

Southern New Mexico State Fair & Rodeo Queen & Princess Pageant

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Purpose

The purpose of the Southern New Mexico State Fair and Rodeo Queen and Princess Pageant is to select young ladies as official representatives of the SNMSF&R. The queens, along with their courts, will serve as ambassadors of the SNMSF&R to the general public, exhibiting excellent sportsmanship, high moral and ethical standards. They should be able to speak intelligently, with authority, and with knowledge of the SNMSF&R and southern New Mexico. Two separate contests are described as follows:

The **Fair** contest is a combination of a Fair demonstration, speech, impromptu question, interview and a written test, along with modeling. The demonstration must be on your Fair entry. Age category for the Queen is 16 to 20 years, Princess 13 to 15 years, Jr. Princess 9 to 12 years, and Pee Wee 5 to 8 years of age. Age as of January 1.

The **Rodeo** contest is a combination of horsemanship, speech, impromptu question, interview and a written test, along with modeling. The Rodeo Queen will represent the Southern New Mexico State Fair at the New Mexico State Fair in Albuquerque the following year if she is available to attend. Entry fee will be paid for. Age category for the Queen is 17 to 22 years, Princess 13 to 16 years and Jr. Princess 9 to 12 years old. Age as of January 1. There is no Pee Wee category for Rodeo.

Requirements

Contestants must be a resident of Dona Ana, Luna, Sierra, Otero, Hidalgo, Grant, Catron, Socorro or El Paso counties for one year prior to the contest, and must never have been married or have had children. Contestants must not have and/or had any criminal charges filed against them. Titleholders must sit out one year before being eligible to compete in another category, and may hold the same title only once, except for the Rodeo Queen, who may carry the title twice. There is no entry fee, but each contestant must sell one hundred raffle tickets, one page of program ads and have at least one sponsor. Two black and white wallet-sized photos, suitable for the newspaper and program, and one 8x10 vertical color photo to be judged for the photogenic contest must be submitted by the program ad deadline date.

Awards

The Fair Queen and the Rodeo Queen will each receive a \$500 scholarship at the end of her reign and upon completion of her duties. In addition, the Rodeo Queen will receive a trophy saddle and entry fee paid if she is able to attend the New Mexico State Fair contest. Fair Queen will receive a \$500 clothing allowance. All queens and princesses will receive sterling silver crowns (perpetual), trophy buckles and sashes. Separate awards will be given in all individual categories. All contestants receive duffle bags and numerous other items.

Schedule of Events

June 26, 2016 – 2:00 pm	Orientation and registration at NM Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum. Registration forms due on this date. Late fee will apply after this date.
July 15, 2016 – 5:30pm	Sponsorships, raffle ticket money and photos due. County Extension Office No Exceptions!!
July 31, 2016 – 3:00 pm	Mandatory rehearsal and written test at the NM Farm & Ranch.
August 13, 2016 - TBA	Rodeo contestants compete at the NMSU arena. Fair competition begins at the NM Farm & Ranch. Private interviews for both contests after lunch.
August 14, 2016 – 10:30 am	Rodeo and Fair contestants compete in speech, modeling and impromptu questions at the NM Farm & Ranch Museum.
August 14, 2016 – 12:00 pm	Coronation luncheon for 2016 pageant following the competition.