



**MARIPOSA
COUNTY FAIR
RODEO
ROYALTY
2021**

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MARIPOSA COUNTY FAIR RODEO ROYALTY APPLICATION 2021-2022

Make Checks payable to: "Mariposa Friends of the Fair Foundation"
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ALL applications are subject to review by committee for acceptance.

Pick your division (age as of December 31, 2020):

Junior Princess (Age 6-10) Princess (Age 11-15) Queen (Age 16-23)

Entry Fee: \$100 per applicant (note: all contestants are also required to sell a minimum of 100 raffle tickets which are \$5.00 each)

Applications & fees due: Sunday June 6, 2021.

THERE ARE A LOT OF CHANGES FROM PRIOR COMPETITIONS! Please read Eligibility, Rules & Regulations & Application Requirements provided. Additional specifics and materials will be provided at the introductory meeting.

CONTESTANT Name: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN Name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Physical Address: _____ City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone # (_____) _____ Cell Phone #(_____) _____

Email Address: _____

Date of Birth ____/____/____ (must attach copy of Drivers License or Birth Certificate)

Current Grade in School for 2020-2021 school year (if applicable) _____

Name of School _____

Provide an electronic biography (via email) in a word document (approx 350 words or less) about yourself that includes, but is not limited to: (Committee reserves the right to edit as needed)

- School(s) you have attended, are attending, or will attend
- School, Club and Community activities you are involved in
- Hobbies/Interests and Family
- Goals
- Why are you running for the title Junior Princess, Princess or Queen?
- Your cowgirl advice. (Cowgirl advice is something that you believe in and you should be able to explain it! You will be sharing this during your on-stage performance at the dinner. Cowgirl Advice Example: " *Always take care of your horse before you take care of you!*")

Provide an electronic head shot (via email) in a jpeg format minimum of 300 dpi. Please no excessive editing.

Sign a Release of Liability for the Mariposa County Fairgrounds and Mariposa Friends of the Fair Foundation (available at intro meeting).

NOTE:

Due to the impact on businesses in 2020 because of the pandemic, we will not be producing a memory rodeo program book this year. We are encouraging businesses to advertise in the Fair Program which is produced by the Mariposa Gazette as the Friends of the Fairgrounds has historically received a percentage of the net revenues from the Gazette on that publication.

We will provide an advertising information sheet from the Gazette at the intro meeting.

Should businesses wish to donate sponsorships directly to the Friends of the Fairgrounds, they can still do so and information for this will also be available at the intro meeting.

This year we are crowning the new Royalty and Royalty Court at the dinner. Royalty Court will receive special sashes and the ability to participate in events leading up to Fair, and Fair as well as select events through out the 2021-2022 program year.

Important Dates:

- Introduction meeting Sunday June 6, 2021 3pm Silver Valley Ranch 3885 Silver Bar Road, Mariposa. Overview of the contest, horsemanship patterns will be provided, promotional photos may be taken, please dress in appropriate western attire (jeans, long sleeved button up shirt, boots, belt and cowboy hat). We will be meeting outside.
- Clinic on Horsemanship. Wednesday June 16, 2021 6pm Mariposa County Fairgrounds Gold Bowl Arena. Specified for each division this class will give you what you need to know for your horsemanship element. Participants are encouraged to bring a horse. If the group wants and if the Fairgrounds is available, we may be able to secure additional riding dates.
- Mariposa Mountain Riders Summer Play day at Camp Creek Ranch, Saturday June 26, 2021 3097 Triangle Road, Mariposa. Volunteer at this community event for at least 2 hours. ELIGIBLE FOR COMMUNITY SPIRIT POINTS!
- Mariposa Butterfly Festival Saturday or Sunday July 3 & 4, 2021, Mariposa County Fairgrounds. Volunteer at this community event for either day a minimum of 2 hours. ELIGIBLE FOR COMMUNITY SPIRIT POINTS!
- Clinic on Poise, Polish and Personality. Wednesday July 14, 2021 at 6pm Mariposa County Fairgrounds, Amigo Stage and Picnic Area. Specified for each division this class will give you ideas on how to dress, act, model and help you answer questions.
- Mariposa Friends of the Fairgrounds Flea Market, Saturday July 17, 2021 8am-3pm Mariposa Fairgrounds. Volunteer at this community event for at least 2 hours. ELIGIBLE FOR COMMUNITY SPIRIT POINTS!
- Horsemanship and Interviews Sunday, August 8, 2021 Mariposa County Fairgrounds. Horsemanship (all divisions) 8:00 am at the Gold Bowl Arena; Personal Interviews 1:00 pm at the Red Bud Room.
- On Stage Rehearsal and Raffle Ticket Turn in, Thursday August 12, 2021 6pm Mariposa County Fairgrounds, Building A. We will go over everything that will happen on Saturday, you can practice your walk and your impromptu questions, and this is also the day to turn in your minimum ticket sales in order to meet your minimum qualifications.
- On Stage Performance/Dinner and Crowning Saturday August 14, 2021 5:30 pm Mariposa County Fairgrounds Building A. Each contestant will receive 1 dinner ticket, additional tickets may be purchased in advance for \$15 each per person. Tickets for those that are over 21 will include 1 beer/wine ticket. Note: We will be crowning our current Rodeo Royalty and our Royalty Court for the 2021-2022 program year at the dinner.
- Mariposa County Fairgrounds Saddle Mount and Gymkhana Show, Saturday August 21, 2021 8:00 am. Exiting and Current Royalty and Court we encourage you to help volunteer at this show or to compete at this show or do both!
- Mariposa County Fair, Family Fun Night. Gold Bowl Arena Friday Night September 3, 2021 approx. 5:30 pm. Exiting and Current Royalty and Court, you will be assisting Fair Staff with games/awards. You are welcome to compete in the games if you wish. If you are showing an animal at the fair and it conflicts with your appearance at Family Fun night you must notify the coordinators ahead of time.
- Mariposa Labor Day Parade Saturday September 4, 2021 Typically, we stage around 10am at Joe Howard and Coakley Circle (bottom of the cemetery). Do not bring your horse to the parade UNLESS you are exiting royalty or current royalty. The Royalty Court will be riding as a group in a trailer, truck, car or wagon. If you are showing an animal at the fair and it conflicts with the parade you must notify the coordinators ahead of time. The rest of the fair is your time to hang out and have fun!
- Mariposa County Fair Locals Team Roping, Saddle Roping and Champion of Champion Roping, Sunday September 5, 2021 8am Gold Bowl Arena Exiting and Current Royalty to be present to give out awards and or to help out if needed.
- Mariposa County Fair Rockin M Rough Stock Tour Rodeo, Mariposa County Fairgrounds, Gold Bowl Arena Sunday September 5, 2021. Rodeo starts at 8pm but if you are going to be running flags, we need you there ready to ride 730pm. Current Queen MUST have a suitable horse to use for Grand Entry and Flags. Depending on the ability of the Exiting and Current Princess will determine by committee if they are able to participate in Grand Entry and run Flags.
- Mariposa County Fair Calf Branding and Team Penning, Gold Bowl Arena, Monday, September 6, 2021. Current Jr. Princess, Princess and Queen to be present at arena events to give away awards. You will be provided with event assignment(s).

