

Ellensburg Rodeo Queen Pageant Information

On behalf of the Ellensburg Rodeo Queen Pageant, we would like to congratulate you on taking the first step towards achieving your goal of becoming a 2025 Ellensburg Rodeo Queen.

Pageant Dates: January 25, 2025

December 13th, 5:00 pm Application Deadline

December 16th, 5:00 pm Mandatory Contestant Informational Meeting at 609 N Main Street, Ellensburg.

December 30th, 5:00 pm Contributor Ad Deadline

Pageant January 25th Saturday – Horsemanship in the afternoon (time TBD) Personal Interviews (time TBD) Written Test Media Interview Coronation

** Exact times and locations will be disclosed at the Mandatory Contestant Informational Meeting

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Ellensburg Rodeo Royal Court will consist of a queen. The queen will act as ambassador on behalf of the Ellensburg Rodeo for the entire reigning year (coronation date to coronation date). The queen spends the year traveling and attending local, state and out of state events to promote and advertise the Ellensburg Rodeo. The schedule of the queen will be ever changing with events but mostly likely the title holder will be busy every weekend starting towards the end of April until after Labor Day Weekend. If chosen as the queen, you will need to comply with the Court Contract, Eligibility Requirements and Royal Court Handbook (all are provided on <u>www.ellensburgrodeo.com</u>) so please read them thoroughly.

It is an honor to be chosen to represent the Ellensburg Rodeo. It is the desire of the Rodeo Board to be helpful in explaining to the ladies and their parents what is expected of them if chosen as queen. Please review all pieces of the application to fully understand the capacity of this role. If you or your parents do not feel you can give 100% toward the functions and the public relations duties involved, please do not sign, and return this form.

Each Queen Contestant will need to gather contributors for the Ellensburg Rodeo Royal Court program. This portion of the pageant does not count towards being selected to be on the Royal Court and a separate award will be given to the contestant with the largest overall contributions to the program. Each contestant needs to bring in a minimum of \$500. Information about contributors will be covered in the pageant information given at the initial meeting.

The pageant has moved all parts of the competition to happen within the same weekend which will be the last Friday and Saturday of January 2025. The schedule is above for reference, but more specific times and locations will be given out at the initial meeting. The pageant will continue with dress code of white button down long-sleeve shirt, dark blue Wrangler q-babies, black boots, black hat and black belt for horsemanship. For personal interviews, a personally decorated Wrangler brand denim button down long-sleeve shirt will be worn. Coronation dress code will be an outfit that follows the current western trends. All the information about dress code will be given out at the first initial meeting. At the first initial meeting we ask all contestants to dress in appropriate street clothing.

We are looking forward to an exciting pageant and hope you will be part of it. Please reach out to <u>info@ellensburgrodeo.com</u> or call 509-962-7831 with any questions.



2025 Ellensburg Rodeo Royal Court

CONTESTANT APPLICATION

NAME:	
DRIVER'S LICNESE	
NUMBER:	
DOB:	
AGE: (Friday of Labor Day	
Weekend 2025)	
ADDRESS:	
PHONE:	
EMAIL:	

WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE ON THE ELLENSBURG RODEO ROYAL COURT? (Limit 250 words)

WHAT IS YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND? (College, Special Training, High School)
WHAT ARE YOUR CAREER GOALS? (Scholastic & Life Ambitions)
WHAT AWARDS/HONORS HAVE YOU RECEIVED? (Present & High School)

HOW ARE YOU INVOVLED IN THE COMMUNITY?
(Past & Present Involvement)

WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES/ACTIVITIES/INTERESTS?

WHEN AND WHERE DID YOU BECOME INTERESTED IN RODEO?

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WHAT EQUESTRIAN OR AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATIONS HAVE YOU BEEN	
INVOLVED WITH? (4-H, FFA, WAHSET, ISHA, ETC.)	

