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## FAIR AND EVENTS COMPLEX

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January 7, 2010

To Prospective El Paso County Fair Queen Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the El Paso County Fair Queen Program. Selection of this year's Queen will be conducted at the El Paso County Fair and Events Complex, **Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup>** beginning at 9:00 am. Judges and contestants will be introduced before the judging begins. Contestants will draw numbers for order of competition; horsemanship will be first.

Applicants for the El Paso County Fair Queen must be at least 18 years of age, but not over 22, at least a senior in High School, single and never married by the date of the contest.

Please read and fill out the attached application form for the Queen contest.

The El Paso County Fair Queen Committee policy describes the Fair Queen as a wholesome representative of the community, a non-professional public figure, and an ambassador for El Paso County and it's Fair.

She mainly focuses on promotion and positive community relations. She is a young adult who promotes the fair in a team effort with the Queen Committee and Fair staff. She is supported by friends and family, yet independent in her responsibilities. She is part of a full team effort to support the American substance of the County Fair, and frequently asks how she can help the full effort and do her part as a member of a group.

During the Fair she is a visible, friendly face whom youth look up to. She interacts with 4-H youth by distributing ribbons and encouraging them in their projects and efforts.

She learns promotion, communication and people skills during her reign, and relinquishes her crown to a new queen with whom she shall provide guidance and counsel.

Completed applications are due **February 18<sup>th</sup> no later than 3:00 p.m.** in the El Paso County Fair & Events Complex Office, 366 Tenth Street, Calhan, Colorado 80808. .

We are looking forward to your participation.

Sincerely,

Pam Dawson  
Queen Coordinator  
El Paso County Fair



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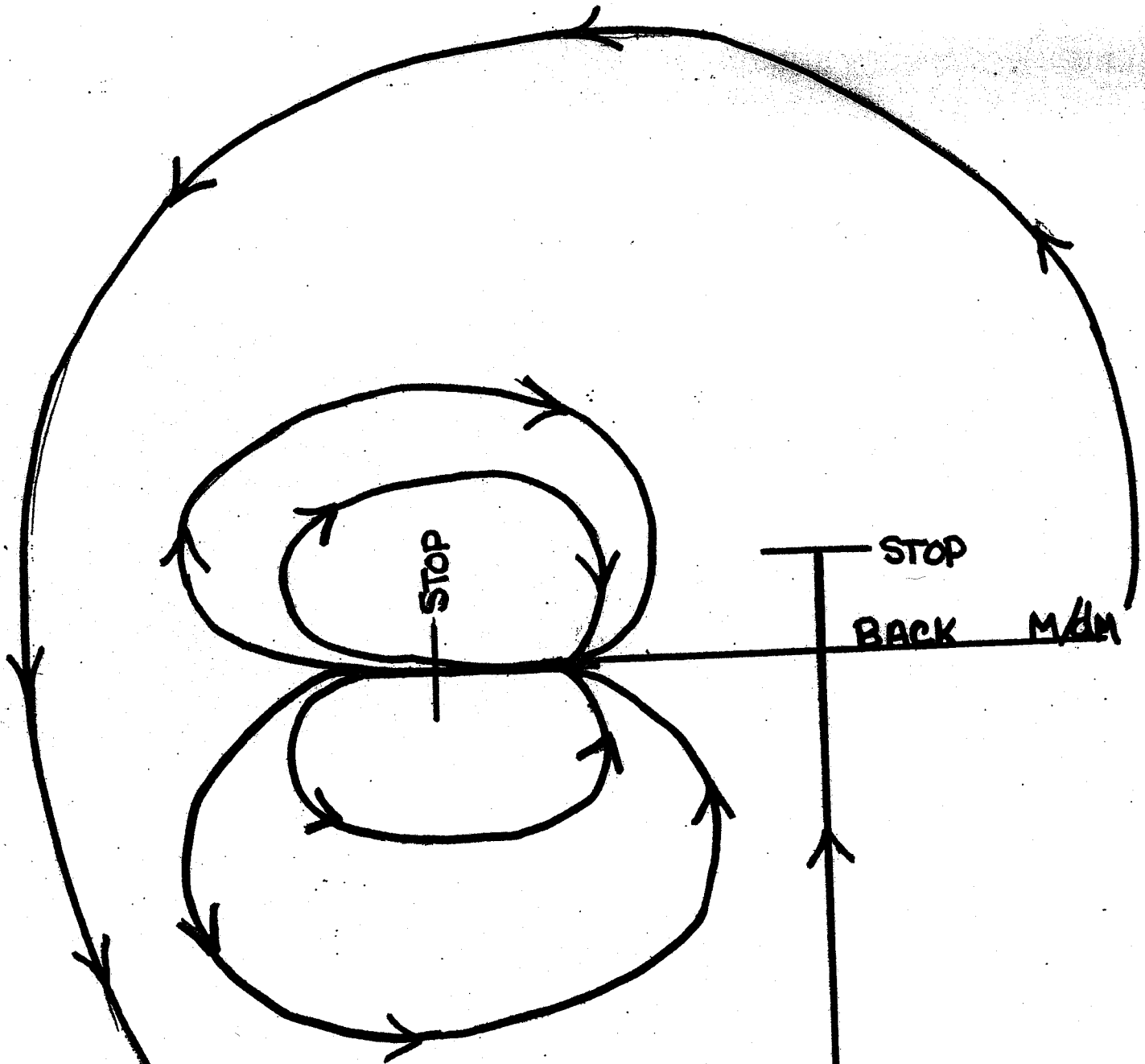
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## **2010 CRITERIA FOR JUDGING THE EL PASO COUNTY FAIR QUEEN CONTEST**

1. Application: Content and presentation.
2. Public Speaking: Contestants should be prepared to introduce themselves and present a promotional message for the 2010 El Paso County Fair. Not to exceed 3 minutes.
3. Horsemanship: Contestants must bring a horse and be prepared to execute a riding pattern and answer questions from the judges in the arena.
4. Interview: Each contestant will have a personal interview with a panel of judges.



