



Lost Dutchman Days Rodeo Royalty Pageant and Queen Scholarship Contest

Dear Contestant and Parents/Guardians:

Thank you very much, for your interest in the 2017 Lost Dutchman Days Rodeo Royalty Pageant. Our Lost Dutchman Days Rodeo Royalty Committee has been working all year to make this year the best Lost Dutchman Days Rodeo Royalty Pageant yet!

In this packet, you will find the requirements of becoming part of the next Lost Dutchman Days Rodeo Royalty Court, including pageant rules and requirements, Queen scholarship requirements and other information. Please read and review the entire packet, including all of the rules, to be sure you understand the expectations of being a part of the Lost Dutchman Days Royalty.

Contact Heidi Erickson, the Lost Dutchman Days Royalty Director at 480-603-6819 or misslostdutchmandays@yahoo.com with any questions.

January 2nd, 2017 will be the last day applications will be accepted. Applications may be e-mailed at the above email address.

The pageant will be held January 7th, 2017. Please bring a 5x7 framed picture of yourself (hair curled and western hat and shirt) and please bring two items for our pageants silent auction. I look forward to meeting you all!

Lost Dutchman Days Rodeo Royalty

The Lost Dutchman Days Rodeo Royalty Pageant is held annually to select 3 young ladies (fulfilling the titles of Queen, Sr. Teen Queen, and Jr. Teen Queen) who have the desire and enthusiasm to serve as a representative for Lost Dutchman Days Rodeo Committee and the city of Apache Junction for one year. Lost Dutchman Days Rodeo Queens promote Lost Dutchman Days (referred to as LDD) throughout Arizona by attending SMPC (Superstition Mountain Promotional Corporation) sanctioned events as well as visiting rodeos & pageants across the state. They are responsible for carrying the title proudly and fulfilling duties assigned by the Lost Dutchman Days Rodeo Royalty Committee to the best of their ability.

Breaking any eligibility requirements, rules, agreements, and/or contracts will disqualify a contestant from the competition and cause her to forfeit any title as well as all awards at any time.

Queen Scholarship Contest

Each year the Lost Dutchman Days Committee provides a College Scholarship Award for the woman who wins the Lost Dutchman Days Rodeo Queen Contest. The 2017 LDD Queen will be awarded a \$1000 scholarship that is collectable annually, up to four years, at the accredited college, university or trade school of her choice. This award will be made available for tuitions or books associated with the enrollment.

It is the Lost Dutchman Days Committee's intent to provide our Rodeo Queens the opportunity to further their education toward their selected career of choice. The LDD Committee's intent is further demonstrated with the provision of up to four years of collectable scholarship assistance, to the 2017 LDD Rodeo Queen, as she pursues the goals in higher learning.

This scholarship is only available to the winner of the LDD Queen title (18-26 years old) not for the Senior Teen Queen or Junior Teen Queen categories. This scholarship opportunity will be voided if the winner must resign or be removed from her title for any reason. Instructions for redeeming the scholarship award shall be provided by contacting and providing the LDD Chairperson with a letter of acceptance and confirmation of enrollment into an accredited college, university or trade school after her reign is complete. Funds associated with this scholarship award shall be sent directly to the college, university or trade school that the recipient has enrolled, and is subject to attendance rules, and has no monetary or cash value to said recipient. All funds provided by the LDD Committee to the college, university or trade school shall be used only for the recipients' tuition and books. Scholarship activates when her reign as LDD Queen is completed.

Contestant Rules

Categories:

Queen Contestants must not be less than 18 years of age or more than 26 years of age as of the first day of the competition (January 7, 2017).

Senior Teen Queen Contestants must not be less than 14 years of age or more than 17 years of age as of the first day of the competition (January 7, 2017).

Junior Teen Queen Contestants must not be less than 10 years of age or more than 13 years of age as of the first day of the competition (January 7, 2017).

Contestants must be a resident of Arizona as of January 1, of the year of competition. The Lost Dutchman Days title holders must remain living within Arizona during their reign. If you are studying at an institution outside of Arizona as of January 1, of the competition year you are **not eligible** to compete for a Lost Dutchman Days Rodeo Royalty title.

Each contestant is required to submit a **NON-REFUNDABLE \$60** entry fee with the application.

All applicants must complete the application process.

Title holders/ Contestants are not permitted to drink alcoholic beverages, smoke or use foul language at any time while representing Lost Dutchman Days. LDD Rodeo Royalty / Contestants must not be married, never have been married and cannot become married during her reign. They may not have been pregnant, be pregnant or become pregnant while representing Lost Dutchman Days.

