# Mesa County Fair Royalty Program Bylaws and Contestant Application

2024

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# Royalty Program Bylaws

Please keep a copy the following Bylaws for your Records.

#### INTRODUCTION

Mesa County Fair Queen and Princess program consists of a leadership competition open to Mesa County residents.

#### 1.1 Welcome

Welcome to the Mesa County Fair Queen and Princess Program, we are happy to have you as a potential candidate!

The Mesa County Fair Board members are proud of the Mesa County Fair and work to continue the strong tradition that it holds in our community. The Queen and Princess Program is an integral part of the fair experience and are uniquely situated to promote the Mesa County Fair during the entire year. We are excited and happy that you are interested in joining us in the experience!

# 1.2 Royalty Mission Statement

The Mesa County Fair Queen and Princess program is dedicated to providing an opportunity for young women to be spokespersons for the Mesa Count Fair, the western way of life, agriculture and Mesa County. The Mesa County Fair Queen and Princess program utilizes teamwork, organizational skills, public speaking, community service, and relationships to prepare participants in becoming future community leaders.

#### 1.3 General Information

The Mesa County Fair Board ("Fair Board"), and its representatives, reserve the right to hold a judged contest to select participants at its discretion in accordance with Mesa County Fair Queen and Princess bylaws outlined here. The Fair Board has the ultimate authority over the Fair Queen and Princess contest, contestants, crowned royalty and all others involved.

- a. Please read all the paperwork thoroughly. You are responsible for knowing and following the Mesa County Queen and Princess Bylaws.
- b. Handwritten, not typed, signatures and initials are required.
- c. Please keep a copy of the Mesa County Fair Queen and Princess Bylaws for your own reference.

# 2 ROYALTY ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- a. To qualify for Mesa County Fair Queen and Mesa County Fair Queen attendants, you must be 16-18 years of age, and no older than 19 as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the reigning year. To qualify for Mesa County Fair Princess, you must be 12-15 years old, and no older than 16 as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the reigning year.
- b. Judges, Royalty Committee, and the Mesa County Fair Board will decide contestant levels: Queen, 1<sup>st</sup> Queen Attendant, 2<sup>nd</sup> Queen Attendant, and Princess.
- c. Contestants in the immediate family of Fair Board Members would require that Fair Board member to recuse themselves involving decisions regarding selection of the Mesa County

Fair Queen and Princess.

- d. Contestant must be a legal resident of Mesa County for the period of at least one year.
- e. Contestant must reside in Mesa County during their reign.
- f. Contestant must not have a criminal history.
- g. Contestants must be of sound moral character.
- h. Contestants cannot hold additional duties during their reign, ie current 4H or FFA leadership positions. Current Mesa County Fair Queen and Princess are allowed to tryout consecutively.
- i. Parents and participants must comply with Mesa County Fair Queen and Princess Program Bylaws for the full year of reign.

# 3 CONTEST RULES and PROCEEDINGS

- a. The application must be completed and turned in to the Mesa County Fairgrounds Manager at 2785 US Hwy 50, Grand Junction, CO 81503 or by email <a href="mailto:kyle.carstens@mesacounty.us">kyle.carstens@mesacounty.us</a> by Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023.
- b. The Royalty Contest will be held on January 13th, 20th, and 27th, 2024.
- c. If there are not enough applicants, the contest may be postponed until there is at least one qualified applicant. The Fair Board reserve the right to appoint qualified applicants to fill available positions.
- d. The new Royalty court will be crowned at the next fair board meeting by the Mesa County Fair Board.
- e. The year of reign begins February 1 of the 2024 and continues until July 21, 2024. If a contest must be postponed due to lack of contestants, the reign will continue from the time of crowning until the following year's contest is completed. The previous royalty will not make appearances after the new royalty begins its reign.
- f. Equipment purchased by the Fair Board are to be returned to the Fair Board at the end of their reign, no later than September 1<sup>st</sup>. If these items are missing or damaged, the original cost of the item will be charged to the person legally responsible.
- g. If not participating in the present contest, current royalty is expected to assist with tryouts.
- h. Contestants will be judged and scored in the following categories:
  - a. Application

