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# **Miss Rodeo South Dakota Pageant Contestant Application Packet**

*Application Deadline: September 6, 2025*

**Miss Rodeo South Dakota, Inc.**

**Pageant Director**

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June 4, 2025

Dear Potential Miss Rodeo South Dakota Contestant,

Welcome to the continued celebration of the 65<sup>th</sup> Miss Rodeo South Dakota! Thank you for your interest in this year's Miss Rodeo South Dakota Pageant, where the Miss Rodeo South Dakota 2026 Lady-in-Waiting will be selected.

The pageant will be held November 6-9, 2025, in Brookings, SD in conjunction with the Brookings PRCA Rodeo produced by Sutton Rodeo Company. The Brookings Inn will serve as our host hotel with a block of rooms held through November 5, under MISS RODEO SD PAGEANT. Rates are as follows: \$85.99 + tax for Wednesday and Thursday night, then it goes up to \$89.99 + tax for Friday and Saturday night. Family and friends are welcome to make reservations under this block. Contestants' rooms will be provided for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

This file includes all the application information needed to compete, as well as the Miss Rodeo South Dakota Pageant Rulebook, **tentative** pageant schedule, sample resume, pageant program advertising information, and a copy of the contract you will be required to sign if you are selected MRSD LIW. Please read and complete each document carefully. **Note on page 5 of the rulebook that MRSD contestants must hold MRSDI membership, for liability purposes. This is above the pageant registration fee.** Use the included checklist to make sure all necessary documents and materials are completed or included, and postmarked by *September 6, 2025*. With the logistical issues mailing and shipping has experienced over the past couple years, I strongly encourage choosing a shipping method that includes tracking and insurance, and to mail checks rather than cash. A couple of important changes for this year:

1. Returning to our pageant this year is the purse auction, known as "Bags for Bucks". See page 5 of this application packet for more information.
2. Scrapbooks have been eliminated.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or clarifications needed. Texting me at 605-633-6847 is typically easiest for a quick response; if you have more in depth questions, please feel free to call or email [mljaacks@gmail.com](mailto:mljaacks@gmail.com).

I look forward to working with and seeing you at the pageant!

Sincerely, Marie Jaacks, Miss Rodeo South Dakota, Inc. Pageant Director



## Contestant Checklist

*All items need to be postmarked and/or emailed by September 6, 2025*

**Application packet (physical paper copies) mailed to Marie Jaacks (address above). Reminder suggestion to purchase tracking information.**

- ☐ Membership to MRSDI completed/paid online/submitted with application.
- ☐ Contestant Information Form – complete and print
- ☐ Contestant Application – complete and **print/mail FOUR copies**
- ☐ Release & Waiver of Liability – complete, print, sign, and have notarized
- ☐ Resume – a sample is provided in this information packet. Please type and **print/mail FOUR copies to submit with application materials.**
- ☐ Arena Biography – short bio; single spaced, 12-point font, and 8 lines or less of writing; include name, parents, hometown, and sponsor(s)- **print/mail FOUR copies**
- ☐ Press release Biography – 150-180 words for the pageant program and newspapers, **print/mail FOUR copies**
- ☐ Registration Fee – \$300, checks payable to Miss Rodeo South Dakota, Inc.
- ☐ Copy of your birth certificate, SD drivers' license, or passport
- ☐ 8x10 color head and shoulder photograph (no crown)
- ☐ Photographer's release of submitted headshot (obtain from your photographer)
- ☐ Ad sales payment(s)
- ☐ Ad sales form
- ☐ Bags for Bucks

**Digital copies:** [mljaacks@gmail.com](mailto:mljaacks@gmail.com). Please use subject line MRSD PAGEANT:

- ☐ Contestant Information Form (.pdf file)
- ☐ Contestant Application (.pdf file)
- ☐ Resume (.pdf file)
- ☐ Arena biography (.doc or .docx file)
- ☐ Press release Biography (.doc or .docx file)
- ☐ Head and shoulders photograph: High resolution JPG
- ☐ Contestant Clothing Information(.pdf file)
- ☐ Bags for Bucks – description and photo (.doc and .jpeg)
- ☐ High resolution JPG or PDF files of ad copy(ies)