HAVE YOU HELD ANY PREVIOUS TITLES OR RODEO TITLES? (Please include contact information of your advisor or director in charge)



	PARENTAL INFORMATION:
PARENT 1:	
OCCUPATION:	
ADDRESS:	
PHONE NUMBER:	
EMAIL:	
PARENT 2:	
OCCUPATION:	
ADDRESS:	
PHONE NUMBER:	
EMAIL:	

Please acknowledge the following statements:

As a contestant of the Ellensburg Rodeo Royal Court Pageant, I understand that my application information will be provided to the judges UNEDITED by the Ellensburg Rodeo, including but not limited to leaving grammatical errors, typos or formatting issues. However, the Ellensburg Rodeo reserves the right to correct such issues for the purpose of advertising only (ie: the website, program, social media, etc.) The original document is the one that the judges will receive.

Please Initial:_____ Date:_____

I _______ understand and agree, as a contestant of the Ellensburg Rodeo Royal Court Pageant, to comply with the expectations set forth. I understand that if I fail to meet the aforementioned Eligibility Requirements, Royal Court Handbook, and Royal Court Contract, I may not be eligible to hold the title "Ellensburg Rodeo Royal Court" and may not be permitted to compete in the Ellensburg Rodeo Royal Court Contest. All decisions on eligibility are at the Royal Court Director's discretion.

Contestant Signature:
Contestant Sianature:

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature:_____

(if contestant is under 21 years of age)

Date:_____

Ellensburg Rodeo Royal Court Pageant 2025 – Contestant Eligibility Requirements

Contestant Name:

(Please Print)

The Ellensburg Rodeo Royal Court Director has the authority to make provisions and waive eligibility rules and/or regulation requirements with the approval of the Ellensburg Rodeo Board of Directors.

All Contestants shall agree to abide by all of the rules and regulations set forth by Ellensburg Rodeo Executive Board. Failing to meet any of the eligibility rules (without a waiver) will disqualify a contestant from the competition.

Contestant Eligibility: Each Contestant in the Ellensburg Rodeo Royal Court Pageant on the date on the signature line until the final selection of Ellensburg Rodeo Royal Court shall acknowledge these eligibility requirements. (Please initial each numbered item below, confirming that you have read, understood and will abide by these rules and regulations.)

1. Age: Must have obtained the age of 18 years, or be a senior in high school, and shall not have obtained the age of 24 by August 20*th*, of the competition year. Copy of current and valid WA state Driver's License is required and must accompany the contestant application. Driver's License must be valid and current during the entire pageant period (date application is due until coronation). If selected onto the Royal Court, Driver's License must be valid and current for the reigning year. Initials

2. **Residency:** Must be a US citizen and resident of Kittitas County for a minimum of one complete year. To be considered a resident you must have your main address, the place you call home, be within Kittitas County. Your residency is the official place you reside your time. In regards to girls attending college out of county it will be at the discretion of the Royal Court Director. Verification may be requested. **Initials**

3. **Rules and Regulations:** Shall abide by all rules and regulations of the Ellensburg Rodeo Royal Court Pageant. All rules and regulations will be attached to the eligibility requirements. **Initials**

4. **Education:** Have obtained a high school diploma or equivalent or must be currently enrolled in high school. Applicant must provide, along with the application a sealed, official copy of the most recent grade transcripts, and must have minimum accumulative 2.5 G.P.A. Applicant must maintain a minimum accumulative 2.5 G.P.A. from the date the eligibility form was signed through the entire reigning year, if selected. From time to time, the Royal Court Director may ask for a sealed, official copy of most recent grade transcripts. A sealed, official copy of the most recent grade transcripts will also be required before payment of scholarship can be fulfilled. **Initials**

5. **Scholarship:** The Rodeo Board will award the reigning Ellensburg Rodeo Queen a \$3,000 academic scholarship, providing they are accepted and enrolled in a state university, community college, or accredited trade school upon completion of her reign. The scholarship will be paid to the university, community college, or accredited trade school upon notification of meeting entrance and attendance requirements. You have one year after completing your reign to claim your scholarship. To claim your scholarship, you must provide the Ellensburg Rodeo office with the proper information:

