



**MISS RODEO USA CONTACT INFORMATION**

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Dear Potential Miss Rodeo USA Contestant:

We are pleased that you are considering running for the title of Miss Rodeo USA!

If you are interested in entering, here are the key things for you to do. If you have questions at any time, please don't hesitate to call or email for clarification. We are here for you!

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## APPLICATION CHECKLIST: Additional Details

### 1. Application

- a. The application can be found at <http://www.missrodeousa.com/application.html>
- b. Download the Word document and fill out the application in its entirety. Available space for each answer is limited; please keep content within each provided table and do not alter the application format. In addition, **text size is to be no smaller than size 12 point.**
- c. Save your completed application (**as Word document – do not change the file type**). Email it and all other applications documents to the MRUSA Association at [missrodeousainfo@gmail.com](mailto:missrodeousainfo@gmail.com).
- d. **Please pay attention to word limit on some questions within the application!**
- e. **Platform must include a brief title.**
- f. **Biography should be written in THIRD person.**
- g. **IMPORTANT (Initial statement on last page of application, acknowledging the following):** *As a contestant of the Miss Rodeo USA Pageant, I understand that my application information will be provided to the judges UNEDITED by the Miss Rodeo USA Association, including but not limited to leaving grammatical errors, typos or formatting issues. However, the Miss Rodeo USA Association reserves the right to correct such issues for the purpose of advertising only (ie: the website, program, social media, etc.) The original document is the one that the judges will receive.*

### 2. Notarized waiver

- a. The waiver can be found at <http://www.missrodeousa.com/application.html>
- b. Download the PDF document and print. Sign and have the document notarized
- c. Scan document (with signature and notary stamp/signature). Scanned document is preferred but if you must, you may take a photo of the waiver. If submitting a photo, please ensure it is legible, clear and a high resolution JPEG.
- d. Email it and all other application documents to the MRUSA Association at [missrodeousainfo@gmail.com](mailto:missrodeousainfo@gmail.com).
- e. **Important:** Please mail original to Miss Rodeo USA Association, 2701 Co Rd 245, Moulton, AL 35650 - or turn in at check in at the start of the pageant.

### 3. Size Chart

- a. The size chart can be found at <http://www.missrodeousa.com/application.html>
- b. Download the Word document and fill out the form in its entirety. We highly advise you to be honest on this form! You will likely be wearing sponsored items at Miss Rodeo USA Pageant events such as fashion shows, therefore you will want your clothing to fit properly. The form will not be public information.
- c. Email it and all other application documents to the MRUSA Association at [missrodeousainfo@gmail.com](mailto:missrodeousainfo@gmail.com).

#### 4. Photos

- a. High resolution image
  - i. Email a **high resolution image** of your headshot to the MRUSA Association at [missrodeousainfo@gmail.com](mailto:missrodeousainfo@gmail.com)
  - ii. **Provide official Photographer Copyright Waiver with image if necessary**
  - iii. If photo is not of high enough quality, the photo will be rejected and may affect your contestant status.
- b. Printed 8x10 headshot
  - i. Provide one 8x10 printed headshot (head and shoulders) via mail. Use address above (2701 Co Rd 245, Moulton, AL 35650)
  - ii. **When mailing, this MUST BE POSTMARKED by the corresponding date of entry.** (ex: For entry by October 31<sup>st</sup> and payment of \$300 application fee, your headshot must be postmarked on or before October 31<sup>st</sup>.)
- c. Other:
  - i. While it is common that contestants will wear their current title's crown in their headshot, it is not a requirement.

#### 5. Entry Fee

- a. If application items (1-6 on the Application Checklist) are:
  - i. Received by: October 31 – \$300.00 entry fee
  - ii. Received by November 17 - \$400.00 entry fee
  - iii. Received by December 10 - \$500.00 entry fee
    1. As a courtesy, if you are submitting an application between November 17th-December 10th, please inform the Miss Rodeo USA Association when we can expect to your application by emailing [missrodeousainfo@gmail.com](mailto:missrodeousainfo@gmail.com)
    2. **Entries are not allowed after December 10, 2023\***  
\* Unless approved at the board's discretion
- b. Entry fee payment
  - i. Entry fees are non-refundable
  - ii. Payment can be made via
    1. PayPal – Download “PayPal Instructions” from the Miss Rodeo USA website, <http://www.missrodeousa.com/application.html>.
    2. Cashier's Check - Payable to “Miss Rodeo USA Association”. Please mail to address above (2701 Co Rd 245, Moulton, AL 35650)
      - a. Please add memo indicating what the payment is intended for.  
For example: entry fee, hotel fee, ad sales, etc
- c. Entry fees are non-refundable and non-transferable once received by the Miss Rodeo USA Association. In the event that you cannot compete due to illness, entry fees may be applied to Either 2024 Miss Rodeo USA Clinic OR 2025 Miss Rodeo USA competition. if and only if you submit a written doctor's excuse to the Chairman of the Board prior to onset of the competition. Once the contest begins, no money will be refunded.

