

2026 Phillipsburg Rodeo Queen Contest Official Entry Form

Name _____

Address _____

Age _____ Date of Birth _____

Waiver of Liability

Date _____

In consideration of my application being accepted (and me, or my helpers being permitted to engage in the above extent shall, without any further notice, be deemed to be in acceptance thereof), I hereby for myself, by executors, administrators, and assignees, and my helpers agree to abide, and that they shall abide by all rules and regulations pertaining to the event, and I and they assume all responsibility and liability for any loss, accident, or injury, whether as to property or persons, arising in any way out of the operation of activities of your committee or management, in any event or part of any performance, or parade, or while in, on, or about the said premises of the Phillipsburg Rodeo Grounds and Phillips County Fairgrounds. As for the consideration aforesaid, I further agree to indemnify your committee and management from and against any loss or damage sustained by you for reasons of any claims made by any of my helpers or their executors, administrators, or assigns. Also, I hereby release the right, title, and claims for any photographs that may be taken, to the committee and/or management for their further uses. I certify that I have read the rules of the Phillipsburg Rodeo Queen Contest and agree to abide by them unconditionally. The undersigned have read the foregoing release carefully and fully understand the meaning and effect of the same.

Contestant's Signature

Address

City, County, State and Postal Code

Telephone Number including Area Code

Approved and attested by:

**Signature of parent or legal guardian if Applicant
is under 21 years of age.**

2026 Phillipsburg Rodeo Queen Contest

Rules and Regulations

1. Single ladies between the ages of 16 and 25 are eligible. Age is determined as of the day of the contest. Ladies with children are not eligible to try out, and the winning queen must not marry or become pregnant for the entire year of reign.
2. If a contestant has been crowned at a prior contest, for this contest year (2026), she is ineligible to compete.
3. Contestants must conduct themselves in a proper lady-like manner, and remain friendly, helpful, and congenial at all times. Foul language or actions will not be tolerated.
4. Each contestant is required to submit a non-refundable \$50.00 entry fee/\$75.00 late entry fee made payable to the *Phillipsburg Rodeo Queen Committee*.
5. No stallions may be used as a contest horse. Contestant must ride the horse that she competes on for the parade and all Kansas' Biggest Rodeo performances. Horses must be sound and free of illness. If contestant is traveling from a state other than Kansas, a current Coggins test is also required.
6. Contestant must send application, entry fee, and a non-returnable head and shoulders photograph (5x7) of herself postmarked by July 3, 2026. Application postmarked after July 3, 2026 will be excepted, however will require a non-refundable \$75.00 late entry fee. All proper documentation must be received by July 15, 2026 11:59 pm CST. **Please make sure ALL proper documentation and fee is submitted!** Entry fees will be waived for contestants who competed but did not receive the title in the year immediately prior to the current year's competition. Those contestants who competed and did not receive the title in 2025, will not be required to submit an entry fee for 2026. However, all other documentation must be submitted within the dates listed above.
7. Contestants must have a signed waiver of liability before the contest.
8. Contestants must be at contest site 30 minutes before the contest begins and must check in with a committee member upon arrival. Due to time constraints, horses should be saddled and ready prior to the start of the contest. Phillipsburg Rodeo Queen Committee members are Heather McClain and Joni Hilburn. **The contest begins at 9:00 a.m. at the Phillips County Fair Building, Wednesday, July 29, 2026.**
9. Stalling facilities are available upon request to contestants needing to stall their horses overnight. All requests should be contacted to a PRQ committee member at least one week prior to the contest date.
10. Due to limited availability, if hotel accommodations are needed, it is recommended to book reservations several months in advance at any of the following locations in Phillipsburg: Cottonwood Inn, Rodeway Inn, or Econo Lodge.
11. The order of the contest will be determined by the committee and will be strictly adhered to throughout the contest.
12. Judges' decisions are final! Any suggestions or complaints must be made to the committee only. No contestant or family/friends/helpers of a contestant are to approach the judges in any negative form or manner.
13. All scores will be submitted to a Certified Public Accountant following the event. Each contestant will receive her individual score sheets by mail following the contest.
14. In the event of a tie, the contestant with the highest horsemanship score will receive the higher ranking. If a tie still remains, the final score from Judge # 1 will be used to determine the winner. A tie for Miss Congeniality will be broken by a silent judge appointed by the Phillipsburg Rodeo Queen committee.
15. If the competition consists of only one single contestant, that contestant must receive a minimum total score of at least 50% of the total points possible to receive the title.

