third offense will be documented by the Royalty Coordinator in writing and may require an appearance before the Fair Board or other action. The Fair Board will decide penalties and/or dismissal from royalty and scholarship eligibility.
- k. **Contestants and parents/guardians must submit all questions and/or concerns in writing to the Royalty Coordinator. If questions and/or concerns are not answered satisfactorily, then contestants and parents/guardians may submit the same questions and/or concerns in writing to the Fair Board.**
- l. Contestants must know the basic rules and history of the Garfield County Fair & Rodeo events. Contestants should be familiar with and be able to explain these topics and aspects to anyone attending the Garfield County Fair & Rodeo.
- m. During the contest, if a contestant is in need of assistance, she may ask permission from the judges to obtain parental/guardian help. If permission is granted, a parent or guardian may assist. Otherwise, the parents and/or guardians are to remain in the stands as spectators.
- n. Parents and/or guardians of contestants are responsible for arrangements of horse and participant transportation to all events. Contestants must be on time and fully prepared to participate in the contest.
- o. Abuse to horses or people is not tolerated. Any hitting or jerking on a horse during the contest will result in elimination from the contest. Inappropriate verbal abuse to anyone during the contest will also result in elimination from the contest.
- p. If there is evidence that royalty, contestants or their parents and/or guardians do not follow these bylaws as set by the Fair Board and the Garfield Board of County Commissioners, titles may be revoked by the Fair Board at any time. If this occurs, all Garfield County royalty items issued, as county property and documented in writing, must be promptly returned. These items include chaps, crowns, sashes, saddle blankets, and leg warmers. The royalty participant will not be eligible to be a contestant in future Garfield County Fair and Rodeo royalty contests.

- q. A tentative schedule of royalty appearances is on page 17 of this packet. The times and locations are subject to change.

4 ROYALTY RESPONSIBILITIES

Royalty members act as official Garfield County Fair & Rodeo spokespersons and also represent the sport of rodeo and all other Garfield County Fair events. Because they attract much publicity, they are easily recognized on a daily basis. Therefore, royalty and parents/guardians must always be respectful, organized, helpful and friendly. As changes in plans and events occur, sometimes with short notice, each person is expected to handle situations in a courteous manner. The following duties are examples and may not include all that may happen throughout the year.

4.1 QUEEN

- a. To be a role model and mentor to the Junior Queen and Princess(es)
- b. To assist the Royalty Coordinator organizing appearances and encourage open communication of ideas with the royalty team.
- c. Flag carrying at events requested by the Royalty Coordinator.
- d. May invite royalty from other fairs and rodeos to Royalty Coordinator approved functions.
- e. May accept invitations to other appearances approved by Royalty Coordinator.
- f. Assists Royalty Coordinator with rodeo performances.
- g. Arrives early to prepare for all appearances and performances.
- h. The queen will follow instructions of event organizers and the Royalty Coordinator.
- i. Sign autographs during the Garfield County Fair & Rodeo and other Royalty Coordinator approved events.
- j. Participate in approved interviews with assistance of the Royalty Coordinator or Fair Board members.
- k. 24-hour notice is required if unable to attend scheduled functions.
- l. Participate in riding practices as scheduled by the Royalty Coordinator and other meetings as necessary.

4.2 JUNIOR QUEEN

- a. Assists and communicates with the other royalty
- b. Serves in the role of the Queen when, and if, she is unable to attend an event.

- c. Flag carrying at events requested by the Royalty Coordinator.
- d. Helps with most events throughout the fair & rodeo.
- e. Signs autographs during the Garfield County Fair & Rodeo and other Royalty Coordinator approved events.
- f. Assists the Queen and Princess (es) in educating spectators about fair and rodeo events and in answering questions.
- g. Participate in Royalty Coordinator approved interviews as they arise.
- h. Participate in riding practices as scheduled by the Royalty Coordinator and other meetings as necessary.

4.3 PRINCESS(ES)

- a. Works closely with the other royalty.
- b. Flag carrying at events requested by the Royalty Coordinator.
- c. Helps with most events throughout the fair & rodeo.
- d. Helps the Queen and Junior Queen in educating spectators about fair and rodeo events and in answering questions.
- e. Participate in Royalty Coordinator approved interviews as they arise.
- f. Participate in riding practices as scheduled by the Royalty Coordinator and other meetings as necessary.
- g. Signs autographs during the Garfield County Fair & Rodeo and other Royalty Coordinator approved events.