- b. Appearance
- c. Personal interview
- d. Current events
- e. General Agriculture knowledge
- f. Speech Presentation
- i. Contestants may choose to ride and if they demonstrate appropriate horsemanship and have access to a suitable horse for the parades, rodeos, and all other approved events. Suitability will be determined by the Fair Board and is left to the discretion of the Royalty Coordinators.
- j. All contestants, parents/guardians and royalty are expected to comply with these bylaws, be friendly, courteous and respectful at all times. If there is any questionable behavior the Royalty Coordinator will report it to the Fair Board. The first offense will be documented by the Royalty Coordinator and may result in a verbal warning or other action. The second offense will be documented by the Royalty Coordinator and may result in a written warning or other action. The third offense will be documented by the Royalty Coordinator in writing and may require an appearance before the Fair Board or other action. The Fair Board will decide penalties and/or dismissal from royalty and scholarship eligibility.
- k. Contestants and parents/guardians must submit all questions and/or concerns in writing to the Royalty Coordinator. If questions and/or concerns are not answered satisfactorily, then contestants and parents/guardians may submit the same questions and/or concerns in writing to the Fair Board.
- Contestants must know the basic rules and history of the Mesa County Fair. Contestants should be familiar with and be able to explain these topics and aspects to anyone attending the Mesa County Fair.
- m. During the contest, if a contestant needs assistance, she may ask permission from the judges to obtain parental/guardian help. If permission is granted, a parent or guardian may assist.

  Otherwise, the parents and/or guardians are to remain in the audience as spectators.
- n. Parents and/or guardians of contestants are responsible for arrangements for participant transportation to all events. Contestants must be on time and fully prepared to participate in the contest.
- o. If there is evidence that royalty, contestants or their parents and/or guardians do not follow these bylaws as set by the Fair Board titles may be revoked by the Fair Board at any time. If this occurs, all Mesa County royalty items issued, as county property and documented in writing, must be promptly returned. These items may include chaps, crowns, and sashes. The royalty participant will not be eligible to be a contestant in future Mesa County Fair Queen and Princess royalty contests.

# 4 ROYALTY RESPONSIBILITIES

Royalty members act as official Mesa County Fair spokespersons and represent the Mesa County Fair at all other events. Because they attract a lot of publicity, they are easily recognized on a daily basis. Therefore, royalty and parents/guardians must always be respectful, organized, helpful and friendly. As changes in plans and events occur, sometimes with short notice, each person is expected to handle situations in a courteous manner. The following duties are examples and may not include all that may happen throughout the year.

# 4.1 QUEEN

- a. To be a role model and mentor to the Attendants and Princess.
- b. To assist the Royalty Coordinator organizing appearances and encourage open communication of ideas with the royalty team.
- c. Flag carrying at events requested by the Royalty Coordinator (if acceptable horsemanship is included).
- d. May invite royalty from other fairs and rodeos to Royalty Coordinator approved functions.
- e. May accept invitations to other appearances approved by Royalty Coordinator.
- f. Assists Royalty Coordinator with rodeo performances.
- g. Arrives early to prepare for all appearances and performances.
- h. The queen will follow instructions of event organizers and the Royalty Coordinator.
- i. Sign autographs during the Mesa County Fair and other Royalty Coordinator approved events.
- Participate in approved interviews with assistance of the Royalty Coordinator or Fair Board members.
- k. 24-hour notice is required if unable to attend scheduled functions.

# 4.2 QUEEN ATTENDANTS

- a. Assists and communicates with the other royalty
- b. Serves in the role of the Queen when, and if, she is unable to attend an event.

- c. Helps with most events throughout the fair.
- d. Signs autographs during the Mesa County Fair and other Royalty Coordinator approved events.
- e. Assists the Queen and Princess in educating spectators about fair and events and in answering questions.
- f. Participate in Royalty Coordinator approved interviews as they arise.

# 4.3 PRINCESS(ES)

- a. Works closely with the other royalty.
- b. Helps with most events throughout the fair & rodeo.
- c. Helps the Queen and Queen Attendants in educating spectators about fair and events and in answering questions.
- d. Participate in Royalty Coordinator approved interviews as they arise.
- e. Signs autographs during the Mesa County Fair and other Royalty Coordinator approved events.

