

# MISS ELLIS COUNTY RODEO PAGEANT

1. The Miss Ellis County Rodeo Pageant will begin on Saturday July 16<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am at the Ellis County Fairgrounds, Hays. Check in from 7:00 to 7:30am.
2. The Queen contest will be for girls' ages 14 through 18. The Princess contest will be for girls' ages 8 through 13. (Age as of Jan. 1 of the current year.)
3. The winners of the Miss Ellis County Rodeo Pageant will be announced at the first performance of the rodeo at the Ellis County Fair, Tuesday July 19, 2011.
4. Competition categories include:
  - A. Horsemanship: In the Queen's competition, two patterns will be run, the first pattern will be on their own horse, and the second pattern will be on a different contestant's horse. Queen Contestants will also complete a Queen's run, as well as a Flag run. In the Princess competition, only one pattern will be executed on their own horse. Princesses will complete a Queen's run and the flag run will be optional but recommended. All contestants will draw for running order and Contestants will be given the patterns to run the day of the event. All contestants will answer questions on general knowledge of horses. (Remember this is RODEO, not a horse show!)
  - B. Personal Interview: Each contestant will have a personal interview with judges. The Queens interview will not exceed 15 minutes and the Princesses will not exceed 10 minutes. The interview will cover general knowledge about rodeo, horsemanship etc...
  - C. Talent or Speech: Queen candidates will perform a speech over a topic related to rodeo. The speech should be at least 3 minutes in length and not to exceed 4 minutes. Princess contestants will have the option to perform either a talent or a speech. The talent or speech should be at least 3 minutes in length and should not exceed 4 minutes. Impromptu Questions will follow.
  - D. Written test on Rodeo Knowledge.
  - E. Photogenic, contestant's photographs will be scored
5. What contestants will need for this pageant:
  - A. Entry fee of \$40.00 to the pageant Committee along with your entry forms.

- B. Two Western Outfits: one horsemanship outfit and one outfit for speech and interview.
  - C. Horse and Western Tack. This will include a western saddle, breast collar and back cinch.
  - D. Photographs one 5x7" and one wallet size photo of the contestant's head and shoulders and short biography (75 words or less) on an index card
6. Responsibilities of Queen and Princess:
- A. The 2011 Rodeo Queen and Princess will be crowned on Tuesday, July 19 at 7:45pm. They will be present at the Wednesday evening performance (July 20) of the rodeo at the Ellis County Fair. All contestants are expected to assist with the 50/50 raffle on July 19<sup>nd</sup> during the Rodeo.
  - B. They will secure sponsors for the following year's pageant and help plan and run the pageant.
  - C. They will be present at the following years' rodeo to crown her successor.
  - D. They should help present awards at the Ellis County Fair when asked.
7. Contestants Entry forms must be post marked no later than June 23, 2011. Forms should be downloaded from the Ellis County Fair website, [www.elliscountyfair.com](http://www.elliscountyfair.com), and mailed to Rodeo Committee, c/o Mesa Eckroat 729 Pfeifer Ave, Victoria, KS 67671.
8. All deadlines are final. NO EXCEPTIONS.
9. The judges' decisions will be final. Judges have the right to dismiss contestants on grounds of improper conduct.

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