

# Miss Rodeo Cherokee 2024

Held in conjunction with the

Cherokee PRCA Rodeo

May 30-June 1, 2024

Cherokee, Iowa

## Miss Rodeo Cherokee Official Rules and Regulations

Each contestant must comply with all rules as outlined herein:

### Contestant Eligibility.....

Each contestant in the Miss Rodeo Cherokee Pageant shall:

1. I WILL HAVE reached 16 years of age by June 1, 2024. I HAVE NOT reached 25 years of age by June 1, 2024.
2. Be a citizen of the United States of America
3. Be a legal resident of the State of Iowa for at least one full year prior to January 1, 2024. Proof of residency may be requested and reviewed for approval by the Cherokee Rodeo Board of Directors if questions arise about a potential contestant's residency.
4. Either attending a high school or have obtained a high school diploma or equivalent.
5. Be female and have always been female.
6. Not currently married and have never been married.
7. Not be the parent or legal guardian of any child and not be nor have ever been pregnant.
8. Be of good moral character, never committing or been involved in an act of moral turpitude.
9. Not been convicted of any crime or misdemeanor (excluding minor traffic offenses).
10. Be in good health and without any health concerns which would lead to the inability to fully participate in the pageant, or to serve as Miss Rodeo Cherokee if selected.
11. Not use any illegal or controlled substances (other than prescription medications and then only in the manner prescribed), nor abuse alcohol or other dangerous substances.
12. Not be under any contractual obligation which would interfere with their ability to participate in this contest or interfere with their ability to perform as Miss Rodeo Cherokee if selected.
13. Not have any other current title in any other pageant of any kind which would prevent them from fulfilling the duties of Miss Rodeo Cherokee, if selected.
14. Not have engaged in any act, which if made public, would be reasonably likely to cause harm or damage to their reputation or to the goodwill and reputation of the Cherokee Rodeo, Cherokee Rodeo Board, and the Miss Rodeo Cherokee Pageant. If there are any concerns about the applicability of this provision, they acknowledge they have been advised to discuss this with a representative of the Cherokee Rodeo

- Board, prior to submitting an application and signing waivers.
15. Not have had a queen/princess or similar title removed for any reason, unless petition is approved by the Cherokee Rodeo Board of Directors, nor had entry rejected by any Miss Rodeo Pageant.
  16. To the best of their knowledge, not have anything that will interfere with their ability to compete in this contest or perform the obligations of Miss Rodeo Cherokee, if selected.
  17. Have executed all consents and/or waivers of liability presented as conditions precedents to competition.
  18. Abide by all rules and regulations of the Miss Rodeo Cherokee Pageant as set forth in the Official Rules and Regulations as set by the Cherokee Rodeo Board of Directors.
  19. Be willing and able to represent the Cherokee Rodeo as Miss Rodeo Cherokee 2024 from the pageant coronation until the completion of the Miss Rodeo Cherokee 2025 coronation.
  20. Make an application to the pageant by form of the official entry including contestant information page, biography pages, waivers, photographs and entry fee.

Any contestant not meeting the qualifications set forth above shall be denied the right to compete in the Miss Rodeo Cherokee Pageant. Any decision by the Cherokee Rodeo Board of Directors to prohibit an application for the Miss Rodeo Cherokee Pageant is final and at the Board's complete discretion.

**Loss of Title and Benefits.....**

Subsequent to the Miss Rodeo Cherokee Pageant, any person being awarded the title of Miss Rodeo Cherokee and/or otherwise becoming the successor thereto, shall not:

1. Have been previously married and/or pregnant or the guardian of any child nor will they become married or pregnant nor become the guardian of any child during the contractual time frame.
2. Be charged with and/or determined to have committed any crime of moral turpitude or misdemeanor.
3. Solicit, negotiate or contract with any third person for appearances, photographs, interviews, sponsorships and/or endorsements during the year of her reign unless approved by the Cherokee Rodeo Board of Directors.
4. Have taken any actions, which in the good faith determination of the Cherokee Rodeo Board of Directors, will or is reasonably likely to cause harm or damage to the goodwill or reputation of the Cherokee Rodeo or the Miss Rodeo Cherokee Pageant.
5. Violate any provisions of the contestant agreement, pageant rules and regulations or regulations of the Miss Rodeo Cherokee contract.
6. Falsify any information within the contestant application or in meeting the eligibility requirements.
7. Upon occurrence of any of the above events, the title of Miss Rodeo Iowa together with any and all benefits derived by such person, shall be forfeited and awarded to

the next qualified runner-up.

