

SNMSF&R Fair Queen and Princess Pageant Information Sheet

FAIR DEMONSTRATION: Contestants must enter subject in the fair and demonstrate it. Project can be art, sewing, animals, photography, etc. Contestant does not have to be registered in 4-H to enter in the fair, open class entry is accepted. Fair demonstration should be entertaining and should resemble a typical demonstration given in 4-H with an introduction, body and a conclusion. Time limit is 5-10 minutes for Queen and Princess, and 3-5 minutes for Jr. and PeeWee Princesses. No parents are allowed on stage. Queen's court is available to assist with props. You need to supply all props needed for demonstration (ie: tables, chairs, easels, etc.) No live animals will be allowed.

COMMERCIAL: Entertaining skit promoting the fair. Contestants can wear costumes and use props, and again, you will need to supply all props needed. Time limit is 3-5 minutes.

SPEECH: Speech must be on the Southern New Mexico State Fair or Southern New Mexico. Contestant does not have to author speech. It should be memorized and reading off note cards may cause points to be deducted from score. Time limit is up to 7 minutes for Queen, up to 5 minutes for Princess, and up to 3 minutes for Junior and PeeWee Princess categories. PeeWee contestants can use props to help with memory.

MODELING: Modeling will be done individually. Must be western attire. Western skirt or dress is optional.

INTERVIEW: Contestants will have a private interview with the judges. Questions will consist of information pertaining to the fair and activities they will participate in at the fair. You should also be familiar with current affairs, our agriculture industry, our western heritage, and our diverse cultures here in the southern part of New Mexico.

IMPROMPTU QUESTION: Contestants will be asked an impromptu question during the Modeling portion of the contest. The question will be pulled from a hat and read out loud by the master of ceremonies. The questions will be designated for the appropriate age categories.

WRITTEN TEST: Given at the rehearsal. Questions will be on the SNMSF&R activities. A less difficult exam will be compiled for the younger contestants.

PHOTOGENIC: The judges will score the required 8 x 10 color, vertical, head and shoulders photograph submitted by each contestant at registration. Photos should be with a hat but no crown and will not be returned.