# 4.4 ROYALTY COORDINATOR(S)

- a. Works closely with the Mesa County Fair Board, designated county staff, Queen, Queen Attendants, Princess and their parents/guardians.
- b. Royalty Coordinator may not be a parent or quardian of current reigning royalty.
- c. Plans appearances for the royalty. Prepares and sends in all entry forms as required and assists at each event coordinating all participants.
- d. Plans and organizes photographs, printing of slicks, magazine, and newspaper articles with the Mesa County Fair Staff.
- e. Orders clothing, crowns, sashes, and buckles that have been approved by the Fair Board. Will make sure all royalty clothing will be modest and fit properly, with no clothing fitting too tightly or

being too large. Royalty Coordinator will be sure that all clothing is adequately cleaned and pressed, and that all accessories worn by royalty are within pre-approved guidelines for all events.

- f. Confirms that all equipment is always in good condition and follows up as needed.
- g. Coordinates the royalty contest each year with the Royalty Committee. This includes preparing judge's sheets and scheduling judges required.
- h. Works closely with the Royalty Committee to plan, organize and address situations, questions and/or changes that need to be made in the program. Communicates to Fair Board as needed.
- Responsible for reporting any behavior issues to the Mesa County Fair Board. These reports will also be documented by the Royalty Coordinator and sent to the Mesa County Fairgrounds and Events Manager to keep on record.
- Delegates royalty duties as needed.
- k. Coordinates royalty activities with the various Mesa County Fair event leaders to ensure the fair events run smoothly, and that royalty members are prepared to carry out duties efficiently.
- I. Mentor royalty members in public speaking, event behaviors, manners and proper etiquette, seeking assistance as needed.
- m. Will conduct meetings with all royalty.
- n. Coordinate the attendance of one or more royalty members, at Fair Board meetings. This appearance will require a brief report on the past month's royalty calendar of events, meetings, and appearances. This will aid in royalty members' public speaking experience, keep the Fair Board familiar with royalty members, and build the relationships for open communication.

#### 4.5 PARENTS / GUARDIANS

- a. Parent(s)/guardian(s) may assist Royalty Coordinator during events as needed.
- b. Siblings or friends are not allowed in the contestant area without Royalty Coordinator authorization.
- c. Assists with appearances as requested by the Royalty Coordinator.
- d. Ensures that royalty is early and properly prepared for each appearance.
- e. Responsible for getting their child to each event.

# 5 ROYALTY EXPECTATIONS

#### 5.1 GENERAL EXPECTATIONS

- a. All royalty is expected to be ready to assist with events at the fair and at other functions as requested by the Royalty Coordinator.
- b. Carrying flags is required for each royalty member during the fair. They may be asked to carry flags, among other duties, at other appearances.
- c. Royalty members, their parents/guardians, the Royalty Coordinator, or the Royalty Committee are not authorized to make any expenditure on behalf of the royalty program without the written consent of the Fairgrounds & Events Manager. No reimbursement will be made without prior approval from Fairgrounds & Events Manager.

Parent/Guardian Initials:	Contestant Initials:

# 5.2 ATTENDANCE

- a. With the exception of the Mesa County Fair, each royalty member can miss only two of the required appearances. Appearances will be planned by the royalty coordinator. Each family will be notified of planned appearances and changes in the schedule. All appearances must be pre-approved by the royalty coordinator.
- b. Royalty will not travel to or from required events with a boyfriend.
- c. The Queen, Queen Attendant, and Princess are required to represent the Mesa County Fair in a minimum of six Royalty Coordinator approved events. These can include rodeos, parades or other promotional events. These may be done with or without horses.
- d. All prizes and awards won at parades are the property of Mesa County Fair Board.
- e. The Queen, Queen Attendants, and Princess will be supplied with marketing materials to hand out in Mesa County and at other appearances they attend.

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- f. The Queen, Queen Attendant, and Princess must be willing to be photographed and sign autographs at all appearances throughout the entire year of reign. They shall act as official spokespersons for the Mesa County Fair and must always appear approachable.
- g. Cell phone use must be postponed until after an appearance. Necessary calls or messaging must be done in private and need to be very brief with the Coordinator's knowledge.