16. Awards will be presented to the newly crowned queen, including a traveling crown, sash, saddle, and belt buckle. All contestants will be awarded various prizes.
17. A dress code will be strictly enforced. No crop-tops, tee shirts, shorts or exposed belly buttons will be allowed while riding in the Queen, Runner-up, or Contestant positions. Anytime the queen or contestants are representing Kansas' Biggest Rodeo, or the contest itself, they shall be attired in long-sleeve blouses with tails tucked in and appropriate pants/jeans. If you have any questions in regard to this rule, please contact a committee member. This rule applies to the reigning queen throughout the year.

Obligations and Additional Guidelines

1. As the ambassador of Kansas' Biggest Rodeo, the queen must ride in the grand entry at each night's rodeo performances July 30 - August 1, 2026. The queen, in the past years, has also been allowed to help carry sponsor flags/pen calves back during the rodeo. The queen must converse with the out-going queen for tips and instructions pertaining to carrying flags/penning back calves. (Note: Queens are unfortunately not always allowed to carry flags/pen back calves each year. Should this situation occur, the queen may either stay mounted to cheer on fellow contestants outside the arena or may relate/visit with spectators amongst the crowd.) The queen must also attend breakfast with the out-going queen, the KKAN/KQMA radio live broadcast, official photo shoot, and Meet and Greet sponsored by American Family Insurance Friday, July 31, 2026. (Note: If time allows, the queen will also meet that day with various local sponsors.) The Phillipsburg Rodeo Queen must also ride in the rodeo parade Saturday, August 1, 2026. All queen contestants are encouraged and welcome to ride in the parade along with the newly crowned queen.
2. During her title year, the Phillipsburg Rodeo Queen is obligated/required to the following:
 - Attend the 2027 Miss Rodeo Kansas Coronation. (Tentative Date: January/February 2027)
 - Attend the 2027 Phillips County Fair to greet the public and sign autograph sheets. (Tentative Date: Last week/weekend of July)
 - Attend all possible rodeo and social functions to represent Phillipsburg Rodeo Queen and Kansas' Biggest Rodeo. A minimum of **FIVE** rodeo/parade appearances are required, along with a minimum of **TWO** community appearances are also required. Examples of community appearances include nursing homes, libraries, schools, concession stands, community events, etc.
 - Establish and maintain the Phillipsburg Rodeo Queen 2026 Facebook page. (The queen must converse with the out-going queen for tips and instructions pertaining to the Facebook page)
 - Return to visit ALL sponsors and obtain funds and prizes for the next year's contest. The queen is obligated to recruit new sponsors. All sponsors must be met, and funds obtained by May 1, 2027. The buckle must be purchased no later than May 1, 2027.
 - Return to help organize, assist, and set horsemanship pattern in next year's contest and conduct promotional radio ads.
 - Attend one night of the Kansas' Biggest Rodeo slack performances to help serve in concession stands.
 - Attend the first night of the next year's Kansas' Biggest Rodeo performance. (This will be the FINAL recognition and representation as the 2026 Phillipsburg Rodeo Queen. The newly crowned 2027 Phillipsburg Rodeo Queen will carry out the remaining queen duties of the rodeo performances, appearances, etc. However, along with the committee, she will remain available if needed to guide and help the newly crowned queen during the remainder of the rodeo performances, appearances, etc.)