## 6. Hotel Fee

- a. Contestants will be responsible for payment of their hotel accommodations. You will share a room with another MRUSA contestant; therefore you will be responsible for half of the total nightly cost of \$125.72, (\$52.50) per night for 6 nights (Monday through Sunday) this includes tax, **please provide payment for \$377.16 for the pageant hotel fee.** We are going to offer a Sunday evening limited time check in from 8pm to 10pm for an additional cost for a one night stay **(\$62.86) per person for a total cost of Sunday through Sunday \$440.02.** You will not be chaperoned during this time but you will be subject to a room check. You must indicate on your application which day you are arriving. Family discounts are given at Hampton Inn & LaQuinta Inn next door-We strongly encourage family to book here. Family are not allowed to stay at Host hotel where contestants are staying. NO EXEPTIONS
- b. Hotel fee payment
  - i. Hotel fees are non-refundable
  - ii. Payment can be made via
    1. Cashiers Check - Payable to "Miss Rodeo USA Association". Please mail to address above (2701 Co Rd 245, Moulton, AL 35650)
      - a. Please add memo indicating what the payment is intended for. For example: entry fee, hotel fee, ad sales, etc

## 7. Fundraising

- a. Requirements
  - i. As part of the MRUSA Pageant Eligibility Requirements, each contestant is **required to sell at least \$1,000 worth of fundraising. This can be done in the form of selling advertisements (in any combination of sizes/quantities)** in the MRUSA/IFR Souvenir Program and/or by selling raffle tickets. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The prize for the winning raffle ticket is \$1,000 cash. Any combination of fundraising is allowed (for example: \$400 worth of Ads, \$600 worth of raffle tickets,etc.)
    1. If fundraising equaling \$1,000 is not accomplished, the contestant is still responsible for providing payment of \$1,000 to the Miss Rodeo USA Association to ensure eligibility as a contestant – with or without ad in the program.
    2. For any amount of Fundraising accomplished over the \$1000 mininum, the contestant will receive 10% back at the end of the competition. Example: a contestant raised \$1200, she receives a \$20 back; a contestant raises \$2000, she receives \$100 back.
    3. Contestants who are not in good financial standing before the start of Orientation will not be allowed to compete – no exceptions
  - ii. Details regarding the ad sizes and prices, as well as the "Ad Sales Form" that must be filled out per ad sold, can all be found at <http://www.missrodeousa.com/application.html>.
- b. Deadline
  - i. Regardless of your application entry day (By Oct 31, Nov 17, or by Dec 10) **all ads and ad money collected MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE MRUSA ASSOCIATION BY DECEMBER 10, 2023. Raffle ticket money will be turned in at check-in on Monday, January 9, 2024.**
- c. Submitting Ads
  - i. All finalized print-ready ads are to be emailed to the MRUSA Association at [joanne@InsightTEM.com](mailto:joanne@InsightTEM.com), no later than December 10
- d. Collecting Ad Money
  - i. **See ad rate sheet for specific details pertaining to ad money collection**
- e. High Ad Sales Award
  - i. This is a separate competition that does not affect the contestant's overall score in the Miss Rodeo USA Pageant.
    1. The contestant who sells the most ads overall (highest monetary value) will receive reimbursement of the cost of their hotel room (\$285 value) and a customize prize package.

