



2026 GCRC Rodeo Princess Contestant Application

Dear Miss GCRC Rodeo Princess Contestant, the Gaines County Riding Club would like to invite any young ladies 7 to 12 years old to apply to compete for the title "Miss 2026 Rodeo Princess" for the rodeo this July 17-18, 2026.

To qualify:

- Must be 7-12years old
- Live in Gaines County
- Must not be a previous winner

Please hand in completed application, a short 1 paragraph written/typed personal biography, signed and dated release form, and **one smiling photo of yourself at** The Rusty Cricket or call Shawna McLane (432) 209-2838 to schedule a drop off time. Please make sure everything is turned in by June 1st, 2026.

We thank you for your interest in our competition and look forward to meeting you!

Sincerely,

Dennis Knelsen - President

And the entire GCRC Rodeo Committee

Name of Applicant _____ City _____

Phone Number _____ DOB _____

Mailing Address _____ Age _____



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Rodeo Royalty Rules and Regulations

1. Both categories of contestants are required to provide and ride their own family-owned horse. Only in case of injury, contestants will be permitted to ride in the bed of a pickup truck.
2. Each contestant must turn in a signed and dated release form. A parent or guardian's signature is required.
3. Contestants must provide a short biography and one smiling picture. Biography should include your name, age, parent or guardian name, something about yourself.
4. Each contestant is required to sell 500 raffle tickets at \$2 each totaling \$1,000. Every 20/\$40 raffle tickets sold above the required 500 contributes 10 points to your bonus points.
5. All unsold tickets and all proceeds from ticket sales must be turned in on Friday after the rodeo at a designated time and place by the coordinator. Contestants are responsible for all tickets and proceeds assigned to them. Tickets will be handed out Sunday June 1st at a designated time and place by the coordinator. You must have completed an application to receive tickets.
6. Each contestant must participate in a personal introduction/interview at designated time and place as determined by the Queen/Princess coordinator. Interviewers may ask questions or have conversations about rodeo, horses, your interests, activities, etc.
7. Each contestant must attend practice the week before the rodeo to review how they will enter and ride in the arena. At this time judges will score:
 - a. Horsemanship
 - b. AppearanceYou are required to bring the horse you will be using for the rodeo on this night.
8. Contestants must conduct themselves appropriately and always display high moral standards.
9. Contestants must provide their own wardrobe, which must be western attire, example of acceptable western attire; western hat, tucked in collared long sleeve button down shirt, jeans or show pants with no holes, belt, and western boots at all GCRC events.
10. Miss 2026 GCRC Rodeo Queen will be crowned at the Saturday night performance. If not present for the award presentation, the title will be awarded to the runner-up.



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11. GCRC reserves the right to alter any rules and has the deciding authority over any rules discrepancy.
12. Contestants must provide their own horse (family-owned horse. Example: Grandparents, parents, siblings, or your horse).

Scoring Chart ↴

Tickets sale required 500	25%
Appearance	25%
Personal Interview	25%
Horsemanship	25%
Bonus Points tickets sold above required 500	For every 20 tickets/\$40=10 points

Important dates:

- July 15: Mutton Bustin (opportunity to sell tickets)
- July 16: Arena practice on horseback
- July 17: Turn in all tickets and money after the rodeo (Rodeo is the last opportunity to sell tickets)

Time TBD

We are looking forward to this year's rodeo and working with you. If you have any questions, please contact Shawna McLane at 432-209-2838. Please leave a message if there is no answer.