

# Application for Miss Keystone State Rodeo 2025 Pageant



A division of Miss Rodeo Pennsylvania, Inc. 501(c)3\*

\*not affiliated with Miss Rodeo America

The pageant is held in conjunction with the Bullride Mania Finals Rodeo. All contestants will attend the rodeo with visiting royalty Saturday Night and Coronation will be held Sunday Evening

**Pageant Date - Nov 16th & 17th 2023 ~ Coronation - Nov 17th 2024**

**Application Deadline: Sept. 1, 2024**

I am running for the title of:

(Miss cannot turn 28 before February 2026)

Miss (18-26)

Teen (13-17)

Little Miss (10-12)

## CONTESTANT'S INFORMATION

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (if different from street address): \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of College: \_\_\_\_\_

## \*PARENTS'/GUARDIANS' INFORMATION (\*if contestant is under 18)

Parents'/Guardians' Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents'/Guardians' Email Address(es): \_\_\_\_\_

Parents'/Guardians' Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Education: (Current Grade level, or College, Special Training)

Experience with Rodeo, Horse Shows, etc.:

School Activities/Club Memberships/Sports/Hobbies:

Scholastic Ambitions and Life Ambitions:

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Recent Scholastic Honors/Other Accomplishments:

Pageant/Rodeo Experience or Training:

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List hometown/ local newspapers with email addresses (if available)

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## Essay and Biography

Please attach the following on separate pieces of paper: **(type your response)**

1. Essay on “Why I Want to Become Miss/Miss Teen/ Lil Miss Keystone State Rodeo/ and What I Can Offer this Title” (300 words or less)
2. Submit Your Biography – In 100 words or less, please provide a biography to introduce yourself. *Please write this in third person point of view, as someone will be reading it about you*

## Recommendation Letter

- One recommendation letter is required to be turned in with your application. You’re welcome to provide more than one if you wish. This letter needs to not be written by a family member. However riding coaches, bosses, teachers, vets, rodeo personel are all great examples of who can write one for you.

## ENTRY FEES

APPLICATION FEE (to be paid by applicant)			SPONSORSHIP FEE (to be paid by a sponsoring business, organization, or individual)
TITLE	AMOUNT		AMOUNT
<b>Miss</b>	If you attended our clinic in May save \$50	Submit app in May	<b>\$100</b>
	<b>\$125</b>	<b>\$175</b>	
<b>Teen</b>	If you attended our clinic in May save \$50	Submit app in May	<b>\$100</b>
	<b>\$125</b>	<b>\$175</b>	
<b>Lil Miss</b>	If you attended our clinic in May save \$50	Submit app in May	<b>\$100</b>
	<b>\$50</b>	<b>\$100</b>	
Write the total entry fee due (application fee + sponsorship fee): \$			

Name of Business(es), Organization(s) or Individual(s) that is paying the Sponsorship Fee:

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**WAIVER OF LIABILITY**

By my signature on this application, I hereby certify that I have read and meet all the eligibility requirements for entry into the Pageant; that I have read all rules and regulations governing Miss Keystone State Rodeo; that my conduct as a Pageant contestant will be in strict accordance with the regulations established by the Miss Keystone State Rodeo Pageant Committee (hereinafter called The Committee) as stated in the official Pageant Rules and Regulations, that I acknowledge these regulations to prevail throughout all Pageant Programs, activities and functions; and that said regulations pertain to all persons related to my appearance in the Pageant.

That I hereby grant permission to The Committee to verify any information contained on my application.

That I hereby release The Committee and Miss Rodeo Pennsylvania Inc. from responsibility of injury or loss to persons or property, involving me or persons related to appearance in the Pageant, and which applies also to the heirs, assign, executors or administrators for me or persons relative to my Pageant and all officers, directors and member individuals and groups of The Committee/Pageant Producers, Promoters, Partners, Sponsors, and Pageant Venue.

I hereby release title, claim and right to photographs and or public relations materials involving me to The Committee/ Pageant Producers or Promoters.

Failure on my part to disclose disqualifying information to The Committee will automatically disqualify me from participating in the Pageant. Scholarships or prizes of any kind, which I may receive, will be returned to the Pageant. The Committee and Miss Rodeo Pennsylvania, Inc. will be released from any and all liability resulting from my action.

That in the event that I receive a Title for any of the age divisions, I will complete the tenure of my title in accordance with the aforesaid regulations and in the best interest of the Miss Keystone State Rodeo Program; and, will relinquish all claims and accouterments (crown, chaps, et al) relating to the title upon the naming of my successor.

I certify that the aforementioned information is given freely and is true and accurate. The Committee and/or agent are authorized to verify the accuracy and correctness of these statements and to check my criminal history. I expect to rely on this information and I agree that if any information herein contained is false, that any contract made on the strength of this application may, in your opinion be terminated.

That I hereby affix my signature attesting my agreement to the above without reserve:

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Contestant's Signature

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Parent Signature (if contestant under 18)

Street Address or PO Box City, County, State & Zip

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary public, within and for the County Of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ month/year

Signature of Notary Public \_\_\_\_\_ My Term Expires \_\_\_\_\_

## Acknowledgement of Documents

By my signature below, I certify that I have read the below documents & statements. I understand that if awarded a title, I will be contractually bound to abide by the rules set forth in these documents.

