



Clackamas County Fair and Canby Rodeo
Royal Court Application, Contract, and Guidelines

Thank you for your interest in being a part of the 2025 Clackamas County Fair & Canby Rodeo Court! Tryouts will be held on August 16th, 2025 in the Traverso Arena at the Clackamas County Fair and Event Center in Canby, Oregon. The Clackamas County Fair & Canby Rodeo Court represents the Fair and Rodeo throughout the state of Oregon. As a Royal Court member, you will appear in parades, rodeos, luncheons, and other promotional activities. As a member of the Royal Court, you must abide by the Court Contract, including responsibility of your horse and transportation to and from events. You must also be available to participate in all court activities throughout the year. Exceptions for attendance to court events must be approved by the Court Director/Coordinator well in advance.

During the tryouts, applicants are judged on personality, personal appearance, and poise at **ALL** times.

COURT TRYOUT SCHEDULE: Tryouts will be held **Saturday August 16th, 2025 beginning at 8:45am at the Clackamas County Fairgrounds in Canby, Oregon.**

The order of events for tryouts will be as follows:

- ❖ 8:45am: Orientation located in the Canby Rodeo VIP Tent
- ❖ 9am: Horsemanship located in the Traverso Arena – Open to the Public
 - The horsemanship pattern will be given to you at check-in. You will also be asked to do an arena run (with & without a flag) & draw horse presentation
- ❖ 10:30am: Speech 2-3 minutes long, located in the Canby Rodeo VIP Tent & open to the Public
- ❖ Impromptu Questions
- ❖ General Knowledge Written Test
- ❖ Personal Interviews based on rodeo & personality questions – limited to Contestants only
- ❖ Lunch will be provided for Contestants, Judges and Volunteers
- ❖ Meet & Greet location TBD
- ❖ Award Ceremony & Selection of Court no later than 3pm located in the Canby Rodeo VIP Tent – Open to the Public

Please Include in Your Application

- ❖ A brief, typewritten biography.
- ❖ Statement of "Why I want to be part of the 2026 Clackamas County Fair and Canby Rodeo court (50 words or less).
- ❖ A 5x7 Color Picture (applicant and horse, western attire including hat; no crowns please).
- ❖ Signed Application Requirements and Yearly Contract

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Must be received via email to alexisgoughnour@gmail.com no later than Friday, August 1st, 2025 by 4:00 pm. If you have any questions please contact Alexis at (971)832-0675.



The objective of the tryouts is to find young women who can ride well, speak to the public, and represent herself and the Clackamas County Fair and Canby Rodeo in a dignified and honorable manner.

Attire for Tryouts:

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

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

Judges will be looking for these attributes in court contestants:

Personal Interviews: Pleasant, friendly, relaxed, poised, sincere, and confident.

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

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

Horse: Stock type horse preferred, bathed, clipped, and well cared for. 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. 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.

If you are selected you will be required to have at least one parent/chaperone with you at parades, appearances and rodeos. Wear the wardrobe that is selected by the Court Director/Coordinator. Be prepared at all events with tack, clothing and a positive attitude. Be available for appearances and events throughout your reign.

As a court member you will be asked to ride in parades and visiting rodeo grand entries, attend luncheons and interviews, carry sponsor flags between events and push cattle. You must be available and flexible for short notice appearances, and distribute information about the Fair and Rodeo.