## Miss Rodeo Cherokee Pageant Requirements.....

1. All entry applications must be postmarked by May 1, 2024 and accompanied by:
  1. \$50 entry fee made payable to “Cherokee Rodeo” in the form of a check or money order.
  2. Proof of birth date (birth certificate or baptismal certificate.) **Please send a copy, not the original.**
  3. One color head and shoulder **8x10** portrait photograph. (no crowns or banners)
  4. One electronic, color head and shoulder **8x10** portrait photograph. (no crowns or banners) sent to [cherokeewestleatherco@gmail.com](mailto:cherokeewestleatherco@gmail.com)
  5. Completed the Official Entry Form with resume.
2. If a potential contestant returns a check due to insufficient funds she will be held responsible for all fees associated with the collection of the monies to be paid.
3. No title is required to enter the Miss Rodeo Cherokee Pageant. If a contestant is a current title holder, no banners or crowns will be worn during the Miss Rodeo Cherokee Pageant.
4. Contestants shall be qualified to ride and to provide their own horse for the pageant. Only one horse is allowed, and it is strongly encouraged that a contestant would compete on the horse she would continue to ride throughout her reign if she were to win the title.
5. Contestants will be responsible for securing care for their horse during the pageant, as time may not allow for feeding or cleaning stalls. A stall will be provided.
6. Contestants will be under the supervision of the Miss Rodeo Cherokee Pageant personnel and/or chaperones during the course of the pageant. Contestants will be responsible for transportation to and from pageant events.
7. Parents and relatives of contestants are welcome to attend all events at which the contestants will be present and are open to the public. However, after the pageant starts, contestants may have limited contact with parents and others during judged events.
8. Video and cameras are allowed during the pageant, but their use shall not disrupt pageant activities. Precedence will be given to official pageant personnel for video and photography needs.
9. Judging will take precedence over all pageant activities.
10. Contestants to the Miss Rodeo Cherokee pageant are required to pay their own transportation to and from the pageant as well as lodging during the pageant.
11. Pageant personnel shall not be responsible for lost or stolen articles; however, all necessary precautions will be taken to prevent loss.
12. Drinking alcohol, drug use, smoking or the use of foul language will not be tolerated before, during, or after the pageant, and may result in the contestant being disqualified and/or any awards won being forfeited.
13. Contestants will cooperate at all times with pageant and rodeo personnel and fellow contestants. A contestant’s behavior is a direct reflection of her true personality and will be taken into account during all pageant activities. Behavior is also a reflection on the pageant itself.

14. Contestants must be prompt for all activities including the submission of applications, waivers, photos and judged events or disqualification may occur.
15. Contestants are required to ride in the grand entry on Friday and Saturday, as well as be in the Cherokee Rodeo Parade Saturday and be available for rodeo duties on Saturday evening if crowned.
16. All contestants are expected to stay following the coronation for photos with their prizes and gifts. Failure to do so may result in forfeiture of honors, awards and gifts. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated.
17. Requests for payment of any scholarships awarded to contestants must be submitted in writing to the Cherokee Rodeo Board treasurer prior to one year following their reign if enrolled in a degree program. Students still in high school must request scholarship monies within one calendar year from receiving a high school diploma. All requests must include the name, address and contact phone number for the institute receiving the scholarship monies. Any scholarship monies requested beyond that date may not be awarded. Scholarship monies are payable directly to an accredited institute of higher learning (Community College, University, etc.) or a student loan company.
18. Whoever shall be awarded the title of Miss Rodeo Cherokee 2024 will be required to sign a performance contract between herself and the Cherokee Rodeo Board that will begin on pageant crowning date and end at the coronation of the following year.
19. Whoever shall be awarded the title of Miss Rodeo Cherokee will be responsible for taking care of all financial obligations while serving her reign.
20. Miss Rodeo Cherokee will be required to meet the minimum appearance requirements (10) to receive the Scholarship award at the end of her reign. Half of these appearances must be chosen from the list provided/in the state of Iowa. One of these events must be the 2025 Cherokee PRCA Rodeo and 2025 Miss Rodeo Cherokee Pageant.
21. Contestants will be required to sell a minimum of \$100.00 50/50 Raffle Tickets prior to the 2024 Miss Rodeo Cherokee Pageant.
22. In the event that Miss Rodeo Cherokee becomes disqualified due to infraction of the rules, the next qualified runner-up will automatically become Miss Rodeo Cherokee and all awards will be forfeited and returned to the Cherokee Rodeo Board.

