



Upper Peninsula Championship Rodeo

Iron River, MI

July 13 - 15, 2017

Queen Pageant Information

Dear Contestant,

Thank you for your interest in our pageant! The pageant's events consist of horsemanship, rodeo knowledge, appearance, extemporaneous questions and a personal interview. Contestants need to also be prepared to attend required appearances for sponsors, media interviews, and the Wild West rodeo parade.

The opportunity to represent the U.P. Championship Rodeo as queen for a year is one of Upper Michigan's highest honors. In an effort to prepare our queen, all contestants will be expected to follow all rules and regulations along with meeting each of the eligibility requirements listed. The U.P. Championship Rodeo Queen will also be required to attend and represent our rodeo at various events throughout the year. Contestants are required to arrive Thursday at a time soon to be determined and attend all events throughout the weekend. Contestants will ride in all performances as well as the Wild West Rodeo Parade. Rodeo Queen judging begins Thursday, July 13th, 2017, and coronation will be held immediately prior to the Saturday, July 15, 2017 performance. Queen contestants are showcased each performance and must be prepared for pictures, autographs and to answer questions about rodeo rules and history, as well as getting to know the U.P. Championship Rodeo fans. We encourage you to get to know the other contestants and make new friends.

A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to the 2017 Miss UP Rodeo.

Please read the following rules, complete and sign the application forms and contract, and submit your required entry fee as soon as possible. We look forward to meeting you.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact:

Kelsie Christensen

906-284-3949

uprodeo@yahoo.com

To learn more about the current Miss UP Rodeo and past queens, visit:
[facebook.com/MissUPRodeo](https://www.facebook.com/MissUPRodeo)

Miss U.P. Championship Rodeo Queen

Contestant Eligibility

Entry Fee: \$50.00

1. A contestant shall be no less than 16 years of age and no more than 22 years of age by the first day of the pageant to compete in the Miss U.P. Rodeo Pageant.
2. A contestant must never have been married, had children, or been pregnant.
3. The contestant must be a citizen of the United States, but need not be a resident of the state of Michigan.
4. Each contestant must agree to abide by the pageant rules – with the possibility of disqualification for an infraction.
5. Contestants are required to dress in appropriate western attire for each appearance.
6. A contestant must be an experienced rider and own or have access to a horse for use in the horsemanship competition, grand entries, parade, and future rodeo appearances should she be crowned queen.
7. Throughout the competition, the same horse must be used. (Proof of a negative coggins will be required.)
8. Contestants may not bring or ride a stallion.
9. Applications must be accompanied by a vertical format (portrait) “head shot” in western wear, including a hat. Contestant name should be printed on the back of each picture. These DO NOT need to be professional photos. Please include five 4x6 photos (all the same picture) as well as a digital copy. Prints will not be returned.
10. The Entry Application, which includes a waiver of liability, must be signed by the contestant and, if under the age of 18, by a parent or guardian.

Rodeo Queen Contest Details

- a. **Horsemanship**
- b. **Personality**
- c. **Appearance**

- d. **Rodeo Knowledge**
- e. **Personal Interviews**
- f. **Extemporaneous Questions**

a. **Horsemanship:**

- a. Each contestant will be judged on their horsemanship skills by performing a horsemanship pattern. This pattern will be given to contestants after receiving their signed application. Judges will conduct a brief interview following the completion of the horsemanship pattern. Questions may include knowledge of any equine related topic. Each contestant must abide by AQHA rules and standards.

b. **Personality:**

- a. Contestants will be judged on personality during all appearances throughout the competition. Judges will be looking for a contestant who is sincere, has a positive attitude, and passion for promoting the sport of rodeo, as well as how they interact with the group.

c. **Appearance:**

- a. Through the competition, contestants will be judged on their appearance. Contestants should wear well-fitted western styled clothing that is clean, pressed and in good condition. Grooming of hair, nails, and makeup is also taken into consideration. Sleeveless or revealing clothing is not permissible. Sashes are to be worn at all times.

d. **Rodeo Knowledge:**

- a. Each contestant will be given a rodeo knowledge test. This test will be based on the history of the U.P. Championship Rodeo, rodeo events, and other general rodeo knowledge.

e. **Personal Interviews:**

- a. Judges will be conducting an interview with each contestant individually. The personal interviews will allow judges to the contestant's personality and the ability to converse. Questions for the personal interview may cover a wide variety of topics.

f. **Extemporaneous Questions:**

- a. Immediately following the modeling portion of the contest, each contestant will be asked an impromptu question as well as two extemporaneous questions related to the sport of rodeo, animal welfare, or rodeo related events.

