

2015 Miss UP Rodeo Competition Packet



July 17 & 18, 2015

A \$1000 scholarship will be awarded to the 2015 Miss UP Rodeo

This packet includes: instructions, applications, and release forms

Your completed forms must be postmarked by **July 1, 2015**

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PO Box 389

Iron River, MI 49935

Please make sure to include:

- Completed application accompanied by proof of age
 - Signed Pageant Objective
- Signed Miss UP Rodeo Pageant contract & liability waiver
 - 5 marked portraits
 - Entry fee

If you have questions, contact **Brooke Granquist** at **906-280-5823** or by e-mail at **granquist50@hotmail.com**

Dear Contestant,

Thank you for your interest in our pageant! The pageant's events consist of horsemanship, rodeo knowledge, appearance, extemporaneous questions and a personal interview.

Contestants need to also be prepared to attend required appearances for sponsors, media interviews, and the Wild West rodeo parade. The opportunity to represent the UP Championship Rodeo as queen for a year is one of Upper Michigan's highest honors. In an effort to prepare our queen, all contestants will be expected to follow all rules and regulations along with meeting each of the eligibility requirements listed. The UP Championship Rodeo Queen will also be required to attend and represent our rodeo at various events throughout the year. Contestants are required to arrive Thursday night (no later than 7:00 cst--a meeting will be held at 7:15) and attend all events on Friday and Saturday. Contestants will ride in all performances as well as the Wild West Rodeo Parade.

Rodeo Queen judging begins Friday July 17, 2015, and coronation will be held during the Saturday, July 18, 2015, performance. Queen contestants are showcased each performance and must be prepared for pictures, autographs and to answer questions about rodeo rules and history, as well as getting to know the UP Championship Rodeo fans. We encourage you to get to know the other contestants and make new friends.

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Please read the following rules, complete and sign the application forms and contract, and submit your required entry fee as soon as possible. We look forward to meeting you.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact:

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To learn more about the current Miss UP Rodeo and past queens, visit:

facebook.com/MissUPRodeo

Official UP Championship Rodeo Queen Rules

Entry Fee: \$40.00

A contestant shall be no less than 16 years of age and no more than 22 years of age by the first day of the pageant to compete in the Miss Rodeo UP Pageant.

A contestant must never have been married, had children, or been pregnant.

The Entry Application, which includes a waiver of liability, must be signed by the contestant and, if applicable, by a parent or guardian.

The contestant must be a citizen of the United States, but need not be a resident of the state of Michigan.

Each contestant must agree to abide by the pageant rules – with the possibility of disqualification for infraction, thereof.

A contestant must be currently enrolled in high school, a high school graduate, or the equivalent.

A contestant must be an experienced rider and own or have access to a horse for use in the horsemanship competition, grand entries, parade, and future rodeo appearances should she be crowned queen. Throughout the competition, the same horse must be used. (Proof of negative coggins will be required; if competing from out of state, interstate papers will be needed.)

Applications must be accompanied by a vertical format “head shot” in western wear, including a hat. Contestant name should be printed on the back of each picture. These DO NOT need to be professional photos. Please include 1 4x6 photo as well as a digital copy. Prints will not be returned.

The UP Championship Rodeo Queen will be chosen based on 4 categories:

Horsemanship
Rodeo knowledge
Public Relations
Appearance

APPEARANCE:

(HORSEMANSHIP/ARENA) Western attire of your choice. Sequins, leather, embellishments, rhinestones, embroidery, etc. are all welcomed. Only western-style jeans should be worn during the pageant. Chaps are not permitted during the contest.

(INDOOR/MODELING) Dress attire is encouraged, but not required, during the extemporaneous questions and personal interviews. Skirts, blouses, jackets, dresses, vests and accessories such as belts, buckles, hats, and boots should all be a western style. A variety of sleeve lengths and collar styles are allowed. Sleeveless or revealing necklines are not permissible. Blouses should be a western, long-sleeved style.

A final note on appearance: Each time the contestants meet with the judges, they will be judged on their appearance. This includes grooming of hair, nails, and makeup; fit, color, and coordination of clothing; and, in general, overall appearance. Attention to detail is vital. Points will be tallied throughout the competition to determine the winner of this category.

HORSEMANSHIP:

Each contestant is required to ride a horse in a horsemanship competition. This pattern will be given to the contestants when their application is received. In addition to the patterns, judges will conduct a brief interview with each contestant, testing their knowledge of horsemanship, horse anatomy, tack and its uses, and common equine health (wellness, illnesses, soundness issues, etc.). Contestants will also be judged on their ability to handle their horses during the parade and rodeo performances.

Additionally, contestants will be required to make their own pattern which they will perform on another contestant's horse. (Time limit of 2 minutes.) This will be drawn at random prior to the horsemanship competition.

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Because a rodeo queen represents her rodeo throughout its market area, public speaking is an intrinsic and vital part of the competition. Contestants will compete in two different events which contribute to this category: extemporaneous questions (on rodeo-related knowledge) and a slightly lengthier (1-2 minutes) impromptu response to an equine or rodeo related topic. Neither portion requires any memorized speech, but rather calls on a contestant's ability to think on her feet and interact with the public in a tactful and graceful manner. Developing a strong knowledge of the sport of rodeo is the best way to prepare for this portion of the competition; contestants may be asked to give their personal opinions on various topics.

