



### Starter Information to Prepare for Competition

- Competition will be July 11-14 in Shawnee, OK in conjunction with the International Finals Youth Rodeo
- Check in will be July 10 only. No exceptions. Times to be announced at later date.
- You will give a prepared introduction, have a personal interview with the judges, an on-stage interview related to your platform, take a written test, compete in horsemanship, give a prepared speech, and carry flags at 7 rodeo performances.
- Wardrobe you will need:
  - Contestants Choice: must include long sleeves, hat, belt, and boots; some examples include jeans, pants, skirt, long sleeve shirt, vest, jacket, or dress.
  - Horsemanship Outfit: must include long sleeve shirt, hat, belt, boots, and jeans
  - Rodeo Outfits: must include long sleeve shirt, hat, belt, boot, and jeans
  - Western Elegance: Rodeo queen dress with boots and hat. Length of your choice.You may re-wear rodeo outfits or mix/match outfits.
- Deadline for entering is June 15
- Entry fee is \$250 due when application is submitted.
- You must sell a minimum of \$500 worth of raffle tickets. The raffle ticket prize is \$500 cash. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The contestant selling the winning ticket receives \$100 cash. The contestant with the highest ticket sales will receive a trophy saddle. Raffle tickets will be mailed to you when you submit your application. You must turn in the \$500 and raffle tickets at orientation in order to be eligible to compete. Any contestant selling \$1000 worth of tickets will receive a full refund of her entry fees. In order to qualify for the high ad sales saddle, you must sell a minimum of \$1000.
- Horsemanship pattern is posted. Tentative schedule coming soon.
- For the Platform Impromptu Questions & Onstage Interviews: you will write about your platform on your application. This should be something that you are passionate about. The Impromptu Questions will be personality-type questions and the onstage interview will be questions about your platform.
- Your prepared speech should be 2-3 minutes in length and can be about your state, your hometown, or a sponsor, or 'What USA Means to Me'.
- For Written Test, study IPRA website, Miss Rodeo USA website, IFYR website, horse related topics, and current events.

- **RV spots will be available at the rodeo grounds. Cost is \$250. Form to be posted soon. Form and fee due by June 15.**
- **Stalls are available at rodeo venue. Rate for stalls is \$100 per stall for the week. Due by June 15.**
- **For horsemanship and carrying flags during the rodeo, you may use your own horse**
- **If you prefer to lease a horse, 5 Star Quarter Horses out of Pauls Valley, Oklahoma will lease you a horse for the week.**
- **If you have questions, contact Beth Weldon, Chairman of Miss Rodeo USA Association at 731-225-1227.**