**PAGEANT PACKING CHECKLIST** (further details about each listed below):

1. *Payment*
2. *Tickets*
3. *Auction Items*
4. *Contestant Social/Pajama Party*
5. *Commentary cards*
6. *Gratuuity/Tip money*
7. *Handy Items to Pack*
8. *Event Clothing*

**PAGEANT PACKING CHECKLIST: Additional Details**

1. *Payment*

- a. All payments have due dates BEFORE the Miss Rodeo USA Pageant begins. If any payments remain at the time of orientation, the contestant is responsible for payment including entry fees, hotel fees and all ads sold in order to be considered eligible to compete.
  - i. Contestants who are not in good financial standing before the start of Orientation will not be allowed to compete – no exceptions

2. *Tickets*

- a. Pageant Events
  - i. Tickets for all pageant events will be made available for purchase at orientation and at the door prior to the pageant event (subject to availability).
- b. IPRA Events
  - i. Gold Buckle Gala
    1. Tickets will be available directly through the IPRA office. For further information, we encourage you to contact them directly at 405-235-6540.
  - ii. International Finals Rodeo Performances
    1. Tickets are available at the Lazy E Arena Box Office from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact the box office at 405-282-RIDE or online at [www.lazye.com/ticketing](http://www.lazye.com/ticketing)

### 3. Auction Items

- a. Contestants will attend two auctions; one in conjunction with the IFR Gala and the other at a MRUSA Pageant event. **We ask that each contestant bring 2 items total for these auctions;** one silent auction item and one basket/package item.
  - i. The MRUSA Pageant reserves the right to sell these items at various events and/or via online auction throughout the week, potentially not all at one event (ex: not all live items may be a part of the IFR Gala, some may be sold elsewhere)
  - ii. The basket/package item is recommended to have a theme (such as your state, hometown, or rodeo). You will likely be asked to briefly describe the contents of the basket at the MRUSA Pageant event where it is presented. These can be sponsored items! Use your creativity and your resources from local sponsors, artists, designers, and friends.
  - iii. **Please provide a typed list of all items within your basket and the approximate total value.** You will turn in this list at orientation before the pageant begins.

### 4. Contestant Social/Pajama Party

- a. This year's contestant social will be a Pajama Party where contestants will be provided sponsored pajamas. It is closed to the public and will be a fun, relaxed event.
- b. NOTE: The contestant social has replaced a previous pageant event in years' past that incorporated a gift exchange. That will NOT be a feature of this event and we ask that you DO NOT bring gifts of any kind.

5. *Commentary Cards*

- a. You will need to provide commentary cards for some of your outfits. These should be brief, fun, and entertaining. This is a great opportunity to showcase your personality. They will be read while you are modeling, so consider the time you would need to model the outfit appropriately. These should never exceed one minute. Please use 3x5 cards, **written clearly with dark ink or typed**. Each card should have your **name, title and spot to add your contestant number** once given.
- b. **Outfits that you need commentary cards for, to be turned in at orientation:**
  - i. Platform Speech outfit
  - ii. Contestant Showcase: Western Fashion Forward outfit
  - iii. Contestant Showcase: Outfit of choice
  - iv. Miss Rodeo USA Sponsor shirt outfit
  - v. Miss Rodeo USA Sponsor Speech outfit
- c. Please pack additional index cards to write commentary cards for sponsored outfits that you may receive at the pageant.

6. *Gratuities/Tip money*

- a. All of your meals are provided during pageant week. However, when we visit a local restaurant, we ask that you bring several one dollar bills to offer as a gratuity for the wait staff, as they are not getting paid extra to provide service and they look forward to our group every year.

7. *Handy Items to Pack*

- a. Items to accompany sponsored clothing, such as under tanks/shirts (white and black), tights or leggings, extra accessories (jewelry/belts), etc.
- b. Alarm clock (backup to the one in the hotel)
- c. Small sewing kit for emergencies
- d. Clothing rack and extra hangers to stay organized in shared hotel room
- e. Blank index cards for additional commentary cards
- f. Additional Dietary Needs: If you require any special dietary needs such as gluten-free, sugar limitations, etc we will do our best to accommodate. However, please pack snacks and small meals to bring to the pageant (microwave and fridge available in contestant's hotel rooms).
- g. Medicine: It is not uncommon for contestants to get sick during the week, primarily due to being tired. It is wise to pack cough medicine, anti-nausea medicine, and/or any other common medicine you could need.
- h. NOTE: In previous years we have held a scrapbook competition within the Miss Rodeo USA Pageant. This is no longer a feature of our event. Please do NOT bring a scrapbook with you as they will not be allowed to be displayed throughout the week.