During her title year, although not required, the Phillipsburg Rodeo Queen is encouraged to attend the following:

- Attend the 2026 Phillips County Ranch Rodeo (Tentative Date: August 15, 2026)
 - Attend the 2027 Phillipsburg High School Rodeo (Tentative Date: TBD)
 - Attend the Appreciation Supper sponsored by the Phillipsburg Rodeo Committee. (Event Pending)
 - Attend any Phillipsburg Chamber and Main Street Event/s. (TBA)
3. Portions of the funds regarding the travel budget will be dispersed to the queen immediately following the next year's final performance of Kansas' Biggest Rodeo. A maximum dispersal of \$300 will be provided for travel expenses. An additional performance bonus may also be awarded for meeting specific criteria set forth by the committee. Funds may be withheld by the Phillipsburg Rodeo Queen committee shall there be any misconduct or failure to meet all required queen rules and obligations.
 4. All published documentation (letters, flyers, etc.) regarding the Phillipsburg Rodeo Queen organization must be submitted to the Phillipsburg Rodeo Queen committee for approval prior to publication.
 5. Along with all rodeo and community events, the queen is also required to wear queen attire (crown, sash, and buckle) while recruiting sponsors and during her duties during the next year's contest.

6. The Phillipsburg Rodeo Queen perpetual crown and chaps are property of The Phillipsburg Rodeo Queen Committee. The crown and chaps must be kept in protective storage bags/containers while not in use. It is important to keep the crown and chaps clean and damage free, should any damage occur (other than normal wear and tear) please notify a committee member immediately. The chaps will be professionally cleaned only. If cleaning is needed, please contact a committee member. The crown and chaps must be returned to the Phillipsburg Rodeo Queen Committee at the end of each year's reign. Fines and/or penalties may be applied at the discretion of the committee to cover repair or replacement costs if needed.
7. The queen is urged to ride in as many parades and rodeo events as possible to promote Kansas' Biggest Rodeo. The queen is expected to be friendly, helpful, and congenial at all times. No foul language or actions, criminal offenses, acts of promiscuity, or un-lady-like behavior will be tolerated. Remember, this is a **PRIVILEGE**, and you are an **EXAMPLE** to future contestants and queens preceding you. A great attitude is everything!
8. Any exceptions to the conditions listed above must come before the Phillipsburg Rodeo Queen Committee for approval. Any absences to these events or any misconduct shall constitute grounds for a majority vote of the committee. This majority vote shall determine if the queen's obligations have been breached. If the committee votes that she has not fulfilled her obligations, the queen must forfeit her crown, sash, buckle and ALL prizes and monies to the first runner-up, who will complete the year's obligations.

*Along with any questions or concerns, the newly crowned queen is strongly encouraged to attend meetings and converse routinely with the Phillipsburg Rodeo Queen committee throughout the title year.

**ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN
JULY 15, 2026 11:59 PM CST.**

MAIL ENTRIES TO:

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Franklin, NE 68939**

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2025 PRQ Amber Gonzales (308) 340-5817

Fact Sheet

This information will be used in news releases. Judges will review your application for neatness, content, spelling, and grammar. Please print or type all information using black ink. You may attach additional pages if necessary. Express yourself clearly. If you are representing a club or organization, business, sponsors, etc., indicate them here. **Please state the names of family and parents as you want them to be released to the public.**

Name _____ Age _____ T-Shirt Size _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Sponsor(s) _____

Parents _____

Brothers & Sisters _____

How long have you been riding horses? _____

Horse's Name _____ Breed _____ Age _____

Saddle/rodeo club or other club that you belong to.

High School and/or college you are attending, and years attended/graduated.

Course of study.

Extra-Curricular activities (high school, college, honors, awards, public service awards, etc.)

Hobbies.

Employment information (if applicable).

Why do you want to be Phillipsburg Rodeo Queen?

Any other pertinent information you would like us to know.

Signature of applicant _____ **Date:** _____

*The signature of the applicant signifies that she agrees, understands, and will abide by all Phillipsburg Rodeo Queen rules and obligations both as a contestant and queen as stated in the 2026 Phillipsburg Rodeo Queen application.

