



**Larimer County Fair & Rodeo
Lady-In-Waiting Application**

Entry Deadline: July 19, 2010

Please Include:

- A bio of 100 words or less telling about yourself, hobbies, interests etc.
- A picture of yourself and the horse you will be using
- A document which proves you are a citizen of Larimer County

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____

Email address: _____

Age (as of August 1, 2009) _____ **Date of Birth (month/day/year):** _____

Parent/Legal Guardian: _____

Name of Horse to be ridden: _____

Do you own the horse? Yes ____ No ____

If yes, attach a copy of proof of ownership.

If no, have the owner complete the following and attach a copy of the lease agreement.

"I hereby agree to allow _____ to use my horse, named _____ to fulfill her duties as Lady-In-Waiting, should she be selected to serve in that position".

Owner Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

"I hereby make application to compete as a candidate for Lady-In-Waiting to the Queen of the Larimer County Fair & Rodeo with the understanding that this is a two year commitment. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Larimer County Fair & Rodeo Association, its representatives and any other individuals or organizations concerned of any liability in the case of accident or injury to myself or my mount during the contest and future events, at which I will participate should I be selected to fill this position. I have read and agree to abide by the Rules, Royalty Handbook and Code of Conduct and the decisions of the Larimer County Queen's Committee and the Fair Board fully and without question. That I understand and agree that my participation may be revoked based on how I perform to the duties and responsibilities as laid out in the Rules, Royalty Handbook and Code of Conduct".

Applicant

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Legal Guardian's

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Mail Entry to:

or

Drop Off Entry at:

Lady-In-Waiting Contest
Larimer County Fair & Rodeo

Larimer County Fairgrounds at The Ranch
5280 Arena Circle Ste 101

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Please include: _____ Photo of applicant

Proof of Residence:

_____ Photos of applicant's horse

_____ Copy of Driver's License

_____ Ownership/Lease documentation or _____ Copy of Utility Bill

QUEEN AND LADY-IN-WAITING CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Conduct yourself as a LADY at all times, whether in Queen's attire or not, when representing the Larimer County Fair & Rodeo. Behave in a polite and gracious manner at all times. Arguing with anyone (this includes parents and siblings) yelling, talking, laughing loudly and "goofing off" will be considered inappropriate behavior. Remember you are in the public eye and you must represent the Larimer County Fair & Rodeo properly. You are there to publicize the events, no to make it notorious!
2. Attend all required events and every event possible that you have been invited to in order to promote the Larimer County Fair & Rodeo, (invited events must be approved by the Queen's Committee).
3. YOU AND YOUR MOUNT MUST ALWAYS BE NEAT AND WELL GROOMED. No visible tattoos or face/body piercing will be tolerated at any time during your reign.
4. ALWAYS wear the designated attire (dress code) when representing the Larimer County Fair & Rodeo. Dress code includes boots, hat with crown, sash and belt buckle.
5. Remember--- you are always in the public eye even when not in official attire. Swearing, smoking, chewing tobacco, or drinking alcoholic beverages is inappropriate.
6. Handle your horse as a horsewoman. The display of anger when handling your horse is inappropriate.
7. As Lady-in-Waiting this is your apprenticeship and your time to learn. Cooperation with the Queen and the Queen's Committee is expected. If you feel the Queen is not performing her duty properly, speak to her first. If the matter cannot be resolved, the chain of command is to discuss it with the Chairperson of the Queen's Committee and then the President of the Fair Board.
8. As Queen you must keep your Lady-in-Waiting informed of engagement details (location, dates, times, what to wear and whether to bring her horse) well in advance.
9. It is a function of the Queen to plan and execute one or more fundraising events in order to replenish the scholarship fund.
10. The Queen and Lady-in-Waiting shall not participate in any open display of affection with a significant partner or other while representing the Larimer County Fair & Rodeo. This includes kissing, handholding, sitting on laps, etc. The Queen and Lady-in-Waiting shall not live with a significant partner during their reign.
The committee members and the Fair Board will investigate any possible rule violation and/or misconduct and appropriate disciplinary action will be taken, which may include written reprimand or immediate dismissal.

The Lady-in-Waiting Contest; Horsemanship, Presentation and Personality.

The Queen's Committee updates the application for the Lady-in-Waiting Contest in early April. Applications are available during the first week in May at the Fairground's Office and on the web at <http://www.larimercountyfair.org> The deadline coincides with the fair entry deadline.

The reign of the new Queen and new Lady-in-Waiting will begin at the rodeo when they are crowned. The Lady-in-Waiting Contest is held each year during the week of the Larimer County Fair & Rodeo. The contestants are judged on personality, presentation, and horsemanship. Each contestant is required to wear plain Wrangler blue jeans, a plain off white or white long sleeved, cuffed and collared, button up shirt (absolutely no design or adornments, sequins, beading, etc., or any design in the material of the shirt or jeans will be allowed), a hat, and boots during all portions of the contest. No jackets or vests allowed.

The Queen and Lady-in-Waiting, with the assistance of the Queens Committee, shall coordinate all arrangements for the contest including: publicity, planning for the clinic(s), and securing appropriate judges. The Queen and Lady in waiting shall completely plan the personality and presentation portion of the contest. This includes securing a location, confirming the time, deciding on refreshments, ordering participation awards, and any other planning that is required. This event shall be open to the public and may have a minimal fee associated with it.

The contest begins with the contestant barbeque. At this barbeque, each contestant will draw her number to be used throughout the entire contest and get to know the current royalty along with the other contestants. The personality and presentation portions of the contest are held during the week of Fair. The Queen and Lady-in-Waiting are the hostesses for this event and are to be in proper attire. Each contestant will be asked to introduce herself and to tell the group about herself. She will then proceed by giving her prepared 3-minute speech. During this portion of the competition each contestant will also be asked to draw impromptu questions that she will be required to answer. The questions will be drawn from PRCA Rodeo regulations, the Larimer County Fair & Rodeo Premium Book, general facts about Larimer County and current event question(s). Following the impromptu questions the judges will conduct private interviews with each contestant. The length of the interview will be determined by the judges.

Each Lady-in-Waiting contestant will be required to ride her horse in the Larimer County Fair & Rodeo Parade, attend the Queen's Luncheon and all other required events. Contestants will be given a schedule with exact times and dates at the barbeque. Many of these events are held on the same days, so appropriate support for each contestant is required.

The Horsemanship portion of the contest is held at the Larimer County fairgrounds during the week of Fair. Both the current Queen and Lady-in-Waiting must be present on horseback and in proper attire. Each contestant will groom and saddle a horse, and must perform all of the following events:

- A. Groom and tack
- B. Horsemanship pattern followed by a horsemanship interview
- C. Demonstrate posting of the sponsor's flags, (1 fast lap around the arena with flag); a flag boot may be used if desired, but must be provided by the contestant.
- D. Demonstrate Queens ride

On Sunday night at the Rodeo, brief descriptions of each contestant will be read. The Queen and Lady-in-Waiting will then hand out participation awards to each contestant. The name of the first runner-up will be announced and then the name of the new Lady-in-Waiting. A runner up is named in the event the chosen contestant cannot fulfill her duties. The new Lady-in-Waiting will officially be crowned at the Tuesday evening PRCA Rodeo performance dressed in appropriate attire.

After completion of the horsemanship pattern the contestant will, approach the judges, dismount, visit briefly with the judges, remount and exit the arena. Tabulating of judges' scores will be done by an independent accounting firm.