



## La Plata County Fair Royalty

Thank you for your interest in The La Plata County Fair Royalty program. Our sole mission of the Royalty program is building strong, confident women, while promoting the La Plata County Fair. The Royalty Ladies are year-round ambassadors of the LPCF. We promote and celebrate the community aspect of The Fair by volunteering at approximately thirty different events each year. This includes appearing in five different parades, helping with community events such as the 4-H Awards Banquet, Coop Dinner, The LPEA annual meeting, Bayfield Heritage Days Fundraiser and many other events in the community.

The Queen, Princess and their Attendants will also get the opportunity to represent La Plata County at the National Western Stock Show in January.

There are three age groups for the LPCFR. They are as follows:

Queen: 16 thru 18 (as of January 1, 2025)

Princess: 13 thru 15 (as of January 1, 2025)

Lady in waiting: 10 thru 12 (as of January 1, 2025)

Our hope for these young ladies is that they gain skills that will help them later in life such as Public Speaking, Team Building and Responsibility.

If you are interested in more information about running for LPCFR please contact our royalty leader.

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## Application Requirements

Queen and Attendant Positions – Ages: 16 – 18

Princess and Attendant Position - Ages: 13 – 15

Lady in Waiting Position – Ages: 10 - 12

Contestant must be between these ages of January 1, 2025, and a current member in good standing of a local 4-H/FFA Program.

The following should be included in the application packet in a **three-ring binder**, turned in to the Extension Office **by 5:00 PM on the scheduled record book turn in day, July 26.**

1. **Personal essay**, which will include the following: Name, age, parent's names, 4-H/FFA club, school, grade level, years in 4-H/FFA activities with summary of projects and completion, office held, or awards received, participation in school events, sports, or volunteer activities and community service. Also include reasons why you are interested in the Royalty Program, and why it is important to the fair, reasons for competing, future plans, etc. Include any other information that you feel should be considered.
2. **One letters of Reference:** 4-H/FFA leader, community/school/spiritual leader, friend/employer. Reference shall not be in any relationship to the applicant.
3. **Recent photograph** of applicant, for example a school picture. This is primarily for the judges to help them identify and remember who are during the contest.
4. **Signed copies** of the following: **Contact, Code of Conduct and Parent Agreement.**

When the candidate turns in the application packet to the Fairgrounds Office, she is asked to sign up for an interview time. These interviews will be held on Tuesday, August 5th, at 5:30 pm on the patio. Speeches & Modeling will be on Thursday, August 7th, at 5 pm. **All applicants are asked to arrive promptly at 4:30 PM in a western skirt/collard blouse/western hat, and boots. We will meet, on the Patio, between the Extension Office and Exhibit Hall at the Fairgrounds.** Plan on staying there till 7:00 PM. The 2024-2025 court will be there to help with any questions the girls may have.

Contestants may not be holding any other title when running for the Fair Royalty Program Position i.e. Fiesta Days or State High School. Reigns that have terms less than one month such as Homecoming Queen, Prom Queen, etc. shall not affect their application.

The contest will run throughout the fair. On Thursday, Aug. 7th, on the patio at the Fairgrounds, candidates will be introduced by the current royalty and will then model (**Western Skirt or Dress/collard blouse or jacket/western hat/boots**) one outfit down a runway. They will give a 2 - 3 minute speech – the speech theme is **“What has 4-H done for me?”** The same panel of judges, who conducted the interview, will also be judging this portion of the contest. The contestant will then be asked an impromptu question by each judge.

The Fair Royalty reign will be from crowning to crowning of the next court. The Current Queen will be asked to give a farewell speech.

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## Contract/By Laws

As a candidate of the La Plata County Fair Royalty, I understand that the rules and guidelines stated must be followed if I am selected as a participant in the program.

