

2021 Sierra County Fair/ HSRA Queen Contest

Schedule of Events

(Location of all events will be the Albert J Lyon Event Center)

Friday September 10th, 2020 **Entry Deadline**

Friday September 10th, 5:00-7:00pm **Mandatory Orientation** and optional Instructional Clinic

September 24th, 5:00-7:00pm Optional Instructional Clinic

Tuesday October 5th 10:00 am **Mandatory Dress Rehearsal**

Tuesday October 5th 1:00 pm Contest (Horsemanship immediately following for HSRA contestants)

Wednesday October 6th- Sunday October 10th, **2021 Sierra County Fair Duties**

(The schedule is subject to change, upon entry to the pageant you will provide contact information so that we can notify you if changes are made.)

Rules

- 1.) Contestants must have obtained the age of their designated age group by the day of the competition and cannot hold the same title twice. A contestant who has held a title may compete again once they enter a new age group.
- 2.) In order to be considered for the title, contestants must participate in all of the pageant elements and be in full dress code at all times.
- 3.) Dress code includes clean pressed western jeans of any color, a button down collared shirt worn tucked in, a western belt, and cowboy boots. A cowboy hat is also a required element of the dress code. The hat may be made of straw or felt, but it must be clean and appropriately shaped. Your hair should be clean and styled attractively. Jewelry and makeup should be subtle and age appropriate. Absolutely no facial piercings may be left in, and if a contestant has tattoos they must be covered either with clothing or makeup. Nails should be clean and well kept. A professional manicure is not necessary, however, acrylic nails are acceptable given they are short and either neutral or pink/white (French manicure.) Half on/half off nail polish is not acceptable for either the pageant or appearances.
- 4.) Contestants must never have been married nor have been pregnant.
- 5.) Contestants must display a positive attitude of sportsmanship to everyone involved in the pageant-this includes the coordinator, committee, fellow contestants, and especially their own parents!
- 6.) Neither contestants nor parents may attempt to coerce or harass the judges, fair board, or coordinator at any time. Complaints must be brought to the immediate attention of the coordinator, and the coordinator only!

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- 7.) Contestants must act respectfully and appropriately at all times, the fair and HSRA boards and coordinators reserve the right to modify these rules during both the contest and the titleholder's reign. Any breach of these rules or any conduct deemed inappropriate by the fair board can result in disqualification, or the stripping of a title from the offender.
- 8.) **For HSRA contestants, please see attached additional rules for your contest.**

Pageant Elements-Fair Only

Personal Interview 30%

- Each contestant will have a one on one interview with the judges. During this time the judges will ask questions of their choosing. The contestants of each age group will be asked the exact same questions however the questions may vary between age groups. The purpose of the personal interview is to see how well a contestant carries a conversation and projects their personality, poise, and knowledge.

Group/Individual Modeling 10%

- Each contestant will complete a modeling routine both with the other contestants and by themselves. This portion will be scored on posture, eye contact, poise, smile, confidence, ease of movement, and knowledge of technique.

Prepared Demonstration 30%

- Each contestant will prepare a 30 second introductory speech followed by a prepared demonstration. The demonstration must not exceed three minutes in length and 1 point will be deducted for every 15 seconds or portion thereof exceeding 3 minutes. Speeches/demonstrations will be scored on speaking ability, projection and clarity of voice, eye contact and presentation, personality and creativity, and volume, fluctuation, and pronunciation. Props and visual aides are allowed.

Media Interview 10%

- Following the prepared speech each contestant will complete a mock media interview as if a TV reporter were interviewing them. This event is designed to showcase contestant knowledge, presentation, and the young lady's ability to think on her feet.

Appearance 10%

- Cleanliness, proper fit and complimentary color of clothing are paramount. Age appropriate accessories, hair, and makeup are a must! Please make sure your cowboy hat is properly shaped for your face. You want to dress in a stylish and western fashion emphasizing modesty and class. As a representative of the fair or HSRA you must look professional and ladylike at all times.

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Fair Duties 10%

- Duties will be assigned to contestants during the 2021 Sierra County Fair and contestants **must** participate if they want to be considered for any title. We will ensure that the first priority for the contestants will be the exhibits and animals they are showing during fair. The schedule will be created according to the different times a contestant will need to be caring for, preparing, or showing their animals. The 2021 Sierra County Fair Queen and court will be crowned Saturday night before the livestock sale during the buyer's dinner. After coronation the queen and her court will be assigned duties and the remaining contestants are free to do as they please. Scoring will be based on punctuality, appearance, and conduct.

Silent Auction (Participation Only)

- Each contestant will be required to bring at least one silent auction item. The contestant can make the item, get it donated, or purchase it. It is encouraged that you make the item or get it donated. The silent auction benefits will help finance the contest and the awards the girls receive. All the proceeds go back into the contest.

Sponsorship (Participation only, the individual who obtains the most in sponsorship donations is the winner of the Top Hand Award)

- Each contestant will be asked to obtain sponsors for the pageant. They may use the attached letter to verify how these proceeds will be used, and to give business owners and individuals further contact information. This part of the contest promotes public speaking, marketing, and professional skills. How much sponsorship a girl obtains does not count towards any award except the Top Hand award.

