



MARIPOSA COUNTY FAIR RODEO ROYALTY 2026

Red, White, Blue & Ewe



MARIPOSA COUNTY FAIR RODEO ROYALTY APPLICATION 2025/2026

Make Checks payable to: "Mariposa Friends of the Fairgrounds Foundation"
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ALL applications are subject to review by the committee for acceptance.

Pick your division (age as of December 31, 2025):

Junior Princess (Age 6-10) Princess (Age 11-15) Queen (Age 16-25)

Entry Fee: \$100 per applicant (note: all contestants are also required to sell a minimum of 300 raffle tickets which are \$5.00 each)

Applications & fees due: Sunday June 7, 2026

Please read Eligibility, Rules & Regulations & Application Requirements provided. Additional specifics and materials will be provided at the introductory meeting.

CONTESTANT Name: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN Name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Physical Address: _____ City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone # (_____) _____ Cell Phone # (_____) _____

Email Address: _____

Date of Birth ____/____/____ (must attach copy of Driver's License or Birth Certificate)

Current Grade in School (if applicable) _____ Name of

School _____

Provide an electronic biography (via email) in a word document (approx 350 words or less) about yourself that includes, but is not limited to: (Committee reserves the right to edit as needed)

- School(s) you have attended, are attending, or will attend
- School, Club and Community activities you are involved in
- Hobbies/Interests and Family
- Goals
- Why are you running for the title Junior Princess, Princess or Queen?
- Your cowgirl advice. (Cowgirl advice is something that you believe in, and you should be able to explain it! You will be sharing this during your on-stage performance at the dinner. Cowgirl Advice Example: "Always take care of your horse before you take care of you")

Provide an electronic head shot (via email) in a jpeg format minimum of 300 dpi. Please no excessive editing.

Sign a Release of Liability for the Mariposa County Fairgrounds, Mariposa Friends of the Fairgrounds Foundation, Camp Creek Ranch, Mariposa Mountain Riders and Hagens Ranch (all will be available at intro meeting).

REQUIRED CONTEST ELEMENTS

- **Introduction meeting/Horse Qualifier/Application Turn In**
Sunday, June 7th, 2026 - 10am Hagens Ranch - 5009 Indian Gulch Road - Catheys Valley.
****Horse being used in the contest is required.** Overview of the contest, horsemanship patterns will be provided, promotional photos may be taken, please dress in appropriate western attire (Jeans, long sleeved button up shirt, boots, belt and cowboy hat). Horses will be qualified for the contest, specified for each division. Be prepared to ride!
- **Horsemanship and Interviews, Saturday August 1st, 2026 Hagens Arena, Horsemanship (all divisions) 8:00 am Personal Interviews 1:00 pm**
- **On Stage Rehearsal and Raffle Ticket Turn in, Thursday August 6, 2026 6pm Mariposa County Fairgrounds, Building A.** We will go over everything that will happen on Saturday. This is the final day to turn in your ticket sales in order to meet your minimum qualifications.
- **On Stage Performance, Dinner and Crowning Saturday August 8, 2026 5:30 pm Mariposa County Fairgrounds, Bldg A.** Each contestant will receive 1 dinner ticket, additional tickets may be purchased in advance for \$25/adult and \$15/12 yrs and under (6yrs under free). Note: We will be crowning our current Rodeo Royalty for the 2026-2027 program year at the dinner, along with saying Goodbye to our existing Royalty.

COMMUNITY SPIRIT POINTS

Community Spirit Points are an opportunity for you to acquire additional points towards the contest. 10 Points will be awarded for each community spirit event you attend (minimum of 2 hours volunteering).

Queen Saddle Fundraiser - Dinner - July 11, 2026
Mariposa County Parks and Rec Day - July 2026 TBD

HORSEMANSHIP CLINIC

Sunday - July 18, 2026 10am - Hagens Arena

The Horsemanship Clinic offers a valuable opportunity to bring your horse and receive personalized instruction and tips to help you prepare for upcoming competitions.

Our current Horsemanship Chair, Jocelyn Mahoney, will be on-site to provide expert guidance on tack selection, riding techniques, and competition readiness. She will also be available to answer any questions.

FOLLOWING EVENTS ARE FOR NEWLY CROWNED RODEO ROYALTY

- **Mariposa County Fair, Family Fun Night. Gold Bowl Arena Friday Night September 4th, 2026 approx. 5:30 pm.** Current Royalty, you will be assisting Fair Staff with games/awards. You are welcome to compete in the games if you wish. If you are showing an animal at the fair and it conflicts with your appearance at Family Fun night you must notify the coordinators ahead of time.
- **Mariposa Labor Day Parade Saturday Sept. 5th, 2026.** Typically, we stage around 10am at Joe Howard and Coakley Circle (bottom of the cemetery). If you are showing an animal at the fair and it conflicts with the

parade, you must notify the coordinators ahead of time. The rest of the fair is your time to hang out and have fun!

