



Hello!

We are so excited about your interest in competing in the Texas High School Rodeo Queen or Texas Junior High Rodeo Princess Contest. At this point, you may have many questions inquiring about the pageant. We will try to address all topics in this letter! The contest is currently open to young ladies 9th-11th grade and 5th-8th grade, who are paid members of THSRA and TJHRA.

First off, we would like to say that competing in this contest is more than a “pretty face and blingy clothes!” This contest is to help you, as a young lady, with personal development, communication skills and confidence. The skills that you will obtain from this experience will be something that you take with you for the rest of your life! We truly feel honored that we can assist you in learning and growing. It is our goal to ensure that you have a great experience!

Below is a brief description of what the Miss THSRA and Miss TJHRA contest consist of: (Please note there are a few differences in the two age groups.) Also, attached to this form will be the dress code to each category.

- a. **Introduction**- Contestants will introduce yourself, your parents and or anyone else that is with you for the weekend, or who is helping you or even who has supported you during this experience! You can mention your hometown, Region and anything else you feel is important. Be creative! Show personality!
- b. **Impromptu**- Contestants will answer an impromptu question. This question will be decided on by the panel of judges.
- c. **Speech**- Contestants will give a 2-minute speech. The topic of this speech will be up to your discretion. (Topic Ex: Texas, Texas Flag, Rodeo, Sponsors, Rodeo Events, Rodeo History, Western Heritage... the options are endless!) Be creative! Show personality! Get the audience’s attention! It can be funny, it can be serious, it can be both!
- d. **Modeling**- Contestants will model their western wear attire. During this time, the emcee will read a “modeling resume” that you have created about your attire from head to toe explaining details about your outfit and why you may have chosen to wear it or why it accents you or your personality.
- e. **Interview**- Contestants will have a personal interview with the panel of judges. The questions asked will be up to the discretion of the judges. They will be judging on knowledge, personality, appearance, communication skills, etc. We advise you to study sponsors, rodeo events, current events, the THSRA/TJHRA rule book, etc.
- f. **Horsemanship**- Contestants will complete a horsemanship pattern. A copy of the pattern will be given to you for practice. Contestants will also complete a



flag and presentation run. Contestants will also have a horsemanship interview, regarding horsemanship knowledge. This interview may be public or private, we will let the judges decide.

- g. **Written test**- All the contestants will take a written test. The test score will count towards the final score of the contestant. This test is made directly from the rule book. We suggest that you begin studying now. During the test absolutely no conversation is allowed. Contestants can and will be immediately disqualified if conversation occurs. The highest score on the test will be announced at coronation.
- h. **Photogenic**- You will need to turn in (1) 8x10 head shot.
- i. **Required Fundraiser**:
 - **THSRA**- Each contestant is required to have an item worth \$1000 to be sold at the THSRA Foundation Dinner. This is a great way for the girls to reach out to businesses, family, or friends for support and donations. (Ex: donated hunt, BBQ Pits, purses, “basket” of random items). The amount of money that is raised is given back to the contestants in MANY awards.
 - **TJHRA**- Each contestant is required to sell raffle tickets as a fundraiser. You will have ample time to sell them and will continue to sell them until the time of the pageant. An award will be given to top ticket sales winner! Last year the winner was awarded a brand new custom wrapped ice chest!! The amount of money that is raised is given back to the contestants in MANY awards, so this is very important. Tickets will be sent as soon as your form is received.

Attached is the bio form, dress code, and horsemanship pattern. Please complete and email it back to the email address below. Below is our contact information. Please feel free at any time, to contact us. No questions are too silly!! We are here as your directors to guide you along this journey and again, to ensure you have a great experience! Please go like the “Miss Texas High School Rodeo Queen” and Miss Texas Junior High Rodeo Princess” page on Facebook and check out all the amazing prizes that not only the winner takes home, but the contestants too!! We promise it is worth the experience. 😊 We are so excited and cannot wait to meet you!!

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