

EASTERN NEW MEXICO STATE FAIR

QUEEN CONTEST

Renee Montes Superintendent

Rules and Regulations:

SPORTSMANSHIP: Un-sportsman like behavior from contestants, parents, or anyone directly related to the contestant during and after the competition is cause for dismissal and relinquishment of all awards at the discretion of the committee. There will be a 6-hour grievance period after the final portion of the judging to submit a typed complaint and or protest. At this time, the committee will review the protest/grievance.

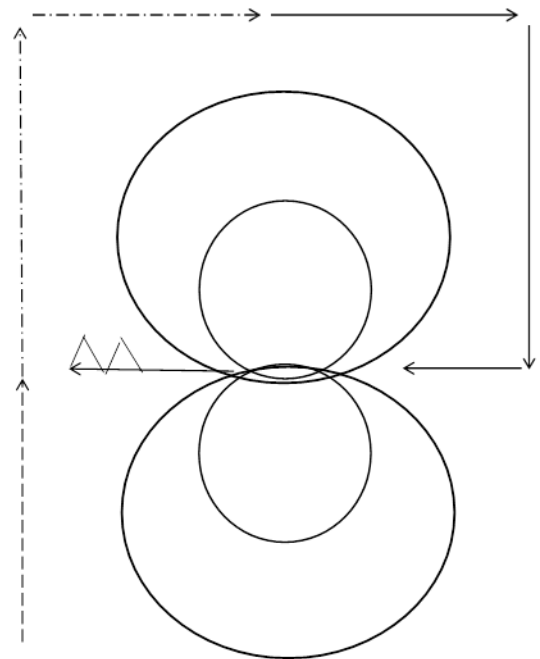
JUDGING: At no time before, during or after any part of the competition will a parent be allowed to approach a judge. A contestant may approach the judges after the competition with questions concerning areas of improvement only.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Candidates must be 16-24 years of age by day of the contest. Proof of age will be required. A copy of your birth certificate or driver's license are to be sent with your entry. Candidates must be single and have never been married nor given birth. If a winner marries during her reign or becomes pregnant, she will forfeit her title and awards. The first runner-up will then finish the reign. Candidates must be permanent residents of one of the participating Eastern New Mexico counties. Candidates may not have criminal charges against them or have never been found guilty of a felony or other serious criminal activities. Dress requirements for the contest are as follows: You are only allowed to wear jeans, pants and shirts/blouses. Boots, belts and hats are required. No dresses, skirts or jackets/vest will be allowed. No full leather/suede, ultra-suede, or custom made, shirts, blouses, or pants.

CONDUCT: Contestants will not be allowed to curse, smoke, drink alcoholic beverages or be under the influence of narcotics at any time after their application is received; during any mandatory and/or public function, and after the crowning. Any unsatisfactory behavior can and/or will be cause for dismissal of contestant and relinquishment of title and/or any awards.

ENTRY FORMS: Entries must be signed by her parents and/or legal guardian if a minor. Entries must be received by Friday, **September 25, 2026**. Entry fee \$150.00

2026 HORSEMANSHIP PATTERN:



- Walk through west gate and along north fence.
- Pick up trot at center of north fence, & continue around the end of the arena
- Pick up lope at center of East arena fence
- Continue lope down south fence & do a small, slow figure eight, beginning to the right.
- Do a large, fast figure eight to the right
- At center of arena ride toward the north fence, stop and back up four steps.
- Make eye contact with the judges and wait to be dismissed from the arena.
- When the judges have dismissed you, proceed back to the gate to exit the arena

This information is frequently updated.

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Exhibitors participate at their own risk.

Horsemanship Rules:

The Horsemanship phase of competition provides an insight into the woman's preparatory and performance skills. In the required pattern portion of the contest, consideration is given as to whether the contestant completes the pattern correctly. In the freestyle portion of the contest, consideration is given as to whether the contestant's freestyle selection fits these skills and her personality. In the Queens ride, consideration is given to the contestant's ability to "connect" to the audience. The Horsemanship competition acknowledges the rider's ability to control her mount.