- a. Full Name
- b. Student ID Number
- c. School Name
- d. Financial Aid Office address
- e. Official sealed transcript

If you are pursuing another type of education, please indicate the education path have chosen to the Royal Court Director to allow them to handle it at their discretion. **Initials**

6. Gender: I am a natural born female. Initials

7. **Marital Status:** Titleholder may have a boyfriend during her year. However, the titleholder will not enter into a public dating relationship during her reign. This includes no taking or posting of photographs with the titleholder's significant other and no public displays of affection. I am not currently married and have never been married. I agree that I am not engaged to be married, nor will I become publicly engaged to be married during the course of my reign. **Initials**

8. **Parental Status:** I am not the parent or legal guardian of any child and have never been pregnant, nor will I become pregnant during the contractual time frame of the Ellensburg Rodeo Royal Court contract. **Initials**

9. Good Character: I have never committed or been involved in an act of moral turpitude. Must previously and presently, portray high moral standards and a superb ethical character. Initials _____

10. No Criminal Record: I have not been convicted of any crime or misdemeanor (excluding minor traffic offenses). I agree to provide proof of any charge against me, or the resolution thereof, for any criminal action for which a penalty may be assessed. Initials

11. **Tattoos and Piercings:** I have no visible tattoo's and will wear no permanent jewelry other than as many as 2 lobe earring piercings per ear. **Initials**

12. **Appearance/Hair & Makeup**: I understand that full hair and makeup as well as clean, neutral nails are required. I understand I may dye my hair but it must be a natural hair color. **Initials**

13. **Health:** I am in good health and without any health concerns which would lead to the inability to fully participate in the pageant, or to serve as Ellensburg Royal Court, if selected. **Initials**

14. **Substance Abuse:** I do not use any illegal or controlled substances (other than prescription medications and then only in the manner prescribed), nor do I abuse alcohol or other dangerous substances. I agree to submit to a random or targeted alcohol or drug test upon suspicion by the Ellensburg Rodeo that I am or have been under the influence of alcohol or illegal substances during the Pageant or during my reigning year, if selected. **Initials**

15. **Contractual Obligations:** I am not under any contractual obligation which would interfere with my ability to participate in this contest or interfere with my ability to perform as Ellensburg Rodeo Royal Court, if selected. I agree to provide copies of any and all contracts to which I am a party if requested by the Ellensburg Rodeo. **Initials**

16. No Other Competitions: I do not hold any other current title in any pageant of any kind which would prevent me from fulfilling the duties of the Ellensburg Rodeo Royal Court, if selected. I will not obtain any other title until after my reigning year is completed the following January. It is at the Director's discretion to allow court members to compete for other titles in occasions where the title would not infringe on the duties required of the Royal Court. Initials

17. No Other Acts Detrimental to Reputation: I have not engaged in any act, which if made public, would be reasonably likely to cause harm or damage to my reputation or to the goodwill and reputation of Ellensburg Rodeo Royal Court Pageant or title, if selected (If I have any concerns about the applicability of this provision, I acknowledge I have been advised to discuss this with a representative of Ellensburg Rodeo Royal Court Pageant or Ellensburg Rodeo Royal Court Director, prior to signing this form.) Initials

18. **No Agent Status:** I will not incur any bill, obligation or liability on behalf of the Ellensburg Rodeo. **Initials**

19. **Resignation from Titles, Removal of Titles or Rejected Pageant Applications:** I have not resigned from or had a queen/princess or similar title removed for any reason, nor have I had a pageant application rejected after submission. If applicable, contestant may request a hearing for review. **Initials**

20. **Ability to Perform:** To the best of my knowledge, there is nothing that will interfere with my ability to compete in this contest or to perform the obligations of Ellensburg Royal Court, if selected. Royal Court duties will come first throughout the reign: before work, vacation, school, etc. Some activities may be added to the schedule on very short notice. If I have any concerns about the applicability of and of these provisions, I acknowledge I have been advised to discuss this with the Ellensburg Rodeo Royal Court Director. **Initials**