## Miss Rodeo South Dakota Contestant Information Form

*This information will be kept confidential in the director's file and will not be provided to judges.*

*Only one printed/mailed copy and emailed to mljaacks@gmail.com*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
CELL OTHER

Parents' Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
CELL CELL OTHER

Sponsor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

### Media Information

Contestant's Local Newspaper: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Medical Information

*All medical information will be kept confidential by the pageant director and used only to prepare a healthy environment for you and in any emergency situation. If you prefer not to disclose certain information, please indicate so in that section.*

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Physician's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Medications presently taking: \_\_\_\_\_

Medication allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Other allergies (bee sting, food, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any other information and/or condition that should be known (i.e., diabetes, epilepsy, heart condition, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_



## Miss Rodeo South Dakota Contestant Clothing Information

*This sheet will not be provided to the judges; it will be used by the pageant committee to help ensure proper fit and sizing for any provided fashion show or sponsored clothing. Thank you!*

- Submit following information via: [mljaacks@gmail.com](mailto:mljaacks@gmail.com)

**T-Shirt Size:** S – M – L – XL – XXL

**Western Shirt Size:** S – M – L – XL – XXL

**Jacket Size:** S – M – L – XL – XXL

**Jean Size/Inseam:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Belt Size:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Boot Size:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Hat Size:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Favorite Color:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## “Bags for Bucks” Purse Auction Information

- Submit following description and photo of final product: [mljaacks@gmail.com](mailto:mljaacks@gmail.com)

Unlike at the Miss Rodeo America pageant our “bags for a bucks” event will not be a judged category but will be for fun and fundraising purposes only during the fashion show. Focus is to be on the bag. The bag can be vintage or new. The bag does not need to contain any items, but if you choose, any additional items must be fully contained within your bag. Any gift certificates must have an expiration date printed on the certificate, as well as full contact information for whoever is honoring the certificate. Max size of bag can be no greater than 62 linear inches, including wheels and handle- to determine linear inches total length plus width plus height.

Ideas for what your bag may include, but not limited to: handbag, clutch briefcase, garment bag, diaper bag, suitcase, duffel bag, backpack, rope can, bridal bag. Bag and contents must be delivered to Miss Rodeo South Dakota Pageant representative upon move-in. Items may be added to your bag after the form is submitted to with your application materials, but neither description nor the value may change. Items cannot be removed from your bag once the description is submitted. We encourage you to post your purse description on your personal Facebook, Instagram or Twitter and website to solicit your purse for the scholarship auction, again taking place during the pageant fashion show. Value range: \$100-150.



## **Miss Rodeo South Dakota Contestant Application**

*A copy of this information will be provided to the judges. Please submit via email to [mljaacks@gmail.com](mailto:mljaacks@gmail.com) and print/mail FOUR copies with application materials.*

**Education (High School and College):**

**School Activities:**

**Club Memberships:**

**Special Activities:**

**Rodeo and Horse Activities:**

**In 250 words or less, please tell us why you wish to become Miss Rodeo South Dakota.**



## Miss Rodeo South Dakota Contestant Release & Waiver of Liability

*Submit via only one printed/mailed copy with application materials.*

By my signature on this application, I hereby certify that I have received and read the regulations governing the Miss Rodeo South Dakota Pageant in the Miss Rodeo South Dakota Official Rule Book. (herein called the regulations) which is incorporated by reference; that my conduct as a pageant contestant will be in strict accordance with the regulations established by Miss Rodeo South Dakota, Inc. (hereinafter called MRSDI); that I acknowledge these regulations will prevail and govern my actions throughout all pageant programs, activities, and functions. To be eligible to compete for Miss Rodeo South Dakota, applicants must meet all the eligibility requirements set forth below:

1. Age: I will be 21 years of age by November 1, 2026 and I will be no older than 26 years of age by December 31, 2026. Upon request, I will provide a copy of a government issued identification (such as a birth certificate, driver's license, passport, etc.) verifying my age.
2. U.S. Citizen: I am a citizen of the United States.
3. Resident of the State: I am a legal resident of South Dakota.
4. Education: I have obtained a high school diploma or an equivalent
5. Gender: I am a female and have always been a female.
6. Marital Status: I am not currently married and have never been.
7. Parental Status: I am not a parent of any child and I am not and have never been pregnant.
8. Good Character: I am of good moral character. I have never committed or been involved in an act of moral turpitude.
9. No Criminal Record: I have not been convicted of any state or federal misdemeanors or felony offense. As used herein "convicted" means a finding of guilt, a guilty plea, a plea of no contest, a plea of no nolo contendere, a judgement of conviction even though the court suspended execution of a sentence, or a deferred imposition of a sentence. The term does not include the finding of guilt which is reversed on appeal, an offense classified as a criminal infraction, or minor traffic offenses. Subject to background check by MRSDI.
10. Health: I am in good health, and I do not have any health concerns which would prevent me from fully participating in this contest or from serving as Miss Rodeo South Dakota, if selected.
11. Substance Abuse: I do not use any illegal or controlled substances (other than prescription medications and then only in the manner prescribed). I do not abuse alcohol or any other dangerous substances.
12. Contractual Obligations: I am not under any contractual obligation which would interfere with my ability to participate in this contest or interfere with my ability to perform as Miss Rodeo South Dakota.
13. No previous Miss Rodeo titles: I have not previously held the title of Miss Rodeo South Dakota, or similar title from any other state level Miss Rodeo pageant. I have never competed at the Miss Rodeo America Pageant.





14. No Subsequent Competitions: If selected, I will not compete in or otherwise participate in any other beauty or talent contest, pageant, or activity in my term as Miss Rodeo South Dakota, other than the Miss Rodeo America Pageant.
15. No other acts detrimental to reputation: I have not engaged in any act, which if made public, would be reasonably likely to cause harm or damage to my reputation or to the goodwill and reputation of Miss Rodeo South Dakota. If I have any concerns about the applicability of this provision, I acknowledge I have been advised to discuss this with a representative of MRSDI prior to signing this form.
16. Ability to Perform: To the best of my knowledge, there is nothing that will interfere with my ability to compete in this contest or to perform the obligations of Miss Rodeo South Dakota if selected.

By signing below, I verify that I meet all the eligibility requirements set forth above.

I hereby release all rights, title and interest to photographs and/or public relations material involving myself to MRSDI for use in pageant promotion.

I agree that the judges' decisions are final and that the pageant scores will be held confidential by an independent certified public accountant, and that such scores will not be available to me or any other contestant.

I understand that failure on my part to disclose material or information to MRSDI officials or the making of false material statements will automatically disqualify me from participating in any pageant, and that scholarships or prizes of any kind, which I may receive as a result of my participation, must be returned to MRSDI. In the event that I am disqualified by MRSDI, I hereby release MRSDI from any or all liability for the disqualification under the same terms of release stated below.

I understand that this activity involves certain risks for physical injury. I also understand there are potential risks of which I may not presently be aware. Because of the dangers of participating in this activity, I recognize the importance and agree to fully comply with applicable laws, policies, rules and regulations, and any instructions from MRSDI officials regarding participation in this activity. I understand that MRSDI does not insure participants in the above described activities, that any coverage would be through personal insurance, and MRSDI board have no responsibility or liability for injury resulting from this activity. I voluntarily elect to participate in this activity with knowledge of the danger involved, and I hereby agree to accept and assume any and all risks of property damage, personal injury, or death.

In consideration for the opportunity to voluntarily participate in the Miss Rodeo South Dakota Pageant, I agree to release and fully discharge MRSDI, its officers, managers, members, agents, representatives, successors, sponsors, stock contractors and assigns from any and all liability to me, my family, my business, or my heirs, personal representatives, successors or assigns for damages or other relief on account of any claim or cause of action that I have now or may have in the future, whether I know it or not, whether such claims or causes of action have not matured or not, arising out of competing in the Miss Rodeo South Dakota Pageant.