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Application Requirements

1. Applicant must be at least 18 and not over 25 years of age as of the day of tryouts (August 16th, 2025) & graduated from High School.
2. Be an Oregon resident within Clackamas, Marion, Yamhill, Washington, Multnomah, Hood River, Jefferson or Wasco counties. You must be ready, willing, and able to attend all mandatory events. These include, but are not limited to: One Rodeo meeting on the first Thursday of every month; Coronation in March; approx. 10-15 parades; approx. 7 rodeos; 4-6 speaking engagements. Final requirements are at the discretion of the Court Director.
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 is using 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 highly encouraged.
6. Previous Queens of the Clackamas County Fair and Canby Rodeo are not eligible to try out again.
7. Former Princesses of the Clackamas County Fair and Canby Rodeo may try out for the Queen position only if all other requirements are met.
8. The selection will be made on a point score system. The highest scorer to be named Queen and the second highest will be named Princess. Judges & court director reserve the right to select less than 2 Court members and all judge & court director decisions are final.
9. If a member of the court is unable to fulfill her term, the Fair Board President, Rodeo Committee Chairman, and the Court Coordinator/Director will decide if that position shall be filled for the remainder of the term or will remain vacant.
10. The successful candidate will reign from the date of selection as the "Lady/Court in Waiting" until January 1st, 2026 when the official year begins for 1 full calendar year. One additional mandatory appearance after her reign will be the Coronation of the successor Court.
11. 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: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

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

Hold Harmless: by my signature, I hereby release Clackamas County, the Clackamas County Fair and the Canby Rodeo, Court Director/Coordinator and Committee, Clackamas 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

Phone Number: _____ Social Media Handle/Username: _____

Email: _____

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

Name of Horse: _____ Description: _____

Sex: _____ Age: _____ Owned or Leased: _____

(If leased, provide signed release from owner)

Height: _____ Long Sleeve Button Up Shirt Size: _____ Cowboy Hat Size _____

Boot Size: _____ Belt Size: _____ Jacket Size: _____

Waist/Length Jean Size: _____

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: _____



CLACKAMAS COUNTY FAIR & CANBY RODEO COURT

YEARLY CONTRACT

1. The term of this contract will be from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026 with a “Lady in Waiting” period from the day of Court selection to January 1, 2026. One additional mandatory appearance, which falls outside of the contract term, is the Coronation of the new Court – typically in March of the year following Court selection.
2. The Clackamas County Fair Board (CCFB) and the Canby Rodeo Committee (CRC) are the governing body of this contract. Court members must agree to the rules of this contract or any rules adopted by the CCFB & CRC, and sign the contract prior to pageant. The CCFB & CRC has full authority to modify these rules at any time, with and/or without cause. The Court Director/Coordinator has full authority in making final decisions regarding the Court.
3. The Court Director/Coordinator, of the Canby Rodeo Committee, is the immediate contact and the first person(s) in the chain of command for the Court. The Court Director/Coordinator will communicate any comments, concerns, or questions to the CCFB & CRC. All communication will flow from Court Director/Coordinator to Court member and vice-versa. The Court Director/Coordinator will also communicate directly with event Chaperones.
4. A Court member is a Representative of the Clackamas County Fair (CCF) and Canby Rodeo (CR). It is the duty and obligation of all court members to portray the highest of moral standards, appearance, and personality. Your behavior shall reflect being “on-the-job” at all times. The Court, family members, and any person(s) assisting the Court must show the utmost respect to other Court members, chaperones, committee members, and all people they encounter, setting an example above reproach. The Court, family members, and any person(s) assisting the Court member throughout their reign are expected to represent Clackamas County Fair & Canby Rodeo in a courteous, professional manner. A positive attitude and teamwork is expected.
5. Any conduct displayed by a Court member, their family, or any person(s) assisting the Court member, that is deemed detrimental to the title or to the Fair and Rodeo 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 Court member under the age of 21 shall not consume alcohol or controlled substances of any kind during her reign. Any Court member 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. These behaviors are open to interpretation of the CCFB, CRC, Court Director/Coordinator and or chaperone. This refers to actions in-person and on social media.
 - > Interactions with significant others (SO). A significant other is someone, male or female, that you have an intimate relationship with. SOs are welcome to attend events and assist if needed. At no time, during an event, will there be public displays of affection either in person or posted on social media. SOs are allowed to attend overnight events but they must not be alone with the Court member. They must not stay/sleep in the same space (ie. Room, Tent, Camper, etc.) as the Court member even if another person is present.
 - > Social media. The CCFB, CRC, Court Director/Coordinator will have access to all Social Media accounts. Any content posted to a Court member’s social media account, that in any way is deemed detrimental to the Court, Fair, and/or Rodeo must be removed immediately.