Parent/Guardian Initials:	Contestant Initials:

#### 5.3 APPEARANCE

- a. Royalty members must be well-groomed for each appearance. Each girl must always wear her cowboy hat, crown, sash, and belt buckle, to each appearance. She needs to wear stylish western attire that is approved by the Royalty Coordinator, have her hair styled and makeup done appropriate for her age. She must be presentable upon arrival at each appearance.
- b. Unless otherwise notified, choices of clothing are provided by Fair Board through the Royalty Coordinator. The Queen, Queen Attendant and Princess are expected to wear the complete outfits. The Queen, Queen Attendants and Princess must purchase their own boots, Wrangler jeans, and belt. All jeans are not to have excessive bling and will be approved by the Royalty Coordinator. Low-rise jeans are not allowed. These items will coordinate with shirts provided by the Fair Board.
- c. To appear more approachable, it is best that royalty members are independent of parents/guardians and friends when making appearances; however, parents/guardians may need to be available for supervision.
- d. No visible body piercings are permitted, other than single holes for earrings. No visible tattoos are allowed. All jewelry and accessories are to be age appropriate. Necklace and earring pendants are not to exceed 1" in size, and are not to out show the crown, sash, or buckle.
- e. By earning the position of Queen, Queen Attendant or Princess, royalty may be photographed, interviewed and published in many forms of media.

Parent/Guardian Initials:	Contestant Initials:
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# 5.4 PUBLIC BEHAVIORS FOR ROYALTY, FAMILIES & COORDINATOR

a.	Each member must always be on her best behavior while holding these titles. People recognize royalty wherever they are at any time of day. Whether in royalty attire or at school or public functions, royalty members need to dress appropriately.		
Ра	rent/Guardian Initials:	Contestant Initials:	
b.	drugs, with or without royalty attire, during	ol, or use of any tobacco products, marijuana, or illegal g your royalty reign while representing the Mesa County y result in relinquishment of title at the discretion of the	
Pa	rent/Guardian Initials:	Contestant Initials:	
C.	with crown, sash and buckle at all require	Fair all royalty shall dress appropriately in Western attire ed appearances and events. The royalty member shall be tire and/or grooming will be immediately corrected if or Fair Board.	
Ра	rent/Guardian Initials:	Contestant Initials:	
d.		propriate language and behavior, while representing the and may result in relinquishment of title at the discretion	
Pa	rent/Guardian Initials:	Contestant Initials:	
e.	The royalty will refrain from any public distance is not limited to kissing, handholding, and	splay of affection with a significant other. This includes, but d sitting on laps.	
Pa	rent/Guardian Initials:	Contestant Initials:	

Online behavior cannot contain any material that exploits or compromises the expectations of the Mesa County Fair and royalty titles. This includes: electronic social media, Facebook, twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, Tiktok, email, phone and all other means of communication. Any

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	inappropriate postings will be asked to be removed. Reoccurrences of inappropriate postings mare result in relinquishment of the royalty title at the discretion of the Mesa County Fair Board.		
	Parent/Guardian Initials: Contestant Initials:		
5.6	TIMELINESS		
	<ul> <li>Royalty is required to be early to each appearance wearing the required garments.</li> </ul>		
	Parent/Guardian Initials: Contestant Initials:		
5.7	GRATITUDE		
	<ul> <li>Royalty is expected to write thank you notes when and to whom it is necessary within a reasonable amount of time of the event occurrence as required by the Royalty Coordinator.</li> </ul>		
	Parent/Guardian Initials: Contestant Initials:		
5.8	WITHDRAWAL		
	<ul> <li>In the event that the Royalty determines they must withdraw from the position prior conclusion of their duties, they forfeit all scholarships and benefits of the position associated.</li> </ul>		
	Parent/Guardian Initials:Contestant Initials:		
5.9	KNOWLEDGE		
<ul> <li>Be familiar with the Mesa County Fair &amp; events. Each person needs to be able to explain be information about events, rules and equipment so she can explain it to a stranger/spectate must also know about the towns and attractions and current events. Refer to Topics and Suides provided by the Royalty Coordinator.</li> </ul>			
	Parent/Guardian Initials: Contestant Initials:		

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# 6 <u>SCHOLARSHIP</u>

# 6.1 SCHOLARSHIP

To Be Determined

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	nust follow the rules provided in these Bylaws the title and forfeit of all awards as determined by the	
Applicant Signature	Date	
Parent/Guardian Signature		
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# Royalty Contestant Application