I further agree, in consideration of the above-described opportunity, not to sue any of the persons or companies that I have released for any liability on any claim or cause of action from which I have released them herein. I expressly agree that this Release, waiver and indemnity agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the State of South Dakota, and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

I certify that the above information is given freely and is true and accurate. MRSDI and its agents are authorized to verify any information contained on my application and to conduct a criminal background check. I understand MRSDI may rely on information furnished by me, and I agree that if any information contained herein is false, I may be disqualified and that any contract made on the strength of this application may be terminated immediately and without notice by MRSDI. If I am the successful contestant in the Miss Rodeo South Dakota Pageant, I understand that my tenure as Miss Rodeo South Dakota and the permission to use that title will not accrue to me unless and until I have that separate agreement with MRSDI entitled "Miss Rodeo South Dakota Titleholder Contract", the purpose of which is to outline the duties and responsibilities of the parties during my tenure as Miss Rodeo South Dakota.

Contestant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### NOTARY FORM

State of \_\_\_\_\_

County of \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a Notary Public, do hereby certify that on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, personally appeared before me \_\_\_\_\_,

known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and swore and acknowledged to me that she executed the same for the purpose and in the capacity therein expressed, and that the statements contained therein are true and correct.

Notary Public: \_\_\_\_\_

(SEAL)

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_



# Miss Rodeo South Dakota Pageant Program Ad Sales Information

- Each contestant is required to sell \$200 in pageant program ad(s) but may sell more.
- Ads can be done in any combination of sizes, color or black and white (BW).
- Ads must be submitted via: [mljaacks@gmail.com](mailto:mljaacks@gmail.com) AND one printed/mailed copy of each sponsor ad.
- **Ad copy is due with contestant application.**
- Files should be **high resolution JPG or PDF files.**
- A special award will be given to the contestant selling the highest dollar amount of advertising.
- Ad sales *do not* count toward the point total and final selection of Miss Rodeo South Dakota.
- Checks payable to “Miss Rodeo South Dakota, Inc.” and mail with application packet.

## Full Color Ad Prices

|                                         |
|-----------------------------------------|
| Quarter (1/4) Page (3.88x5.13in): \$250 |
| Business Card (3.88x2.5in): \$175       |

NOTE: full and ½ size page ads are reserved for pageant sponsors and not available for direct purchase.

Seller: \_\_\_\_\_

Purchaser: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Ad: \_\_\_\_\_

Size of Ad: \_\_\_\_\_ Price: \_\_\_\_\_

**1/4 PAGE**

**1/8 PAGE OR  
BUSINESS CARD**



# Miss Rodeo South Dakota Pageant

## Tentative Schedule

*Please note that this schedule is **subject to change**. A final schedule will be sent out after the application deadline.*

### Thursday

8:00 AM Written Test - Brookings Inn (conference room)  
9:00 AM Contestant Orientation Brookings Inn Board, committee, chaperone, judges, contestants  
10:30 AM Open Interview Brookings Inn Public  
11:00 AM Lunch  
1:00 PM Personal Interviews/Media Interviews – Miss - Brookings Inn  
1:30 PM Personal Interviews – Teen - Brookings Inn  
2:00 PM Hotel room move in – Miss - Brookings Inn  
5:30 PM Contestant Social \*wear sponsored shirts, if available (contestants/current state queens/visiting queens, judges)  
9:00PM Back to Hotel

### Friday

7:30 AM Radio Interview Contestants/Queens  
9:00 AM Horsemanship Warmup Dacotah Bank Center Reigning queens, state queens, Teen contestants  
9:30 AM Horsemanship Dacotah Bank Center Public  
11:30 AM Horsemanship interviews Dacotah Bank Center  
12:30 PM Lunch  
1:00 PM Sponsor Visits  
4:00 PM Contestants return to Hotel/Distribute flowers at hotel Brookings Inn  
5:00 PM Supper  
7:30 PM Brookings PRCA Rodeo Dacotah Bank Center Public; ticketed

### Saturday

7:-30-45am contestant breakfast \*continental at hotel  
8:00 AM Contestants arrive to organize clothes/fashion show back stage  
9:00 AM Fashion Show walk through  
10:00 AM Fashion Show – ticketed event, meal included  
12:00 PM Contestants vote for Miss Congeniality Brookings Inn  
Check out of hotel  
6:45 PM Assemble by tack trailer Dacotah Bank Center  
7:00 PM Coronation Dacotah Bank Center Public; ticketed

