

# Elbert County Fair Royalty Contest

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Royalty Clinic and Competition will be announced each year, date, place and time.  
Please call 720-289-0104 for information.

## Rules:

1. Contestants entering the contest must meet 1 of the below requirements
  - Live in Elbert County
  - Have Participated in the Elbert County Fair in at least 1 of the last 2 years. Either by volunteering, being a contestant/exhibitor, vendor or one of the showcases.
2. The entrants in the Queen Contest must be girls between 14 and 18 years of age as of January 1st of the current year. Entrants in the Princess Contest must be girls between 11 and 13 years of age as of January 1st of the current year. Entrants in the Junior Princess contest must be girls between 8 and 10 years of age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
3. The horsemanship portion shall be governed by Elbert County Royalty Horsemanship rules found at the end of this document.
4. Patterns, special maneuvers, and questions in the horsemanship and personality sections shall be left to the discretion of the judges.
5. Stallions shall not be used in the horsemanship section.
6. All contestants shall be dressed appropriately for the contest (Western apparel, hat and boots). Contestants shall not wear lace-up boots or riding tennis shoes.
7. Contestants shall be expected to follow all rules and be present at the different phases of competition at the designated time. Non-compliance shall result in elimination.
8. The Queen shall be the first place individual in the Senior competition. The first place contestant in the Junior contest shall be the Princess.
9. Horsemanship and riding portion shall consist of: a) tacking up, b) horsemanship pattern (pattern will be distributed to contestants on the morning of competition), c) Western Equitation, d) Queen's Run/Flag Run/Grand Entry.
10. Contestants will be scored on: Horsemanship - 50 points, Personal Interview - 50 points, Speech - 30 points, Modeling and Impromptu Questions - 50 points.
11. Entry forms and information will be available at [elbertcountyfair.com](http://elbertcountyfair.com). Entry forms are due two weeks before competition or earlier. Forms should be mailed to: Mary Louise Jacobson, 1565 CR 150, Elizabeth, CO 80107. LATE ENTRIES WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED WITH SPECIAL PERMISSION.
12. The informational clinic will include detailed contest information, schedule, how to fill out the entry form, horsemanship rules, safety information and modeling tips.
13. The Queen and Princess shall begin reign the day following completion of the current fair until the following fair. If the Queen or Princess should be unable to fulfill her term for some reason, or if not enrolled in 4-H the following year, the 2nd place contestant will be offered the position. The Junior Princess will reign for the current year fair only.
14. No Queen or Princess shall succeed herself. If the second place contestant should be asked to fulfill a reign after June 1, that Queen or Princess shall be allowed to compete in the next following competition for the same position.
15. The current Princess may run for the Queen title if she qualifies. This will not be considered holding 2 titles at once.
16. The judge's decision will be final.

### **Scoring Horsemanship – 50 points total – riding apparel and legal equipment**

1. Grooming, saddling and basic handling will be judged from the time of entry into the arena until the completion of the horsemanship portion of the contest. Judging will consist of horse knowledge, horse safety, equitation (pretty picture in the saddle) and general overall presence while on horseback.
2. The Horsemanship pattern will be scored based on the Elbert County Royalty Horsemanship Rules. Because all royalty activities require being able to control your horse one handed – regardless of bit, any 2 handed actions will be judged harshly at the judge's discretion.
3. The hot lap and flag run will be judged on control of horse, flag and flow. A zero score will be given for loss of forward motion, loss of flag or loss of hat. A minimum of a 5 point deduction will be given for lack of speed or excessive speed.
4. Any abuse of the horse will be immediate disqualification from the entire contest.

### **Scoring Personal Interview – 50 points total – Interview outfit or formal outfit**

1. This section is to give the contestant a chance to answer one on one questions with the judges.
2. Questions will pertain to Elbert County, Elbert County Fair, agriculture, horses and the western way of life.
3. No specific questions on rodeo, 4H and FFA will be asked. If the contestant offers an opening on one of these topics based on a previous answer, the judges may expand on that topic in a means of gaining more insight into the contestant.

### **Scoring Speech – 30 points total – Formal Outfit**

1. This section is to see how the contestant can prepare for public speaking.
2. The speech topic will be given to the contestant at the time of the entry being received. Topics will include Elbert County, Elbert County Fair, agriculture in the world, horses and the western way of life. No specific topics relating to rodeo, 4H or FFA will be asked.
3. Speech shall be 2-3 minutes in length.
4. Deductions on the speech
  - a. Not answering speech topic correctly/off topic speech will be a 0 score. This will include when a speech topic asks how something effects the contestant and examples are not given.
  - b. Going under the 2-minute length will be an automatic 0 score.
  - c. Going over the 3-minute length will result in a 10 point deduction for every portion of 30 seconds over. (ie. 3:15 will be a 10 point deduction, 3:35 will be a 20 point).
  - d. Going over 4 minutes length will be an automatic 0 score.

### **Scoring Impromptu, Modeling and Biography – 50 points total – Fashion Forward**

1. This section is to see how the contestant can think on their feet.
2. Impromptu questions will pertain to Elbert County, Elbert County Fair, agriculture, horses and the western way of life. No specific questions on rodeo, 4H or FFA will be asked.
3. Answers should be short and concise and no more than 1 minute in length.
4. The biography of the contest will be given to the judges as well as read to the audience.
5. The modeling portion will be judged on how the girl presents herself on stage.

