

Cassia County Fair and Rodeo Queen Application 2026

Name: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City, State & Zip Code: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Age as of August 1, 2026: _____

1. 2026 Contest is open to girls between the ages of 16 and 23 years of age, as of August 1, 2026, residing or attending school in Cassia and surrounding counties. Cassia County Fair and Rodeo committee reserves the right to hold only one contest open on a first come, first served basis, with a limit of 10 participants.

2. Contestant must reside in or attend school in Cassia, Minidoka, Blaine, Jerome, Twin Falls, Oneida, or Power County, Idaho, or Box Elder County, Utah.

3. Contestant must not be or ever have been married.

4. Contestant must not be pregnant nor have any children.

5. Contestant must be available to compete for the Cassia County Fair and Rodeo title on Friday, August 14, 2026, for the horsemanship and speech/modeling and interview portions of the competition. Contestants are also required to attend Grand Entry each night of the Rodeo, August 20, 21, and 22, 2026, as well as the parade on Wednesday, August 19, 2026, and the Fat Stock Sale on Saturday, August 22, 2026. Participation in the Concert on Saturday, August 15, 2026, is optional; however, attendance and participation will gain contestants 2 points toward their overall score. A complete listing of events, dates, times, and places will be given to contestants as soon as available and is subject to change.

6. Each contestant must participate in raising funds and or prizes for the 2026 contest. Contestants must either attend the sponsorship/prize gathering day in the Cassia County area (date to be determined), or if unable to attend, submit a minimum of \$300.00 in cash and/or prizes by Friday, August 7, 2026.

7. The contestant must wear appropriate western attire at all times when representing the Cassia County Fair and Rodeo, i.e. jeans, western boots, long sleeve shirts (no tank tops or sleeveless shirts allowed), western-styled dress, etc.

8. No drugs, tobacco, or alcohol use when representing Cassia County Fair and Rodeo. Violation will result in a disqualification from the contest. In the event such an incident occurs during the Rodeo weekend or after the Queen Contest is completed, the Queen may be removed from her duties, must return her awards, and the 1st Runner-Up will be asked to step in. The Cassia County Fair Board will have the final say in any disciplinary actions.

9. Contestants are expected to behave in a polite, professional manner and to represent the Cassia County Fair and Rodeo to the best of their abilities.

10. Write-ups for the Rodeo Program and newspapers must be submitted as part of this application. Photos will be taken by July by Western Edge Photography. Final date and time are to be determined.

11. **Horsemanship**: Contestants are required to wear dark blue or black 5-pocket denim jeans (no carpenter or skinny styles), long-sleeved white western shirt with western cuff and collar, cowboy hat, boots, and belt. Contestants will have no contact with any unauthorized person during the duration of the competition. Contestants will do 3 patterns (attached). After the final pattern is completed, contestants will have approximately 30 minutes to tend their horses and meet at the Fair office to complete horsemanship interviews. No clothing changes.

12. **Speech/Interviews**: Contestants may wear western-styled dress, skirt and blouse, or jeans and blouse, all with cowboy hat, belt and boots. No preference will be given by judges on style of clothing. No specific modeling pattern will be required. Speeches will be prepared, between 2 and 3 minutes, with the topic of "Rivers, Ranges and Rodeos." After giving their speech, contestants will also draw and answer questions. Contestants will be provided their meal, all others in attendance will need to purchase their meals (per person price to be determined). After the meal, Contestants will continue with personal interviews.

13. **Crowning of the Queen**: Winner will be crowned during the Saturday night performance of the rodeo. Queen will receive a trophy saddle, belt buckle and traveling tiara, along with a scholarship and prizes to be determined by amount of donations received. 1st Runner Up will receive a trophy saddle blanket, along with prizes to be determined by the amount of donations received. 2nd Runner Up will receive a trophy headstall, along with prizes to be determined by amount of donations received. All other contestants will receive prizes to be determined by amount of donations received. Additional prizes will include a horsemanship award, speech award, and Miss Congeniality award. Queen must be available and willing to participate during their reign in the following (at minimum): Declo Days Parade, Rupert 4th of July Parade or Albion 4th of July Parade, Oakley Pioneer Days Rodeo, Minidoka County Rodeo, Cassia

County Fair and Rodeo 2027 (all week). Additional events may be requested at the discretion of the Fair Board.

The undersigned has/have read, understand, and agree to the conditions above.

Contestant (Please print name)	Contestant Signature	Date
_____	_____	_____
_____	Phone number	text: Yes or No

Parent (Please print name)	Parent Signature	Date
_____	_____	_____

• Parent is only required to sign if the contestant is under the age of 18. •

Parent phone number if contestant under 18 _____

Please submit applications to Cassia County Fair and Rodeo Queen Coordinator, Sarah Seymour, no later than **JULY 10, 2026**. Applications may be mailed to 3449 Hiland Ave, Burley, ID 83318, emailed to pampered_seymour@yahoo.com or hand delivered to Sarah. Please follow up by phone/text to ensure your application has been received.

Sarah Seymour (208)670-1384

In addition to this application, please submit a short, one-paragraph biography suitable for a newspaper, and a longer 2-3 paragraph biography suitable for a website.