### Sunday

9:30 AM -Contract Signing at Banner Associates - Board, pageant committee, chaperones, new queens, parents/guardians (only)



## Scoring Matrix

| Event                          | Appearance | Personality | Horsemanship | Other      | Total       |
|--------------------------------|------------|-------------|--------------|------------|-------------|
| Application                    |            |             |              | 15         | 15          |
| Open Interview                 | 15         | 20          |              |            | 35          |
| Personal Interview             | 60         | 75          |              | 60         | 195         |
| Fashion Show Sponsor Outfit(s) |            |             |              | 10         | 10          |
| Fashion Show Western Trendy    | 50         | 10          |              | 10         | 70          |
| Fashion Show Western Elegance  | 50         | 10          |              | 10         | 70          |
| Fashion Show Impromptu #1 CE/P |            | 10          |              | 10         | 20          |
| Fashion Show Impromptu #2 CE/P |            | 10          |              | 10         | 20          |
| Fashion Show Impromptu #3 CE/P |            | 10          |              | 10         | 20          |
| Horsemanship Pattern/Questions |            |             | 125          |            | 125         |
| Horsemanship Flag              |            |             | 20           |            | 20          |
| Horsemanship Freestyle         |            |             | 90           |            | 90          |
| Horsemanship Overall           | 40         | 40          |              |            | 80          |
| Horsemanship Interview         | 40         | 35          | 30           |            | 105         |
| Friday Grand Entry             | 10         | 10          | 15           |            | 35          |
| Extemporaneous Speech          | 20         | 40          |              | 90         | 150         |
| Speech Event Impromptu #1 H/R  |            |             | 10           | 10         | 20          |
| Speech Event Impromptu #2 H/R  |            |             | 10           | 10         | 20          |
| Media Interview                |            | 15          |              | 15         | 30          |
| Miscellaneous Events           | 15         | 15          |              | 15         | 45          |
| <b>Total Per Judge</b>         | <b>300</b> | <b>300</b>  | <b>300</b>   | <b>275</b> | <b>1175</b> |
| <b>Written Test</b>            |            |             |              |            | <b>200</b>  |

**Overall Total Points** **3725**  
(1175\*3)+200)

### Miscellaneous events include

- Orientation
- Sponsor visits
- Breakfasts
- Any other events and times when judges may interact with or observe contestants

### "Other" criteria defined as:

- Application - content, grammar, and professionalism
- Photogenic - overall appearance, expression, attitude, choice of colors, personality, and eye contact
- Personal Interview - content, knowledge, and presentation
- Fashion Show Sponsor Outfit(s) - ability to model with poise, grace, and confidence
- Fashion Show Western Trendy - ability to model with poise, grace, and confidence
- Fashion Show Western Elegance - ability to model with poise, grace, and confidence
- Fashion Show Impromptu #1 (current event/personality) - content, knowledge, and presentation
- Fashion Show Impromptu #2 (current event/personality) - content, knowledge, and presentation
- Fashion Show Impromptu #3 (current event/personality) - content, knowledge, and presentation
- Extemporaneous Speech - content, delivery, self-assurance, and time
- Speech Event Impromptu #1 (horsemanship/rodeo) - content, knowledge, and presentation
- Speech Event Impromptu #2 (horsemanship/rodeo) - content, knowledge, and presentation
- Media Interview - content, knowledge, and presentation
- Miscellaneous Events - presentation and conversational skills

## RESUME EXAMPLE

# Susie Queenie

12345 Main St.

Anywhere, SD 57111

605-555-5555

[susiequeenie@rodeoqueen.com](mailto:susiequeenie@rodeoqueen.com)

### Education

- College information if applicable
- High school information
- Any other certificates or courses completed

### Scholastic Ambition

- Education and career plans

### School and Club Activities

- Any school or club activities
- Include any offices and special positions held

### Honors and Accomplishments

- Awards, scholarships and other honors received

### Rodeo and Horse Activities and Awards

- Rodeo queen titles and category awards
- Rodeo related activities, awards, and honors
- Horse related activities, awards, and honors