Awards (Fair only, for HSRA see attached)

Title Winners (1st place in each age category)

- Perpetual Crown (**This award is passed down each year**)
- Sterling Silver Buckle
- Title Sash
- Flower Bouquet
- Prize package

First Runner-Ups (2nd place in each age category)

- Special Award

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- Flower Bouquet
- Prize Package

Second Runner-Ups (3rd place in each age category)

- Special Award
- Flower Bouquet
- Prize Package

Miss Congeniality, Top Hand, and People's Choice

- Special Award

Contact Information

- Krystie Lynn Wear—Coordinator (575)740-8230 or (575) 895-5152 if calling after 6:00 pm. If no answer please leave a message including a phone number.
- klbierner@gmail.com
- Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns, I am here to help you have a fun, enjoyable, and educational experience!

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To Whom It May Concern;

The Young lady who has presented you with this letter is running for 2021 Sierra County Fair Queen, Princess, Duchess, or Sweetheart or Hot Springs Rodeo Association Queen or Princess. As part of her preparation for the pageant she has been asked to approach local businesses and individuals to ask for sponsorship. This sponsorship may come in the form of an item for the silent auction, or a cash donation. Checks can be made out to the Sierra County Fair, and upon request, a receipt will be issued to you for your donation.

The proceeds of the silent auction in addition to any donations made to the pageant help to finance the competition, as well as the activities the court will participate in throughout the year. The purpose of this activity is not just to raise money, but also to get the contestants out in the community promoting the county fair and interacting with the community.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by the information listed above. We look forward to partnering with you to promote the youth in Sierra County and hope you will be able to attend the pageant.

Sincerely,

Krystie Lynn Wear

(Sierra County Fair Queen Coordinator)

Name_____ Age_____ Phone_____

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Queen (17-23)____ Princess (14-16)____ Duchess (11-13)____ Sweetheart (9-10)____

Mailing Address _____

Email Address _____

Name(s) of Parents/Guardians _____

Phone # for Parents/Guardians (If listing more than one number please designate who the number belongs to) _____

What are your most important goals and aspirations? _____

What hobbies and/or activities do you enjoy? _____

Why do you want to be a member of the 2021 Sierra County Fair Queen Court? _____

Who do you admire most and why? _____

Please complete this application in full and return it to the Sierra County Extension Office OR to Coordinator Krystie Wear by Friday September 10th, 2021 with your \$50 entry fee, and a signed copy of the attached contract. No late entries will be accepted!

Being named Sierra County Fair/HSRA Queen or a member of her court is a great honor and should be treated as such. You are now an official representative of the fair/HSRA and its associates not only during fair time, but all

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year round. As a member of the court you are expected to conduct yourself with grace, class, and respect at all times. This may include, but is not limited to the following;

- Whenever I make an appearance as the Sierra County Fair Queen and/or HSRA court I will be in official dress unless otherwise specified by the director. Official dress includes a clean, pressed, long sleeve button up shirt with cuffs and a collar, it should be tucked into full length jeans (any color is acceptable as long as they are clean and pressed.) A western belt and cowboy boots along with age appropriate accessories should accompany your shirt and jeans. A cowboy hat is required, and must be clean and properly shaped. Always make sure your hair is attractively styled, and makeup is both age and appearance appropriate. NEVER make an appearance without your crown, sash, and belt buckle. Your appearance should always be wholesome, modest, and stylish.
- Even more important than your appearance is your behavior, especially while you are in official dress! You should always show up early to any appearance, and ask how you can be of assistance. Conduct yourself with respect, professionalism, and courtesy. Whatever you are asked to do, do it quickly, efficiently, and without complaint. Always stay after an event to help clean up and put away. Display good manners, and always be attentive to the task at hand. Never text or play on your phone during an appearance, if you must take a phone call do so discreetly or if possible after your duties are finished. (Please also keep the phone in your purse or vehicle, not in your pants pocket where it is visible.) Never chew gum while in official dress, and practice being poised and confident with good posture and minimal fidgeting. Absolutely no public displays of affection including handholding, cuddling, kissing etc. while you are in official dress or representing the fair in any capacity. These standards of conduct should also apply to any social media you are involved with, please be cognizant of pictures, posts, and any activity you engage in online.
- Do your best to be knowledgeable about any appearance you make, and make sure to clear any appearances you are asked to make with the coordinator before making them (If she is not the one who notifies you of the event.) If you have agreed to make an appearance confirm the details of the appearance the week of the event. Where should you be, when should you be there, and what would they like you to do. As the Sierra County Fair Queen and/or court you are expected to appear at the following year's fair queen competition, county fair, and coronation. Other suggested events include Ag Day, SCFLB Ag Symposium's, and any other activities deemed appropriate by the committee. For HSRA you are expected to attend all rodeos to present the flags in addition to other duties. If you are not able to attend any event please communicate with the coordinator and committee. Any conduct that violates this agreement or that is deemed inappropriate by the coordinator or committee will result in the offending individual being stripped of her title and any prizes of the title. You are now an official representative of the Sierra County Fair/HSRA and its associates. The Coordinator and committee look forward to working with you and encourage open and honest communication about any questions or concerns. By signing below you agree to conduct yourself as directed in the above statements and to strive to be a great professional representative of the Sierra County Fair/HSRA. We look forward to a great year with you!

_____ Contestant Signature _____ Date

_____ Contestant Printed Name

_____ Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date

_____ Parent/Guardian Printed Name