The categories are: Required Pattern (10%), Horsemanship Interview (10%), and Free Time (10%). At the end of your Free Time, you will do a Queens Run and this will be part of the score. You may change mounts for any phase of the competition; however, this is not a requirement. If you do change mounts, you must have an assistant with your mount waiting for you at the gate. When you are called, you must be ready or you will not be allowed to compete. In freestyle you will be allowed 2 minutes to demonstrate your individual riding ability. Costumes and/or music for your free time event will not be allowed. Bridles and saddles are required at all times. Don't be afraid to be creative, feel free to do something other than a reining pattern. Judges may ask you to dismount, mount or unbridle your horse. You will be asked horsemanship questions.

Dress for the Horsemanship phase of the competition is as follows: blue jeans, plain white shirt/blouse (no sequins, beading, fringe, etc.), boots, belt and hat. Spurs are optional. No chaps.

Eastern New Mexico State Fair Queen Contest Summary of Scoring

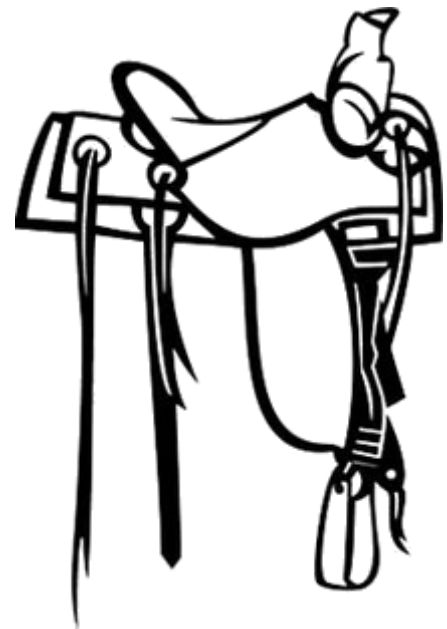
Judged Events

Personal Interview	30%
Speech	20%
Modeling	10%
On Stage Question	10%
Horsemanship	30%

Each contestant is competing against herself and **MUST** receive a score in a 1.0 to 10.0 point range, using whole numbers only. More than one contestant may receive the same score. The auditors will discard the high score and the low score for each contestant in each phase.

Tie scores will be broken by referring back to Judge #1. Judge #1's score will break the tie. If a tie still remains, Judge #2's score will be used...and so on until the tie is broken. If there is a tie for the overall title, Judge #1 score in required horsemanship will break the tie, if there is still a tie Judge #2 score in required horsemanship will break it, then Judge #3 and so on.

A grievance committee will be in place. The proper procedure, in filing a grievance, is to put the complaint in writing and submit it to the ENMSF Office, who in turn will set up a meeting of the ENMSF Queen grievance committee to discuss the particular grievance. All decisions made by the grievance committee will be final.



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EASTERN NEW MEXICO STATE FAIR QUEEN CONTESTSCHOLARSHIP RULES AND REGULATIONS:

- 1) Scholarships: Scholarship for the Winner of the Eastern New Mexico State Fair Queen title will be available to the winner as of August 1, of the following year. Duties should have been accomplished by this time. She will have until January 1, of the next year to request this scholarship money. The Winner must fulfill her duties as the Eastern New Mexico State Fair Queen in order to receive her scholarships. If the winner of the Eastern New Mexico State Fair Queen contest is still a high school student, her scholarship money will be held until May of her Senior Year of High School. She will then have from May 31 of her year of Graduation until January 1 of the following year to use her scholarship money. All scholarship money must be used within the time allowed. If funds are not used, they will revert back into the scholarship fund of the Eastern New Mexico State Fair Committee. Scholarship money for all runner-ups will be available as of January 1, after the pageant. If the runner-up is a winner of scholarship money and is still in high school the funds will be held until May 31 of her senior year. She will have until January 1 of the following year to use her scholarship. All scholarship money must be used within the time allowed. If funds are not used, they will revert back into the scholarship fund of the Eastern New Mexico State Fair Queen Scholarship Committee.
- 2) Scholarship Usage: Scholarships may be expended for current tuition and related expenses, room, board and other expenses as approved by the ENMSF Scholarship Committee. Personal expenses such as parking fines, bus passes, I.D. card, library fines or health insurance are not covered. ENMSFQC will only pay for course books from the school book store. The exception to this is meal plans if the student is enrolled as a full-time student.
- 3) Requesting Usage: Request for scholarships are processed upon written request. All statements and invoices must be accompanied by a cover letter from the contestant. Request for computer equipment will be granted only if the college states in writing that it is a mandatory requirement in order for the recipient to complete the coursework. Request for payment for other educational expenses (e.g. private instructors or coursework not related to an accredited two-year or four-year college or university) must be pre-approved by the ENMSFQC. The request will be granted only if the contestant is enrolled in school at an accredited institution at least part time or is taking the course as a continuing education unit.
- 4) Reimbursement Guidelines: Current laws do not provide for tax-deductible payment or reimbursements for room, board or private lessons. Reimbursements for rent will be paid monthly or quarterly when the recipient is enrolled as a full-time student. Such request must be documented by a fully executed lease agreement. Contestants must maintain at least 12 credit hours as a full-time student or 9 credit hours as part time status and 9 credit hours for graduate. This does not cover