### Volunteer Experience

- Any volunteer experience or organizations

***You are applying for the job of Miss Rodeo South Dakota. Your resume is one of the first impressions the judges receive of you. It should be professional and reflect your achievements and accomplishments. The judges may ask you questions based on the information included in your resume.***

***This document is simply an example; feel free to include other relevant information and format however you wish! We do suggest limiting it to one page; font sizing and multiple columns can help.***

### **Miss Rodeo South Dakota Titleholder Contract**

This agreement between \_\_\_\_\_, who has been selected as Miss Rodeo South Dakota Lady in Waiting (LIW) and eventual Miss Rodeo South Dakota 2026 (MRSD) and Miss Rodeo South Dakota, Inc. (MRSDI) effective the date set forth herein.

The purpose of this agreement is to state the obligations of the LIW when she is selected as LIW and becomes MRSD, and to define the rules that govern her conduct, responsibilities and attitude while she holds the state title and crown of MRSD.

General guidelines and rules:

1. LIW/MRSD will establish her own schedule for appearances and events. Should issues or questions arise regarding scheduling, LIW/MRSD should contact the National Director or the MRSD Board of Directors to assist in resolving questions regarding her schedule. LIW/MRSD shall fulfill all scheduled appearances whether scheduled by the National Director/ MRSD Board of Directors or LIW/MRSD. At the time of the execution of this agreement, scheduled appearances shall, at a minimum, be all PRCA Rodeos in South Dakota. For the schedule of PRCA rodeos and contact persons, you are referred to [www.prorodeo.com](http://www.prorodeo.com). In those cases where there are two rodeos on the same day, if there is a LIW, then MRSD and LIW should coordinate their attendance so that they attend separate rodeos.
2. MRSDI relies solely on donations and special fundraisers. Monies obtained through these methods will be put into the pageant budget and allotted from there. Any monies generated by MRSD herself will be 100% for her to use at her discretion.
3. MRSD is responsible for recognizing MRSDI sponsors at her coronation via sponsorship contact agreements.
4. MRSD must uphold the positive relationship of MRSDI and pageant sponsors.
5. MRSD is responsible for being familiar with MRSDI and pageant sponsors and upholding assignments via sponsorship contact agreements, including but not limited to, posting one approved post for each sponsor throughout the term of her contract.
6. MRSD is responsible for inviting all MRSDI active members and sponsors to her coronation celebration.
7. If MRSD wishes to seek reimbursement for certain expenditures, receipts must be submitted to MRSD Board Treasurer within 60 days of the expenditure. The MRSD Board of Directors retains complete discretion as to whether MRSD will receive reimbursement for the expenditure. In no case will MRSD be reimbursed for expenditure if the receipt is submitted more than 60 days after it is incurred by MRSD.
8. It is the duty and obligation of LIW/MRSD to practice the highest moral standards. LIW/MRSD is expected to:
  - a. Maintain a positive attitude. LIW/MRSD shall
  - b. Portray the ideals of young womanhood and set an example of personal and moral conduct that is above reproach as determined by the MRSD Board.
  - c. Acknowledges that once she is LIW and subsequently crowned MRSD, she must make a commitment to the MRSDI by acting, speaking, and dressing according to the prestige the title of LIW/MRSD deserves.
  - d. Prioritize her role as LIW/MRSD and forego the use of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana (not to include a medical need verified with MRSDI executive board), vaping, illegal substances, abuse of over the counter or prescription drugs, lying, engaging in gossip, making defamatory or slanderous comments concerning others, racial insensitivity, inappropriate



language or other conduct unbecoming to her title that shall be considered improper conduct, in person, in pictures, or on social media. If LIW/MRSD engages in any unacceptable conduct, she may be disciplined. Discipline may include the removal of her title as LIW or MRSD and all benefits and privileges that go with the title including the return of all prizes.

