

Pageant Prep Tip – Applications

Your application is often the first (or second impression after social media photos are posted) the pageant judges will have of you. Here are five tips to having a knock-out pageant application.

1. Don't wait until the last minute, especially if essays are involved. Waiting until the last minute adds to your stress level and you're more prone to make mistakes.
2. Utilize your connections and ask professionals in your life to proof your work. English & business teachers are especially proficient with this task. Ensure your grammar and punctuation would receive an A+.
3. Follow the directions. If the application states something like "List Your School Activities" a paragraph describing your activities is not appropriate.
4. Keep it simple. Most rodeo ambassadors are super involved in numerous activities and have earned pages of awards doing so, but it isn't necessary to list everything. Select the most recent activities and the most prestigious awards you've earned. If you're involved with something unique, be sure to include it on your application to give the judges an opportunity to ask you about it.
5. Don't embellish your skills or achievements. With Google access in everyone's hands, it's easy for a judge to check out your accomplishments.

Rodeo queening is where many of us learned skills that eventually prove vital for future career success. Composing a quality, accurate, and professional application is just one of those skills. Best wishes to you as you pursue your rodeo queen dreams, and don't hesitate to take that first step!