21. **Social Media**: We expect you to, and you agree to, conduct yourself at all times in a way that is consistent with the high standards and ideals of the Ellensburg Rodeo, and of your community in general, as determined by the Ellensburg Rodeo and by its Board of Directors, based solely upon the exercise of their discretion. Specifically, but without limitation, you agree:

- a. Any and all social media activity is clean, appropriate and consistent with the high standards and ideals of the Ellensburg Rodeo. This includes both public and private accounts.
- b. The Rodeo has full knowledge and access to all social media accounts created by you.
- c. All fake social media accounts created to post inappropriate content privately must be taken down and deleted permanently.
- d. Any and all social media content that tags you or includes you that violates the high standards and ideal of the Ellensburg Rodeo must be taken down immediately. This includes inappropriate posts and photos you are tagged in or mentioned in on all social media platforms.
- e. It is at the Ellensburg Rodeo's discretion to fully prohibit any use or form of social media during the duration of the pageant and reigning year if selected for the Royal Court.

Initials ____

22. **Horse:** I am able to furnish a suitable horse that measures 14.2 to 16 hands. The horse will not be a stallion. The selected horse should be well mannered, clean at all times, well-groomed and shod. I am able to mount and ride the horse in a safe and controlled manner at a walk, trot, lope and full run (wall run speed). The Royal Court Director will determine if the horse, equipment, and rider's capabilities are acceptable. The Royal Court Director will determine if the horse and equipment are acceptable. If not, I am willing to ride a mount and provide equipment that qualifies. It is encouraged that the applicant uses the same horse, during the riding competition, that they intend to use the rest of the season if selected. If the horse being used during the competition is borrowed and will not be available for use the rest of the year, the Royal Court Director will need to know before the riding competition. **Initials**

23. **Consents and Waiver**: I acknowledge I must execute all required documents as set forth in the application packet, consents and/or waivers of liability presented as conditions by application deadline. If at any time I or my parents refuse to carry full responsibility of the Royal Court duties, I understand I will be terminated and all clothing, chaps, buckle, crown and tack must be returned to the Rodeo Office. **Initials**

24. **Royal Court Contract and Handbook:** I have read and acknowledge the Royal Court Contract and Handbook. I agree to withhold all rules and expectations laid out in the contract and handbook if selected for the Royal Court. **Initials**

25. **Disciplinary Action:** A representative of the Royal Court is always expected to conduct herself as a professional during the contest and is expected to comply with the Eligibility Requirements, the Pageant Rules and Regulations, and the Royal Court Handbook. This includes all behavior and activities from the time she enters the Ellensburg Rodeo Royal Court Pageant, until if selected for the Royal Court, she relinquishes her reign. During the term of this agreement, the following will be the disciplinary actions for misconduct.

a. First Warning: Will be in verbal form and documented by the Director of the Ellensburg Rodeo Royal Court.

- b. Second Warning: Will be in written form and signed by the Representative and the Director of the Ellensburg Rodeo Royal Court to signify receipt of warning.
- c. Third Warning: Will be in written form, from the Director of the Royal Court and the President of the Ellensburg Rodeo Board. The action for the misconduct is under the sole discretion of the Director of the Royal Court and President of the Rodeo Board. If the Disciplinary action results in termination the Royal Court Representative will relinquish title, crown and all awards.

The warning does not have to be the same offence.

Any member of the Royal Court that displays behavior not consistent with the Ellensburg Rodeo standards as given in the Eligibility Requirements, the Pageant Rules and Regulations, and the Royal Court Handbook, as determined in the sole discretion of the Rodeo Board of Directors, will be subject to such disciplinary action as the Rodeo Board of Directors deems appropriate, including without limitation removal as a member of the Royal Court. You understand and agree that if you are removed as a member of the Royal Court, you will lose all of the rights, privileges, and Ellensburg Rodeo property associated with that honor. You also agree to hold harmless the Ellensburg Rodeo, and its Board of Directors, from any claims you may have as a result of removal, or other disciplinary action. Initials