4.4 ROYALTY COORDINATOR

- a. Works closely with the Assistant Coordinator(s), Garfield County Fair Board, designated county staff, Queen, Junior Queen, Princess(es) and their parents/guardians.
- b. Royalty Coordinator may not be a parent or guardian of current reigning royalty.
- c. Plans appearances for the royalty. Prepares and sends in all entry forms as required and assists at each rodeo, coordinating all participants for each event.
- d. Plans and organizes photographs, printing of slicks, magazine, and newspaper articles with the Garfield County Fair Staff.
- e. Orders clothing, crowns, sashes, and buckles that have been approved by the Fair Board. Will make sure all royalty clothing will be modest and fit properly, with no clothing fitting too tightly or

being too large. Royalty Coordinator will be sure that all clothing is adequately cleaned and pressed, and that all accessories worn by royalty are within pre-approved guidelines for all events.

- f. Confirms that all equipment is in good condition at all times and follows up as needed.
- g. Coordinates the royalty contest each year with the Royalty Committee. This includes preparing judge's sheets and scheduling judges required.
- h. Works closely with the Royalty Committee to plan, organize and address situations, questions and/or changes that need to be made in the program. Communicates to Fair Board as needed.
- i. Responsible for reporting any behavior issues to the Royalty Committee, who may bring it to the Garfield County Fair Board. These reports will also be documented by the Royalty Coordinator and sent to the Garfield County Fairgrounds and Events Manager to keep on record.
- j. Delegates royalty duties as needed.
- k. Coordinates royalty activities with the various Garfield County Fair event leaders to ensure the fair events run smoothly, and that royalty members are prepared to carry out duties efficiently.
- l. Mentor royalty members in public speaking, event behaviors, manners, horsemanship, and proper etiquette, seeking assistance as needed.
- m. Will conduct meetings and riding practices as needed with all royalty.
- n. Coordinate the attendance of one or more royalty members, at Fair Board meetings. This appearance will require a brief report on the past month's royalty calendar of events, meetings, riding practices. This will aid in royalty members' public speaking experience, keep the Fair Board familiar with royalty members, and build the relationships for open communication.
- o. Coordinate the annual "Princess for a Day and Little Buckaroo Day" events with the Royalty Committee. This will include setting the agenda for the day, coordination of responsibilities, communication with the Fair Board and county staff to ensure good marketing and coordination with all other events.

4.5 ROYALTY COORDINATOR ASSISTANT(S)

- a. Works closely with the Royalty Coordinator, Garfield County Fair Board, designated county staff, Queen, Junior Queen, Princess(es) and their parents/guardians.
- b. Royalty Assistant Coordinator(s) may not be a parent or guardian of current reigning royalty.
- c. Works closely with the Royalty Coordinator and Royalty Committee to plan, organize and address situations, questions and/or changes that need to be made in the program. Communicates to Fair Board as needed.
- d. Responsible for reporting any behavior issues to the Royalty Coordinator and Fair Board members as necessary. These reports will also be documented by the Royalty Coordinator and sent to the Garfield County Fairgrounds and Events Manager to keep on record.

4.6 PARENTS / GUARDIANS

- a. Parent(s)/guardian(s) may assist Royalty Coordinator during events as needed.
- b. Siblings or friends are not allowed in the contestant area or arena gates without Royalty Coordinator authorization.
- c. Assists with appearances as requested by the Royalty Coordinator.
- d. Ensures that royalty is early and properly prepared for each appearance.
- e. Responsible for getting their child and horse to each event.

5 ROYALTY EXPECTATIONS

5.1 GENERAL EXPECTATIONS

- a. All royalty is expected to be ready to assist with events at the fair and at other functions as requested by the Royalty Coordinator.
- b. Carrying flags is required for each royalty members during the fair. They may be asked to carry flags, among other duties, at other appearances.
- c. A horse, horse tack, and all equipment must be provided by each royalty member.
- d. Royalty members, their parents/guardians, the Royalty Coordinator, or the Royalty Committee are not authorized to make any expenditure on behalf of the royalty program without the written consent of the Fairgrounds & Events Manager. No reimbursement will be made without prior approval from Fairgrounds & Events Manager.