### **Miss Rodeo Cherokee Pageant Judging Guidelines.....**

Miss Rodeo Cherokee is judged in five main categories: horsemanship, personality and appearance, interview, resume/entry form, and on speaking events.

#### **Judges**

1. Two judges will judge all the Miss Rodeo Cherokee Pageant. The same set of judges will judge all pageant categories.
2. All scores will be totaled for each contestant each time they are judged.
3. Judges are selected for their expertise in all fields of the competition. They should all have an awareness of correct western dress, they should be knowledgeable about the sport of

professional rodeo, and they should be experienced western-type horsemen who are accustomed to judging horse events. Every attempt will be made to secure judges who are unfamiliar with contestants.

4. Should a judge become incapacitated during the pageant, judging will continue with the remaining judge for the remainder of the pageant, or until the incapacitated judge can resume.
5. The contestant receiving the highest grand total score for the pageant shall be crowned Miss Rodeo Cheorkee. That contestant receiving the second highest grand total shall be first runner-up.
6. Ties for category winners will be broken by referring back to judge #1. If a tie still remains, judge #2's score will be used...and so on until the tie is broken.
7. In the event that there is only one contestant in any category, scores for the judged events/categories will be combined for an overall winner in each.

### **Judged Events/Categories**

- **On Stage Events**
  - Impromptu Questions - questions will be asked of each contestant during pageant functions. They may relate to the sport of professional rodeo, personality, and current events.
  - Modeling - will be held to showcase the contestant's appearance and personality.
- **Appearance and Personality** - The purpose of this judged division is to select the young lady who rates highest in:
  - Grooming, to include neatness and cleanliness in every detail; such as complexion, hands, fingernails, hair, hat, boots, and other wearing apparel. Meticulous care in general grooming is essential for a young lady to be considered as Miss Rodeo Cherokee.
  - The appearance of a contestant's horse is a reflection upon herself. Judges will take into consideration during the horsemanship portion of the pageant the grooming of the contestant's horse and the cleanliness of her tack and equipment.
  - Photogenic Quality - The judges will score the required 8x10 , head and shoulder photograph submitted by each contestant. The winner of the photogenic category will have the highest cumulative total photogenic score.
  - A young lady's strength of character and personality are reflected strongly in a wholesome appearance.
  - Poise and Posture - lady-like behavior in every situation.
  - Knowledge of Proper Western Attire - Contestants should be aware of what is fashionable western dress, with particular attention given to color coordination. Judges will be observing how a contestant's clothes fit and suit her personality. It is not necessary to invest in an excessive amount of expensive clothing. Judges will be looking for versatility and imagination displayed by the contestant. You are encouraged to mix and match outfits and may wear an outfit more than once.
  - Intelligence, good common sense.