key fees or deposits. Utilities (electric, gas, cable, phone, etc.) are not covered unless they are included in the rental fee. Mortgage payments are not reimbursable or payable. Lease agreements must be submitted along with current tuition bill showing full time status. For payment of private lessons or non-credit courses, a background profile on the teacher/instructor for acting or singing lessons etc., and original bill, cancelled check or original credit card receipt must be submitted. The request will only be payable if such courses or lessons fall within the guidelines as described in item 3. The Eastern New Mexico State Fair Queen Contest does not issue 1099's. Please note all reimbursements must be for current expenses only.

5) Usage for Past Expenses: Scholarships may be used for student loan obligations. All requests for loan reimbursements must include a current bill from the lender showing a current address, a copy of the promissory note showing that the contestant is either the primary or secondary payer of the obligation and an official transcript. Notice of payments for loan obligations that are due must be sent to the ENMSFQC in a timely manner.

6) Contestants may submit invoices for payment directly from the provider of the educational service or may submit a receipted bill and request reimbursement.

7) Usage for Future Expenses: Scholarships may be used for future educational expenses. (See 1 for explanation) If a contestant has no activity in her scholarship account within the one-year time period, the funds in her account will be forfeited.

8) Responsibility: The contestant must take responsibility for getting payment request in to the ENMSFQC in a timely manner. ENMSF Scholarship Committee request a three-week payment time after receipt of the request. The contestant is also responsible for knowing when her scholarship deadline is at hand and must act accordingly as to not forfeit any of her remaining scholarship money. There will be no notification sent out from the ENMSF or the ENMSF Queen Scholarship Committee.

I _____ HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE EASTERN NEW MEXICO STATE FAIR QUEEN CONTEST SCHOLARSHIP RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Signature

Date

(Parents signature if contestant is under 18)

Witness ENMSFQC

EASTERN NEW MEXICO STATE FAIR QUEEN
SCHOLARSHIP FUND REQUEST FORM

Date_____

Contestant Name_____

Address_____

City_____State_____Zip_____

Renee Montes

Director

PO Box 74

Hondo NM 88336

Phone: 575. 973.1524 Cell 575. 653.4125

Dear ENMSF Queen Committee,

I am writing to request my scholarship funds from the Eastern New Mexico State Fair Queen Contest. I am including a transcript and I understand that a cumulative GPA of 2.5 is required to receive my scholarship funds. Below is the information requested:

School Name_____

Mailing Address_____

City_____State_____Zip_____

Student ID Number_____

Sincerely,

Contestant Signature

What do I wear?

We are trying to make this contest as easy for you and your parents as possible. We are only allowing you to wear OFF THE RACK jeans, pants and shirts/blouses. Boots, belts and hats are required. No dresses, skirts or jackets/vests will be allowed during the judged portion. Custom-made clothing is limited to the non-judged portions of the contest, such as coronation.



ENMSF Parade: Your Choice! Hat and Boots required. You will be riding on some sort of float.

Personal Interview: Jeans, Pants, Shirt/Blouse, Boots, Belt and Hat.

Speech and Modeling: Jeans, Pants, Shirt/Blouse, Boots, Belt and Hat. (Speech topic, your choice, 3-minute limit)



Horsemanship: Jeans, White Shirt/Blouse, Boots, Belt and Hat. Spurs are optional. No chaps.