Parent/Guardian Initials: _____ Contestant Initials: _____

5.2 ATTENDANCE

- a. With the exception of the Garfield County Fair & Rodeo, each royalty member can miss only two of the required appearances. Appearances will be planned by the royalty coordinator. Each family will be notified of planned appearances and changes in the schedule. All appearances must be pre-approved by the royalty coordinator.
- b. Royalty will not travel to or from required events with a boyfriend.
- c. The Queen, Junior Queen, and Princess(es) are required to represent the Garfield County Fair & Rodeo in a minimum of six Royalty Coordinator approved events. These can include rodeos, parades or other promotional events. These may be done with or without horses.
- d. All prizes and awards won at parades are the property of Garfield County.
- e. The Queen, Junior Queen, and Princess(es) will be supplied with slicks and other marketing materials to hand out in Garfield County and at other appearances they attend.

- f. The Queen, Junior Queen, and Princess(es) must be willing to be photographed and sign autographs at all appearances throughout the entire year of reign. They shall act as official spokespersons for the Garfield County Fair & Rodeo and must always appear approachable.
- g. Cell phone use must be postponed until after an appearance. Necessary calls or messaging must be done in private and need to be very brief with the Coordinator's knowledge.

Parent/Guardian Initials: _____ Contestant Initials: _____

5.3 APPEARANCE

- a. Royalty members and horses must be spotless and well-groomed for each appearance. Each girl must always wear her cowboy hat, crown, sash, belt buckle, and chaps to each appearance. She needs to wear stylish western attire that is approved by the Royalty Coordinator, have her hair styled and makeup done appropriate for her age. She must be presentable upon arrival to each appearance.
- b. At each Garfield County Fair event, the royalty may sign autographs at a designated location. They may also do so at other events with permission from the Royalty Coordinator.
- c. Unless otherwise notified, choices of clothing are provided by Fair Board through the Royalty Coordinator. The Queen, Junior Queen and Princess(es) are expected to wear the complete outfits. The Queen, Junior Queen and Princess(es) must purchase their own black boots, black Wrangler jeans, black belt, and black and white hats. All jeans are not to have excessive bling and will be approved by the Royalty Coordinator. Low-rise jeans are not allowed. These items will coordinate with shirts provided by the Fair Board.
- d. To appear more approachable, it is best that royalty members are independent of parents/guardians and friends when making appearances; however, parents/guardians may need to be available for supervision.
- e. No visible body piercings are permitted, other than single holes for earrings. No visible tattoos are allowed. All jewelry and accessories are to be age appropriate and appropriate for horse riding. Necklace and earring pendants are not to exceed 1" in size, and are not to out show the crown, sash, or buckle.
- f. By earning the position of Queen, Junior Queen or Princess, royalty may be photographed, interviewed and published in many forms of media.

Parent/Guardian Initials: _____ Contestant Initials: _____

5.4 PUBLIC BEHAVIORS FOR ROYALTY, FAMILIES & COORDINATOR

- a. Each member must always be on her best behavior while holding these titles. People recognize royalty wherever they are at any time of day. Whether in royalty attire or at school or public functions, royalty members need to dress appropriately.

Parent/Guardian Initials: _____ Contestant Initials: _____

- b. No swearing, smoking, drinking of alcohol, or use of any tobacco products, marijuana, or illegal drugs, with or without royalty attire, during your royalty reign while representing the Garfield County Fair & Rodeo. Failure to comply with this rule may result in relinquishment of title at the discretion of the Garfield County Fair Board.

Parent/Guardian Initials: _____ Contestant Initials: _____

- c. As a representative of the Garfield County Fair & Rodeo, all royalty shall dress appropriately in Western attire with crown, sash and buckle at all required appearances and events. The royalty member and her horse shall be neat and well groomed. Inappropriate attire and/or grooming will be immediately corrected if required by the Royalty Coordinator and/or Fair Board.