1. Candidate agrees to participate in the appropriate events. We will meet and set up a schedule for the year. You are expected to attend ALL of the events. The schedule is subject to change, so you need to be flexible. We try to work around school, sports and other functions, but as Royalty you do have an obligation to be at ALL of the scheduled events. Summer gets busy and school and sports should not apply much so Royalty should be #1 on your list. During the week of the fair (from the start of the Horse Shows through the Sale, you should plan on being available for this entire week. Do not plan anything other than fair). I cannot schedule everything to perfectly work for everyone, but we will try to make it work for the majority. If you cannot attend an event you are scheduled for, it is your responsibility to find one of the other girls to cover for you. If you cannot attend a royalty meeting you need to let the Royalty coordinator know and she will let you know what you missed. We try to find a date that works for most of the girls. It is almost impossible for this many girls to not have a conflict in scheduling at some time. Each candidate if chosen is required to purchase the matching shirt that the group picks out. The cost should be around \$40.00 to \$45.00. We do have several events that we dress alike so **a pair of black pants are required.**
2. To dress in a manner of respect which will include no showing any extra skin: i.e., tank tops, low cut blouses, belly mid-drifts, short shorts, etc. **Western attire is required:** Collared blouses, long sleeves, boots, not baggy pants, **clean well-shaped black hat**, curly "queen" hair etc. If wearing a western jacket with a collar a non-collared shirt can be worn underneath but it must be high enough to keep the outfit modest not showing cleavage. With dresses your boots should be the same color on the bottom and the top. Your skirt should be long enough to cover the tops of your boots. When you are wearing **pants, they need to be long enough** that I do not see your ankles when you are standing up, and when you sit down, they should not be over the tops of your boots. All clothing needs to be **IRONED!!!!** The dryer is not an iron. When approved, the Queen will be allowed to wear a white hat that will be provided. **You are representing La Plata County from the time you leave your house to the time you return. You need to be dressed appropriately. YOU ARE IN THE PUBLIC EYE AND AN EXAMPLE TO YOUTH AND OTHERS AROUND YOU.**
3. To agree to uphold the code of conduct rules stated in the application. With total understanding to abstain from the use of illegal substances such as drugs, tobacco, and alcohol.

4. To keep girl/boyfriend relationships in perspective. Please remember that you are in the public's eye and setting a positive example for others to follow. Participants are not to be married, pregnant or living with boyfriends during their reign.
5. Disagreements between the royalty will be solved in private, with all of those involved. Under no circumstances will you gossip or show any personal differences to the one(s) in question.
6. Failure to comply with any of the above state will have personal consequences to be determined by the Fair Board member over the Fair Royalty who is under the direction of the Fair Board. Any expense due to the candidate will not be refunded if the participant is removed.
7. Each candidate is required to be an active female member of 4-H/FFA. **You must have an entry for the fair.** If you are only in FFA and not in 4-H you must have competed on a judging team and competed in the District Speaking Contests. It is recommended but not required that the candidates be involved with County Council and participate on one of the four committees available through County Council.
8. Participants are permitted to be the Lady in Waiting for a maximum of two courts. Once Princess title is achieved, participants are not permitted to run for the same title again. Same with Queen, once this title is achieved, participants are not permitted to run for that same title again.

I hereby have read and understand the terms of the agreement stated above and will do my best to fulfill my duties for the term and be accountable for my personal actions. I understand that my reign will be from crowning to crowning.

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Candidate Signature      Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature      Date

## La Plata County Fair Royalty Code of Conduct Agreement

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Royalty Participants are expected to abide by the state rules of the Code of Conduct for all activities and events as follows:

1. Conduct themselves in a courteous, respectful manner, use appropriate language, exhibit good sportsmanship and act as a positive role model.
2. Abstain from illegal and immoral behaviors.
3. Fully participate in the scheduled activities.
4. Respect others' property and privacy rights.
5. Refrain from physical or verbal abuse.
6. Apply rules of safety to individuals, groups and property.
7. Accept personal responsibility for behavior.
8. Follow the rules set forth on the royalty contract.
9. Please be aware of what you post on social media – nothing inappropriate or bullying. If you wouldn't want your grandmother or future boss to see something, don't post it.