If you need a stall or pen at the fairgrounds during the horse competition or fair, contact the fair office at 209-966-3686. Let the fairgrounds staff know that you are part of the contest. Know that during fair, stalls are very limited.

At any event you are to check in and check out with your coordinator/representative. If any dates and or times change you will be notified accordingly.

Eligibility, Rules and Regulations

During this contest and during her reign (should she win) each contestant shall:

- Be of the appropriate age per their division as of December 31, 2020.
- Be a primary resident of Mariposa, Merced, Madera or Tuolumne counties
- Be single, never have been married, not be pregnant, nor be the mother of a child. A title holder who becomes pregnant during her reign will relinquish all rights and privileges of her title at the request of the committee.
- Complete and sign (if under 18 parent/guardian signature required) all necessary forms for this contest (including the submittal of your biography, entry fee and head shot), sell the minimum amount of raffle tickets as required, make deadlines, and be able to answer questions regarding your biography, the sport of rodeo, Mariposa County, Mariposa County Fair, horses and situational questions during portions of this contest.
- Understand that this contest is being run by a select committee and that committee has the authority to make provisions, waive eligibility, rules and regulations including but not limited to the right to cancel the contest, cancel a division, extend the deadline or amend the age qualifications and the committee may deduct points should there be any infractions in wardrobe or behavior during this contest.
- Conduct themselves in a proper lady like manner, displaying utmost respect for others, portraying high moral standards and exhibit a high degree of sportsmanship. The use of tobacco, alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, and foul language is not permitted. Each contestant is to be mindful that they are not only representing the Mariposa County Fair, but also the County of Mariposa, the sponsors of the event and the sport of Rodeo.
- Earn 5 points for each community spirit event that they attend. There are three opportunities to volunteer for 2 hours at each event. You may volunteer for longer, but you will only get credit for those initial 2 hours. For the Butterfly Festival it is a two-day event, but you will only get credit for one day. At the Mariposa Mountain Riders Play day, participating in the games is not considered volunteering, but we encourage you to do both!
- Sell a minimum of \$500 in raffle tickets. While there will be no points awarded for the sale of raffle tickets the minimum is a qualifier for crowning. There will be a special award for the contestant who sells the most tickets. The minimum ticket sales for the contest must be completed (money and corresponding ticket stubs) and turned in on Sunday August 8th before 3pm to the designated committee member.
- Shall be required to participate in contest elements that will take place on Sunday August 8, and Saturday August 14, 2021:

8/8 HORSEMANSHIP ELEMENT. (All Divisions): Provide a horse, tack and appropriate western wear for the horsemanship element of this contest. There may be no sharing of a horse within the same division. No stallions are allowed. It is not required that the horse or the tack be owned by the contestant. Each contestant will be required to complete a predetermined pattern, short interview regarding questions on their horse, themselves, their gear, and information about their riding discipline, complete a wave run and for Queen contestants also complete a flag run.