Parent/Guardian Initials: _____ Contestant Initials: _____

- d. Fighting, loud, disruptive, and other inappropriate language and behavior, while representing the Garfield County Fair & Rodeo, will not be tolerated and may result in relinquishment of title at the discretion of the Fair Board.

Parent/Guardian Initials: _____ Contestant Initials: _____

- e. The royalty will refrain from any public display of affection with a significant other. This includes, but is not limited to kissing, handholding, and sitting on laps.

Parent/Guardian Initials: _____ Contestant Initials: _____

5.5 ON-LINE BEHAVIOR

- Online behavior cannot contain any material that exploits or compromises the expectations of the Garfield County Fair & Rodeo royalty titles. This includes: electronic social media, Facebook, twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, Tiktok, email, phone and all other means of communication. Any inappropriate postings will be asked to be removed. Reoccurrences of inappropriate postings may result in relinquishment of the royalty title at the discretion of the Garfield County Fair Board.

Parent/Guardian Initials: _____ Contestant Initials: _____

5.6 TIMELINESS

- Royalty is required to be early (dressed and saddled a minimum of 30 minutes prior) to each appearance wearing the required garments.

Parent/Guardian Initials: _____ Contestant Initials: _____

5.7 GRATITUDE

- Royalty is expected to write thank you notes when and to whom it is necessary within one week of the event occurrence as required by the Royalty Coordinator.

Parent/Guardian Initials: _____ Contestant Initials: _____

5.8 KNOWLEDGE

- Be familiar with the Garfield County Fair & Rodeo events. Each person needs to be able to explain basic information about events, rules and equipment so she can explain it to a stranger/spectator. She must also know about the town and attractions and current events. Refer to Topics and Study Guides provided by the Royalty Coordinator.

Parent/Guardian Initials: _____ Contestant Initials: _____

5.9 MOUNT

- Royalty members must ride a suitable mount. No studs will be allowed. The rider must always demonstrate control in any situation. Rider must be able to control their horse one-handed. If there is any doubt about the suitability of the horse or the rider's ability to control it, the Royalty Coordinator has authority to dismiss the horse temporarily or permanently if necessary. If this occurs, there will be a verbal notice by the Royalty Coordinator followed up by a written notice signed by the Royalty Coordinator, royalty member, and parents(s)/guardian(s). Horse, tack and equipment must always be in good repair and safe. This is at the discretion of the Royalty Coordinator.

Parent/Guardian Initials: _____ Contestant Initials: _____

5.10 RODEO COMPETITION

- Royalty members are allowed to compete in rodeo competitions, other than the Garfield County Fair & Rodeo and as long as the competition does not interfere with their royalty duties.
- Royalty members and their mounts are not allowed to wear any part of the Garfield County Royalty attire while they are competing.

Parent/Guardian Initials: _____ Contestant Initials: _____

6 SCHOLARSHIP AND FUNDRAISING

6.1 SCHOLARSHIP

- Any member of royalty who graduates from high school and is in good standing with the Fair Board may be awarded a scholarship for any form of accredited post-secondary education. The applicant must be enrolled in an accredited school to receive funds. The scholarship award will be sent directly to the school chosen in the name of the recipient. The Scholarship award must be used within 18 months of high school graduation, otherwise the scholarship award is forfeited.
- Royalty Participants are allowed to solicit donations only for the Garfield County Fair & Rodeo Royalty Scholarship Fund, which is administered by the 2 Rivers Community Foundation, a Colorado non-profit corporation. Donors must fill out the Royalty Scholarship Fund Donation Form, provided by the Garfield County Fairgrounds and Events Manager or on line at <http://garfieldcountyfair.com/royalty>. Donations can also be made online at http://www.2rcf.org/?page_id=729.
- A maximum scholarship of \$1500 per completed year in the Royalty Program may be awarded from the 2 Rivers Community Foundation Garfield County Fair & Rodeo Royalty Scholarship Fund. A scholarship application must be submitted to the Fairgrounds and Events Manager, who will make a good faith effort to verify the information on the application. The application will be forwarded to the scholarship committee, consisting of current Fair Board members, the Royalty Coordinator, and a member from the 2 Rivers Community Foundation board. This scholarship committee will make recommendations and final approval will be granted by the 2 Rivers Community Foundation Board. Eligible applicants are current or past royalty members, who are high school sophomore level to first year (freshman) in post-secondary education. Former royalty must be in good standing in the community, as determined by the Fair Board.
- The maximum payout of the scholarship fund will be up to \$3000 annually. The amount awarded per applicant will be determined by the Royalty Committee and the Fair Board, with a minimum award of \$500 and a maximum award of \$1500, as funding allows.
- Funds may be awarded based on performance in the following areas:
 - Horsemanship
 - Royalty Appearance Attendance
 - Royalty Meeting Attendance