Contest Rules

1. No accommodations are provided for contestants, a single campsite on rodeo grounds will be available.
2. Each contestant will be assigned a stall in the main rotunda at the grounds which the contestant will be responsible for maintaining and cleaning.
3. All contestants must remain present at the final rodeo performance until the selling of 50/50 tickets have finished.
4. Each contestant must have a sponsor or sponsors, but one must be designated to be represented on the contestant's sash. Sashes will be provided by the U.P. Championship Rodeo.
5. All contestants will be given two all-access passes, one must be worn by the contestant at all times and the other may be given to an individual of their choosing to assist in handling their horse.
6. Should a contestant's handler reflect poorly or do anything to misrepresent the U.P. Championship Rodeo it will reflect on the contestant. The U.P. Championship Rodeo's Grievance Committee has the authority to disqualify the contestant.
7. Contest and title winners are required to wear western attire throughout the entire competition.
8. Contestants must be on time and prepared for all appearances.
9. The winner will be responsible for the Traveling Crown and Chaps. These items are to be turned back into the queen coordinator at the end of the winner's reign.
10. Contestants are responsible for their own tack and other property while on the U.P. Championship Rodeo grounds. The U.P. Championship Rodeo is not liable for any lost or stolen property.

PAGEANT OBJECTIVE

The objective of the 2017 Miss U.P. Rodeo Pageant is to find a girl with excellent public relation skills while interacting with the public who also possesses horsemanship skills and will represent the U.P. Championship Rodeo and its affiliates in a dignified and honorable manner. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email Kelsie Christensen at (906) 284 – 3949 or uprodeo@yahoo.com.

I have read and understand all rules and regulations on the preceding pages. I understand that the U.P. Championship Rodeo Board expects me to display the highest degree of sportsmanship during the pageant and following the coronation. I understand that unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated and will result in disqualification without refund of entry fee.

_____ Contestant

_____ Parent (if minor)

Emergency Contact Information

Name: _____

Relation: _____

Phone Number: _____

UP Championship Rodeo Queen Pageant

APPLICATION/CONTRACT:

I hereby attest to the fact that as a contestant in the Miss UP Rodeo Queen Pageant, I am not less than 16 years of age and not more than 22 years of age as of July 14, 2017. I have never been married, have children, nor been pregnant. If I should attain the Miss U.P. Rodeo title, I will make myself available to the committee for radio, television, and other public appearances as an ambassador for the celebration. I promise to comply with all rules and regulations pertaining to the Miss U.P. Rodeo Queen pageant. I will hold harmless the, City of Iron River, Iron County, Miss U.P. Rodeo Committee and pageant officials in the event of any injury occurring during my participation in the pageant or subsequent activities. I will conduct myself in a manner befitting of rodeo royalty and agree to adhere to the committee's directions and requirements. I understand that I will be required to provide my own appropriate apparel for all activities throughout my reign. Should I win, I agree to represent the U.P. Championship Rodeo from the day of coronation until the selection of the new Miss U.P. Championship Rodeo Queen. I also understand that I am to have all appearances approved by the committee prior to committing myself to those appearances. Should I not be able to complete my duties if I am named queen, I will return all prizes associated with the title and pass the title of Miss U.P. Rodeo 2017 to the runner-up contestant. I hereby attest that I have read the aforementioned contest conditions and agree to all conditions as stated:

Contestant's Signature

Date

Parent or Guardian's Signature (if applicable)

Date

The following items need to be post marked by June 22nd, 2017. Please mail to:
U.P. Championship Rodeo
Attn: Kelsie Christensen
PO Box 389
Iron River, MI 49935

- Miss U.P. Rodeo Application
 - Please make sure all forms are signed
- Five copies of contestant photo
- Digital copy of photo emailed to uprodeo@yahoo.com
- Proof of age (Birth certificate or driver's license)
- \$50 Entry Fee

The following items need to in hand upon arrival at rodeo ground.

- 3 copies of negative coggins
- 3 Copies horsemanship pattern