# Please complete the following Application:

- Initialed
- Signed and Dated
- Include all necessary essay, picture(s) and required Identification.
- Please type or print your answers legibly to avoid penalty.
- Please hand deliver or mail required forms to:
  - o Mesa County Fairgrounds Manager
  - o <u>2785 US Hwy 50, Grand Junction CO</u>, 81503
  - Must be received by Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 2023.
- Late or incomplete applications are not accepted
- If you have questions about this application, please contact:
  - Allison Dederick at 970-216-0010
  - Tawnya Bangert at 970-381-6826

# Mesa County Fair Queen and Princess Application General Information

# **Contestant Information**

First Name	Middle Name	е	Last Name
Date of Birth		Age as of	January 1 (This Year)
Mailing Address: Street or P. O. Box	City	Zip Code	
Home Address: (If Different Than Mailing)	Street City	Zip Code	
Email Address			
Contestant Cell Phone Number:			<u> </u>
Contestant Home Phone Number:			<u> </u>
Do you communicate through text?	Do you communicate	e through email?	_
School Attending:			Grade:
Shirt Size: Adult Size	Child	Size	
Hobbies:			
Honors or Awards:			
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Royalty experience with dates and positions held:			
Have you ever had any disciplinary warnings while holding a Royalty title? If	so, please explain:		
By signing below, I agree to the following:			
In consideration of my application being accepted, I hereby for myself, my eassignees, agree to abide, and that they shall abide, by all rules and regulat and Contestant Application pertaining to the Mesa County Fair Queen and FUNDERSTAND, AND AGREED TO THE RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABRISK AGREEMENT AND ALL ROYALTY BYLAWS.	ions as described in these Bylaws Princess Contest. I HAVE READ,		
I certify that I know the rules of the aforementioned Royalty Program and agree to abide by them. The undersigned has read the foregoing carefully, have had an opportunity to seek any desired clarification, and agree to these terms and conditions of participation.			
Applicant Signature	Date		
Parent/Guardian Signature	Date		
Parent/Guardian Signature	Date		
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# Parent/Guardian Information

Relationship to Con	testant:		
Parent/Guardian	First Name	Last Name	
Parent/Guardian -	Home Phone Number		
Parent/Guardian -	Cell Phone Number		
Parent/Guardian -	Email		
Do you communicate through text?		Do you communicate through email?	
Relationship to Con	testant:		
Parent/Guardian	First Name	Last Name	
Parent/Guardian -	Home Phone Number		
Parent/Guardian -	Cell Phone Number		
Parent/Guardian -	Email		
Do you communicat	e through text?	Do you communicate through email?	

# Mesa County Fair Release and Waiver of Liability & Assumption of Risk Agreement

#### **Covered Events:**

# Mesa County Fair Royalty Contest and all future Royalty Events

In consideration for being permitted to participate in these Royalty Events, I, for myself or on behalf of the participant, as the participant's parent or legal guardian, acknowledge and voluntarily agree to the following:

I understand the potential risks of participation in these events and that I am releasing the event holders and sponsors from any liability related thereto. Working with live animals is inherently unpredictable and potentially dangerous. Reactions to strange sounds, surroundings, different handlers, and sudden movements cannot always be anticipated nor controlled. The handling of animals by other participants cannot always be anticipated nor controlled by the event holders or sponsors. Thus, there are always inherent risks to participation.

<u>Assumption of Risk:</u> I fully understand that participation in these events may not only involve risk of serious injury or death, economic loss, property damage, or loss that may result from the participant's own actions, inactions, or negligence, but also from the actions, inactions, or negligence of others, the condition of the facilities, equipment or areas where the Royalty Event is being conducted, and the participant voluntarily agrees to assume this risk.

<u>Covenant Not to Sue:</u>

The participant's personal and legal representatives, heirs, successors, and next of kin will not make any claim against Board of County Commissioners of Mesa County, Colorado, or any of its present or former officials, employees, agents, attorneys, insurers, and representatives and their respective successors, heirs and assigns or any volunteer(s) ("herein collectively referred to as Mesa County"), for injury, damage, death, or any other loss arising from or related to participation in these events.