- Public Speaking
- Congeniality
- Community Service

6.2 FUNDRAISING

- The Royalty Program is funded as part of the Garfield County Fair and Rodeo budget within the Garfield County Community Events Fund. Budgeted expenses of the Royalty Program are the responsibility of Garfield County. Royalty participants may raise funds for the Royalty Program only as described in this section. Expenses beyond budgeted expenses are the responsibility of individual participants.
- Royalty participants may fundraise for the Royalty Program in the following approved activities or other fundraising activities as approved by the Fair Board.
 - Garfield County Royalty Clinic
 - Garfield County Fair Princess for a Day & Lil' Buckaroos
 - Other events or activities approved by the Fair Board.
- No royalty participant or parent shall solicit sponsorships or participate in any kind or type of fundraising except as described herein.
- All checks shall be made out to the Garfield County Treasurer.

Parent/Guardian Initials: _____ Contestant Initials: _____

Royalty members and parent / guardians must follow the rules provided in these Bylaws

Failure to do so can result in revocation of the title and forfeit of all awards as determined by the Fair Board.

Applicant Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Tentative Schedule of Appearances

Subject to Change - Appearances may be added or canceled with short notice

Riding Practices & meetings	Days TBA	GarCo Fairgrounds
Ranch Roping	September	Carbondale
Burning Mountain Parade	September	New Castle
CPRA Finals	September	TBD
Rally in the Valley	September	Glenwood Springs
Potato Days	October	Carbondale
Western Slope Royalty Clinic	October	TBD
CAFS Royalty Clinic (Colorado Assoc. of Fairs and Shows)	November	Colorado Springs
Rifle Hometown Holidays Parade	December	Rifle
Holy Cross Cattlemen's Banquet	January	Glenwood Springs/Rifle
National Western Stock Show	January	Denver
Horse Expo	March	Denver
Strawberry Days Parade - expected	June	Glenwood Springs
Beaver Creek Rodeo – recommended	TBA	Avon
Eagle County Fair & Rodeo – recommended	July	Eagle
Carbondale Rodeo	TBA, Thursdays	Carbondale
Range Call Parade – recommended	July	Meeker
Cheyenne Frontier Day	July	Cheyenne, WY
Silt Heyday Parade – recommended	July	Silt
Grand Valley Days Rodeo	July	Parachute
Princess for a Day/Lil' Buckaroo – expected	July	Fairgrounds
Garfield County Fair & Rodeo -expected	August	Fairgrounds
Garfield County Royalty Contest – expected	September	Fairgrounds



Royalty Contestant Application

Please complete the following Application:

- Initialed
- Signed and Dated
- Include all necessary essay, picture(s) and required Identification.
- Please type or print your answers legibly to avoid penalty.
- Please hand deliver or mail required forms to:
 - Garfield County Fairgrounds & Events Manager
 - 1001 Railroad Ave., Rifle, CO, 81650
 - Must be received by the last Friday in October .
- Late or incomplete applications are not accepted
- If you have questions about this application, please contact:
 - Garfield County Fairgrounds & Events Manager (970) 945-1377 Ex: 4002
 - cmiller@garfieldcountycogov



Garfield County Fair & Rodeo Royalty Application General Information

Contestant Information

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
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Date of Birth	Age as of January 1 (This Year)
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Mailing Address: Street or P. O. Box	City	Zip Code
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Home Address: (If Different Than Mailing)	Street City	Zip Code
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Email Address _____

