



Roots N' Boots Queen Creek Pro Rodeo **2014 Rodeo Queen Pageant Introduction**

Welcome to the 2014 Roots N' Boots Queen Creek Pro Rodeo Queen Pageant. In this packet you will find a summary of what it means to be a Roots N' Boots Rodeo Queen and your application for the 2014 Roots N' Boots Rodeo Queen Court. We encourage anyone who is interested, to speak up and ask questions as you make your decision to run for a Roots N' Boots title.

The Roots N' Boots Rodeo Committee is excited for your participation, and we want you to have a memorable experience that offers you great opportunities throughout the year. The Town of Queen Creek will be celebrating its 25th Anniversary in 2014 and Roots N' Boots is excited to be a part of the festivities. As the home of the Roots N' Boots Rodeo, Horseshoe Park and Equestrian Centre is proud to bring the pageant, rodeo and other special events to you in 2014 and to partner in marketing the center and our great Town.

The 2014 Roots N' Boots Rodeo Queen Court will consist of three titles: Roots N' Boots Pro Rodeo Queen (ages 19-26) and Roots N' Boots Teen Queen (ages 15-18) and Princess (ages 11-14). The age limits are subject to change depending on interest and availability of contestants. All contestants will be notified of their title category after the application deadline has passed, but prior to the competition date.

Before competing for any pageant title, there are many things to take into consideration. Being a member of the Roots N' Boots Royalty is a job which bears many responsibilities: financial obligations for travel, social commitments, and acting in a manner appropriate to be a symbol of our Town and the values it supports. It is not just an opportunity to look pretty on a horse (although you will have your share of that!) but it does offer opportunities for lifelong friendships, pride in community spirit, and the opportunity to support an amazing event. .

A chance to represent and promote the Roots N' Boots Pro Rodeo and the western way of life; your top priority will be to represent our rodeo in a sophisticated and professional manner at all times. A Queen is dedicated first and foremost to her host rodeo and it is her responsibility to work towards its success both at home and out on the Rodeo Trail. As a Roots N' Boots Rodeo Queen, you will be required to attend Roots N' Boots events, other rodeos and parades across the state of Arizona, community events, grand openings, ribbon-cutting ceremonies and other Town events, all the while promoting our rodeo with grace, style, and class. This is a huge commitment that will require many of your weekends and some week day evenings.

A Rodeo Queen Court is a support system for the event itself, but is also a mentoring program for young ladies to teach the values of the western way of life; respect, responsibility, strong morals, and tradition. The Pro Rodeo Queen, most experienced serves as the main line of communication with the court, organizing events and helping to keep a cohesive group while mentoring and promoting the event itself. The Teen Queen will teach and learn at the same time offering support to younger queens but also working with the Pro Rodeo Queen to learn valuable skills in leadership, public speaking, and overall Rodeo Queen Etiquette. The Princess, youngest of the group is expected to be the most Novice of the group, learning from all experiences and asking questions along the way. The Princess and Teen Queen may not be given all same opportunities as the Pro Rodeo Queen; however we do try to make each Queen's experience a truly rewarding one. We also work with each Queens's skill level to help provide support in areas that may need refining along with providing experiences that match ability and ambition.

Being a Rodeo Queen will likely require out-of-pocket expenses. While we as a committee try to keep these expenses to a minimum, we want you to come in fully aware of the potential costs you may incur. Wardrobe is often a large expense for Rodeo Queens. This pageant does set forth wardrobe guidelines and requirements; however we do take steps to make the pageant open to all that would like to compete. We will go over requirements in full detail at orientation. As a Rodeo Queen, you are expected to add color and pageantry to our rodeo and we want you to stand out. Many items can be “blinged” up to make you sparkle in the eyes of the crowd. One major requirement is that all pants must be made by Wrangler, a major PRCA Rodeo sponsor. There are many former Rodeo Queens who sell their clothes, and they may be a good resource for horsemanship outfits, arena shirts, hats, boots, etc. at reasonable prices. Many queens offer to loan outfits out as well. Often times western-style clothing may be found in plain colors and patterns, which would allow you to embellish them to create a wonderful outfit for competition. Clothes may also be made to custom-fit from simple patterns found in a local craft store. Creativity can stretch a small budget into an amazing Rodeo Queen wardrobe and many ladies around the state can give you pointers on how to make a simple vest into something that the crowd will love.

Other Rodeo Queen expenses include traveling, meals, care for your horse and your tack. You will be required to pay out of pocket for any traveling on behalf of the Roots N’ Boots. Entry fees might also be your expense, depending upon the event. While the committee will try to offset some of the costs if possible by working with other rodeo committees, we want you to know the full extent of your responsibilities both physical and financial. We encourage our Rodeo Queens to find personal sponsors and donors to offset the cost as well; however any personal sponsor agreements for your time can only be committed to sponsor your “Queen Year” and that person or company will not be named a “Roots N’ Boots Rodeo Queen Sponsor”. Personal sponsors cannot be in conflict with any sponsors of the Roots N’ Boots Rodeo and anything other than a personal donation will need to be approved by the committee and will not in any way fall under the 501C3 tax benefit of our event. You may not solicit sponsors within the Town of Queen Creek limits, these sponsors will be contacted by the Roots N’ Boots Rodeo Committee to contribute to the event as a whole.