8. *Event Clothing (Tentative outline – subject to change)*

- I. **MONDAY** - Registration/Orientation/Introductions/Written Exam/Interview/Lunch
  - a. Recommendations: Jean/pant or skirt outfit; may be accessorized with jacket or vest. This is your first impression outfit – from orientation to first interview – make it a memorable one! You likely will be traveling in it (in and out of the van) for lunch.

- II. **MONDAY**-Platform speeches
  - a. Requirements: Formal rodeo queen dress
  - b. Recommendations: Dress can be made of any material, leather is not a requirement. Professional style dresses, such as those with jackets, are often worn at this event but not a requirement.
  - c. **NOTE: Commentary card needed**
  
- III. **MONDAY** - Pajama Party/Contestant Social
  - a. Recommendations: A sponsored Pajama set will be provided for you. Crowns and banners will not be required for the evening.
  
- IV. **TUESDAY** – Interview #2
  - a. Recommendations: jeans/pants/skirts/dress with blouse/jacket/vest. Clothing that reflects a professional nature, such as jackets, are often worn.
  
- V. **TUESDAY**-Photo Shoot: you will stay in your interview outfit but may also wear sponsored items.
  
- VI. **TUESDAY**-Sponsor Showcase Fashion Show
  - a. Requirements: You will model provided sponsored items
  - b. Recommendations: Bring items to accessorize with such as hip belts, leggings, jeans, jackets and Jewelry.
  
- VII. **TUESDAY** – Horsemanship
  - a. Requirements: Jean outfit; no chaps, vests or fringe permitted. Contestants will remain in this outfit for the interview that follows the horsemanship competition. Remember, you will likely mount and dismount in the arena, be sure the fit of your jeans allow for this!
  
- VIII. **WEDNESDAY**-Interview #3
  
- IX. **WEDNESDAY** - Rock-n-Roll Denim Show
  - a. Clothing to be provided
  
- X. **WEDNESDAY**-Gold Buckle Gala
  - a. Requirements: Formal rodeo queen dress.
  - b. Recommendations: Dress can be made of any material; leather is not a requirement. Can be a dress already worn for platform speeches-this is common. If an option, this is a great place to wear a flashy, attention-getting formal dress.
  
- XI. **THURSDAY** – Interview #4
  - a. Interview- wear your Corral Boot outfit. This will consist of your Corral Boots and whatever outfit you choose to wear to compliment those. We will do a Photoshoot in this outfit.
  
  - b. Recommendations-Corral Boots (provided) and an outfit of choice that will look good with your boots. This can be jeans, skinny jeans, tights, leggings, and top of your choice with accessories chosen by you.
  
- XII. **THURSDAY** – Contestant Showcase
  - a. Two outfits (plus sponsored outfits provided during pageant week)
    - i. Western Fashion Forward Outfit -  
Recommendations/Requirements: The goal of this particular outfit is to highlight today’s western fashion choices. Your outfit may be off the rack, custom made or a combination of the two. Creativity is highly encouraged! This outfit should represent your fashion forward thought and how you portray it on stage.



- ii. Outfit of choice – This can be any outfit you want to wear again or haven't had a chance to wear within the pageant – something that makes you feel good and looks good on stage! This can be a pant outfit, something vintage, another fashion forward, a sponsor collaborated outfit, formal rodeo queen dress, etc.
  - 1. **NOTE: Commentary card needed**

VIII. **THURSDAY** - Dinner/IFR Perf #1

- a. Requirements: Rodeo Attire
- b. Recommendations: Jean/pant outfit with blouse/jacket/vest.

IX. **FRIDAY** - Interview #5

- a. One outfit – Miss Rodeo USA Sponsor SHIRT
- b. Requirements: We ask that you design a shirt based on a Miss Rodeo USA Sponsor Shirt. The guidelines for this are:
  - i. Shirt must be white, long-sleeve, cloth (not leather)
  - ii. Shirt should be mostly created by you – please do not send to a designer and have them completely design and create your shirt. Many contestants use fabric paint and stones. Some of the very best shirts over the years were created and crafted without the help of expensive designers.
  - iii. Note: Sponsor Choices for Speeches and Shirt are: Rock-n-Roll Denim, Gold Diggers, Corral Boots, American Bonfire, City of Ozark Arkansas or Rhinestone Lipgloss.
- c. **NOTE: Commentary card needed**

X. **FRIDAY** -Miss Rodeo USA Sponsor Speeches - formal rodeo queen dress.

- a. **NOTE: Commentary card needed**

XI. **FRIDAY**– Dinner/IFR- Perf #2

- a. Recommendations: Jean/pant outfit with blouse/jacket/vest. If you would like to re-wear your Sponsor Shirt outfit for a bit more exposure, we encourage it (but it is not required)!

