

APPLICATION FOR PIKES PEAK OR BUST RODEO

*2017 Aide to
Girl of the West
Competition*

PIKES PEAK OR BUST RODEO ROYALTY CONTEST

Sponsored by
THE PIKES PEAK OR BUST RODEO

CHAIRPERSON
CORLISS PALMER

Girl of the West Committee Members

Scheduling/Official Escort
Corliss Palmer

Seamstress
Heidi Isaac

Past Queens
Corliss Palmer

Backup Escort
Gerry Abdella

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE GIRL OF THE WEST

The **Girl of the West** represents the **Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo** during her reign. She promotes the Pikes Peak region and the rodeo by making numerous appearances within the region and out of town. She is always accompanied by her Aide and an escort.

WHO IS THE GIRL OF THE WEST

The **Girl of the West** and her Aide are young women who represent the West through their horsemanship ability. They symbolize the youth of our region who wish to further promote the **Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo**, and in so doing, promote the western way of life and the ideal western-type American girl. They represent a long tradition of young women who have represented the rodeo as queen since 1922. It offers them the experience of meeting many people through public appearances at the numerous civic organizations, military installations, and other rodeos and parades in the state.

GIRL OF THE WEST SELECTION OFFICIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Each applicant must be at least a senior in high school and not older than **21** years of age by the competition date. She must be single and never married.
2. Applications for the **Girl of the West** must be signed by the applicant as well as a parent or guardian if the applicant is under 21 years of age.
3. Each applicant **MUST** have access to the use of a horse and horse trailer for any parades or rodeo appearances during her reign.
4. Each application must include a photo that is at least **5" x 7"** of the applicant in western attire.
5. The **Girl of the West/Aide** must be available for appearances from early May through the end of July.
6. **ENTRY DEADLINE:** All applications must be RECEIVED by Corliss Palmer at her address by **Noon, July 1, 2016.**
7. After applications are received, finalists for the competition will be selected by the committee. Applicants will be notified by mail.
8. The final competition will be held on **Friday, July 15, 2016.**

JUDGING OF THE ROYALTY IS BASED ON:

Application	3%
Personality & Appearance	16%
Horsemanship	33%
Interview	24%
Public Speaking	24%

WHAT THE GIRL OF THE WEST/AIDE WILL RECEIVE

They each will receive a western hat, boots, rain duster, belt, and trophy buckle. They will also receive a western outfit for riding and speaking engagements.

If the **Girl of the West and Aide** complete all of their appearances and obligations to the satisfaction of the committee chairperson(s), they will be eligible for an educational scholarship to be paid directly to the institution upon enrollment after their reign. The scholarship will be awarded in the amount of \$2,000 to the **Girl of the West** and \$1,000 to her **Aide**.

The girls and their parents will be the guests of the Pikes Peak Range Riders at their After-Ride Dinner. If the father of either of the girls rides on the Range Ride, his dinner is included in the ride fee and will not be complimentary.

The parents will receive two premium tickets for each rodeo performance. Tickets for other family members must be purchased through the Rodeo's Web site at PikesPeakorBust.org.

GIRL OF THE WEST/AIDE EXPECTATION STATEMENT

As the official representative of the **Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo**, I understand that I will work willingly to promote the rodeo and what it represents.

I understand that, in order to project the proper image as the **Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo** representative, I must act, speak, and dress according to the esteem my title deserves anytime I am in the public eye. My outfit will be worn in the proper manner during all official appearances on behalf of the **Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo**. I agree to wear my hair in a style mutually agreed upon by myself and the **Girl of the West** chairperson(s).

I agree that, because of liability, I will not allow any other rider with me on my horse while I am making any appearance representing the **Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo**.

I understand that, while making appearances as the **Girl of the West** or **Aide**, I will stay at the event as long as the escort designates. I agree to attend all appearances scheduled by the committee. An illness is the only excuse for absence.

I understand that, after my introduction at the performances of the **Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo**, I will make any personal appearances that may be asked of me as official hostess of the rodeo, which may include, but not be limited to, assisting with clearing cattle from the arena for the timed events and walking through the stands greeting visitors.

I understand that the only escort that I will have will be the escort designated by the committee. This includes any trips that I may take out of town. Only immediate family members may be included with me at any of my appearances.

I understand that the **Girl of the West** committee chairperson(s) will make the final decision on type and color choice for the official outfit given to me by the **Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo**.

I understand that all expenses of meals and overnight lodging while representing the rodeo will be paid for by the **Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo** committee.

I understand that it is my responsibility to transport my horse to and from appearances that require a horse and that any expenses associated with hauling my horse are my own and not that of the **Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo**.

I understand that, because of the demanding schedule (approximately 150 or more appearances), I will not be able to have a job that requires regular hours. Part-time work is acceptable if it does not interfere with my obligation to promote the rodeo.

I understand that, during my reign, I will not be allowed to compete for any other title that would interfere with my duties or appearances as **Girl of the West / Aide**.

I understand that failure to follow these rules and regulations could result in any or all of the following: forfeiture of the title **Girl of the West / Aide**, loss of scholarship, and reimbursement to the **Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo** for my outfit and any other expenses directly associated with my reign.

I understand that, if any grievance should arise during the contest or my reign, the committee chairperson(s) and the **Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo** board shall make the final decision.

CONTESTANT _____ DATE _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN _____ DATE _____

(This page must be returned with application)

PIKES PEAK OR BUST RODEO ROYALTY APPLICATION

Name

Address

Street

City

State

Zip

Phone (home) Phone (cell)

E-mail

Parents Name

Parents Address

Birth Date Age as of 7-15-16

High School Grade Average

College Grade Average

School activities and honors

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Horse's name, color and breed

Horse-related activities and honors

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Other interest and talents

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