Contestant Cell Phone Number: _____

Contestant Home Phone Number: _____

Do you communicate through text? ____ Do you communicate through email? ____

School Attending: _____ Grade: _____

Shirt Size: Adult Size _____ Child Size _____

Hobbies: _____

Honors or Awards: _____

Experience with rodeo, horses, showing, etc.:

Royalty experience with dates and positions held:

Have you ever had any disciplinary warnings while holding a Royalty title? If so, please explain:

By signing below, I agree to the following:

In consideration of my application being accepted, I hereby for myself, my executor, administrators and assignees, agree to abide, and that they shall abide, by all rules and regulations as described in these Bylaws and Contestant Application pertaining to the Garfield County Fair & Rodeo Contest. I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND, AND AGREED TO THE RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT **AND ALL ROYALTY BYLAWS**.

I certify that I know the rules of the aforementioned Royalty Program and agree to abide by them. The undersigned has read the foregoing carefully, have had an opportunity to seek any desired clarification, and agree to these terms and conditions of participation.

Applicant Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Information

Relationship to Contestant: _____

Parent/Guardian	First Name	Last Name
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Parent/Guardian -	Home Phone Number
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Parent/Guardian -	Cell Phone Number
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Parent/Guardian -	Email
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Do you communicate through text? _____ Do you communicate through email? _____

Relationship to Contestant: _____

Parent/Guardian	First Name	Last Name
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Parent/Guardian -	Home Phone Number
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Parent/Guardian -	Cell Phone Number
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Parent/Guardian -	Email
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Do you communicate through text? _____ Do you communicate through email? _____

Garfield County Fair & Rodeo
Release and Waiver of Liability & Assumption of Risk Agreement

Covered Events:

Garfield County Fair & Royalty Contest and all future Royalty Events

In consideration for being permitted to participate in these Royalty Events, I, for myself or on behalf of the participant, as the participant's parent or legal guardian, acknowledge and voluntarily agree to the following:

I understand the potential risks of participation in these events and that I am releasing the event holders and sponsors from any liability related thereto. Working with live animals is inherently unpredictable and potentially dangerous. Reactions to strange sounds, surroundings, different handlers, and sudden movements cannot always be anticipated nor controlled. The handling of animals by other participants cannot always be anticipated nor controlled by the event holders or sponsors. Thus, there are always inherent risks to participation.

Assumption of Risk: I fully understand that participation in these events may not only involve risk of serious injury or death, economic loss, property damage, or loss that may result from the participant's own actions, inactions, or negligence, but also from the actions, inactions, or negligence of others, the condition of the facilities, equipment or areas where the Royalty Event is being conducted, and the participant voluntarily agrees to assume this risk.

Covenant Not to Sue: The participant's personal and legal representatives, heirs, successors, and next of kin will not make any claim against Board of County Commissioners of Garfield County, Colorado, or any of its present or former officials, employees, agents, attorneys, insurers, and representatives and their respective successors, heirs and assigns or any volunteer(s) ("herein collectively referred to as Garfield County"), for injury, damage, death, or any other loss arising from or related to participation in these events.

Release: The participant's personal and legal representatives, heirs, successors, and next of kin, forever release, waive, discharge and relinquish Garfield County from any and all actions, causes of action, claims, charges, demands, losses, damages, costs, attorney's fees, judgments, liens, indebtedness, and liabilities of every kind and character, whether known or unknown, including foreseen or unforeseen bodily injury and personal injuries and property damage that may be sustained by the participant in any way connected to, related to, or arising out of participation in these events, regardless of any negligence of Garfield County. Garfield County may be protected by the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act, C.R.S. § 24-10-101, et. seq.

Good Health: The participant is in good health and has no physical condition that would prevent him/her from participating in these events or that would increase the risk of serious injury or death in the event of an accident. I have had the opportunity to seek medical advice for any concerns I may have had regarding the participant's health.

Statutory Limitations on Liability: I understand that under Colorado Law, equine professionals or equine activity sponsors are not liable for injury due to death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risk of equine activities, pursuant to C.R.S. § 13-21-119.

I have carefully read this Agreement and fully understand its contents. I am aware that I have given up substantial rights of the participant by signing the Agreement, and I am signing the Agreement voluntarily.