- **Mariposa County Fair Locals Team Roping, Saddle Roping and Champion of Champion Roping, Sunday Sept. 6th, 2026 8am Gold Bowl Arena.** Current Royalty to be present to give out awards and/or to help out if needed.
- **Mariposa County Fair Rockin M Rough Stock Tour Rodeo, Mariposa County Fairgrounds, Gold Bowl Arena Sunday Sept. 6th, 2026.** The Rodeo starts at 8pm but if you are going to be running flags, we need you there ready to ride at 6:30pm. Current Queen MUST have a suitable horse to use for Grand Entry and Flags. Participation in Grand Entry and or running Flags for Princess and or Jr. Princess will be determined by committee.

If you need a stall or pen at the fairgrounds during for the fair, contact the fair office at 209-966-3686. Let the fairgrounds staff know that you are Rodeo Royalty. Know that during the fair, stalls are very limited.

*** At any event you are to check in and check out with your coordinator/representative. If any dates and or times change you will be notified accordingly.**

Eligibility, Rules and Regulations

During this contest and during her reign (should she win) each contestant shall:

- Be of the appropriate age per their division as of December 31, 2025.
- Be a primary resident within 150 miles of the Mariposa County Courthouse, Mariposa, CA
- Be single, never have been married, not be pregnant, nor be the mother of a child. A title holder who becomes pregnant during her reign will relinquish all rights and privileges of her title at the request of the committee.
- Complete and sign (if under 18 parent/guardian signature required) all necessary forms for this contest (including the submittal of your biography, entry fee and head shot), sell the minimum amount of raffle tickets as required, make deadlines, and be able to answer questions regarding your biography, the sport of rodeo, Mariposa County, Mariposa County Fair, horses and situational questions during portions of this contest.
- Understand that this contest is being run by a select committee and that committee has the authority to make provisions, waive eligibility, rules and regulations including but not limited to the right to cancel the contest, cancel a division, extend the deadline or amend the age qualifications and the committee may deduct points should there be any infractions in wardrobe or behavior during this contest.
- Conduct themselves in a proper lady-like manner, displaying utmost respect for others, portraying high moral standards and exhibit a high degree of sportsmanship. The use of tobacco, alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, and foul language is not permitted. Each contestant is to be mindful that they are not only representing the Mariposa County Fair, but also the County of Mariposa, the sponsors of the event and the sport of Rodeo.
- Earn 10 points for each community spirit event that they attend. There are two opportunities to volunteer for 2 hours at each event. You may volunteer for longer, but you will only get credit for those initial 2 hours. These points will be added to your scoring for the competition.
- Sell a minimum of \$1500 in raffle tickets. While there will be no points awarded for the sale of raffle tickets the minimum sales requirements must be met by the deadline in order to meet eligibility for the contest. There will be a special award for the contestant who sells the most tickets. The minimum ticket sales for the contest must be completed (money and corresponding ticket stubs) and turned in on Thursday, August 6th by 6pm to the designated committee member.
- Sponsorships - Contestants are encouraged to obtain sponsorships from local businesses. A special award will be presented to the contestant that brings in the most sponsorship money. Sponsorships are to be turned in August 6, 2026 at 6 pm.
- Shall be required to participate in contest elements that will take place on Sunday, June 7th, Saturday, August 1st, August 6th, and Saturday, August 8th, 2026.

8/1 HORSEMANSHIP ELEMENT. (All Divisions): Provide a horse, tack and white long sleeve shirt, denim jeans and belt for the horsemanship element of this contest. There may be no sharing of a horse within the same division. No stallions are allowed. It is not required that the horse or the tack be owned by the contestant. Each contestant will be required to complete a predetermined pattern, short interview regarding questions on their horse, themselves, their gear, and information about their riding discipline, complete a wave run, and a rail class. Queen contestants will also complete a flag run.

Order of run for contestants that day will be Queen, Princess and Junior Princess. Chaps/Chinks are NOT allowed. You must use the same horse for all elements that day. Protective boots for horses are ok. Only AQHA approved bits will be allowed. Only Split or Romels may be used (no roping or barrel reins).