If the Contestant/ Royalty are in a relationship they may not be seen holding hands, kissing, hugging, etc. When you are in the contestant's area at a rodeo you may not have them with you at any time. You must make yourself approachable. Contestants may have their ears pierced (one piercing per ear, or 1 earring per lobe and no gauges) and may not have any other type of facial piercings **NO EXCEPTIONS**. If this is the case it must be removed for the entire length of time you are in crown and sash. Contestants who have tattoos must have them covered at all times!

In the event a contestant is a current titleholder of another rodeo; the current reign must be completed within 2 months* of the Lost Dutchman Days pageant or be given early release from duties by the previous title's rodeo representative. The **Lost Dutchman Days title must be the only title represented at the 2017 performances of the LDD Rodeo**. If the previous title is not completed within 2 months of the pageant and the LDD Rodeo Committee isn't notified of this fact, the Lost Dutchman Days title holder forfeits her new LDD title as well as all awards.

*- The LDD Chairperson & Royalty Director will make the final decision as to a contestant's eligibility to compete in the LDD pageant by contacting both the Royalty Director and the Rodeo Chairperson of the contestant's previous rodeo. Eligibility status will be decided once a candidate's intentions to compete are made known and with the blessing of the other rodeo's representatives whose reign she would be vacating to accept the LDD title. No duplicity will be granted.

Each contestant will compete on her own horse and will sign an affidavit as to the personal or family ownership of the horse and agreeing is the horse that will be used exclusively during their reign. The Royalty Director, LDD Committee Chairman and LDD Rodeo committee are responsible for your safety and the safety of others. If at any time your horse is deemed a hazard, you will not be allowed to participate in any event on that horse. **If the contestant needs to borrow a horse because of ill nature, or injury, this horse must first be approved by the Royalty Director before doing so.**

LDD Rodeo Royalty / contestants are expected to conduct themselves with high moral standards with a kind, courteous and ladylike manner towards all whether in crown and sash or not. Title holders and contestants are also expected to communicate in a friendly manner with the Royalty Director, rodeo committee members, all rodeo & arena personnel, fans, rodeo spectators & their own parents both in person and in correspondence.

As a titleholder of LDD you will be representing the city of Apache Junction and will be required to attend meetings, fundraisers, and other rodeo events that are mandatory during your reign. (see 2017 tentative schedule) You may also attend other non-mandatory rodeos or events of your choice throughout the year once approved by the Royalty Director. As circumstances sometimes change, the *LDD Royalty Director has the authority to make any event (new or established) mandatory this will only be done when necessary and as much advanced notice as possible will be given.* While the pageant is open to contestants across Arizona, **living a distance from Apache Junction is not an excuse to miss events.**

After the pageant the 2017 court will remain “*in waiting*” until the 2016 LDD Royalty steps down at the crowning ceremony before Sunday's LDD Rodeo performance. At that time, the 2017 Queens will be presented and they will do the presentation runs at the Sunday rodeo performance as well as push cattle and run sponsor / victory laps.

As long as it is approved by the Royalty Director, a member of the 2017 court may enter any parade event prior to “official” crowning.

The Role / Responsibility of Queens:

The roles of our Rodeo Royalty are to be good will ambassadors. This means they are to encourage investment in the LDD Rodeo. They need to be comfortable talking to rodeo sponsors and stock contractors. They will also be required to assist in raffle ticket sales to spectators.

The Queen is expected to be a leader and mentor for the senior and junior teen queens, therefore she should be in contact with them both before each event to ensure everyone has the proper information and can coordinate wardrobe for the event. All royalty must be a role model for all young women. The Royalty Director is responsible for passing on most of the information beforehand. The Queen's contact is to double check and make sure everyone knows their part.

The Role / Responsibility of the Director:

The goal of the LDD Royalty Director is to make sure the LDD Rodeo Royalty has a fun and rewarding experience while they are title holders. They will offer suggestions and tips to help and encourage you throughout your journey. This is a volunteer position and they may not be available 24/7. If you have an emergency situation, please notify the Royalty Director as soon as possible.

In regards to rodeos and parades outside of LDD, the Royalty Director will schedule events that are up coming. It is up to the royalty to notify the Director which additional non-mandatory events they would

like to attend. The Director will then take proper steps to make sure those wishing to attend are entered in those events.

Requirements:

LDD Rodeo Royalty / Contestants must own and be prepared to provide horse(s), tack, truck, trailer and any other transportation necessary to attend all events and activities throughout their year promoting Lost Dutchman Days.