There is no obligation to participate in these events but I desire to do so or to allow such participation. I certify that I am at least eighteen years of age and the participant or his/her parent/legal guardian.

Contestant's Name (Please Print)

Signature of Adult Participant or Parent / Legal Guardian

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Emergency Contact and Phone Number(s) (Please Print)

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Additional Emergency Information that may be helpful or deemed necessary: (i.e. Health or Allergies, etc.)



ROYALTY CONTESTANT CHECKLIST

1. Typed or printed application
2. Essay "Why do you want to be a part of the Garfield County Fair & Rodeo Royalty?"
minimum 100 words
3. Speech Topic – Be prepared to give a short introduction about yourself, no longer than 2
minutes
4. Contestant Bylaws and Application– signed and dated
5. Royalty Expectations (within Bylaws)– Signed, initialed and dated in each space indicated
6. Royalty Application (within Bylaw)– signed and dated
7. Release and Waiver – signed and dated
8. One color photograph (in western attire) - 4" x 6"
9. Proof of Garfield County residency (Copy of school ID or license, etc.)



Garfield County Fair & Rodeo Royalty Contestant Tryout
Mondays, November 3, 10 and 17, 2025
6:00pm to 8:00 pm
Garfield County Fairgrounds
Tentative Tryout schedule subject to change

6:00 pm – Contestants setup their horses, grooming products and tack in assigned areas

- Welcome to contestants, their families, friends & spectators
- Introduction of Coordinators, Fair Board members and judges
- General announcements and schedule procedures
- Contestant Introductions
- Written test will be taken at the beginning of the contest. Each contestant will be escorted to the judges, one at a time, for their interviews, speeches and questions. Once they have finished, they will be allowed to return and complete their written test.
- Personal Interview
- Speeches
- Impromptu Questions (2-3 minutes maximum)
- Horsemanship (Required to control horse one-handed)
- Group grooming, location specified later
- Pattern
- Hot Lap
- Flag Carrying

During any part of the contest, parents/guardians and other adults are spectators only and contestants need to ask judges if they need parental assistance. Parents/guardians are to remain in the grandstands or horse trailers until notified or until permission is granted from the judges.

Sincerely,

The Garfield Board of County Commissioners
The Garfield County Fair & Rodeo Fair Board Members
The Garfield County Staff



Garfield County Fair Royalty Study Guide

- What is the job of rodeo royalty?
- Be able to name some of the major sponsors of the Garfield County Fair & Rodeo.
- Describe events and activities at the rodeos including basic rules.
- Describe equipment used by the contestants for each rodeo event.
- Which rodeo events are timed, which are scored?
- Describe misperceptions of rodeo equipment and animals that spectators might have (spurs, flank straps, hot shots, and treatment.).
- Be able to describe instances for each rodeo event when a cowboy or cowgirl is penalized or eliminated.
- Describe the jobs of pickup men, bull fighters, barrel man, judges, timers, announcer, chute help, and rodeo secretary.
- Know the history of the Garfield County Fair & Rodeo.
- Where and when did the sport of rodeo originate?
- What do the winners of the Garfield County Fair rodeos receive?
- How are champions decided?
- Know admission costs for spectators, when gates open and when events start.
- Know current events, including those the morning of the contest.
- Where is the Garfield County Fair & Rodeo?
- How does someone enter an exhibit?
- Who is Miss Rodeo Colorado? Who is Miss Rodeo America and where is she from?
- Know your horse's health program, veterinary, farrier, etc.
- Know parts of the horse and tack. Know what the purpose of each piece of equipment.
- Have an opinion on current events and issues while acknowledging other views.
- Know what the colors of the American and Colorado flags represent.
- What are the proper ways to take care of the American flag? What is the protocol for its display? How should the flags be presented in the arena?
- What does PRCA, WPRA, CPRA, PBR stand for?
- Where is the Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame museum located? What will you find there?
- Be able to name some famous cowboys and cowgirls. What records do they hold?
- What is the difference between animal rights and animal welfare?
- Who are the United States President and Vice President? Local and state government officials?
- What is the Cowboy Crisis Fund?

Possible Research Sources:

Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association web site and Rule Book, Miss Rodeo Colorado website, Garfield County fair book, and www.garfieldcountyfair.com.