Order of Events

Check-in will take place Wednesday, July 29, 2026 at 8:30 am, with the contest beginning at 9:00 am.

Wednesday, July 29, 2026

Phase I (held at Phillips County Fair Building) South Entrance along HWY 183

Modeling

- Contestants will model a western outfit of their choice (dress, suit, rodeo arena queen attire, etc.) Though any western outfit is acceptable, a fashion forward western dress is most preferred.

Speech

- Contestants will deliver a 2-4 minute speech relating to anything with a western theme.
- Penalties for not meeting or exceeding speech time will be at each judge's discretion.

Public Interview

- Contestants will answer a variety of personality/current event/equine/rodeo questions.

Written Test

- The test will include questions relevant to the equine industry, Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association, Kansas' Biggest Rodeo, and Miss Rodeo America organization.

Personal Interview (Closed to the public)

- Each judge will ask current event/equine/rodeo questions of his or her choice, along with informal conversation to better familiarize with each contestant.

Photogenics

- Judges will individually review entry photos. (Judges only)

* Contestants will wear the modeling outfit of her choice for all events of Phase I.

* Each contestant will be given 30 minutes to transition between Phase I and Phase II.

Phase II (held at KBR arena) North Entrance along HWY 183

Horsemanship Round 1

- Contestants shall wear unique and eye-appealing rodeo queen riding attire of their choice.
- Contestants will perform a working cow horse pattern with their own horse.
- After pattern is complete, contestants then will execute a mount/dismount in front of the judging panel, followed by a queen's run AND flag run before exiting arena.

Horsemanship Round 2

- Contestants shall wear unique and eye-appealing rodeo queen riding attire of their choice.
- Contestants will perform rail work with a horse of another contestant drawn by the contestant.
- All tack will remain with the original horse to provide proper comfort to the horse during horse exchange. Contestants may adjust stirrup length as needed. Exceptions may only be initiated by the committee.
- After rail work is complete, contestants will be dismissed to exit arena.

Coronation Rehearsal

- Contestants and outgoing queen will practice coronation rehearsal with committee.

Final Decision

- Judges will individually review scores and acknowledge the contestant they feel should be crowned as the new Phillipsburg Rodeo Queen. That contestant will then receive the final decision points. Only one contestant per judge will be given these points. (Judges only)
- * In all rounds of horsemanship, horses shall be ridden with western saddles and split reins. Spurs may be used with caution; however, tie-downs or any other training aid will not be permitted.
- * Contestants shall wear the same rodeo queen attire/outfit for both rounds of horsemanship.
- * Hats must stay in place for the contest and ALL riding appearances. Pins, hair spray, tape, etc. are strongly encouraged.

Phase III

Queen Luncheon

- A luncheon will be held at the Pizza Hut in Phillipsburg immediately following Phase II of the contest.
- Contestants shall wear queen attire of their choice.
- All contestants are required to attend. Judges, committee members, family, and friends are also welcomed to attend. Only meal prices of contestants, judges, and committee members are covered.

Group Photo

- All contestants are required to meet for an official group photo. (Destination TBA)

Sponsor Visits

- Contestants will meet with various local sponsors to show appreciation for their contributions throughout the year. (Travel arrangements provided)

* Phase III will conclude once sponsor visits are completed. Contestants will be released by 5:00 pm.

Thursday, July 30, 2026

Coronation (held at KBR arena)

- Coronation will be held prior to the rodeo performances Thursday, July 30, 2026 at 6:45 pm. (Exact times may vary.) All contestants must be lined up 30 minutes prior to coronation.
- Following coronation, ALL contestants are required to ride in the grand entry prior to the night's rodeo performance.
- All contestants will receive prizes donated by various sponsors. Prizes must be picked up IMMEDIATELY following coronation.

** Exact order of events is tentative and may be subject to change.

**THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE
2026 PHILLIPSBURG RODEO QUEEN
CONTEST!**