

“Miss Clovis Rodeo” Queen Contest Rules and Regulations

Thank you for your consideration in competing for the 98th Annual Miss Clovis Rodeo. The competition is scheduled to be held in April 2012. The application deadline is February 10, 2012 and there will be a mandatory orientation meeting on Saturday, February 25, 2012.

As a candidate you must also be available for activities and competition periodically throughout the months leading up to the Clovis Rodeo. Mandatory dates include Saturday, February 25; Saturday, April 21 and all events leading up to and including the Clovis Rodeo. If you are selected as Miss Clovis Rodeo your reign will be from April 28, 2012 to April 27, 2013. **All dates are subject to change, but every effort will be made to provide ample notification to qualified candidates for planning purposes.**

The Clovis Rodeo Association and/or Clovis Rodeo Festival Association (“Clovis Rodeo” or “Association”) along with the event sponsors, contest sponsors, their agents, officers, and employees must be released from any and all liability, which might result from, or arise out of, a contestant’s participation in the contest, including all activities in connection therewith. Before any contestant is eligible to compete the attached waiver of liability must be signed by the contestant and the contestant’s parent and/or guardian, if the said contestant is under the age of 21 during any portion of the period of competition or potential reign as Miss Clovis Rodeo.

Eligible contestants must be single females, having never been married; not less than 17 years of age as of April 1, 2012; and not more than 22 years of age as of July 31, 2012. Contestants are eligible to enter the contest a maximum of three times. Past “Miss Clovis Rodeo” queens are not eligible to compete.

Contestants shall remain free of any questionable behavior as defined at the discretion of the Clovis Rodeo Board of Directors and/or Queen Contest Committee including actions involving an issue of morality. Unacceptable actions as defined by the Clovis Rodeo, but not limited to, include the consumption of alcohol, use of illegal drugs, or involvement in any illegal activities. Said actions by a contestant or reigning Queen will not be tolerated, and will be grounds for immediate disqualification. The Clovis Rodeo Queen, 1st runner up, and 2nd runner up shall be expected to adhere to all contest rules throughout their reign.

The harassment of judges, committee members or other contestants, by a contestant, her family, or representative at any time will not be tolerated. A contestant that is found guilty of practicing said behavior **WILL BE SUBJECT TO IMMEDIATE DISQUALIFICATION.**

If for any reason it is determined the reigning Miss Clovis Rodeo cannot fulfill her duties during any portion of her term the 1st runner up will be eligible to assume the title. Upon such time as the reigning Miss Clovis Rodeo is dismissed or forfeits her title, all scholarship funds, awards and gifts given in relationship to the position must be returned to the Clovis Rodeo Association (including scholarship funds, Queen's belt buckle and/or pendant, etc.).

Every contestant must personally prepare an application, and two (2) autobiographies. **(See Autobiography Guidelines)**

Every contestant is required to submit Five (5) glossy black and white photographs that are 4"x6", (a head and shoulder shot in western attire and hat) and an original electronic file of the same photo in .jpg or .tif format. **(See Photo Guidelines)**

Every contestant will provide a horse and tack for the horsemanship phase of the contest; to ride in the parade and during presentation of contestants.

No stallions will be permitted.

Appropriate western apparel in good taste will be worn for all phases of competition.

The Clovis Rodeo Association reserves the right to cancel the contest or extend the deadline, if less than three entrants submit applications for the "Miss Clovis Rodeo Queen" competition.

The Clovis Rodeo Association is responsible for the promotion of the contest and the Clovis Rodeo. The Clovis Rodeo Queen and/or Queen Candidates are not authorized to market themselves, the competition or the Clovis Rodeo and related events without the express written permission of the organization. This includes all electronic and print media and social media sites such as Face Book, My Space, etc. All interviews, marketing materials, photos and images relating to the Clovis Rodeo, candidates and reigning royalty are the express property of The Clovis Rodeo and cannot be used without the express written permission of the Association.

The Association reserves the right to edit your submitted autobiographies content to meet the purpose of the competition for the promotion of the Clovis Rodeo. All images, written content and photos submitted or taken in relationship to the competition become the property of the Clovis Rodeo Association and can only be used with the express written permission of the Association.

If you have any questions or need additional information please contact the Clovis Rodeo at 559-299-8838. Completed application should be mailed to the following:

Clovis Rodeo Association
Attention: Mr. Mark Thompson
P.O. Box 217
Clovis, CA 93613

“Miss Clovis Rodeo” Autobiography Guidelines

Every Contestant is required to submit **two** (2) autobiographies with her application. The following guidelines are to be used in composing your autobiographies.

Your first autobiography will be used for public relations activities and print media and should be at least 400 to 450 words. This autobiography should be in narrative form and contain the following:

- Information on your place of birth, and where you grew up
- School, church, or other activities
- Personal successes that have helped shape the person you are today
- Your future plans (school, profession, etc.)
- Reason for your interest in horses and riding
- Why you have chosen to compete for the title of “Miss Clovis Rodeo”
- How you would benefit from being crowned “Miss Clovis Rodeo”
- Any particular story of interest that may relate to rodeo or your desire to be crowned “Miss Clovis Rodeo”

This autobiography may be used in the official Clovis Rodeo Program and possible other media and public relations materials for the Clovis Rodeo. The Clovis Rodeo Association retains editorial jurisdiction over content. Your essay may be modified to fit public relations guidelines.