**Release:** The participant's personal and legal representatives, heirs, successors, and next of kin, forever release, waive, discharge and relinquish Mesa County from any and all actions, causes of action, claims, charges, demands, losses, damages, costs, attorney's fees, judgments, liens, indebtedness, and liabilities of every kind and character, whether known or unknown, including foreseen or unforeseen bodily injury and personal injuries and property damage that may be sustained by the participant in any way connected to, related to, or arising out of participation in these events, regardless of any negligence of Mesa County. Mesa County may be protected by the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act, C.R.S. § 24-10-101, et. seq.

<u>Good Health:</u> The participant is in good health and has no physical condition that would prevent him/her from participating in these events or that would increase the risk of serious injury or death in the event of an accident. I have had the opportunity to seek medical advice for any concerns I may have had regarding the participant's health.

**Statutory Limitations on Liability:** I understand that under Colorado Law, equine professionals or equine activity sponsors are not liable for injury due to death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risk of equine activities, pursuant to C.R.S. § 13-21-119.

I have carefully read this Agreement and fully understand its contents. I am aware that I have given up substantial rights of the participant by signing the Agreement, and I am signing the Agreement voluntarily.

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There is no obligation to participate in these events but I desire to do so or to allow such participation. I certify that I am at least eighteen years of age and the participant or his/her parent/legal guardian.
Contestant's Name (Please Print)
Signature of Adult Participant or Parent / Legal Guardian
Signature of Adult Participant or Parent / Legal Guardian
Signature of Adult Participant of Parent / Legal Guardian
Emergency Contact and Phone Number(s) (Please Print)
Emergency Contact and Phone Number(s) (Please Print)
Additional Emergency Information that may be helpful or deemed necessary: (i.e. Health or Allergies, etc.)

# ROYALTY CONTESTANT CHECKLIST

- 1. Typed or printed application
- 2. Essay "Why do you want to be a part of the Mesa County Fair Royalty?" minimum 100 words
- 3. Speech Topic Be prepared to give a short introduction about yourself, no longer than 2 minutes
- 4. Contestant Bylaws and Application signed and dated
- 5. Royalty Expectations (within Bylaws) Signed, initialed and dated in each space indicated
- 6. Royalty Application (within Bylaw) signed and dated
- 7. Release and Waiver signed and dated
- 8. One color photograph (in western attire) 4" x 6"
- 9. Proof of Mesa County residency (Copy of school ID or license, etc.)

# Mesa County Fair Royalty Contestant Tryout Saturdays, January 6, 13, and 20, 2024

9:00am to 12:00 pm

# Mesa County Fairgrounds Tentative Tryout schedule subject to change

# 9:00 am -

- Welcome to contestants, their families, friends & spectators
- Introduction of Coordinators, Fair Board members and judges
- General announcements and schedule procedures
- Contestant Introductions
- Each contestant will be escorted to the judges, one at a time, for their interviews, speeches and questions. Once they have finished, they will be allowed to return to the common area
- Personal Interview
- Speeches
- Impromptu Questions (2-3 minutes maximum)
- Group grooming, location specified later

During any part of the contest, parents/guardians and other adults are spectators only and contestants need to ask judges if they need parental assistance. Parents/guardians are to remain in the audience until notified or until permission is granted from the judges.

Sincerely,

The Mesa County Fair Board Members The Mesa County Staff

# Mesa County Fair Royalty Study Guide

- What is the job of rodeo royalty?
- Be able to name some of the major sponsors of the Mesa County Fair.
- Describe events and activities at the fair including basic rules.
- Describe equipment used by the contestants for each fair event.
- Describe misperceptions of fairs and animals that spectators might have
- Know the history of the Mesa County Fair.
- What do the winners of the Mesa County Fair receive?
- How are champions decided?
- Know events and admission costs for spectators, when gates open and when events start.
- Know current events, including those the morning of the contest.
- Where is the Mesa County Fair?
- How does someone enter the Mesa County Fair to exhibit?
- Know what the colors of the American and Colorado flags represent.
- What are the proper ways to take care of the American flag? What is the protocol for its display? How should the flags be presented in the arena?
- What is the difference between animal rights and animal welfare?
- Who are the United States President and Vice President? Local and state government officials?
- What is the Cowboy Crisis Fund?

# Possible Research Sources:

Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association web site and Rule Book, Miss Rodeo Colorado website Mesa County fair book, and www.garfieldcountyfair.com.