26. Verification All Statements Are True: I verify that I have read the foregoing statements, all of the foregoing statements are true, the information I present on the contestant information page and biography information submitted for entry is true and forthright, and that I will abide by all rules and regulations of the Ellensburg Rodeo Royal Court as set forth by the Ellensburg Rodeo Board of Directors. By submitting this form and application to Ellensburg Rodeo Royal Court Pageant, I hereby grant permission to the Ellensburg Rodeo Board of Directors to verify all information contained within the submitted application. Any decision by the Ellensburg Rodeo Board of Directors to prohibit an application for the Ellensburg Rodeo Royal Court Pageant is final and at the Board's complete discretion. Initials

I hereby state that I understand the Ellensburg Rodeo Royal Court Pageant requirements of Contestant Eligibility as stated above.

By signing below, I confirm that I meet all of the eligibility requirements set forth above.

Contestant Signature:	

Date:

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: (if contestant is under 21 years of age)

Date:

MEDICAL RELEASE FORM

Contestant Full Name:	Date of Birth:
Parent/Guardian Name:	Relationship:
Address:	
Home Phone:	Work Phone:
Cell Phone:	Other:
Please indicate another person to contact if an a	accident occurs and we are unable to reach you:
Name:	Relationship:
Phone:	
Medical Insurance Company:	
Policy No.:	
Family Doctor:	Phone:
Is Contestant presently on any medication:	If yes, please list medication(s):
Drug sensitivities or allergies:	
Any other medical problems or conditions we	should know about:
Please read the alternative statements below an	nd sign under the one that you choose. Sign only one.
	ny wish that I be contacted before ANY medical procedures tment is necessary to save Contestant's life or to prevent
Parent/Guardian Signature:	Date:
made to contact me so that treatments are not c	hy wish that the treatment be started while efforts are being delayed. I consent to any medical procedures that the nding that efforts to contact me will continue to be made. I reatment.
Parent/Guardian Signature:	Date:

Release and Waiver of Liability and Indemnity Agreement (Read Carefully Before Signing)

Ellensburg Rodeo Association, it's officers, directors, employees, volunteers, contractors and agents (herein referred to as "Ellensburg Rodeo")

In consideration of being permitted to participate or volunteer in any way in **Ellensburg Rodeo** activities, and/or being permitted to enter for any purpose any restricted area (here in defined as any area where in admittance to the general public is prohibited), the (parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) of the minor – <u>use if participant is a minor</u>) participant/volunteer named below agree:

1. The parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) will instruct the minor participant and/or volunteer that prior to participating/volunteering in any **Ellensburg Rodeo** event(s) he or she should inspect the facilities and equipment to be used, and if he or she believes anything is unsafe, the participant and/or volunteer should immediately advise the officials of such condition and refuse to participate and/or volunteer. I understand and agreed that, if at any time, I feel anything to be UNSAFE; I will immediately take all precautions to avoid the unsafe area and REFUSE TO PARTICIPATE AND/OR VOLUNTEER further.

2. I/WE fully understands and acknowledges that:

(a) There are risks and dangers associated with participation and/or volunteering in **Ellensburg Rodeo** activities, which could result in bodily injury partial and/or total disability, paralysis and death.

(b) The social and economic losses and/or damages, which could result from these risks and dangers described above, could be severe.

(c) These risks and dangers may be caused by the action, inaction or negligence of the participant/volunteering or the action, inaction or negligence of others, including, but not limited to, the Releases named below.

(d) There may be other risks not known or are not reasonably foreseeable at his time.

3. I/WE accept and assume such risks and responsibility for the losses and/or damages following such injury, disability, paralysis or death, however caused and whether caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the Releases named below.

4. I/WE HEREBY RELEASE, WAIVE, DISCHARGE AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE **Ellensburg Rodeo**, ITS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS, AGENTS, SUBCONTRACTORS AND ASSIGNS (herein referred to as Releasees) for any cause relating to participation and/or volunteering in **Ellensburg Rodeo** activities Furthermore I/WE RELEASE.FROM ALL LIABILITY TO THE UNDERSIGNED, my/our personal representatives, assigns, executors, heirs and next to kin FOR ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS, LOSSES OR DAMAGES AND ANY CLAIMS OR DEMANDS THEREFORE ON ACCOUNT OF ANY INJURY, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE DEATH OF THE PARTICIPANT AND/OR VOLUNTEER OR DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THE **Ellensburg Rodeo** EVENT(S) CAUSED OR ALLEGED TO BE CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEE OR OTHERWISE.