Lope down  
 Stop  
 Back  
 Start Small Figure Eight to Right  
 Larger Figure Eight  
 Stop in Center, Rollback,  
 Walk to Judges, dismount, answer questions,  
 and then remount. Perform Queen's wave  
 ending at gate.

LOPE

STOP  
BACK MAN

JUDGES

GATE



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### Rules of Conduct for the El Paso County Fair Queen

The El Paso County Fair Queen is in the public eye.

It is her responsibility to uphold and maintain an outstanding, wholesome image.

#### I. Responsibilities:

- A. Must be at least 18, but not over 22 years of age, at least a senior in high school, single and never married by date of contest.
- B. Exhibit appropriate behavior in every situation, including when riding horseback.
- C. Attend all Fair activities scheduled by the Fair Board and staff. All appearances must be approved by Queen Committee.
- D. Present a positive attitude and be willing to help in any way that will better promote the El Paso County Fair.
- E. Organize luncheon, send invitations and provide simple meal. Provide courtesy gifts for visiting Queens and honored guests at the traditional Queen's Luncheon.
- F. Sign a Commitment Contract and Rules of conduct upon acceptance of Fair Queen title.
- G. Queen can be released from duties/responsibilities at the Queen Coordinator's discretion with majority approval of Queen Committee for breach of contract or dereliction of duty.

#### II. Appearance:

- A. Tiara, buckle, sash and appropriate Queen's attire must be worn at all times, whenever serving in the capacity of El Paso County Fair Queen.
- B. There will be a budget provided for the El Paso County Fair Queen, which shall include clothing and travel allowance. The amount budgeted shall be at the discretion of the El Paso County Fair Queen Coordinator.
- C. All attire must be approved prior to purchase by the Queen Coordinator.
- D. Attire, jewelry and overall appearance must be appropriate for the event. Appropriateness will be at the sole discretion of the Queen Coordinator.
- E. Hair will be worn in a manner that is mutually agreed upon by the Fair Queen Coordinator and the Queen.
- F. Hat should be appropriately shaped for the Fair Queen.
  1. No straw hats.
  2. Do not wear hat on the back of head (even if photographer asks you to do so.)
- G. Boots should be kept clean, polished and coordinate with the whole outfit.
- H. Pants should not be worn too tight or too baggy. No faded or stone washed denim. Appropriateness of pants will be at the sole discretion of the Queen Coordinator.
- I. Shirts and blouses must have long sleeves and be worn tucked in.
- J. Attire should be appropriate for the event.
- K. Jewelry should be appropriate.

#### III. Conduct:

- A. Maintain a professional image at all times.
- B. Must act, speak and dress according to the esteem the title deserves while in the public eye.
- C. Boyfriends:
  1. No outward displays of affection.
  2. Should not be a constant companion.
- Parents:
  1. Must work in a spirit of cooperation with Fair staff and the Queen Committee.
  2. Appear with the Queen at the Queen Coordinator's discretion.
- D. No drinking alcoholic beverages or smoking in public when representing the Fair.
- E. Must be escorted whenever representing the Fair, (except throughout the Fair dates while on the El Paso County Fairgrounds).

#### IV. Horse:

- A. Must provide a horse for all activities requiring riding.
- B. Ride a safe and controllable horse at all times.
- C. Be responsible for the care and transportation of horse.
- D. Tack should be clean and in good condition.
- E. Horse should be clean, trimmed and well groomed.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read the above Rules of Conduct and agree to abide by these rules, or be considered for forfeiture of the title of El Paso County Fair Queen.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

x

\_\_\_\_\_  
El Paso County Fair Queen



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### 2010 *El Paso County Fair Queen Contest Application*

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade Level Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Do/Did you participate in 4-H? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, which projects? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What school activities and sports have you participated in? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have you had any public speaking experience? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have you held any offices in 4-H or school activities? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_





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**El Paso County Fair Queen  
Commitment Contract**

Upon acceptance of the title of El Paso County Fair Queen the following commitments must be adhered to:

- Each year the Fair Queen is issued a budget amount from the El Paso County Fair. It is the Queen's responsibility to remain within this budgeted amount. All expenses, including mileage are to be estimated for this purpose. In the event an over budget item is anticipated, it will be at the discretion of the El Paso County Fair Queen Coordinator to approve before any purchase is made.
- The Fair Queen is responsible for maintaining a mileage log, and all original receipts from purchases. These will be submitted to the Fair Queen Coordinator in a timely manner to arrange for reimbursement from the allocated budget.
- The El Paso County Fair Queen is allowed to solicit only "in kind" sponsorships. All sponsorships will be conducted within the Fair Office guidelines as established by the Community Outreach Coordinator.
- The El Paso County Fair, under the jurisdiction of the El Paso County Parks Department, is solely authorized to publish Official Queen Photographs for any use to help promote the El Paso County Fair and/or the El Paso County Fair Queen Program.
- The El Paso County Fair Queen will remain consistent with all criteria set forth in the signed "Rules of Conduct" form.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read the above commitments and agree to abide by these, or be considered for forfeiture of the title of El Paso County Fair Queen.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

x \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature