



High Desert Stampede
Ambassador Application, Contract, and Guidelines

Thank you for your interest in being Miss High Desert Stampede! The objective of the tryouts is to find young ladies who can ride well, speak to the public, and represent herself and the High Desert Stampede in a dignified and honorable manner.

Tryouts will consist of the following:

1. Horsemanship: You will ride the assigned pattern twice (see below), once on your personal horse, once on a draw horse. In addition, you will complete a queen lap and flag run on your personal horse. To be eligible for the title of Miss High Desert Stampede, contestants must earn at least 60% of all available horsemanship points.
2. Rodeo Knowledge Test: Fill in the blank test on general rodeo knowledge, PRCA, and High Desert Stampede.
3. Personal Interviews: You will be asked a variety of rodeo and personality questions.
4. Speech: A 2-3 minute speech on why you should represent rodeo as the first Miss High Desert Stampede.
5. Impromptu Questions: One current event, rodeo, and personality question.

Horsemanship will begin at **12:00 pm**. Tryouts are open to the public, except for the Rodeo Knowledge Test and Personal Interviews. We will have a short break after Horsemanship to allow contestants to prepare for the Rodeo Knowledge Test, Interviews, and Speeches. Your support team can help you get ready for horsemanship, however once you are on your horse they must go into the arena to watch the competition and are not allowed to talk to you until horsemanship is complete. Please read all the rules and regulations, and if you have any questions, feel free to email.

We look forward to receiving your application. Applications must be received via mail by **September 2nd, 2022**.

Best of Luck!

Jessi Jackson

High Desert Stampede Associate Director

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Miss High Desert Stampede represents one of the fastest growing and popular PRCA rodeos in the Northwest. As a rodeo ambassador you will appear in parades, rodeos, luncheons, and other promotional activities. As Miss High Desert Stampede, you must abide by the Ambassador Contract, including responsibility of your horse and transportation to and from events. You must also be available to participate in all rodeo ambassador activities throughout the year. Exceptions for attendance to rodeo events must be approved by the Court Associate Director well in advance.

All Applicants Must:

- ❖ Be an Oregon resident; reside within Deschutes County, Jefferson County, or Crook County. Applicants outside of these counties must submit a letter of intent to the Board of Directors prior to competing.
- ❖ Be between the ages of 18- 26 as of September 11th, 2022.
- ❖ Be a high school graduate.
- ❖ Not engaged or married with no children. Applicant will not get married, engaged, or become pregnant during her reign.
- ❖ Applicant will have her own horse (owned or leased), transportation and trailer. Applicant will try out on the horse she plans to use during her reign. Only one horse is required, a backup horse is highly recommended. The horse must be healthy and up to date on all medical needs. Previous parade/rodeo experience is a plus but not required.

During the tryouts applicants are judged on personality, personal appearance, and poise at **ALL** times. You must come prepared to show your best on tryout day. Judges will not take into consideration past experience or knowledge of any contestant. You will be judged solely on your performance that day.

To be eligible, please turn in:

- ❖ Completed Application.
- ❖ Brief typewritten Biography.
- ❖ Statement of why you want to be the first Miss High Desert Stampede (50 words or less).
- ❖ 5X7 Color Photo (Applicant and horse, Western attire, including hat, No Crowns Please).
- ❖ Signed Application Requirements, Ambassador Contract, and Ambassador Guidelines.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Must be mailed and received no later than September 2nd, 2022.

Mailing Address:

High Desert Stampede

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Attire for Tryouts:

Horsemanship: Western attire: jeans, long sleeve shirt, hat, and boots.

Interview/Speech/Impromptu Questions: Western attire: dress, skirt, or pants, hat and boots. Must be appropriate for an interview or appearance at a luncheon or group presentation.

Judges will be looking for these attributes in Miss HDS contestants:

Horse: Stock type horse preferred, bathed, clipped, and well taken care of. Must have clean, properly fitting, western tack. Horse must be responsive to the rider and be able to pack a flag.

Patterns: Must be ridden one handed and while using the same hand throughout competition. Rider needs to have good posture and control of the horse at all times. Rider needs to demonstrate good use of aids such as seat, hands, and legs while riding. Horse and rider need to demonstrate completeness and correctness of the pattern displaying proper variation in controlled speed.

Personality: Pleasant, friendly, mature, relaxed, poised, sincere, and confident.

Appearance: Poise, good posture, neat in appearance, groomed, and well-fitting western attire.

Speech: Self-projection, self-confidence, topic and content of speech, effectiveness, and overall delivery of speech.

If you are selected you will be required to:

Have at least one parent/chaperone with you at all parades, appearances and rodeos. Wear the wardrobe that is selected by the Court Associate Director. Be prepared at all events with tack, clothing and a positive attitude. Be available for appearances and events throughout your reign.



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As Miss High Desert Stampede, you will be **REQUIRED** to attend the following:

- Sisters Rodeo
- Crooked River Roundup
- St Paul Rodeo
- Chief Joseph Days
- Deschutes County Fair and Rodeo
- Canby Rodeo/ Miss Rodeo Oregon Pageant
- Ellensburg Rodeo
- Pendleton Round-Up (parade and luncheon)
- Columbia River Circuit Finals

You will be expected to be available to help with anything that is requested of you at these events, including but not limited to: parades, carrying flags, pushing cattle, signing autographs.

Additionally, you will be required to attend:

- Miss Rodeo Oregon Coronation
- Any event that the Board of Directors deems an appearance of their queen would be beneficial to the advertisement of the High Desert Stampede in the month leading up to our rodeo
- All events (TV/radio interviews, Rodeo Rhett, Rascal Rodeo, etc) the week of High Desert Stampede

If you would like to attend additional events, a written request must be submitted to the Queen Associate Director for approval. Travel expenses related to these events will not be guaranteed to be covered by the Board of Directors.



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Application Requirements

1. Applicant must be at least 18 and not over 26 years of age as of September 11th, 2022, and graduated from High School.
2. Applicant must be an Oregon resident and reside within Deschutes County, Jefferson County, or Crook County. If you live outside the perimeter, you must get approval from the Board of Directors prior to tryouts.
3. Applicant may either be amateur or professional horsewoman.
4. Applicant shall not be married, never been married, not pregnant nor have children. Applicant will not get married or become pregnant during her reign.
5. Applicant will have her own horse (owned or leased), transportation and trailer. Applicant will try out on the horse she plans to use during her reign. Only one horse is required, a backup horse is **highly** recommended. The horse must be healthy and up to date on all medical needs. Previous parade/rodeo experience is a plus but not required.
6. The selection will be made on a point score system. Applicant must earn at least 60% of the available horsemanship points to be eligible to hold the title of Miss High Desert Stampede.
7. If the chosen ambassador is unable to fulfill her term, the Board of Directors will decide if the position shall be filled for the remainder of the term or will remain vacant.
8. The successful candidate will reign from the date of selection to the following year date of selection.
9. Applicant agrees to ride a draw horse, possibly another contestant's mount, and present a pattern, run-in, and flag run. By trying out and signing the application you are agreeing to hold harmless all parties involved.

Name of Applicant: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Name of Parent(s): _____

Name & description of horse: _____

Please include a signed copy of agreement if horse is leased.

Hold Harmless: by my signature, I hereby release Deschutes County, the High Desert Stampede, Queen Associate Director and Board of Directors, Deschutes County Commissioners and/or their agents from any responsibility of loss, injury, accident, theft or damage to horse, rider, persons or property. I enter this pageant at my own risk and am subject to the pageant rules both written and verbal.

Signature of Applicant	Date	Signature of Parent (if under 21)	Date



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Contestant Information:

Name: _____

First Middle Last

Address: _____

Number Street City Zip

Home Phone: _____ Mobile: _____ Email: _____

Age: _____ Birthdate: _____ Have you ever been married: _____

Name of Horse: _____ Description: _____

Sex: _____ Age: _____ Owned or Leased: _____

(If leased, provide signed release from owner)

Do you have your own truck and trailer: _____

Description of truck and trailer: _____

(ex. Dodge 2500 Diesel. Exiss 3 horse living quarters trailer)

Parent Information:

Mother: _____

First Middle Last

Address: _____

Number Street City Zip

Home Phone: _____ Mobile: _____ Email: _____

Father: _____

First Middle Last

Address: _____

Number Street City Zip

Home Phone: _____ Mobile: _____ Email: _____

Personal Statistics:

Height: _____ Shirt Size: _____ Hat Size: _____ Boot Size: _____ Belt Size: _____ Jacket Size: _____ Waist/Inseam: _____

Education:

Circle highest year completed: High School College Grad School
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High School Name: _____