*For the horsemanship competition you are required to wear jeans and a white shirt/blouse. (your all white shirt/blouse should be off the rack. It should not be embellished with ANY custom rhinestones, fringe etc.) You must wear a hat, belt and boots. Spurs are optional, no jackets, vests, chaps or leggings. Compete on a horse of your choice. Any style western saddle, accessories for a coordinated look.

NOTE: The new ENMSF Queen must be ready to “go to work” on Saturday morning during the sale and breakfast so come dressed and ready to make a great impression. She may wear any outfit she chooses as long as it is in good taste. No dresses. Belt, boots and hat required! She may also participate in the rodeo as the new ENMSF Queen on Friday and Saturday evening if there is one. She will be required to check with the office for scheduled events. Belt, boots and hat required.



Feel free to contact Renee Montes, Director, if you have any questions. Best wishes and hope to see you at the contest!

Enter online at enmsf.com

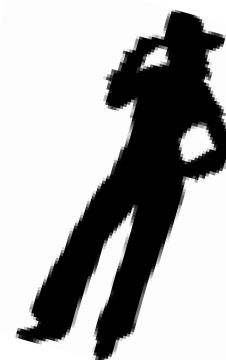
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ENMSF Preliminary Itinerary

ALL functions will be held at Eastern New Mexico State Fair Grounds

Friday, September 25, 2026

11:59 p.m. ALL Entries are due on line (see rules and regulations)

Sunday, October 4, 2026

9:00am

Check in/Orientation / Photogenic pictures will be taken

If you have any questions about dress code, bring your clothing and let us look at it, there will be points deducted for clothing which does not meet requirements.

10:00am

Judges' Orientation

11:00am

Personal Interviews

Noon

Luncheon (We will need an approximate head count for lunch)

1:00pm

Personality Competition - Speech, Modeling, Impromptu Questions

Horsemanship will begin approximately 1 hour following the completion of the Personality portion of the contest.

Approximately 1 hour after Horsemanship, CORONATION WILL TAKE PLACE.

After Coronation: All girls are invited to go to the parade on Monday morning and ride on the float.

The NEW QUEEN is required to participate in the parade on Monday morning.

Also, the 2026/2027 Queen will coordinate with the Fair Office regarding which activities she will be required to attend for fair week which may include Rodeo and the Buyers Breakfast and Jr. Livestock Sale.





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2026 OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Cell: _____

Email Address (required): _____

Education: School Name: _____

School Activities: _____

Club Memberships: _____

Rodeo & Horse Show Activities: _____

Entry Fee \$150.00

EASTERN NEW MEXICO STATE FAIR QUEEN CONTESTANTS

Hold Harmless Agreement

This release of liability is made and entered into on the _____ day of _____, 20_____, by and between _____, hereafter designated as CONTESTANT and the EASTERN NEW MEXICO STATE FAIR, hereafter designated as MANAGER. In return for the uses of properties, wagons/floats and services of the Manager, on this date and any future dates, the CONTESTANT, her heirs, or assigns, and legal representative, hereby expressly agree to the following:

1. It is the responsibility of the CONTESTANT to carry full and complete insurance coverage for personal property and herself.
2. CONTESTANT agrees to any and all risk involved in or arising from CONTESTANT'S use of MANAGER'S property, horses, driver and/or driver's assistants including, without limitation but not limited to, the risk of death, bodily injury, property damage, falls, kicks, bites, collisions with vehicles, horses or stationary objects, fire or explosion, the unavailability of emergency care, or the negligent or deliberate acts of another person.
3. CONTESTANT agrees to hold MANAGER and all its successors, assigns, subsidiaries, affiliates, employees, and agents completely harmless and not liable, and release them from all liability whatsoever and AGREES NOT TO SUE them on account of or in connection with any claims, causes of action, injuries, damages, costs or expenses arising out of the CONTESTANTS use of or presence of manager's property, vehicles, or willful and/or wanton negligence of the MANAGER.
4. UNDER NEW MEXICO LAW, AN EQUINE PROFESSIONAL IS NOT LIABLE FOR AN INJURY TO OR THE DEATH OF A PARTICIPANT IN EQUINE ACTIVITIES RESULTING FROM THE INHERENT RISKS OF EQUINE ACTIVITIES.
5. This contract is made and entered in the State of New Mexico, and shall be enforced and interpreted under the laws of this state. Signature indicates acceptance of these terms.

Contestant Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Notary Public

County, State

Term Expires