

**Miss Rodeo
Canada**



2018 Pageant Application

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for expressing interest in participating in the 2018 Miss Rodeo Canada (MRC) Pageant. We are excited about hosting the Pageant in Edmonton and will do our best to make this a very special and unforgettable experience for all MRC applicants.

We encourage all applicants to read through the MRC Pageant Application Package **thoroughly**, fill out each section in full, and familiarize yourself with the information within the package. The list below serves as a checklist for the documentation required with your application. Entry deadline is **Thursday, August 31st, 2017**.

A complete application package must include the MRC application form which includes:

- 1) Application fee
- 2) Point-form resume on plain white paper
- 3) Driver's abstract
- 4) Criminal record check
- 5) Photographs with photographer's release
- 6) Complete medical information
- 7) Background form
- 8) Signed statutory declaration
- 9) Signed waiver of liability form
- 10) Signed MRC acknowledgement and release
- 11) Signed Sponsoring rodeo declaration of authorization form
- 12) Two reference letters

Your completed package must be received by Thursday, August 31st, 2017. Please leave sufficient time to have your package delivered by this date. Packages received after this date will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. A confirmation email will be sent to you upon receipt of your application. If you have sent in an application and have had no return receipts by August 31st, 2017 please contact us immediately.

Mailing and courier delivery address:

Miss Rodeo Canada
14707 116 St
Edmonton AB T5X 1J4

The MRC Board of Directors is looking forward to welcoming you to the 2018 Miss Rodeo Canada Pageant. Please direct all Pageant questions to Sharon Koke at pageant@missrodeocanada.ca

Warmest Regards,
Sheona Lucas
President
MISS RODEO CANADA
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Welcome to the 2018 Miss Rodeo Canada Pageant

Each participant has the opportunity to garner one of the richest experiences of her life and at the same time create a solid foundation for her future endeavors. Lifelong friendships are made and many doors are opened to all participants.

During the week of the competition, pageant participants are judged on, but not restricted to the following categories:

Horsemanship

Public speaking ~ Prepared speech, impromptu questions & article recite.

Personal interview

Written test

Fashion show ~ modelling

Overall personality, poise and maturity.

Intelligence and common sense are big factors in the personality division. Education and conversational ability in topics such as professional rodeo, current events and other areas are vital. The judges place special emphasis on grammar and enunciation. The applicant should radiate self-confidence and display maturity, high moral standards, sincerity and integrity. Miss Rodeo Canada Pageant participants should have the ability to project their personality, whether it is from horseback in an arena, on television promoting rodeo and western heritage, or before an audience. Also considered are a sense of humor, showmanship, ambition, desire, enthusiasm, commitment, professionalism, and a positive outlook on life in general.

For appearance, participants should be aware of what constitutes fashionable western dress and be knowledgeable on current trends in the western wear industry. Attractiveness includes neatness and cleanliness in every detail. Meticulous care in general grooming is essential for a participant to be considered for the title of Miss Rodeo Canada. Pageant participants are responsible for supplying their own personal western attire for all events.

The horsemanship competition is a vital part of the Miss Rodeo Canada Pageant and reign. Miss Rodeo Canada is introduced during professional rodeo performances, rides in parades and makes countless other appearances where she is expected to ride a horse. Being able to handle any horse is essential. During the competition, participants will draw different horses to test their abilities.

Your personal initiative is welcomed and may the completion of your application be rewarded with the opportunity to participate in this year's Miss Rodeo Canada Pageant. On behalf of Miss Rodeo Canada Board of Directors, we wish you good luck!