LDD Rodeo Royalty / Contestants must provide their own wardrobe necessary for the Lost Dutchman Days events and any activities throughout the year promoting Lost Dutchman Days. Before each Lost Dutchman Days Rodeo event & many other events, the LDD Royalty Director will give guidelines as to how our Royalty is expected to be attired for that day.

Provided to LDD Royalty:

LDD Royalty will be provided with parade drapes, crowns, chaps, and 3 shirts (pink, purple, and patriotic). All sets of parade gear must be cleaned and handed off to the new royalty at the conclusion of the Saturday LDD Rodeo Parade. The crowns and cleaned chaps presented at the crowning ceremony must be turned over at the 2017 Sunday performance to the next LDD Rodeo Queens. The lady in waiting crowns for all 3 titles must be returned to the Royalty Director immediately following the Sunday LDD Rodeo Queen crowning ceremony.

Appearance Guidelines:

For every event hair, will be curled/styled and age appropriate make-up applied. If hair goes flat due to rain/excessive humidity before an event, a queen may opt to put her hair in a neat low pony tail or side braid. Cowboy hats will be clean, shaped and in good condition. Shirts must be cleaned and pressed prior to each event. Jeans will be clean and in good condition. Boots will be cleaned of excessive mud/debris and in good repair (no visible holes).

Social Media Guidelines:

LDD Queens are encouraged to take group photographs at each venue to catalog their activities for the year and post them on the LDD Royalty Facebook page.

LDD Royalty/ Contestants must keep all social media pages associated with LDD and their personal pages up to LDD's high moral standards at all times. Title holders, contestants & past LDD Royalty Pageant contestants must not "air dirty laundry" anywhere in public whether at an event or online. Parents will be held to the same code of conduct.

Fundraisers:

Royalty will be required to hold several fundraisers throughout the year. The monies raised will go towards expenses of events, including travel reimbursement for required events. Fundraisers will be planned and carried out by the Royalty.

The Queen must hold a fundraiser for a local family, local person or local organization in need in Apache Junction prior to the end of her year as Queen in order to be eligible for the Queen scholarship.

Rules:

Cellular phones must be kept on vibrate or silent while in crown and sash and must be out of sight. No holsters or in the back pocket. During any event, they are to only be used to contact a parent / guardian, fellow queens, LDD Rodeo Committee, or in case of an emergency. Please try to do so in a private area.
No double riding at any time at any LDD function or outside event while in crown and sash.

Disciplinary Measures:

If a contestant does not follow these guidelines they may be disqualified to compete or hold a title for the Lost Dutchman Days Rodeo Royalty. The LDD Royalty Director has the authority to relieve a queen of her title, or waive a contestant's ability to compete or give a demerit for any behavior throughout the pageant process and / or year if LDD expectations are not met. A queen / contestant will be given 2 written demerits and upon the 3rd infraction she will be relieved of her duties. However, based on the severity of the offence a queen can be relieved of her title without warnings. Other reasons for disciplinary action include but are not limited to: missing mandatory events, last minute cancelations, poor appearance, inappropriate attire and inappropriate behavior. A queen/contestant's parent's behavior can also result in a written warning for the queen/contestant and can result in a loss of her title.

Cancellation Policy:

In the event that a title holder must cancel out of an event that they have already agreed to appear at, the title holder must cancel more than two weeks before the event. There are extenuating circumstances that can explain a "day of" cancellation, such as a vehicle breaks down on the way to an event, or a recent death in the family. It is a title holder's responsibility to notify the Royalty Director as soon as she knows she will not be attending an event she agreed to attend and then notify all the other members in her court.



Lost Dutchman Days Rodeo Royalty Pageant and Queen Scholarship Contest Application

(Please Print)

Name: _____ Birthday: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip code: _____

Telephone: _____

Applying for: Queen (18-26) _____ Senior Teen Queen (14-17) _____ Junior Teen Queen (10-13) _____

Background Information: Please list your interests, accomplishments, schools you are attending, community service, clubs, work, honors you have received, hobbies, sports, previous royalty titles, and anything else about yourself. This information may be utilized in Pageant publicity and program materials. Please attach a separate sheet if additional space is needed.

Please write a short paragraph expressing why you desire the title for which you are applying:

Photos: Please attach a 5x7 photograph with this application. The photo will be required for publicity purposes.

Speech: During the pageant competition, you will be required to deliver a 2 ½ to 3-minute speech. The speech topic is open to anything EXCEPT RODEO.