PERSONALITY:

Each contestant will be judged on personality throughout the entire pageant; however, judges will also conduct personal interviews with each contestant that will contribute to this category. Interviews allow the judges to evaluate each contestant in a way that reflects how they might handle situations with rodeo fans, sponsors, or anyone else they might come in contact with should they win the title of Miss UP Rodeo. Points of focus will be on a contestant's ability to interact with a group, manners, sense of humor, attitude, maturity, poise, etc. The judges will look for a contestant who is sincere, intelligent, and confident. Points will be tallied throughout the competition to determine the winner of this category.

PAGEANT OBJECTIVE

The objective of this pageant is to find a girl with excellent public relation skills when interacting with the public who also possesses horsemanship skills and will represent the UP Championship Rodeo and its affiliates in a dignified and honorable manner. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email us.

I have read and understand all rules and regulations on the preceding pages. I understand that the UP Championship Rodeo Board expects me to display the highest degree of sportsmanship during the pageant and following the coronation. I understand that unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated and will result in disqualification without refund of entry fee.

_____ Contestant

_____ Parent (if minor)

MISS UP RODEO APPLICATION

Please type or print the following information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Age as of July 17, 2015: _____

Current education and/or employment status: _____

WHEN AND HOW DID YOU BECOME INTERESTED IN HORSES?

WHAT IS YOUR RIDING BACKGROUND?

HOW DID YOU BECOME INTERESTED IN RODEO?

LIST YOUR SPECIAL ACTIVITIES, INTERESTS AND HOBBIES (not related to horses):

LIST ANY AWARDS OR RECOGNITION THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED: (i.e. rodeo or horse related, school, work, church, or community service)

WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE THE MISS UP CHAMPIONSHIP RODEO QUEEN:

SPONSOR(S):

UP Championship Rodeo Queen Pageant

APPLICATION/CONTRACT:

I hereby attest to the fact that as a contestant in the Miss UP Rodeo Queen Pageant, I am not less than 16 years of age and not more than 22 years of age as of July 17, 2015. I have never been married, have children, nor been pregnant. If I should attain the Miss UP Rodeo title, I will make myself available to the committee for radio, television, and other public appearances as an ambassador for the celebration. I promise to comply with all rules and regulations pertaining to the Miss UP Rodeo Queen pageant. I will hold harmless UP Rodeo, Inc., the Miss UP Rodeo Committee, and pageant officials in the event of any injury occurring during my participation in the pageant or subsequent activities. I will conduct myself in a manner befitting of rodeo royalty and agree to adhere to the committee's directions and requirements. I understand that I will be required to provide my own appropriate apparel for all activities throughout my reign. Should I win, I agree to represent the UP Championship Rodeo from the day of coronation until the selection of the new UP Championship Rodeo Queen. I also understand that I am to have all appearances approved by the committee prior to committing myself to those appearances. Should I not be able to complete my duties if I am named queen, I will return all prizes associated with the title and pass the title of Miss UP Rodeo 2015 to the runner-up contestant.

I hereby attest that I have read the aforementioned contest conditions and agree to all conditions as stated:

Contestant's Signature

Date

Parent or Guardian's Signature (if applicable)

Date

Miss U.P. Rodeo 2015
Liability Release Form

I (We) the undersigned, contestant and parent or guardian, have read all the requirements for the Miss U.P. Championship Rodeo Pageant. I (We) understand that this contest involves Rodeo type riding, requiring speed and action and that it is not pleasure riding. We fully understand and agree that U.P. Rodeo, Inc., or its representatives, have the right to dismiss any contestant that they feel is not in control of her horse. Furthermore, I (We) hereby release U.P. Rodeo, Inc. and any and all employees, agents or affiliates from any responsibility whatsoever for accident, injury, or other damages to person or property that the undersigned contestant may sustain while in the competition. In consideration for the undersigned contestant being allowed to participate in the Miss U.P. Championship Rodeo Pageant, the undersigned contestant and parent agree to assume all risks of the competition and to indemnify and hold harmless U.P. Rodeo, Inc., their employees, agents, assigns and affiliates for damages to persons or property which may occur as a result of _____'s participation. I (We) understand that all contestants are competing at their own risk.

Date: _____

Signature of Contestant: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____

******Please contact Brooke Granquist (906-280-5823 or granquist50@hotmail.com) when you mail your packet so the committee can plan, accordingly******

Checklist:

- \$40 sponsorship fee
- Signed Pageant Objective
- Miss UP Rodeo Application
- Signed Pageant Contract
- Signed Liability Release
- Five photos
- Proof of age (copy of birth certificate)

Upon arrival to the rodeo grounds:

- 3 copies of your negative coggins; copy of interstate papers, if applicable
- copy of your horsemanship pattern for the judges

******Important Note******

Lodging and meals will NOT be provided for the contestants by the rodeo committee. Please plan to camp at the upper fairgrounds or make hotel reservations. You/your family will be responsible for the care of your horse.