- Education - conversational ability in rodeo and other areas, with special emphasis on grammar and enunciation.
- Attractiveness -Not necessarily to mean beauty in this sense, but rather should note whether the contestant radiates self-confidence without making an issue out of it. She should also show maturity, high moral standards, sincerity and integrity.
- Personality Reflections - to include the contestant's style of attire, overall appearance, genuine interest in other people, ability to project one's personality. Also to be considered are a sense of humor, showmanship, ambition, desire and enthusiasm with a happy outlook on life in general.
- Promptness at keeping pageant schedule.
- **Horsemanship** - The winner of the horsemanship category will have the highest cumulative total of horsemanship scores.
  - Control of mount and the way any situation that may occur is handled.
  - Balance and seat
  - Position of hands, feet, and seat.
  - Mounting and dismounting
  - The understanding and skill of the contestant will be judged, not the horse.
  - One pattern will be selected in the entry confirmation packet. Discretion of pageant committee and judges will prevail due to arena conditions. Contestants will be required to carry a flag and/or perform additional maneuvers on horseback. Contestants will also be required to do a queen's run. Any changes or alterations to the patterns will be announced to the contestants before the competition begins.
  - No stud horses will be allowed.
  - All equipment should be clean and in good working order. Contestants should use split reins with a bit or hackamore. Pageant personnel and judges reserve the right to disallow any equipment they feel is inhumane. Tie-downs and spurs are optional. You will need a flag boot also.
  - Contestants are required to be mounted and will ride in the Friday and Saturday night rodeo grand entry and rodeo parade on Saturday.
  - No one other than a contestant, judge, or pageant personnel will be allowed in the holding area during the competition. There will be no one on and/or warming up the contestants' horses during the pageant and contestant will be disqualified for doing so.
- **Interview**
  - The judges will interview each contestant, and judges will have copies of the contestant applications.
  - Questions asked will test the contestant's knowledge of the pageant, professional rodeo, horsemanship and current events.
- **Personality and/or Congeniality**
  - This is not a specific judged event
  - Each contestant will be judged based on personality and/or congeniality during the pageant.

## **Miss Rodeo Cherokee General Information.....**

From the time Miss Rodeo Cherokee is crowned in June and until her reign ends the following year, she will be under public scrutiny. Her manner of dress, talk and actions will be judged. The titleholder should be aware that any inappropriate photos of her or text about her that may appear on the internet before or during her reign may cause harm to her reputation and the reputation of Cherokee Rodeo Board and the Miss Rodeo Cherokee Pageant and should be cautious in any social setting where candid photos may be taken of her and about the text she places on the internet. Her actions are a reflection not only on herself but also on her community, the committee, the rodeos she represents and the State of Iowa. The titleholder should dress neatly and appropriately during all travel times and while making personal appearances.

Holding the title of Miss Rodeo Cherokee is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and the titleholder is encouraged to take full advantage of the opportunities that will be presented to her to travel and to enhance her life skills (public speaking, interviewing, etc.). The most important thing to remember during her reign is to have fun and enjoy herself.

## Miss Rodeo Cherokee Appearances.....

Miss Rodeo Cherokee will be required to meet the minimum appearance requirements (10) to receive the Scholarship award at the end of her reign. Half of these appearances must be chosen from the list provided/in the state of Iowa. One of these events must be the 2025 Cherokee PRCA Rodeo and 2025 Miss Rodeo Cherokee Pageant. Events may be added with the approval of the Cherokee Rodeo Board. Please note all events will need to be contacted prior to adding an event to the Miss Rodeo Cherokee schedule to ensure proper arrangements are made.

### Approved Calendar Events

#### June 2024

- Jackson County Pro-Rodeo
- Edgewood PRCA Rodeo
- Days of '56 PRCA Rodeo

#### July 2024

- Storm Lake - 4th of July Parade
- Hampton PRCA Rodeo
- Wapello PRCA Rodeo

#### August 2024

- Sidney PRCA Rodeo

#### September 2024

- Dayton PRCA Rodeo
- Miss Rodeo Iowa and Miss Teen Rodeo Iowa Pageants
- Tri-State Rodeo in Ft. Madison

#### December 2024

- Lighted Christmas Parade - Cherokee

#### January 2025

- Cherokee Rodeo Scholarship Fundraiser - Cherokee
- Miss Rodeo Iowa 2025 Coronation - TBD
- Miss Teen Rodeo Iowa 2025 Coronation - TBD

#### February 2025

- Cherokee County Ag Show - Cherokee

#### March 2025

- Iowa Horse Fair - Des Moines

#### April 2025

#### May 2025

#### June 2025

- Cherokee PRCA Rodeo and Miss Rodeo Cherokee Pageant (REQUIRED)