As a Roots N’ Boots Queen you must also carry your own individual insurance during your reign. Recently there have been some unfortunate accidents at other events, and as a Roots N’ Boots Queen, you agree to hold harmless the Town of Queen Creek, Friends of Horseshoe Park, and the Roots N’ Boots Rodeo for any instances or unfortunate events. While at any of our events, you will have a signed waiver of liability. This is also standard practice at most other rodeos. Any injuries or expenses for injuries (including lawsuits) will name you (or possibly your family) as the person responsible and must be handled by you, not the Roots N’ Boots Rodeo. Many times the insurance you carry as a horse owner will cover you for Rodeo Queen responsibilities, however you are responsible for checking with your insurance carrier. The Roots N’ Boots Rodeo, Town of Queen Creek, Queen Creek Marketplace, Horseshoe Park and Equestrian Centre will all be included on a “hold harmless” agreement that you must sign in order to compete for our title.

The scheduling for appearances by any member of the Roots N’ Boots Pro Rodeo Queen Court will be done by the Queen Coordinator and the Rodeo Committee. As a Roots N’ Boots Rodeo Queen, you will be asked to present any prospective appearance ideas to the Queen Coordinator, with as much detail as possible, for approval. A decision will be made based on availability, exposure, benefits to you, and if the event suits the image you are portraying as our Queen. A mandatory schedule of events will be presented at orientation and any issues will need to be addressed immediately once the 2014 Queens are crowned. A signed agreement will be made by both the Queen and the Roots N’ Boots Queen Coordinator along with the Rodeo Queen Contract immediately following the crowning ceremony.

Please note that our rodeo audience extends into many different walks of life and you will be asked to promote our event at venues such as restaurants, sponsor promotions, other rodeos, rodeo dances, etc. We ask that you keep an open mind and remember that it is your job to represent us in public. We will of course, never put you in a situation that puts you in any direct danger or compromises your moral character, and we welcome open communication from our Queens in this area. Any promotion of alcohol sponsors (such as posing for pictures, carrying flags, and riding in a barrel truck) will be on behalf of Roots N' Boots and your position with the event and any personal objections to this must be discussed with the Queen Coordinator prior to competition.

For 2014 Roots N' Boots is going to try a less conventional Rodeo Queen Pageant, focusing on contestant interaction in a more practical environment. In its first three years, Roots N' Boots has focused more on the small town feel of the event and the one on one interaction with spectators and sponsors. We will try to build the competition around those concepts but will still include horsemanship, formal speech, personal interview and appearance as highly valued categories as well. Contestants are encouraged to remember that judging of the contestants may begin at registration on the contest day, and will continue throughout the contest. **The contestant with the highest overall weighted percentage (not necessarily the highest overall score) will be the winner of the title for which she is competing.** Judging sheets will be provided to the contestants at the end of the competition for their personal review. We encourage our judges to provide feedback on the judging sheets; however they are not required to give anything outside of the written score. All judges decisions are made final by the act of coronation.

Categories are weighted differently, but focus on the following areas: Horsemanship, Personal Interview, Speech, Impromptu, Modeling / Photogenic, Personality, and Personal Appearance

Personality and Personal Appearance scores are accumulated through each judged event and are combined with discretionary points earned throughout the pageant. Individual Awards may be given for certain areas of the event.

The judges' decision is final and contracts for Queens will be signed immediately following the competition. Queen contracts are to be signed immediately following coronation. Runners –up will not be awarded any title, however, should the selected Queen be unable to perform her duties, she will be forced to resign her crown and title. At that time, the runners-up will be contacted in placement order to be offered the remaining term as Queen.

Pageant Resources

Information about the Town of Queen Creek

www.QueenCreek.org

Roots N' Boots Pro Rodeo

San Tan Historical Society
20740 S. Ellsworth Road
Queen Creek, AZ 85242
480-987-9380

Banner Cardon's Children's Medical Center



Roots N' Boots Rodeo Queen Competition – Application

TITLE COMPETING FOR: _____

CONTESTANT NAME:

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

CONTESTANT PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT (IF APPLICABLE):

EMERGENCY OR GUARDIAN CONTACT:

CURRENT SCHOOL: _____

FUTURE GOALS REGARDING SCHOOL:

CAREER GOALS & LIFE'S AMBITIONS:

SPECIAL TRAINING:

ORGANIZATIONS/CLUBS:

OTHER INTERESTS:

Please complete a 200 word typed biography for judges review prior to competition and submit with this application.

Contestants are required to submit an entry fee of \$35 along with providing a new item (valued at \$25 or greater) for silent auction the morning of the pageant. Silent auction items should be Rodeo, Western, or Queen Creek Themed. Entry fees are applied toward awards and other pageant expenses. Entry fees are due at orientation and pageant guidelines will be given once entry fees are paid.