Order of run for contestants that day will be Queen, Princess and Junior Princess. Chaps/Chinks are NOT allowed. You must use the same horse for all elements that day. Protective boots for horses are ok.

Note regarding differences in the divisions: Princesses and Jr. Princess are not required to do a flag run. Jr. Princess pattern will not include loping unless it is collectively agreed upon by ALL Jr. Princess contestants. Jr. Princesses may have assistance with mounting and will not be marked down. Jr. Princess division may be lead lined, however those not lead lined will earn additional points.

8/8 INTERVIEW. Participate in a personal interview. Questions may include, and are not limited to, our Fair, Community, Rodeo, Friends of the Fairgrounds and YOU!

8/14 ON STAGE. (all divisions) Junior Princess and Princess: Participate in Modeling, impromptu questions and participate in an "ice breaker" game at the dinner. Queen: Participate in Modeling, impromptu questions, participate in "ice breaker" game

at the dinner and present a speech/poem/narrative that is no more than 3 minutes on the fair theme. The speech is to be memorized and no props are allowed. Order of run for the day will be Jr. Princess, Princess then Queen.

- Provide their own wardrobe and adhere to wardrobe guidelines given by the committee. It is noted that TANK TOPS, HALTER TOPS, MIDRISE SHIRTS, CAMI TOPS. etc. are NOT acceptable. No skin is to be shown between shirt and pants/skirt. There are times when a short- sleeved shirt is appropriate, for specifics ask your coordinator.
- Not allow themselves, their friends, or related individuals to influence, intimidate or harass judges, committee members, other contestants or contestant's families which include and is not limited to negative gestures, comments, and or written or verbal communication, including social media. Actions may result in the disqualification of a contestant or a winner at the discretion of the committee and may result in barring that contestant from future competitions. Mean spiritedness and negativity will not be tolerated. We promote a safe, welcoming environment for this competition. It is the contestant's responsibility to inform their friends and family of this rule and any other pertinent rules.
- Acknowledge that the committee who is running this contest welcomes and encourages friends and family of the contestants to attend different phases of the competition and crowning, however at no time during the contest activities shall parents, family or friends disturb the contest, nor may they coach the contestants from the sidelines during any of the elements. This committee seeks all cooperation from family, friends and supporters during this competition. Please know that cheers, encouragement and applause are always welcome!
- If a contestant wins a division, she may not run for that division again. Contestants may be involved in other contests; however, any contestant in this contest may not hold a current Rodeo Royalty title.
- While each contestant gets a dinner ticket, a fair wristband pass, a parking pass, and a rodeo ticket they must inform their family and friends that they are responsible for purchasing their own tickets for events which includes the Dinner, Fair and Rodeo as well as any events that the contestants or crowned royalty attend unless otherwise noted.
- Understand that all Entry Fees, Ticket Sales, Donations, and Sponsorships are nonrefundable.
- Be required to participate in events as specified by the committee and if crowned be willing and able to attend specified events throughout the year of her reign. The coordinators will work closely with the Queen to work out the program calendar.
- Understand that photographs, images, or likeness of the contestants may be used by the committee for promotion and advertising purposes and the signing of this document serves as the contestant's/parent/guardian's written consent. This includes posting photos on social media such as Facebook and Instagram.
- Understand that if the overall scoring results in a tie, that tie will be broken by the contestant who had the higher overall scoring at the Personal Interview.
- Understand that the currently crowned royalty must remain at the rodeo and failure to do so may impact their ability to participate in future contests. The Rodeo Royalty court may be needed to help run flags. While it is not typical for the Jr Princesses or Jr Princesses in the Royalty Court to run flags or participate in the Grand Entry, if one is entered as a contestant in the rodeo she may ride in the Grand Entry if allowed by the rodeo producer. Flag runners are determined by committee.
- Acknowledge that the Royalty Winners will be responsible for perpetual awards through out their reign and those awards are to be presented to the newly crowned royalty at the crowning. Queen: Parade Serape, Chaps, Leather Sash. Jr Princess and Princess: Chaps. If these items are damaged or lost during her reign, she is responsible for immediately notifying the committee and for the replacement/repair of the item. Queen, Princess and JR Princess Chaps may be purchased for REPLACEMENT COST and arrangements for this must be made with the Rodeo Royalty Coordinators at least 60 days prior to the crowning of the new Rodeo Royalty so that we have time to get another set made.
- Acknowledge that the Queen must produce a fundraiser to help assist in the obtaining funds for the next program year's queen saddle and awards. Fundraiser to be produced prior to June 1, 2022.

I, the undersigned, acknowledge that I have read the aforementioned eligibility requirements, rules and regulations and I fully understand and agree to abide by the terms and conditions therein.

Signature of Contestant

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian
(if contestant is a minor)

Date

MAKE TWO COPIES, KEEP ONE FOR YOURSELF AND TURN THE OTHER IN TO COMMITTEE.