XII. **SATURDAY**- Corral Boot Cavalcade, Auction, Alumni Event: stay in same outfit

XIII. **SATURDAY**- Group Interview: stay in same outfit

XIV. **SATURDAY**- Fairfield Inn Conference Room- Farewell Reception for Miss Rodeo USA 2023 Anna Woolsey

XV. **SATURDAY**- IFR – Dinner/Perf #3

- a. You may change or remain in the same outfit if you'd like.
- b. Recommendations: Jean/pant outfit with blouse/jacket/vest.

- XIII. **SUNDAY** - Move out/OG&E Kids Day/Coronation/Awards
- a. One outfit – no time for outfit change. You will wear the same outfit in the morning as you will for crowning in the afternoon and the Awards ceremony to follow.
  - b. Recommendations: Jean/pant outfit with blouse/jacket/vest. As always, you may re-wear anything from earlier in the week. Remember, this is what you will be wearing in your first pictures as Miss Rodeo USA if you are crowned in the arena, pick something you really like!
- XIV. GENERAL/ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING CLOTHING:
- a. We have provided a **TENTATIVE schedule outline** for you. It gives a brief description of what you should plan to bring as your competition wardrobe. This is not a competition where the contestant with the most expensive wardrobe wins. If the schedule says jeans: wear jeans! You may always accessorize with a vest or jacket – that is your choice. It is perfectly fine to repeat all or part of an outfit.
  - b. There are three events considered “formal attire” – where dresses are requested (sponsor speech, platform speech and Gold Buckle Gala). You may bring more such as for Contestant Showcase “outfit of choice”, but they aren’t required. You may mix and match your wardrobe and can certainly wear the same dress or outfit twice.
  - c. Please bring a couple of casual/fitness outfits for use during the week, such as shorts, running pants and t-shirts.

## GENERAL PAGEANT INFORMATION

- *Speech guidelines*
  - Sponsor Speech
    - Sponsor speech to be performed without note cards. Time frame must be between 2-3 minutes in length. A buzzer/alarm will not sound, but the judges will be informed of the length.
    - Topic: Rock-n-Roll Denim, Gold Diggers, Corral Boots, American Bonfire, City of Ozark Arkansas or Rhinestone Lipgloss.
    - Additional activities at Sponsor Speech event:
      - Modeling, impromptu question(s), verbal description of your Sponsor Shirt.
  - Platform Speech
    - Platform speech to be performed without note cards. Time frame must be between 1-2 minutes in length. A buzzer/alarm will not sound, but the judges will be informed of the length.
    - Topic: Personal platform that you will advocate for as Miss Rodeo USA
    - Additional activities at Platform Speech event:
      - Modeling and three impromptu questions asked back-to-back without the option of repeating

- *Horsemanship*
  - Horsemanship will include two set patterns on two draw horses. You'll find the official MRUSA horsemanship pattern on the Miss Rodeo USA website. Following the first pattern and speaking with the judges in the arena, the contestant will perform a queen run/presentation run. The second pattern will be given to you the morning of the horsemanship competition in the format of printed instructions. Contestants will have equal amount of time to study the second pattern before performing.
  - Judges reserves the right to request additional maneuvers or rounds, including carrying a flag.
  
- *Social Media Award*
  - Previously, we have incorporated a People's Choice award for the most-liked contestant photo on Facebook. This contest will NOT be a part of the 2024 pageant. However, there will be a social media award/contest (that will NOT contribute to the overall scores) based on social media performance during pageant week. More details will be announced.
  
- *Fan Favorite Sponsor Shirt Award*
  - Requirements for Sponsor Shirt located in the above clothing section (Item IX)
  - Award will be given for the audience's Fan Favorite Sponsor Shirt. This is a separate competition and the award will NOT affect the contestant's overall scores toward the Miss Rodeo USA competition.
  - Voting for Fan Favorite Sponsor Shirt will take place toward the end of the event.
  