Sheona Lucas
President

Miss Rodeo Canada Applicant Provisions

- Entry Closing** Completed applications must be received on or before **Thursday, August 31st, 2017.**
- Eligibility:** In order to be eligible to participate in the competition, the applicant must:
1. Be a female who is a minimum of 18 years of age as of December 31st of her application submission year and not over the age of 25 as of December 31 at the conclusion of her reign at the discretion of the board.;
 2. Never have been married or lived common-law, been pregnant, had a child or pleaded guilty to or found guilty of a criminal offence;
 3. Be a Queen or Princess of a Canadian Professional Rodeo within the last two years.
 4. Be a Canadian Citizen;
 5. Have a valid driver's license which has never been suspended;
 6. Have a current passport;
 7. Never have held a Miss Rodeo Canada title.
- Note:** An application elimination process may be held at the discretion of the Miss Rodeo Canada Board.
- Entry Fee:** A non-refundable entry fee of **\$500.00** payable to Miss Rodeo Canada is necessary to complete the entry application. The cheque must accompany this application.
- Resume:** A point-form resume no longer than two pages is required. The document is to be typed, double-spaced and organized chronologically, functionally or a combination thereof, and in the applicant's personal style. Handwritten resumes will not be accepted. Resumes must be on plain white paper.
- Driver's Abstract:** The original and one photocopy of the contestant's current, valid driver's abstract and claims experience letter confirming both the policy and loss history are required with the entry application package. MRC is responsible for insurance covering a clean driver's abstract. ***Additional costs of alternative or additional insurance will be the responsibility of the applicant. A personal vehicle may be required by the MRC Queen to fulfill her duties as Miss Rodeo Canada, if no MRC sponsored vehicle is available.***

Criminal Record Check: A criminal record check issued no more than 30 days prior to submission is required by all applicants. The cost of the criminal record check is the responsibility of the applicant.

Photographs: Photographs are required for marketing materials including media promotions and programs. Please send one color and one black and white headshot on cd or flash drive in high and low resolution format. One printed 8" x 10" photo of your choice is also required. Only photographs submitted with the application will be used for the autograph sheets.

Photograph Release Form: A Photographer's release form must accompany photographs or they cannot be used. Crown and White Banner must be clearly visible in both photographs.

Biographies

Please provide two biographies for marketing purposes. One biography must be 150 words, the other 300 words.

Biography 1: (150 Words)

Biography 2: (300 Words)

Personal Information

Name:

Date of Birth:

Current Address:

Town/City:

Province:

Postal Code:

Residence Phone:

Cell Phone:

Fax Number (if applicable):

Email Address:

Facebook Address:

Specific Title to be used for Pageant (i.e.: Miss Rodeo Canada):

Emergency Contact Information

Emergency Contact:

Relationship to you (i.e.: Mother):

Home phone number:

Cell Phone:

Email Address:

Medical Information

1. Known Allergies: (food, drugs, insects or other):

Explanation of reaction and indicate treatment/medicine used:

Note – please bring all medications with you and advise Pageant Director where medicines are stored.

2. Describe any past operations, serious injuries, chronic illnesses, or afflictions that may affect your participation in the Miss Rodeo Canada Pageant or your reign as Miss Rodeo Canada.

Sponsoring Rodeo Contact Information

Name of Sponsoring Rodeo:

Contact Name:

Address:

Town/City:

Province:

Postal Code:

Office Phone (if applicable):

Cell Phone:

Queen Director's Email Address:

Rodeo Association's Email Address (if applicable):

Date of Queen Pageant of Contestant:

Date of Crowning of Contestant:

Educational and Achievement Component

Note: In the following section please describe your response concisely. Specific dates should also be included in order to define the time frame in which your accomplishments were achieved. *(Additional pages may be inserted to complete this portion).*

Educational History:

Scholastic Achievements:

Career goals:

Rodeo, horse show and other equine activities which you participate in or have received recognition for:

Volunteer work performed within the last year and what you learned from this:

Financial Component

Financial ability and expectations - MRC is a volunteer, full-time commitment for at least one full year. Your expenses travelling to, from and during appearances will be reimbursed. Please outline your current financial situation and explain (briefly) how you plan to manage your finances during the year of your anticipated reign.

Current Queen Role Component

How has representing your association as Queen changed your life? How will you use your past experience to represent rodeo and Canada's western heritage should you be chosen Miss Rodeo Canada 2018? (*Attach separate page if necessary*).

What do you feel is the biggest challenge facing the sport of rodeo in Canada and what should Miss Rodeo Canada's role be in overcoming these challenges? (*Attach separate page if necessary*).

Applicant's name: (print):

Signature of applicant:

Dated in the City of _____ this _____ day of _____, 2017.

Statutory Declaration

I, _____ solemnly declare that:

- a) I have read and understand the questions, information and instructions in this form and all attachments and the answers I have given to the questions in this form and in any attachments are true and correct; and
- b) I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true and knowing it is of the same legal force and effect as if made under oath and by virtue of the Canada Evidence Act; and

DECLARED before me at the City of _____ in the Province of _____ this _____ day of _____, 2017.

Signature of Applicant

**Signature of Notary Public or
Commissioner for Oaths in and for the
Province of Alberta
(If declared in Alberta)**

Appointment Expiration Date: _____

****This form must be declared before a person who is a notary public in and for the jurisdiction in which it is declared. It may be declared before a Commissioner for Oaths for Alberta if declared in Alberta.***

Waiver of Liability

In consideration of my application being accepted, I hereby (for myself and my executors, administrators and assigns) agree to abide by all rules and regulations pertaining to the Miss Rodeo Canada Pageant and I assume no responsibility of liability for any loss, accident or injury, whether as to property or person, arising in any way out of the operation or activities of the committee or management in any event or part of any performance or while in, on or about the premises of the Miss Rodeo Canada Pageant in Edmonton, Alberta. As for the consideration aforesaid I further agree to indemnify the committee and management from and against loss or damage sustained by it by reason of any claims made by and of my executors, administrators and assigns. Further, I hereby release the right, title and claim to any photographs that may be taken by the management for their use. I certify that I know the rules of the aforementioned competition and agree to abide by those rules. I have read the foregoing Waiver of Liability carefully and I fully understand the meaning and effect of same.

Date: _____

Province of _____, Canada

Name of Applicant (Print): _____

Applicant Signature: _____

Name of Witness (Print): _____

Witness Signature: _____

Miss Rodeo Canada Acknowledgement and Release

This is an assumption of risk and release of liability. By becoming Miss Rodeo Canada, you (the applicant) are agreeing to assume certain risks and to release "Miss Rodeo Canada," the Canadian Professional Rodeo Association, Northlands Park, Northlands Coliseum, the City of Edmonton and other parties from liability.

Please Read This Provision Carefully

Applicant acknowledges and agrees that if she is selected as Miss Rodeo Canada, she will be bound by the Rules and Regulations governing the provisions of the Miss Rodeo Canada Agreement and by the following assumptions of risk and release of liability.

Applicant acknowledges that rodeos generally are dangerous activities by their inherent nature and that participants in a rodeo in areas to which access to the general public is restricted (including, without limitation, the rodeo arena, chutes, pens and other areas reserved an intending for use or access by the rodeo participants or otherwise restricted to the general public) exposes the participant to substantial and serious hazards and risk of property damage, personal injury and/or death. Applicant acknowledges that her participation in C.P.R.A. sanctioned rodeos and in other activities as Miss Rodeo Canada, such as (but not limited to) parades and public appearances, (collectively the "Activities") likewise involved and may expose property damage, personal injury and/or death. Applicant, in consideration of being permitted to participate in the activities in any capacity, does by such participation agree to assume such hazards and risk and does hereby discharge, waive, and release "Miss Rodeo Canada", the C.P.R.A., C.P.R.A. properties, Northlands Park, Northlands Coliseum, the City of Edmonton and any other organization conducting, sponsoring or in any manner involving itself with the subject rodeo (and such persons' or entities' affiliated, related or subsidiary companies and their respective officers, directors, employees, and agents) from all claims, demands, and liabilities for any and all property damage, personal injury and/or death occasioned the Applicant's participation in or involvement with the risks and hazards aforesaid. The Applicant shall not now or any time in the future, directly or indirectly, commence or prosecute any action, suit or other proceeding against the parties so released arising out of, or related to, the claims, demands, liabilities and other responsibilities so discharged, waived and released by such Applicant. The undertakings and covenants of the foregoing provisions shall be binding upon each Applicant, her spouse, heirs, legal representatives, successors, and assigns.

The Applicant acknowledges that being selected as Miss Rodeo Canada Queen constitutes valuable and binding consideration in exchange for which, among other things, the Applicant has entered into this Acknowledgement and Release.

