



Titleholder Expectations and Duties – Miss Teen Rodeo Pennsylvania

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE MISS RODEO PENNSYLVANIA?

- Miss Rodeo Pennsylvania is a contractual position for 1 year, and is considered a job.
- Miss Rodeo Pennsylvania is an ambassador for the sport of rodeo, the PRCA, and the western way of life. She is a public figure, role model, and promoter.
- It is an honor to be chosen as Miss Rodeo Pennsylvania. Throughout her year of reign, MTRPA will have opportunities to travel across the nation and appear at famous rodeos, western events, and other state pageants and will have the opportunity to meet influential people within the sport of rodeo, including other state titleholders. She will have an impact not only on her local community, but also on a national level.

MISS RODEO AMERICA PAGEANT

- The teen does not get the opportunity to compete in the Miss Rodeo America pageant – only the Miss is allowed to compete. However, it is recommended that the teen go to the pageant as a spectator. The Miss Rodeo America pageant is held in Las Vegas, NV usually the last week of November into the first week of December. The pageant is a week-long competition.

APPEARANCES/TRAVEL

- It is expected that Miss Teen Rodeo Pennsylvania be available to travel on a regular basis for appearances.
- Many of the Teen's appearances will be with the Miss. While the Teen does not travel as much as the Miss does, traveling will still be expected. One trip for Teens-only is to Florida in late February.
- At rodeo appearances, titleholders frequently get the opportunity to ride in the opening ceremony on horseback, either carrying the American flag, or running sponsor flags. At many rodeos, a horse will be provided for the titleholder(s) to ride. Titleholders should always carry a flag boot with them.
- Titleholders will have autograph sheets made to take with them to appearances. Many appearances involve signing autographs, posing for photographs, and speaking with the public.
- Throughout their year of reign, titleholders will be invited as guests to other state's pageants, as well as other formal events in the rodeo world.

FUNDRAISING/SPONSORSHIP/DONATIONS

- It is the responsibility of the titleholder to raise money for expenses during her year of reign.
- Expenses will possibly include, but aren't limited to, travel (plane tickets, gas), wardrobe (clothing, jewelry, boots, hats), pageant coaching/seminars, accessories (personalized chaps, saddle drape, hat cans), professional photographer/photographs, and autograph sheets.
- Funds can be raised by soliciting sponsorships and donations from businesses, and by hosting raffles, bingos, chinese auctions, silent auctions, fundraisers, etc.
- All sponsors/donors must complete the MRPA Sponsorship Form.



PRIVACY/POSTAL MAIL/TELEPHONE

- Miss Teen Rodeo Pennsylvania's personal email address, personal cell phone/home phone number, and residential address are to be kept private all times.
- The official MRPA P.O. Box must be used for postal mail, and the director's home address is to be used for deliveries.
- The director will give an official titleholder email address that is to be used for all email correspondence.

SOCIAL MEDIA

- It is expected that Miss Teen Rodeo Pennsylvania make use of social media to advertise appearances, post photos from events, and assist in the promotion of rodeo, the PRCA, and the western way of life.
- Acceptable forms of social media are Facebook and blogs.
- Facebook profiles are to be public pages. They are to be created under the "Public Figure" category, and the page is to be titled "Miss Teen Rodeo Pennsylvania (INSERT YEAR) – (First and Last Name).

ORGANIZATION RULES

- All appearances must be pre-approved by the director of Miss Rodeo Pennsylvania, Inc.
- Public social media accounts must be approved by the director. The director has the option of requesting the login information to the account.
- All donations, including checks, must be mailed directly to the Miss Rodeo Pennsylvania P.O. Box.
- All monies raised by the titleholder must be sent to the director. The director deposits the funds into a bank account that is opened specifically for the titleholder. The titleholder can request to be reimbursed for expenses (must have a receipt of purchase) using the funds in her account.
- Upon being crowned, it is required that MTRPA sign a contract for a year of commitment. If the contract is broken at any time, all donations/money must be returned to the MRPA organization.
- Miss Teen Rodeo Pennsylvania is a public figure and must maintain a certain image. She will be held to high expectations, and must never be seen gambling, drinking alcohol, smoking, or cursing.
- Dress code: During appearances, MTRPA must wear full-makeup, have hair curled (with wings), wear western hat with MRPA crown, wear belt with MRPA buckle, wear cowgirl boots, and wear a fashion forward outfit based on the formality of the event.
- Once an appearance is booked, it cannot be canceled except in the case of sickness or an emergency situation.

MRPA/MTRPA APPLICATION PROCESS

- All applicants for MTRPA must submit an application, a professional 8"x10" headshot, a professional 8"x10" full-length pose, an essay about why she should become MTRPA, and an application fee.
- Contestants are required to fundraise for the organization as part of their application process. Fundraising typically includes selling a minimum amount of raffle tickets, as well as selling ads in the pageant program.



WARDROBE FOR THE PAGEANT

Contestants for the pageant need to have appropriate clothing for each of the pageant categories. *All outfits must be worn with western boots and western hat.*

- Check-In Outfit/Introductions – western fashion-forward outfit
- Horsemanship Outfit – jeans (can be colored) and matching button-up shirt
- Personality Interview – skirt and top, or dress
- Horsemanship Interview – pants and dress jacket
- Speech – dress
- Coronation – formal dress (can be leather or fabric) (no wedding or prom gowns, must have minimum of a cap sleeve, must have western look to the dress)

PREPARING FOR THE PAGEANT

- Contestants need to be knowledgeable about PRCA rodeo history, terminology, current events, rules, competitors, titles, champions, contractors, livestock, specialty acts, organizations, board members, etc.
- Contestants need to memorize three (provided) horsemanship patterns to prepare for the horsemanship portion of the competition.
- Contestants need to study equine science.
- Contestants need to be knowledgeable about current news including economic and political scenarios.