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- > Attacks, abuse, or disrespect either physically or verbally, of people in general and particularly Court members, family members, CCFB members, CRC members, or chaperones.
- > Abuse or neglect of a Court member's horse, or tack and clothing that is the property of the Fair & Rodeo.

6. Court members are 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. Court members are responsible for the upkeep of the tack, clothing, and accessories used during their reign. Items purchased with funds raised by the Court members are considered to be the property of the CRC until the end of the Court reign. Revolving items will be passed on from Court to Court 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 Court member's expense. During their reign, Court members must only wear or use CCF & CR tack, clothing, and accessories for designated Court activities. Court members must be dressed in appropriate Court attire (cleaned and pressed) with hair and makeup done at all Court events, as designated by the Court Director/Coordinator. Court members must be event ready and give attention to detail in regards to the condition of horse, tack, clothing, and accessories. Selling of individual clothing and/or tack items is permitted once the reign has ended, with the exception of the official "dress" outfit. This outfit must remain in the Court members' ownership until the Coronation of the successor Court. If you are unable to wear the dress outfit at the successor Coronation you may not be allowed to perform the duties of an outgoing Court member.

8. The Court budget will be monitored by the Court Director/Coordinator. Starter funds are available prior to the Courts main fundraiser, which is Coronation. Tack, clothing, and accessories will be purchased with funds raised by the Court members. The Court Director/Coordinator must approve all purchases. 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 Court reign, any leftover funds may be paid out as a travel allowance, donated to a charity, or left in the Court account.

9. Court members will be required to attend rodeos, parades, speaking engagements, meetings, and other events scheduled by the Court Director/Coordinator. Court members may suggest additional appearances and functions to attend but must receive approval. All events will have a designated Chaperone approved by the Court Director/Coordinator. Court members will not attend or act on behalf of the CCF & CR without a chaperone unless given permission by the Court Director/Coordinator.

10. Parents, friends, and guests are encouraged to support the Court members; however, they are in no way to interfere with the Court Director/Coordinator's decisions or to disrupt the Court at any function. The Court Director/Coordinator reserves the right to dismiss a parent, friend, or guest from any event if they feel it is in the best interest of the Court and/or CCFB & CRC. Event Chaperones will confer with the Court Director/Coordinator should they feel a need to dismiss a parent, friend, or guest from an event.

11. Along with this contract, there are Court Guidelines that give examples and suggestions to help explain the expectations of Court members. If you are unsure of anything in either the Contract or Guidelines, you must ask the Court Director/Coordinator to clarify any issues. Do not guess at or assume anything!



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12. Court members 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 good condition to the Court Director/Coordinator. The CCFB, CRC, and Court Director/Coordinator have final authority over non-compliance for the above stated rules.

I have read, understood, and agreed to abide by the Application Requirements, Court Contract, and Guidelines for the Clackamas County Fair and Canby Rodeo Court. If selected as a Court member for the CCF & CR, 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 Yearly Contract and understand that violation of any rule may result in suspension or dismissal from the Court. I agree to be available for the entire week of the Clackamas County Fair and Canby Rodeo. I release Clackamas County, the Clackamas County Fair, Canby Rodeo, Rodeo Court Director/Coordinator, 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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Clackamas County Fair & Canby Rodeo Court Guidelines

This portion serves as a guideline only. This is not a contract and the subject matter can change at any given time. The Clackamas County Fair & Canby Rodeo (CCF & CR) hopes that court members find this helpful throughout their reign as the following consists of expectations and events throughout the year.

Expectations of the court member

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 a member of the court, you are expected to represent the CCF & CR 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 is 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 CCF & CR 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. You are expected to work as a team with fellow court members when decisions need to be made. Court member are responsible for all communication directly to CCF & CR directors/court coordinator, associates and/or volunteers. Court member is also responsible for relaying any important information discussed to parent or guardian. Court member must go through appropriate chain of command, beginning with court coordinator. All decisions between the CCF & CR and court members are final. A positive attitude is key to success this year. You are an ambassador for the CCF & CR, and are expected to portray the highest of moral standards at all times.