- *Hotel Information*
  - Our host hotel is the Fairfield Inn and Suites in Edmond, OK.
    - Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott Edmond  
301 Meline Drive,  
Edmond, OK 73034  
405-341-4818
  - **We will reserve every contestant a room arriving Monday, January 8th and checking out Sunday, January 14th. As a contestant, do not reserve your own room for those nights.** We are offering an option to check in on Sunday evening January 7th this year. If you plan to arrive early or stay late, please call the hotel and reserve those nights separately. You may also find that the Fairfield Inn is full for nights such as Saturday, January 6th – if so, we encourage you to find one of the neighboring hotels like the LaQuinta Inn and Hampton Inn who are offering a discounted rate.
  - Each contestant will have a roommate and will share a “double queen” room. Contestants will split the cost of the room. Hotel cost listed above in the “APPLICATION CHECKLIST: Additional Details, #6”
  - When you arrive at the Fairfield Inn the day the pageant begins, **DO NOT check-in at the front desk.** You will receive your room assignment and key from the Miss Rodeo USA Association upon pageant check-in.
  - Friends and family planning to stay in Oklahoma City
    - **IMPORTANT:** Your friends and family will be responsible for reserving their hotel room and will not be allowed to stay at the pageant host hotel, the Fairfield Inn, arrange friends and family to stay at the LaQuinta Inn or Hampton Inn for a discount. Please reserve family/friend rooms early!

- Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott/Edmond (1 exit south of IFR Host Hotel) 301 Meline Drive, Edmond, OK 73034  
405-341-4818
- Hampton Inn OKC/Edmond (1 exit south of IFR Host Hotel)  
300 Meline Drive, Edmond, OK 73034  
405-844-3037
- Because hotels will be at maximum capacity during the IFR, there are several other quality hotels nearby. The LaQuinta Inn and Hampton Inn are offering a discount to family/friends of Pageant contestants.
- *Contact with Contestants*
  - Parents, family, friends, committee members and other supporters
    - During the actual pageant, contestants will not be allowed to freely communicate with family/friends. This is primarily for safety reasons. This sometimes catches contestants off guard, so please be prepared to turn in all electronic devices at registration that are on hand, such as phones, ipads and/or laptop computers – or be sure that your family takes possession of these items beforehand.
    - When the contestant group is scheduled to eat at an Edmond/Oklahoma City restaurant, we encourage family and friends to join us. You will not be able to interact with your family, but will be able to say hi or share a smile or wave across the room.
    - During the pageant, contestants will have designated times that they may visit with family and friends. Some of these times will be scheduled and announced at orientation, other opportunities will be if time allows at each given event.
  - Items delivered to the contestants
    - Contestant's **WILL NOT** be allowed cards or flowers during the week. **IMPORTANT:** with the only exception being medical necessity, contestants of the Miss Rodeo USA Pageant will not be allowed ANY DELIVERIES. While items may feel like an emergency situation, such as additional clothing, snacks or convenience items – please do not ask for exceptions to this rule
  - Emails
    - During the pageant, friends and family can send words of encouragement by submitting emails to [missrodeousainfo@gmail.com](mailto:missrodeousainfo@gmail.com) **with the contestant's name in the subject line.** They will be printed out each evening and delivered to the contestants. The emails will be read and delivery is at the discretion of the Miss Rodeo USA Board of Directors.

- *Photography*
  - Outside photography, whether professional or personal (camera or phone) is not permitted under any circumstance at the Miss Rodeo USA Pageant. A professional photographer and videographer will be on staff throughout the week to ensure all memories are captured and will have photos/videos for sale.
  - During designated times where family and friends are allowed to communicate with contestants (times/places shared at orientation), the pageant photographer will be available for group photos.
  
- *Scoring*
  - At the culmination of the 2024 Miss Rodeo USA pageant, the queen and 1st through 4th runners-up contestants will receive their cumulative scores via email no more than 30 days following the pageant. Other contestants scores available only through written request from that contestant.

We are excited about your interest in becoming part of our Miss Rodeo USA family. Please let us know if we may answer any questions for you! Application submission and questions regarding the application/pageant preparation, please refer to:

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