Location: _____ Year Graduated: _____

College Name: _____

Location: _____ Year Graduated: _____

Scholastic Honors and Other Accomplishments:

Horsemanship Experience:

Current Employment:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Supervisor: _____ Phone: _____

From: _____ To: _____
Month Year Month Year

Your Title: _____

Description of Duties:



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Emergency Contact in case of accident or serious illness:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Relationship: _____

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Address: _____ Relationship: _____



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Miss High Desert Stampede Ambassador Contract

1. The term of this contract will be from the day of queen selection to the following year of the new queen selection – typically one complete year.
2. The High Desert Stampede Board of Directors (HDSBD) are the governing body of this contract. The chosen ambassador must agree to the rules of this contract or any rules adopted by the HDSBD, and sign the contract prior to pageant. The HDSBD has full authority to modify these rules at any time, with and/or without cause. The Queen Associate Director has full authority in making final decisions regarding the Miss High Desert Stampede ambassador program.
3. The Queen Associate Director, of the High Desert Stampede, is the immediate contact and the first person in the chain of command for the chosen ambassador. The Queen Associate Director will communicate any comments, concerns, or questions to the HDSBD. All communication will flow from Queen Associate Director to chosen ambassador and vice-versa. The Queen Associate Director will also communicate directly with event Chaperones.
4. The chosen ambassador is the Representative of the High Desert Stampede. It is the duty and obligation of the chosen ambassador to portray the highest of moral standards, appearance, and personality. Your behavior shall reflect being “on-the-job” at all times. Miss High Desert Stampede, family members, and any person(s) assisting her must show the utmost respect to chaperones, the Queen Associate Director, the Board of Directors, volunteers, and all people they encounter, setting an example above reproach. Miss High Desert Stampede, family members, and any person(s) assisting the chosen ambassador throughout their reign are expected to represent the High Desert Stampede in a courteous, professional manner. A positive attitude and teamwork is expected.
5. Any conduct displayed by Miss High Desert Stampede, their family, or any person(s) assisting the chosen ambassador, that is deemed detrimental to the title or to the High Desert Stampede may result in automatic disqualification and/or dismissal. Any misconduct, including but not limited to the following, will not be tolerated:
 - > Use of illegal drugs, tobacco, or alcohol. Any representative under the age of 21 shall not consume alcohol or controlled substances of any kind during her reign. Any representative age 21 or older shall not consume alcohol or controlled substances prior to, during, or while attending an officially scheduled appearance or at any time while in official attire. Proof for medically prescribed substances will be required.
 - > Inappropriate behavior, dress, or language. This refers to actions in-person and on all social media. Includes Public Displays of Affection with a significant other.
 - > Attacks, abuse, slander, or disrespect either physically or verbally, of people in general and particularly Miss HDS chaperones, HDSBD, HDS volunteers, or the Queen Associate Director.
 - > Abuse or neglect of the representatives horse, or tack and clothing that is the property of the HDSBD.
6. The chosen ambassador is responsible for having their horse, truck, and trailer ready at all times.
 - > The horse should be shod, fit, groomed, and up to date on vaccinations.
 - > The truck should be clean, in good repair, and able to pull the trailer to all appearances.
 - > The trailer should be clean, safe, and in good repair.
7. The chosen ambassador is responsible for the upkeep of the tack, clothing, and accessories used during their reign. Items purchased with funds provided by the HDSBD are considered to be the property of the High Desert Stampede until the end of the representative’s reign. Revolving items will be passed on from ambassador to ambassador each year. These items must not be altered in any way and must be carefully maintained. Any lost or damaged tack, clothing, or accessories must be replaced or repaired, at the ambassadors’ expense. During their reign,



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representatives must only wear or use HDS tack, clothing, and accessories for designated HDS activities. Any tack or clothing used that is not provided by the HDSBD must be approved by the Queen Associate Director prior to public use. The chosen ambassador must be dressed in approved attire (cleaned and pressed) with hair and makeup done at all representative events, as designated by the Queen Associate Director. The chosen ambassador must be event ready and give attention to detail in regards to the condition of horse, tack, clothing, and accessories. Selling of non-revolving individual clothing and/or tack items is permitted once the reign has ended.