Violations of the Code of Conduct stated above will result in the following consequences: Participant will be removed from the current event and put on suspension until the issue is resolved. The issue will then be presented to the Fair Board member in charge of the Fair Royalty who is under the direction of the Fair Board. Removal of the applicant or other consequences will be decided by the Executive Committee of the Fair Board. If you choose to appeal the decision of the Executive Committee a letter must be typed and submitted to the Executive Committee. They will then contact you to set up a meeting to discuss the issue.

Age, Title Held, Presence of an adult and/or other perceived status is not grounds for behavior outside the established guidelines.

I/We, the undersigned, hereby have read and agree to ensure the integrity of the Royalty Program. To uphold the conduct and behavior that will result in receiving the full benefits of the enjoyment and educational experiences offered. It is not intended to place undue restrictions upon participants in any way.

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Participant's Signature      Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature      Date

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### Parent Letter of Agreement

Dear Parents,

The La Plata County Fair Royalty Program is very excited to have your daughter as a participant. In order for them to be successful as a part of the royalty they will need the support of their parents. We are asking that you help take the responsibility of making sure that your daughter is at the appropriate events which will be determined at the beginning of their reign. If your child is of driving age and you are giving them the responsibility of getting themselves to the event. Then that is what they need to do: 1. Be on time. 2. Stay until the event is over. If your child does not have a driver's license you will need to be responsible for getting her to the event and picking her up. I cannot be at all the events, and I cannot be working for the girls. I will try my best to be there but as parents, if you feel someone needs to be with your child at all times that is your responsibility. This program is built to help these young ladies grow. If we are doing the work for them or constantly there running things, they are not growing. I will make sure the girls know what to do and who is in charge of the event if they have any questions. I do not leave them hanging on what their responsibility is for the event. If they are not able to make an event that was chosen, then we also ask that you notify the Fair Board member in charge of the Royalty. It is your child's responsibility to find another girl that could work the event for her. It is required that they give **24 Hours'** notice to the Fair Board representative that is in charge of the royalty. If there is an **EMERGENCY**, you must contact one of the leaders to let them know that you will not be there as soon as you can so they can make proper arrangements. It is not my job as coordinator to work for those that are not there. They need to call a replacement if they are unable to attend. There will be events that are **MANDATORY such as 4-H Banquet, Fair Board Banquet and Fair**. Fair Royalty will reign from crowning to crowning which takes place at the La Plata County Fair.

Your help is also requested to make sure that your daughter is dressed appropriately for each event. The girls will know beforehand what is appropriate for the event, and we ask that you help ensure that they follow it. If they are in doubt, they need to call the Fair Board representative over royalty to find out. Some of these guidelines are included in the contract attached.

If your daughter is old enough to have a job, then they need to be responsible to organize their schedule around their Royalty Duties. That includes not leaving early from the event to work or schedule themselves so they cannot do the events because they need the money. I cannot tell you when the event will be over so scheduling to work around it is tough. Most horse events last till 5 or 6 p.m.

Our goal is to have fun and represent La Plata County to the best of our ability. The girls are expected to give their best at all times and be a positive role model to others. There are many opportunities in working with the public, and with a new team of girls. This program is designed to build the girls' self-esteem and teach them new life skills along the way. With the help and support of you as their parents, we can only make the program that much better.

Parents will need to respect to the Fair Board Representative's. If you cannot be positive to the group, you will be asked to not attend the function with your daughter. This is a time for the girls to shine. This will not be tolerated.

There may be an opportunity for some girls to travel to Denver to work at the National Western Stock Show. There will be several Fair Board members that will be watching the girls to see who has earned the right to travel and represent La Plata County. It will be decided by November 1 which girls will have the opportunity to go. With this you will be asked to raise \$500.00 to \$600.00 each by December 1. If we feel that the Princess age girls are able to represent La Plata County Fair at the NWSS the cost maybe dropped to \$450.00 per girl. If you are unable to raise the money you will not be able to travel to Denver. It is a very rewarding trip to take but there are hotel, fuel and meals costs that will need to be covered. The leaders will help offer suggestions of where to go for sponsorship but remember it is up to you to raise the money. We cannot guarantee this trip will happen, but we will try.

I/We hereby have read and understand the commitment that I/We are making and will do our best to help and support the program in any way possible.

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Signature of Parent(s)

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Date