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Rodeo Queen
Pageant



MADISON BAILEY
2023 Miss Florida Gateway Pro Rodeo



WHITNEE HATCH
2023 Junior Miss Florida Gateway Pro Rodeo



JOSIE WIRE
2023 Little Miss Florida Gateway Pro Rodeo

Welcome

Young ladies in the Florida Gateway Pro Rodeo Pageant will be judged on their horsemanship skills, poise, and public speaking ability. All contestants are expected to exhibit exceptional sportsmanship, adhere to the humane treatment of animals, and comport with high moral and ethical standards (act in an appropriate manner, no behavior or electronic communication that may reflect negatively on the Florida Gateway Pro Rodeo or Columbia County Resources).

Divisions:	Age:	Entry Fee:
Miss. Florida Gateway Pro Rodeo	15-18	\$50
Jr. Miss. Florida Gateway Pro Rodeo	10-14	\$45
Little Miss. Florida Gateway Pro Rodeo	6-9	\$35
Freestyle	JR & Miss	\$20

Miss Photogenic Contest:

All contestants may enter the Miss Photogenic competition. Contestants wishing to participate must submit a **5x7 headshot in Western Attire (color or black and white) with a \$10 entry fee. No glamour or professional shots allowed. DUE FEBRUARY 16, 2024.**

Each contestants must email a photo to info@floridagatewayfairgrounds.org for the newspaper by **FEBRUARY 16, 2024**. This can be the same photo that is submitted for the Photogenic contest. Must submit a photo in western attire.

Awards:

Miss Florida Gateway Pro Rodeo

The winner of the Miss Florida Gateway Pro Rodeo receives a \$300 educational scholarship, tiara, buckle, and sash. First runner up receives a \$150 educational scholarship and a recognition award.

Jr. Miss, and Little Miss Florida Gateway Pro Rodeo

The winners of each division receive a tiara, buckle and sash. The first runner up in each division receives a recognition award.

Miss Photogenic

The winner receives a special award. (Please note: More than one winner may be selected depending on number of entries.)

Pageant Rules:

- Contestants must be Florida residents.
- Entry deadline is Feb. 16th 2024 at 5:00 p.m.
- Photo deadline is Feb. 16th 2024 at 5:00 p.m.
- Late fee of \$25.00 up to Feb. 23th 2024
- Western attire must be worn at all times during competition and Rodeo.
- Contestants must be currently enrolled in school or be in a receipt of a high diploma or equivalent.
- Contestants must reside in Columbia County or one of these listed: Baker, Union, Alachua, Levy, Dixie, Gilchrist, Layfayette, Suwannee, Madison and Hamilton.
- Miss FGPR is required to ride a horse all three days at the Florida Gateway Pro Rodeo. All contestants age 10 & up are required to ride a horse during the grand entry on March 8th. Little Miss is not required to ride.
- Contestants must be single, have never been married or divorced, must not be pregnant or become pregnant during the coming year, and may not be the mother of a child conceived out of wedlock.
- Reigning Queens cannot compete for a crown in the same division in which they currently hold their title. A reigning Queen may only participate in the Queen competition if they meet the age requirements for a different division. Other wise, the reigning Queen must sit out one year before they are eligible to compete again in the same division.
- Contestants are responsible to have a horse available to them for all practices and all performances.
- Both Miss and Jr. Miss division contestants are required to perform a flag drill and a queen run during the competition.
- No lead lines.
- Each contestant must obtain a minimum of \$200 in sponsorships.
- Columbia County Resources and the Judges reserve the right to modify any rules, patterns or drills before or during this competition.
- All contestants are required to complete a Horsemanship pattern. Miss & Junior contestants may compete in the freestyle division with a separate prize for the overall freestyle winner. (Patterns and freestyle requirements can be printed at www.floridagatewayfairgrounds.org or picked up from FGF Office.)
- Miss and Jr. Miss division contestants may bring and ride multiple horses during the competition.

Florida Gateway Pro Rodeo Pageant Schedule:

Saturday, March 2nd, 10:00am

Competition to begin in the Reception Hall at the Florida Gateway Fairgrounds with the interviews. You do not need to be at the interviews for the whole time, you just need to be there for your designated time of your age group.

Interview Times

Miss.....10am to 10:30am Little Miss.....11am to 11:30am
Junior Miss.....10:30am to 11am

The riding portion of the competition will start at 1:00pm at the Rodeo Arena.

- Miss • Junior Miss • Little Miss • Freestyles

Friday, March 8th7:00 PM.....All Contestants at Rodeo Arena

Friday, March 8th7:30 PM.....Crowning of 2024 Queens

Saturday, March 9th8:00 PM.....Introduction of 2024 Queens

Sunday, March 10th2:00 PM.....Introduction of 2024 Queens

Open Practice

February 18th & 25th
2:00pm to 4:00pm

Queens of each division are required to represent Columbia County Resources and the Florida Gateway Pro Rodeo by appearing at different events throughout the year. Appearances may include, but are not limited to, Opening Ceremony at the Florida Gateway Fair, Livestock Barn during the Florida Gateway Fair, Olustee Parade, Christmas Parade, Homecoming Parade, Florida Gateway Pink Crisis Fund events. You will be contacted in advance for requested appearances.

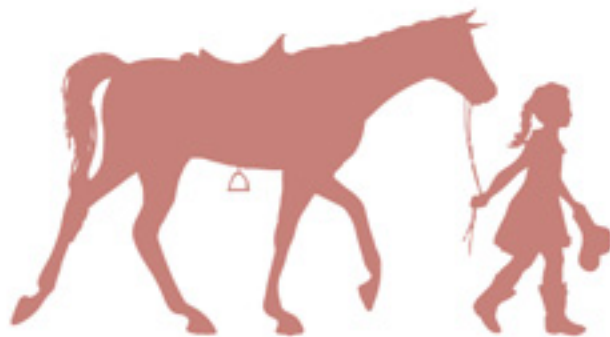
IMPORTANT:

A Hold Harmless Agreement must be attached to the notarized entry form before contestant is eligible to compete in the Florida Gateway Pro Rodeo Queen Pageant. For more information, call 386-752-8822

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