

OTERO COUNTY FAIR AND RODEO QUEEN RULES

CONDUCT: Otero County Fair and Rodeo Queen and all contestants serve as ambassadors of Otero County to the general public, portraying excellence in sportsmanship, high moral and ethical character, and reflect careful and humane treatment of animals. She is expected to act, speak, and dress according to the prestige the title deserves at all times.

CONTESTANT ELIGIBILITY: Queen contestants must be at least 17, and not more than 23 years of age by Aug. 31 of the year of competition. Contestants must have been a resident of Otero County for 12 consecutive months prior to the entry date. Contestants shall never have been married or pregnant. If the Queen should marry or become pregnant, or for any reason not be able to fulfill her obligations, the title will be removed from her and passed to the 1st Runner-Up in that year's contest.

In the event there are fewer than two eligible contestants entered into the Otero County Fair and Rodeo Queen competition, there will be no contest.

All contestants are required to abide by the rules with possible disqualifications from the contest for any infractions of these rules. The Fair Queen Committee has the right to disqualify, or take away the crown and /or any title if the behavior and/ or actions do not represent Otero County at its best.

Contestants must complete information sheet and submit photos by deadlines.

Entry: Each entry must be accompanied by an essay stating the intent and reasons you would like to be the Otero County Fair and Rodeo Queen, fifty dollars (\$50.00), two (2) studio style 5x7 color pictures (head and shoulders pose) in western attire, and completed application forms.

ENTRY DEADLINES WILL NOT BE EXTENDED.

DIVISION OF JUDGING: The number of judges may vary from year to year, but not less than three (3). Categories of judging include, but are not limited to, personality and horsemanship. Judging will also occur in public speaking, appearance, and modeling. Each contestant will take a written test. A contestant must receive seventy five percent (75%) of the total score in each judged division to become Queen.

FINALITY OF JUDGES' SCORING: As a condition of entry into the queen competition, the contestant agrees that the judges' scoring is FINAL, and not subject to appeal to any person or body, administrative or judicial.