8. Any purchases must be approved by the Queen Associate Director, which she will take to the HDSBD for final approval. The HDSBD will reimburse the Queen Associate Director for all purchases. Any purchases without written approval from the HDSBD and the Queen Associate Director made directly by the chosen ambassador will not be reimbursed. If the chosen ambassador would like to purchase additional items that are not outlined below, she may do so after HDSBD approval and she may pay out of pocket or find a sponsor. The sponsorship money must go directly to the HDSBD, and the dollar amount will be used directly for the chosen ambassador. Reimbursements for items purchased, with approval, with personal funds will only be issued with an accompanying receipt turned in within 30 days. At the end of the chosen ambassadors' reign, any leftover funds due to sponsorships may be paid out as an additional travel allowance, donated to a charity, or left in the Queen account chosen by the ambassador.
9. The chosen ambassador will be required to attend rodeos, parades, speaking engagements, meetings, and other events scheduled by the Queen Associate Director at the benefit of the HDSBD. The chosen ambassador may suggest additional appearances and functions to attend but must receive approval and may not receive traveling reimbursement. All events will have a designated Chaperone approved by the Queen Associate Director. The chosen ambassador will not attend or act on behalf of the HDS without a chaperone unless given permission by the Queen Associate Director.
10. Parents, friends, and guests are encouraged to support the ambassador; however, they are in no way to interfere with the Queen Associate Directors' decisions or to disrupt the ambassador at any function. The Queen Associate Director and designated event chaperones reserve the right to dismiss a parent, friend, or guest from any event if they feel it is in the best interest of the ambassador and/or HDS.
11. Along with this contract, there are Ambassador Guidelines that give examples and suggestions to help explain the expectations of the chosen representative. If you are unsure of anything in either the Contract or Guidelines, you must ask the Queen Associate Director to clarify any issues. Do not guess at or assume anything!
12. The chosen ambassador shall waive all liability. If under 21, parent or legal guardian must co-sign.
13. Failure to comply with any of the above rules may result in immediate forfeiture of title. All revolving items, purchased tack, clothing, and accessories will immediately be returned in excellent condition to the Associate Queen Director. The HDSBD and Queen Associate Director will have final authority over non-compliance for the above stated rules.



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I have read, understood, and agreed to abide by the Application Requirements, Ambassador Contract, and Guidelines for the Miss High Desert Stampede. If selected as a Miss High Desert Stampede, I, understand that these rules remain in effect throughout my reign.

Dated this _____ day of _____, _____

Name (please print): _____

Signature: _____

If under 21 must have parental/legal guardian signature.

Parent/Legal Guardian Name (please print): _____

Signature: _____

RETURN SIGNED WITH APPLICATION

My signature affirms that all information on this application is understood by me and is true to the best of my knowledge. I have read, understood, and will abide by the Application Requirements and the Ambassador Contract and understand that violation of any rule may result in suspension or dismissal from the title. I agree to be available for the entire week of the High Desert Stampede. I release Deschutes County, the High Desert Stampede, Queen Associate Director, and/or their agents from any responsibility of loss, injury, accident, theft, or damage to horse, rider, person, or property.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature (Parent or Legal Guardian if under 21): _____

Date: _____



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Miss High Desert Stampede Guidelines

This portion serves as a guideline only. This is not a contract and the subject matter can change at any given time. The High Desert Stampede hopes that our ambassador finds this helpful throughout their reign as the following consists of expectations and events throughout the year.

Expectations of Miss High Desert Stampede

Congratulations! You have now become someone who many little girls only dream of becoming. You are being watched everywhere you go – after all you are a local celebrity! As an ambassador of rodeo, you are expected to represent the HDS throughout your entire contracted reign. This includes time when you do not wear your crown or other attire. A positive example and proper influence on peers are mandatory at all times. This includes but is not limited to ALL social media posts/photographs/comments/interactions, text/email messages or any other form of communication. Do not give the HDS any reason to question such actions as your reign can be terminated with such behavior. Boyfriends or significant others not showing professionalism or respectfulness will not be tolerated. Our representative is an adult, and is responsible for relaying any important information discussed to their parent or guardian. Our chosen ambassador must go through an appropriate chain of command, beginning with the Queen Associate Director. All decisions made by the HDSBD and the Queen Associate Director are final. A positive attitude is key to success this year. You are an ambassador for the HDS, and are expected to portray the highest of moral standards at all times.

Alcohol/drug use by the ambassador will not be tolerated, regardless of age, before or while at a Miss HDS function. This includes when the event has concluded.