Model: You will be judged on personal grooming, posture, poise, personality and western attire.

Horsemanship: You will be judged according to AQHA rules on the set pattern given in this application.

Application / Contestant Signature:

I hereby attest to the fact that as a contestant in the Lost Dutchman Days Rodeo Royalty Pageant I am qualified as stated in the above rules.

I promise to comply with all rules and regulations pertaining to Lost Dutchman Days Rodeo Royalty. I will hold harmless The Lost Dutchman Days Rodeo Committee, Lost Dutchman Days, and Pageant Officials in the event of any injury occurring during my participation in any and all events pertaining to Lost Dutchman Days. I will conduct myself in a manner befitting a contestant and Lost Dutchman Days Rodeo Royalty Title holder and hereby agree to adhere to pageant official’s directions and requirements. I also agree to fulfill the mandatory appearances and obligations of the title as determined by pageant officials. Should I win, I agree to represent my Lost Dutchman Days Rodeo Royalty title from the time of acceptance of the crown until after the official coronation of the new Royalty Court the following year. I understand that I am not free to schedule my own appearances unless approved by the Lost Dutchman Days Rodeo Royalty Director. I attest to the fact that I am a legal resident in the State of Arizona. I understand and agree to provide and utilize my own horse for the pageant and parades and will not hold harmless any contestant or pageant official in the event of injury of said horse. I hereby attest that I have read the aforementioned pageant conditions and agree to all conditions as stated.

Contestant’s Signature _____ Date _____

Parents Signature (This is required if contestant is presently under the Age of 18)

_____ Date _____

Horse Use Agreement

With my signature on this application I agree that the horse I will use during the pageant is the one I will use exclusively at Lost Dutchman Days and all mounted equestrian events throughout the year. I also understand that if I fail to honor this agreement, disciplinary actions will ensue. Contestants are required to own the horse provided. If said horse becomes lame or ill and unable to be used it is the Queens responsibility to find a suitable mount and have the Royalty Director approve it prior to the event. I certify that I / my family own this horse outright.

If another horse needs to be used for parades, please explain why:

If contestants/contestant's family does not own the horse used for the pageant and subsequent appearances, please explain:

Owner other than contestant (if applicable)

Contestant

Parent / Guardian (if applicable)

Agreement

By my signature on this application, I hereby certify that I have read the accompanying Official Lost Dutchman Days Rodeo Royalty / Pageant Rules and Regulations. I acknowledge that these rules and regulations will prevail throughout all Lost Dutchman Days Rodeo Royalty Pageant and programs, activities and functions, and that said rules and regulations pertain to all persons related to my appearance in the pageant and throughout the year. I hereby grant permission to the Lost Dutchman Days Rodeo Royalty Committee to verify all information contained on my application.

I hereby release to the Lost Dutchman Days Rodeo Royalty Committee from responsibility of injury or loss to persons or property involving me or persons related to my appearance in the Lost Dutchman Days Rodeo Royalty Pageant, and which applies also to heirs, assigns, executors, or administrators for me or persons relative to my Lost Dutchman Days Rodeo Royalty Pageant appearance and, that such release shall include all accredited sponsors, commercial and private, or the Lost Dutchman Days Rodeo Royalty Pageant and all officers and directors and groups of the Lost Dutchman Days Rodeo Royalty Committee and Lost Dutchman Days Rodeo Committee. I hereby release title, claim and rights to photographs and or public relations materials involving me to the Lost Dutchman Days Rodeo Royalty Committee for use in Pageant / program promotion.

I hereby certify that I have never been married, given birth to a child, am not currently pregnant or have ever been pregnant. Failure on my part to disclose this information to the Lost Dutchman Days Rodeo Royalty Committee will automatically disqualify me from participation in the Lost Dutchman Days Rodeo Royalty Pageant. Title, scholarships or prizes of any kind, which I may receive, will be returned to the Royalty Director. The Lost Dutchman Days Rodeo Royalty Pageant will be released from any and all liability resulting from my actions.

In the event I receive the Lost Dutchman Days Rodeo Royalty title, I will complete the tenure of my title in accordance with the Lost Dutchman Days Rode Royalty agreement, rules and regulations in the best interest of the Lost Dutchman Days Rodeo Royalty program.

I will return or pass on all perpetual awards, including but not limited to crown, lady in waiting crown, chaps and parade drapes at the end of my reign.

I hereby affix my signature attesting to my agreement to the above without reserve.

Contestant's Signature _____

Parent / Legal Guardian Signature _____