5. I/WE HEREBY acknowledges that THE ACTIVITIES OF **Ellensburg Rodeo** ARE VERY DANGEROUS and involve the risk of serious injury and/or death and/or property damage. Each of THE UNDERSIGNED also expressly acknowledges that INJURIES RECEIVED MAY BE COMPOUNDED OR INCREASED BY NEGLIGENT RESCUE OPERATIONS OR PROCEDURES OF THE RELEASEES.

6. EACH OF THE UNDERSIGNED further expressly agrees that the foregoing release, waiver, and indemnity agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the law of the State of **Ellensburg Rodeo** and that if any portion is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding continue in full legal force and effect.

7. On behalf of the participant and/or volunteer, the undersigned partner(s) and/or legal guardian(s) for the minor participant execute this Waiver and Release. If, despite this release, the participant and/or volunteer makes a claim against any of the Releasees, the parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) will reimburse the Releasee for any money, which they have paid to the participant and/or volunteer, or on his behalf, and hold them harmless.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND HAVE SIGNED IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT, ASSURANCE, OR GUARANTEE BEING MADE TO ME AND INTEND MY SIGNATURE TO BE COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW.

Participant and/or Volunteer Signature	
Parent or Guardian Signature (if minor)	
Printed Name of Participant and/or Volunteer	
Received by	Date:

Ellensburg Rodeo Royal Court Pageant PARENT EXPECTATION STATEMENT – 2025

The Ellensburg Rodeo Royal Court Director or designated chaperone has complete control from leaving home until the ladies are returned home and released to their parent(s).

Out-of-town expenses for Royal Court members including travel, room and board and meals will be paid for by the Rodeo Board. Parents pay their own expenses.

If needed, and at the request of the Royal Court Director, parents will deliver their daughter's horse(s) to and from the local loading point.

The Ellensburg Rodeo will be the first to post about events the Royal Court attends. Please share photos with Royal Court Director to share with Office for posting. Each Royal Court member and family may post individual pictures/posts of themselves in an appropriate manner. All comments and responses are to be kept positive and inclusive of all Royal Court members.

There is no requirement that the family of the Ellensburg Rodeo Queen to host a Royal Court Party. Any celebration or "Thank You" party planned or hosted during the year will be due to a decision made by the parents of the Royal Court. The Ellensburg Rodeo Association will not be responsible for expenses related to a Royal Court Party.

Communication throughout the year will be made to members of the Royal Court.

has our permission and support as a candidate for the Ellensburg Rodeo Royal Court. We have discussed the obligations, rules and duties with our daughter and we understand them and agree to abide by them.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature(s)

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature(s)

Date:_____

Date:_____

Contestant Signature

Date:_____

Ellensburg Rodeo Royal Court Pageant Check Off List

Please use this check off list to make sure that all items are returned. Due Date: December 13th, 2024 by 5:00 pm

Return the following items to: Ellensburg Rodeo Ticket Office 609 N. Main Street Ellensburg, WA 98926

All Pages of Contestant Application
Signed Pageant Application
Signed Eligibility Requirement Form
Signed Parent Expectation Form
Medical Release Form
Copy of current WA Driver's license
An official sealed copy of the most recent grade transcripts
8X10 full color western headshot
(1) Professional Letter of Recommendation (Can be a professional in the Western Industry, Employer, Volunteer Supervisor)
(1) Personal Letter of Recommendation (Can be a family friend, mentor, past royalty)
(1) Academic Letter of Recommendation (Can be a teacher, counselor, administrator, coach)

Please return the following items to Megan Meeks, General Manager at: megan@ellensburgrodeo.com

_____Electronic copy of biography

8X10 full color western headshot