Timeliness is extremely important. If you are “on time” then you are considered late. Five (5) minutes early is “on time.” Arrive at every single function completely prepared. If you are late or forget an article of clothing, you could be excused from the function. A schedule of events will be provided. Please remember that events are subject to change with little notice. The chosen ambassador must remain flexible with her schedule to attend all required events.

Clothing provided to the representative is property of HDS until your reign is complete. All clothing should stay in like-new condition, cleaned and pressed. All clothing should be fitted to best suit the ambassador and be ready for use at all times. Hats are shaped and to be re-shaped throughout the year as needed.

Cell phone use during an HDS meeting or any other function in Miss HDS attire will not be tolerated.

Miss HDS is responsible for providing a truck and trailer in good mechanical working order. Trailer must be kept clean once HDS sponsor decals are placed on trailer.

Expectations of court equine

Miss HDS is highly encouraged to have a back-up horse at all times throughout her reign. The HDS is not responsible for a replacement animal. If the HDSBD determines court horse is not appropriate for an event, it is the ambassador who must find a replacement. Horse must be kept in tip top shape throughout reign, free of disease, vaccinated and shod. When a queen horse is entered in parades, one must replicate the appearance of a halter horse – clipped and bathed, hooves free of manure and clean face/ears. Shall the queen horse need sedatives for events, it is up to the



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ambassador to communicate with their own veterinarian on what dosage is appropriate for your animal, and provide it when needed. Testing any new sedatives prior to an event is required.

Tack and additional horse supplies are to be provided by the representative. Revolving tack may be available for use, although it is not required if it does not properly fit the horse. All purchases made for the queen representative, including tack, are property of HDS until reign is complete. Revolving tack items must be turned in at the end of reign, in the same condition as originally granted. The chosen ambassador is responsible for keeping all tack and related horse supplies in like-new condition at all times. It is highly encouraged before the first scheduled parade, that borium nails be used on the horses' shoes or that rubber treaded trail boots be purchased. This will help the horse avoid slipping on roads.

Parade Expectations

Attire will be arranged prior to a parade, but always bring everything. Arrive promptly and prepared. Network with those around you – remember why you are here, to promote! Shake hands, ask questions, be involved. Tell spectators to come to our Rodeo. If no horses are used in the parade, additional vehicle decorating may be necessary. Should a horse be used for the parade, horse must arrive clean of any dirt or shavings, clipped, sleek and in shape. All parade essentials must be on and secured prior to the representative mounting. Miss HDS is responsible for learning how to correctly place her flower pack. Parade staging areas must be left in better condition than found. All horse urine and feces must be picked up immediately, along with any other trash. We recommend little to no shavings in the trailer for easy clean up after unloading. Hay is not allowed outside of the trailer. If a pooper scooper is needed throughout the parade, family/friends are often required to assist. Miss HDS is required to carry a knife on her at all times, in case the flower pack or another piece of equipment needs to be cut off. She is also required to keep a cell phone on them, out of sight, during the parade.

Rodeo expectations

Rodeos typically consist of a queen run-in for grand entry and a parade. Offer to assist with pushing cows or running flags. A stall will not always be provided. You must bring panels for your horse or be able to tie your horse to the trailer. There may be one luncheon for visiting royalty. Otherwise, you are responsible for bringing or purchasing food.

Speaking expectations

Throughout your reign, you will be asked to talk about at numerous speaking functions. Professionalism and creativity are extremely important when public speaking. Knowledge of the HDS is critical as questions often arise from your presentation. Know the dates of our rodeo and say them often!

Week of High Desert Stampede

Move in is Tuesday of rodeo week. It is recommended that if available, you stay in a living quarters or camping trailer on site. You will get one stall. You are to stay on the grounds day and night unless otherwise directed by HDS. Interviews and pre-rodeo events will be during the day, and prep for evening performance will be around 5pm every night. You are typically not done until 11pm every evening. You are expected to have a positive attitude 24/7, after all, this is your week! Queen horses get tired quickly, which is why it is extremely important to have your horse in great physical shape beforehand. The Sunday after the Rodeo is clean-up day and you are required to assist with all areas.



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I have read and understand the guidelines for my Miss High Desert Stampede reign. I understand that the decisions, in all matters, of the HDS are final. I will adhere to these guidelines to the best of my ability.

Miss High Desert Stampede

Date