Alcohol/drug use by court member will not be tolerated, regardless of age, before or while at a court function.

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. All court members are to go to every function together and participate as a team. A schedule of events will be provided. Please remember that events are subject to change with little notice. Court member must remain flexible with her schedule to attend all required events.

Clothing provided to court member is property of CCF & CR until your reign is complete. All clothing should stay in like-new condition, cleaned and pressed. All clothing should be fitted to best suit court member and be ready for use at all times. Hats are shaped and to be re-shaped throughout the year as needed. Court member hats are to have the same shape between all the girls. Makeup and hair style will also remain the same between court members. Hair must be of a natural color – no artificial colors.

Cell phone use during a CCF & CR meeting or any other function in court attire will not be tolerated.

Court member is responsible for providing a truck and trailer in good mechanical working order. Trailer must be kept clean once CCF & CR court sponsor decals are placed on trailer.

Coronation

Court coronation is your big fundraising event in March. From the minute you begin your reign, it is essential that you begin getting sponsorships and donations immediately. Coronation consists of a silent and live auction with dinner and drinks. Coronation is open to the public, and it is encouraged to invite family and friends. The funds made from coronation will be used throughout the year for court purchases such as tack, clothing, parade entry fees,



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flowers, etc. How successful your coronation is will determine how much money you will have to spend for the year. Travel and meal expenses throughout the year are at court member expense and will not necessarily be reimbursed. Many coronations have brought great success with hard work and dedication.

Expectations of court equine

Court member is highly encouraged to have a back-up horse at all times throughout her reign. The CCF & CR is not responsible for a replacement animal. If the CCF & CR determines court horse is not appropriate for an event, it is the court member who must find a replacement. Horse must be kept in tip top shape throughout reign, free of disease, vaccinated and shod. When court 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 court horse need sedatives for events, it is up to the court member to communicate with your own veterinarian on what dosage is appropriate for your animal, and provide when needed.

Tack and additional horse supplies are to be provided by court member. After coronation, additional tack purchases will be made for all court members. All purchases made for court individuals are property of CCF & CR until reign is complete. Revolving tack items must be turned in at end of reign, in same condition as originally granted. Court member is responsible for keeping all tack and related horse supplies in like-new condition at all times. This includes but is not limited to Cavallo boots used for Rose Parade.

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 (~~Christmas/July 4th~~). 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 court member mounting. Court member is responsible for learning how to correctly place flower pack. Parade staging area 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. Court member 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. One court member (typically the queen) is 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 is likely not be provided. You must bring panels for your horse or be able to tie your horse to the trailer.

You are expected to camp with your horse. There may be a luncheon for court members. Otherwise, you are responsible for bringing food.

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Speech expectations

Throughout your reign, you will be given a topic to talk about at numerous speaking functions. You are required to memorize your speech and give it to the best of your ability. Professionalism and creativity are extremely important when public speaking. Knowledge of the CCF & CR are critical as questions often arise from your presentation.

Week of Canby Rodeo

Move in is Sunday or Monday of rodeo week. You are allowed 1 living quarters or camping trailer per court member. You will get 1 stall (portables not allowed). You are to stay on the grounds day and night unless otherwise directed by CCF & CR. Networking and fair walk-arounds 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. Court members and horses get tired quickly, which is why it is extremely important to have your horse in great physical shape. Heat is also a factor so communicate with your veterinarian on what is best suited for your horse health wise. Court members will be given full access to the fair all week. The Sunday after the Rodeo is clean-up day and you are required to assist with all areas.

I have read and understand the guidelines for my CCF & CR court reign. I understand that the decisions, in all matters, of the CCF & CR are final. I will adhere to these guidelines to the best of my ability.

Court Member

Date