### **Royalty Responsibilities:**

1. Attend various EC 4-H, FFA, Community and fair events as directed by the superintendent.
2. The Junior Princess title will try out in the yearly competition but will only attend activities in Elbert County, primarily Elbert County Fair. This position will not travel to rodeos, stock show or other out of county activities.
3. When current fair is over, new royalty starts their reign. Attendance at the following fairs and events, as determined by the superintendent, is required: Douglas, Lincoln, Arapaho and El Paso County Fairs (if not at same time as EC Fair), Deer Trail Rodeo, National Western Stock Show, Elizabeth Stampede, Evergreen Rodeo, Roof Top Rodeo (Estes Park). Other events strongly recommended are Elizabeth, Simla and Kiowa Homecoming parades, Elbert Days Parade, Parker Holiday Carriage Parade, Kiowa and Elizabeth tree lighting, Lincoln Day Dinner, Elbert County 4H Gala, Farm Bureau Dinner, Elizabeth Memorial day service and other Ag and community based events in the county.
4. Attend the Elbert County Fair (all days) the current year and the year following crowning (your title year). Help with events of the fair when asked. This shall not conflict with royalties' prior obligations.
5. Stallions may not be used for any Royalty appearance. All horses must be deemed safe by the coordinator for spectators and the title holder. If at any time the title holder cannot provide a safe horse either through ownership or borrowing, they may have their title revoked.
6. Participate at the Elbert County Fair in some fashion the year following crowning (reigning year). Either by taking a 4H project, FFA project, volunteering or entering an Open Fair entry.
7. It is the Queen's responsibility to write letters of invitation to surrounding Fair and Rodeo Queens, Princesses and Attendants, and invite them to the EC Fair, Royalty Brunch, and to participate in the Fair Parade, Grand Entry, and Queen's Barrel Race.
8. Outgoing royalty will crown the new Fair Queen and Princess.
9. Royalty shall provide photos and autobiography for the EC Fair Book and EC Fair website due by December of the year crowned.
10. Royalty will be financially responsible for traveling expenses, clothing, insurance, Royalty Brunch and any other expenses (except buckles, crowns and sashes). There are sponsor and fundraising opportunities to help with some expenses. These will be approved and directed by the superintendent.
11. Royalty may not compete for another title (including the contest even if crowned later) until the completion of their reign. Special permission may be asked of the Elbert County Fair Board and must be approved in writing.
12. Royalty will be responsible for providing proof of insurance before attending any event on horseback (contact agent to get a rider on homeowner's policy). Membership in the Colorado Horse council provides insurance and is required for the Parker Carriage Parade. This membership and insurance will cover all needs for this line item.
13. Royalty will be responsible for replacement of any equipment or clothing provided by the county that is damaged or lost. This includes royalty magnets, US and Colorado Flag and case, chaps, crowns, leather sash and any other things provided for use.
14. Make arrangements for the Royalty Brunch to be held during the fair.
15. Cash premiums will be received upon completion of reign, fulfillment of duties, and return of chaps, crowns and leather sashes.

Elbert County Fair Queen	Buckle, Sashes, Leather Rosette and Jacket
Elbert County Fair Princess	Buckle, Sashes, Leather Rosette and Jacket
Elbert County Fair Junior Princess	Crown, possible Buckle, Sashes
Elbert County Fair Queen	\$250
Elbert County Fair Princess	\$150



## **CONTESTANT APPLICATION**

1. Title running for. Queen (14-18) or Princess (11-13) or Junior Princess (8-10)
2. Name  
Address, City, State, Zip  
Phone, Email
3. Parents Name, Phone, Email
4. Age as of January 1 of current year
5. Year in school
6. School attending

Include a 1-3 paragraph bio including the following.

1. Scholastic ambitions and goals
2. County-based activities (a. Activities, b. Leadership, c. Special Recognition)
3. Horsemanship knowledge and skills (experience with rodeo, horses, horse shows, etc.)
4. Reason for running for Elbert County Fair Royalty

Please type your responses with corresponding number from this application.  
Make sure your answers are complete.

Send Application and Waiver of Liability to:

**Elbert County Fair Royalty Contest**  
**1565 County Road 150**  
**Elizabeth, CO 80107**  
**Questions: Mary Louise Jacobson = 720-289-0104**

Applications must be to Mary Louise a minimum of 2 weeks before the competition.

(Also fill out and return "Waiver of Liability" page with application)



## Waiver of Liability

In consideration of my application being accepted, I hereby for myself, my executors, administrators and assignees, agree to abide by all Rules and Regulations pertaining the the Elbert County Fair Royalty Competition. I, and they, assume all liability and responsibility for any loss, accident or injury whether as to property or person, arising in any way with operations or activities of the Elbert County Fair. As for the consideration as aforesaid, I further agree to indemnify the Elbert County Fair, and any of its management or representatives, from and against any loss or damage sustained by reason of any claims made by me or any of my executors, administrators or assignees. I hereby release the right, title and claim of all photographs taken and their use by Elbert County Fair. I hereby certify, as the undersigned, having read the foregoing release carefully and fully understand the meaning and effect of the same.

Upon signing this document, it is understood any contestant chosen to represent the Elbert County Fair is responsible for traveling to assigned Royalty events. Upon acceptance of title honors, representatives for the Elbert County Fair will monitor all representation made on behalf of the Elbert County Fair. At any such time that Elbert County Fair Royalty cannot keep said obligation, an alternate will be chosen to fill the position. The Elbert County Fair and its representatives will help support all chosen Elbert County Fair Royalty to the best of their ability with whatever means available to them.

Application must be signed for full acceptance.

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address/City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Candidate's Full Name

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Signature  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent or Legal Guardian

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Signature  
Date \_\_\_\_\_