



Ellensburg Rodeo Royal Court 2025 – Eligibility Requirements

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 Royal Court members 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 Royal Court member from the Royal Court.

Each Ellensburg Rodeo Royal Court member 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 at least obtained the age of 18 years of age by August 20th of title year and not exceed 24 years of age at the time of crowning. Must have and maintain a valid WA state Driver’s License. Driver’s License will 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. 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.

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 you 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 serve as Ellensburg Royal Court. **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 my reigning year. **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. 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. I acknowledge I have been advised to discuss this with a representative of Ellensburg Rodeo Royal Court 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. Removal of Titles or Rejected Pageant Applications: I have not had a queen/princess or similar title removed for any reason, nor have I had a pageant application rejected after submission. If applicable, Royal Court member 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. 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 reigning year.

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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 ride the horse in 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 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, throughout the year of reign until she relinquishes her title on the Royal Court. 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 presented 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 to Ellensburg Rodeo Royal Court, I hereby grant permission to the Ellensburg Rodeo Board of Directors to verify all information contained within the submitted application. **Initials _____**

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

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

Royal Court Member Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: _____

(if under 21 years of age)

Date: _____