(Signature of Applicant)

(Signature of Witness)

(Name of Applicant – Print)

(Name of Witness – Print)

Date

Date

Sponsoring Rodeo Declaration of Authorization

Applicant:

Rodeo Name:

Name of Authorizing Officer:

Title/Position:

Phone Number:

Fax Number (if applicable):

Email Address:

To the Miss Rodeo Canada Organization:

By affixing my signature below, I authorize the following:

- 1) That according to the MRC competition rules and regulations, the applicant is an eligible participant and;
- 2) That in reference to the rules and regulations governing MRC and the MRC agreement, our rodeo association acknowledges their support for this applicant's candidacy.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Reference Letters

Please enclose two reference letters from persons you have known at least two years. It could be a friend, co-worker, employer, or teacher etc. but not a family member. The reference letters must be sealed by the author(s) and submitted to us (within the timelines of this application) or given to you, the Applicant, to submit along with this application.

Primary Pageant Rules

A set of the full rules will be forwarded to you upon Miss Rodeo Canada competition acceptance.

1. Primary Pageant Rules

- 1.1 MRC Pageant participants are under the supervision and direction of chaperones from the time the contestants arrive until the time the pageant ends. Chaperones and/or individuals with authorization from the MRC Pageant will escort the contestants to and from all functions during the duration of the pageant;
- 1.2 MRC Pageant participants will attend all Miss Rodeo Canada events;
- 1.3 MRC Pageant participants will decline all personal invitations during the pageant;
- 1.4 MRC Pageant participants will abide by all official pageant directives.

2. Personal Conduct

- 2.1 MRC Pageant participants will not consume any alcohol, use tobacco products, or partake of any illegal drugs during the pageant;
- 2.2 MRC Pageant participants are in a demanding position but their conduct must never be compromised for they are the Canadian ambassadors for the sport of professional rodeo;
- 2.3 MRC Pageant participants must maintain a professional demeanor at all times by being respectful to all those with whom they come into contact;
- 2.4 Chaperones, family and friends are welcome to attend any of the public events;
- 2.5 Contestants are not allowed in any other rooms in the hotel at any time, other than that of the Miss Rodeo Canada pageant chaperone(s), or fellow contestants. Parents, family and friends are permitted to assist Miss Rodeo Canada contestants with their belongings during check-in only. Any further visits to the contestant's room by a parent, friend or family member are prohibited. Contestants are prohibited from receiving any outside help from family, friends or other during the duration of the pageant. Deliveries for Miss Rodeo Canada contestants may be left at the front desk of the hotel with attention to the pageant's chaperone

3. Regalia Requirements

- 3.1 Participants are required to wear the 4 inch white half banner of their sponsoring rodeo association with rodeo name printed in 3" high black lettering. The banner is to be worn at all times while in public;
- 3.2 Hat, buckle, crown and banner must be worn at all times while in public, with the exclusion of the fashion show.

Criminal Offence Definitions

Definitions: For the purpose of the eligibility rules, the following definitions of a criminal offence apply: “guilty” in relation to a plea or a finding, includes an absolute or conditional discharge, “offence” means:

- a) A summary conviction or indictable offence under the Criminal Code (Canada);
- b) A misdemeanor or felony under the criminal legislation of the United States of America or of any state or territory of the United States of America;
- c) An offence under the criminal legislation of any other jurisdiction;
- d) a quasi-criminal offence, for example under the Income Tax Act (Canada) or the tax legislation of any jurisdiction; the immigration legislation of any jurisdiction; or the securities legislation of any jurisdiction;

And excludes

- e) An offence for which a pardon has been granted and has not been revoked under the Criminal Record Act (Canada) or the comparable legislation or any other jurisdiction, and;
- f) An offence which is an offence only under the motor vehicles legislation of any jurisdiction.

Note: With the exception of offences under *Youth Justice Act* (RS 2000 Ch. Y-1) or its predecessor, the granting of a Pardon with respect to an offence is not automatic, but must be formally applied for and granted to the offender pursuant to the *Criminal Records Act* (Canada). Therefore, it is not considered appropriate to omit reference to an offence under any statute other than the *Youth Justice Act* (Canada) or its predecessor on the basis of an assumption that a Pardon of the offence is automatic after a given period of time.