Your second autobiography will be used by Announcers and Masters of Ceremonies and should be approximately 200-250 words. Please keep in mind this autobiography may be used when you are being introduced to a group or crowd of people. This autobiography should be written in the second person. This autobiography should include your name, age, your sponsor, your parents' names, your plans for the future, a possible welcome to those present, anyone you would like to thank; etc.

Sample: This is Susie Jones. Susie is an 18-year-old student at Fresno State University; she is pursuing a degree in Ag Business. Miss Jones is sponsored by the Clovis Horse Club and has been riding horses since she was 5. Miss Jones would like to thank her parents for all the support they have given her in her pursuits. Etc.

Both autobiographies must be typewritten and should be submitted in hardcopy and electronic “word” format, (CD / Flash Drive / Etc.)

The Clovis Rodeo Association reserves the right to edit your submitted autobiographies to meet the purpose of the competition for the promotion of the Clovis Rodeo. All written content and photos submitted or taken in relationship to the competition become the property of the Clovis Rodeo Association and can only be used with the express written permission of the Association.

“Miss Clovis Rodeo” Photographic Guidelines

Below is a picture of “Miss Clovis Rodeo 2011,” Courtney Thomas. We hope the picture helps you in choosing a photo style for the photo you are submitting to us.

Please remember, we need you to provide us with the following:

- **Five (5) glossy, black and white 4"x 6" photographs of the same image with the original digital copy in a .jpg or .tif format of 300 dpi or higher on the same electronic device as your autobiographies.**
- **One full color RGB digital photograph of the same image (preferred 900x1500 pixels, 300 dpi resolution -- 3"w x5"h) to be used for media print.**

The photos should be a head and shoulder photo in western attire and hat. **All photos should be of the same pose.** The photos submitted will be used by the Clovis Rodeo Association to promote the Clovis Rodeo and the Queen Competition and will be used in the Clovis Rodeo Program.

Please include all digital copies on the same electronic device with your two (2) written autobiographies.

Submitted photos and any subsequent pictures taken in connection with the contest in any manner are the property of the Clovis Rodeo Association and may be used by the Association for promotional purposes without the consent of the contestant.

**“Miss Clovis Rodeo 2011”
Courtney Thomas**



"Miss Clovis Rodeo" Queen Contestant Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Phone (Home): _____

Zip: _____ Phone (Cell) _____

Date of Birth: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Current Activities and/or Occupation: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Father's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Father's Occupation: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Mother's Occupation: _____

Siblings: _____

Contest Sponsor: _____

Your signature states that you have read all documents and are willing to adhere to all rules and regulations of this contest. You plan to work with the Clovis Rodeo Queen Committee Members concerning dates and events for the next year. You are acknowledging that any event where you are representing the Clovis Rodeo Assn. you will practice appropriate conduct at all times and will be in the **required western apparel including your "Miss Clovis Rodeo" sash, crown and buckle.**

Your Signature: _____

“Miss Clovis Rodeo” Waiver of Liability

In consideration of my application being accepted for participation in the “Miss Clovis Rodeo Queen” contest, I hereby agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the Clovis Rodeo Association and the “Miss Clovis Rodeo Queen” committee and understand that any violation of the rules and regulations may disqualify me from the contest. I further agree to hold harmless the “Miss Clovis Rodeo Queen” contest committee, the Clovis Rodeo Association and its officers agents, members, and employees for any claims resulting from the loss, accident or injury, received by me in connection with my participation in any event, performance, parade or other activities. Also, I hereby release the right, title and claims of any text, images or photographs that may be taken and/or used relating to the Clovis Rodeo and the queen contest for their use in promotion and publicity. I certify that I have read the rules and regulation of the “Miss Clovis Rodeo Queen” contest.

I agree to fulfill my obligation(s) as “Miss Clovis Rodeo” conducting myself in the proper manner and/or way of life by remaining unmarried and free of any questionable acts involving an issue of morality.

I agree to return any and all items received in relationship to the title of “Miss Clovis Rodeo” including scholarship funds, sash, crown, gifts and belt buckle if at any time it is determined I cannot fulfill my duties and obligations as “Miss Clovis Rodeo.”

I also agree that if I am chosen as first runner-up or second runner-up I will make myself available and maintain my eligibility to fill the capacity of “Miss Clovis Rodeo”.

I have carefully read all documents provided including the aforementioned statement and the accompanying Waiver of Liability and fully understand and agree to abide by the terms and conditions contained therein.

Signature of Contestant

Date

Street Address or P.O. Box

City

County

State

Zip Code

Area Code & Telephone Number

Birth Date of Contestant

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian *(If Contestant is under 21 years of age)*

Address of Parent or Guardian *(If different than contestant)*

Telephone Number *(If different that contestant)*