### Initial each read document.

\_\_\_\_\_ What You Need to Know Before Applying      \_\_\_\_\_ MKSR Sample Contract  
\_\_\_\_\_ MKSR Pageant Rules and Regulations      \_\_\_\_\_ Titleholder Expectations

## Acknowledgement of Understanding

### Initial each read statement.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that being a Miss Keystone State Rodeo queen requires a big level of commitment and dedication, and that MKSR queens are held to a high standard.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that Miss Keystone State Rodeo queens are required to travel to Sundance Arena located in Fredonia, PA on a semi-regular basis throughout their year of reign.

\_\_\_\_\_ If chosen as a Miss Keystone State Rodeo queen, I agree to participate in a rodeo queen training program created by the Organization.

\_\_\_\_\_ If selected as the Miss titleholder, I understand that I am expected to compete in the national Miss Rodeo USA (MRUSA) Pageant held in Oklahoma in January following my year of reign, and I am ultimately responsible for the financial cost of entering and competing in the MRUSA Pageant.

\_\_\_\_\_ If selected as a Miss Keystone State Rodeo titleholder of any age division, I understand that some expenses will occur during my year of reign such as the cost of getting autograph sheets printed. Many other expenses are optional. Fundraising and soliciting sponsors is encouraged.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that the Miss titleholder has seniority at all appearances and events unless otherwise specified by the Organization.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that the MKSR Organization is partnered with Sundance Arena, Bullride Mania, and All American Rodeo Company (all owned by Donna and Greg Kennard), and that Sundance Arena is MKSR's "home arena". The MKSR Organization is in charge of all queen coordination for Sundance Arena (whether it be MKSR queens or visiting queens).

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Sign Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature (if under 18) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Supplementary Questions

The answer to these questions **will NOT have an impact** on how you score in the pageant. The answers to these questions are for the purpose of the Organization getting to know you and your background better.

1. Have you ever held a rodeo queen title?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
2. Have you ever been a contestant in a rodeo queen pageant?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
3. Have you ever competed in a beauty pageant or scholarship pageant?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
4. Have you ever had a pageant coach?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
5. Do you have modeling experience?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
6. Have you ever been a flag girl or pivot girl?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7. Have you ever carried a flag while on horseback?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
8. Do you own a flag boot?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
9. Have you ever attended a rodeo queen clinic?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
10. Can you ride a horse at a gallop?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
11. Can you ride a horse at a gallop while neck reigning with one hand?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
12. Have you ever been a part of a drill team (on horseback)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
13. Have you ever attended a rodeo as a spectator?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
14. Have you ever entered a rodeo as a competitor?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
15. Have you ever been to Sundance Arena?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
16. Have you ever been to a Bullride Mania event?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
17. Have you ever been to a rodeo where All American Rodeo Company was a stock contractor?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

## **Minimum Score Requirement Form**

I \_\_\_\_\_ (Contestant) Understand that in order to hold any title under the Miss Keystone State Rodeo Queen Organization a minimum score of 70% or higher must be reached when competing in the pageant.

I \_\_\_\_\_ (Contestant) Understand that horsemanship is the highest scoring category of the pageant.

I \_\_\_\_\_ (Contestant) Understand that the minimum score requirement still stands even if I am the only participant in the age group.

We have a minimum score requirement to be sure that any contestant that wins a title of Miss Keystone State Rodeo is fully ready for the title she will hold. It is to be sure that her horsemanship, rodeo knowledge and grace is at the level she would need in order to be a successful rodeo queen. The Miss Keystone State Rodeo Organization will release copies via email to all contestants to review to see where they excelled and where they might have lacked. The MKSR Board of directors encourages any young lady who may not win her first time competing to come back again! We host an annual clinic to help contestants learn and grow into a rodeo queen! Practice makes perfect and giving something a try is the only way to learn.

Contestant if 18 or older \_\_\_\_\_

Contestants parent if under 18 \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



## ITEMS TO SUBMIT

- **Completed application including notarized waiver, typed essay, and typed biography.**
- **Entry Fees: Check** (No personal checks please; only Cashier's Checks or Money Orders accepted) **Write Check to: Miss Keystone State Rodeo**
  - **Application Fee:** The application fee **must accompany your application.** See chart on page 3 to calculate application fee. If you attended our clinic in Harrisburg Pa this year you get \$50 DISCOUNT ON YOU APPLICATION FEE
  - **Sponsorship Fee:** Each division also requires a **\$100.00 Sponsorship Fee.**
- **Professional Photos:**
  - **Email** the two (2) digital photos of yourself.
    - **A head shot** in western attire, including hat, suitable for website, publication and newspaper announcements.
    - **A full length pose** modeling casual western attire, including hat, belt with buckle, and boots.
  - **Print** the headshot (8x10 photo size) and mail with your application. The printed photo will be on display at the pageant.

**Please include a copyright release from your photographer for your photos (if applicable)**

- **Verification of Age, Residence, and Citizenship:**

A copy of your birth certificate and driver's license (or valid school or college ID) must accompany your application for verification of age, residency, and citizenship. *A legible scanned copy emailed is acceptable.*

- **Letter of Recommendation:**

Please submit a letter of recommendation from a mentor, teacher, riding instructor, coach, etc. with your application. *You are welcome to submit more than one, but only one is required. It is a good idea to ask more than one person and follow up with them.*

*Mail Entry Materials & Fee to:*

Miss Keystone State Rodeo      Director Marisa Gilliland  
2233 Baker Rd, Gillett, PA 16925

And/or

*Email Entry Materials to:* [misskeystonestaterodeo@gmail.com](mailto:misskeystonestaterodeo@gmail.com)

Questions? Call 570-529-5609