The Princess and Jr. Princess are not required to do a flag run. Jr. Princess pattern will not include loping unless it is collectively agreed upon by ALL Jr. Princess contestants. Jr. Princesses may have assistance with mounting and will not be marked down. Jr. Princess division may be lead lined, however those not lead lined will earn additional points.

8/1 INTERVIEW. Participate in a personal interview. Questions may include, and are not limited to, our Fair, Community, Rodeo, Friends of the Fairgrounds and YOU!

8/8 ON STAGE. (all divisions) Junior Princess and Princess: Participate in Modeling, impromptu questions and participate in an "ice breaker" game at the dinner. Queen: Participate in Modeling, impromptu questions, participate in "ice breaker" game at the dinner and present a speech/poem/narrative that is no more than 3 minutes on the fair theme. The speech is to be memorized and no props are allowed. Order of run for the day will be Jr. Princess, Princess then Queen.

- Provide their own wardrobe and adhere to wardrobe guidelines given by the committee. It is noted that TANK TOPS, HALTER TOPS, MIDRISE SHIRTS, CAMI TOPS. etc. are NOT acceptable. No skin is to be shown between shirt and pants/skirt. There are times when a short-sleeved shirt is appropriate, for specifics ask your coordinator. [Skirts are to be no more than 3 inches above the knee]
- Not allow themselves, their friends, or related individuals to influence, intimidate or harass judges, committee members, other contestants or contestant's families which include and is not limited to negative gestures, comments, and or written or verbal communication, including social media. Actions may result in the disqualification of a contestant or a winner at the discretion of the committee and may result in barring that contestant from future competitions. Mean spiritedness and negativity will not be tolerated. We promote a safe, welcoming environment for this competition. It is the contestant's responsibility to inform their friends and family of this rule and any other pertinent rules.
- Acknowledge that the committee who is running this contest welcomes and encourages friends and family of the contestants to attend different phases of the competition and crowning, however at no time during the contest activities shall parents, family or friends disturb the contest, nor may they coach the contestants from the sidelines during any of the elements. This committee seeks all cooperation from family, friends and supporters during this competition. Please know that cheers, encouragement and applause are always welcome!
- If a contestant wins a division, she may not run for that division again. Contestants may be involved in other contests; however, any contestant in this contest may not hold a current Rodeo Royalty title.
- While each contestant gets a dinner ticket, a fair wristband pass, a parking pass, and a rodeo ticket they must inform their family and friends that they are responsible for purchasing their own tickets for events which includes the Dinner, Fair and Rodeo as well as any events that the contestants or crowned royalty attend unless otherwise noted.
- Understand that all Entry Fees, Ticket Sales, Donations, and Sponsorships are nonrefundable.
- Be required to participate in events as specified by the committee and if crowned be willing and able to attend specified events throughout the year of her reign. The coordinators will work closely with the Queen to work out the program calendar.
- Understand that photographs, images, or likeness of the contestants may be used by the committee for promotion and advertising purposes and the signing of this document serves as the contestant's/parent/guardian's written consent. This includes posting photos on social media such as Facebook and Instagram.
- Understand that if the overall scoring results in a tie, On-Stage Scoring will be final tie breaker

- Understand that the currently crowned royalty must remain at the rodeo and failure to do so may impact their ability to participate in future contests. While it is not typical for the Jr Princesses to run flags or participate in the Grand Entry, if one is entered as a contestant in the rodeo she may ride in the Grand Entry if allowed by the rodeo producer. Flag runners are determined by committee.
- Acknowledge that the Royalty Winners will be responsible for perpetual awards throughout their reign and those awards are to be presented to the newly crowned royalty at the crowning. Queen: Parade Serape, 2 sets of Chaps, Leather Sash. Jr Princess and Princess: Chaps. If these items are damaged or lost during her reign, she is responsible for immediately notifying the committee and for the replacement/repair of the item. Queen, Princess and JR Princess Chaps may be purchased for REPLACEMENT COST and arrangements for this must be made with the Rodeo Royalty Coordinators at least 90 days prior to the crowning of the new Rodeo Royalty so that we have time to get another set made.
- Acknowledge that the Queen must produce a fundraiser to help assist in the obtaining funds for the next program year's queen saddle and awards. Fundraiser to be produced prior to June 1, 2027, unless otherwise agreed upon by committee.

I, the undersigned, acknowledge that I have read the aforementioned eligibility requirements, rules and regulations and I fully understand and agree to abide by the terms and conditions therein.

Signature of Contestant

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian
(if contestant is a minor)

Date

MAKE TWO COPIES, KEEP ONE FOR YOURSELF AND TURN THE OTHER IN TO THE COMMITTEE.