



# 2023 Arkansas State Fair RODEO QUEENS CONTEST



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## 2023 ARKANSAS STATE FAIR SENIOR RODEO QUEEN COMPETITION

**Entry Deadline: September 1st**

The Arkansas State Fair and Arkansas Livestock Show Association welcomes contestants from around the state to compete for the Arkansas State Fair Rodeo Queen title. Judging is based on appearance, personality, and horsemanship. This event will take place on the fairgrounds Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> with the crowning ceremony on Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **QUALIFICATIONS AND RULES**

1. Contestants must not be less than 18 or more than 21 years of age as of September 1 of the current year.
2. The contestant must be single; never been married, pregnant and/or had a child.
3. The contestant must be a female legal resident of the state of Arkansas.
4. The contestant may be amateur or professional. Cannot hold an out of state title.
5. Past Arkansas State Fair Rodeo Queens are not eligible to compete again.
6. NO STALLIONS ARE PERMITTED.
7. Entry constitutes agreement to release Arkansas Livestock Show Association from all liability.

### **CHAPERONES**

Contestant must be accompanied by a parent/guardian or female chaperone appointed by parent/guardian. The chaperone must be present at registration and remain with the contestant throughout the contest.

### **HORSES**

Arkansas horses must be accompanied by the original report of negative EIA test within 12 months prior to exhibition. Horses from out of state require the original report of negative EIA test within 12 months AND original health certificate issued within 30 days prior to exhibition. Health Certificate must include individual identification and temperature reading of animal. Photocopies are not acceptable. Contestant's horses will be stalled at Horse Barn #1 on the Fairgrounds. Bring your own bedding.

### **DRESS REQUIREMENTS**

Each contestant should come prepared with enough WESTERN ATTIRE for the event, including an interview session, modeling, impromptu question, and Horsemanship competition. During Horsemanship Competition, contestants can wear their choice of long sleeve western attire and jeans. Hats are required during all phases of the competition, including the interview. Chaps are not allowed. \*There will be a Queen run at the end of horsemanship, you will be judged.

### **ENTRY FORMS**

Entry Forms are available online at [www.arkansasstatefair.com](http://www.arkansasstatefair.com). Completed Entry Forms must be sent to Melinda Stafford at [mstafford@kisaes.com](mailto:mstafford@kisaes.com). We recommend that entries are submitted early, and that your participation is confirmed prior to arrival at the fairgrounds. There will be a \$40 entry fee for this competition if your entry is submitted by September 1st.

Late Fees:

September 2nd - September 15th: There will be an additional \$20 late fee

September 16th - September 30th: There will be an additional \$40 late fee

Date	Late Fee	Total Cost
Before September 1st	\$0	\$40
September 2nd - September 15th	\$20	\$60
September 16th - September 30th	\$40	\$80

*We do ask that you submit a headshot with your entry. The contestant must be wearing a hat, however, these photos do not have to be professional headshots.*

### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup> BEGINNING 10:00am**

Enter the fairgrounds through Gate 11 on Schiller Street (Go south off Roosevelt Road on Schiller along the east fence line of the grounds to the end). **Security staff will direct you to Horse Barn #1 to unload and stall horses, and then to park trailers as instructed.** This will also be the time to decorate your stall. We will have a short meet and greet in the barn for any questions you may have.

### **HOTEL INFORMATION**

Arrangements have been made with Four Points by Sheraton Little Rock Midtown (Address is 925 S University Ave, Little Rock, AR 72204) to offer a special rate to participants of the Arkansas State Fair. Contestants are not required to but may choose to stay there: Call 501-664-5020; identify yourself as a State Fair Rodeo Queen contestant to receive the special rate. We recommend that reservations are made early for the best room availability. Contestants are responsible for their own room, transportation, veterinary care and other expenses.

### **JUDGING**

Arkansas State Fair and Livestock Show will appoint 2 judges for Appearance, Personality, and Horsemanship. They will be persons well qualified to judge a contest of this kind. Manners, behavior, and grooming will be observed at all times, from registration to the crowning ceremony. Their decision is final. Poor sportsmanship, tardiness, interference, or otherwise inappropriate conduct will affect your score. Rule violations could result in disqualification, from this and future contests.

### **AWARDS**

The contestant named 2023-2024 Arkansas State Fair Rodeo Queen will receive a scholarship to SAU (details will be provided to you upon winning) and prizes that include a Saddle or money for a saddle (depending on availability), Trophy, Buckle, Sash and Crown. The First Runner-Up will receive a trophy. Miss Horsemanship will receive a buckle.

For contest entry or more information, contact Melinda Stafford at:

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Access to Gate 11 from Roosevelt Road:

South on Schiller Street, along the East fence of the fairgrounds, to the end at Gate 11 on your right. Security staff will assist with directions to appropriate buildings and parking instruction.