9. LIW/MRSD hereby certifies that I will be 21 years of age by November 1, 2026 and I will be no older than 26 years of age by December 31, 2026. Upon request, I will provide a copy of a government issued identification (such as a birth certificate, driver's license, passport, etc.) verifying my age.
10. LIW/MRSD certifies that she has never been married or pregnant, is a natural born female and has always been female. LIW/MRSD is a legal resident of the State of South Dakota and no other state.
11. LIW/MRSD agrees that during her reign she will not cohabitate with anyone of the opposite sex other than her immediate family. LIW/MRSD also agrees that should she become pregnant, married or engaged during her reign she will immediately forfeit her crown and title, including all benefits and privileges that go with the title including the return of all prizes.
12. LIW/MRSD shall not conduct or participate in, either directly or indirectly, any local, regional, national or international competition which would conflict with the terms and intent or the rules and regulations that govern LIW/MRSD. She is not allowed to hold any other title during her reign as LIW/MRSD unless she is successful in the competition for the Miss Rodeo America title. A violation of this provision may result in the forfeiture of the LIW/MRSD crown and title.
13. LIW/MRSD may not enter into any agreements for appearances with television, radio, newspaper or other media types without review and approval given by the National Director or designee.
14. MRSD shall prepare a monthly newsletter article that must be submitted by the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month or such other date as established by the publisher of the monthly newsletter.
15. MRSD shall communicate with the National Director for the State of South Dakota at least once per week via telephone or email. MRSD shall provide the National Director with a recap of events or functions attended the previous week, events or functions to be attended the following week, or just to discuss any concerns or good news regarding MRSD.
16. In order to receive the MRSD \$2,000 Scholarship, MRSD must provide the name and address of the institution she is attending. If MRSD has a loan for school, she must provide a loan number and bill payment address. MRSD may also claim the scholarship by providing a signed diploma from her school and in such case the check may be issued directly to MRSD. MRSD shall, within one year from the end of her reign as MRSD or Miss Rodeo America, have met all the requirements regarding the scholarship. If all requirements are not met, the scholarship shall be forfeited.
17. The reigning MRSD must attend the coronation of the next MRSD. Failure to do so shall result in MRSD forfeiting her scholarship unless the reigning MRSD, at least three weeks before coronation receives written approval from the Board President or National Director or submits a physician's statement advising that MRSD should not attend the scheduled coronation due to a medical condition.
18. MRSD shall:
  - a. Not be accompanied by her boyfriend when making required appearances or while wearing her crown and banner. It is agreed that the presence of boyfriend(s) at any event will only distract the queen in the fulfillment of her obligations.
  - b. Wear her banner, hat, crown and western attire when appearing in all public activities or rodeos.

19. In the event MRSDI deems it to be necessary to remove the crown of LIW/MRSD, none of the individual members of the MRSDI, the Board or Directors, officers or agents thereof shall be named as a Party in any action of law. No action at law may be maintained for breach of either the MRSD contract rules, or the MRA rules and regulations. LIW/MRSD does hereby waive the right to bring suit or claim of any kind as a result of the involuntary removal of the LIW/MRSD title or crown due to a breach of their agreement by LIW/MRSD. LIW/MRSD shall have no cause of action against the MRSDI or its members, officers, directors, agents, or employees.
20. The MRSD crown is the MRSDI possession to be used by MRSD during her year. During her reign the queen is liable for, which includes but is not limited to, maintenance, damage, loss or theft of the crown. The buckle is a gift to MRSD and is hers to keep.
21. The MRSDI and LIW/MRSD agree that any modification or amendment to this agreement must be in writing and signed by all parties hereto.
22. The MRSDI shall provide MRSD with a list of official pageant sponsors. MRSD shall deal and trade with her pageant and personal sponsors in the areas of their specialty. MRSD shall assist in the promotion of her sponsors in all reasonable ways, taking into account the commitments defined in the agreement.
23. Provisions regarding the MRA Pageant:
  - a. MRSD must represent South Dakota at the Miss Rodeo America Pageant.
  - b. Family, friends, and relatives are welcome and encouraged to support their state queen. However, under no circumstances are they to interact with the state queen at non-approved activities or the MRA Pageant officials at any given time.
  - c. No boyfriends will be allowed to fraternize with MRSD or distract her at any time during the MRA Pageant.
  - d. Any infractions of the MRA rules could disqualify MRSD from the MRA competition. MRA rules are contained in the MRA rulebook to be provided to MRSD.

24. Release and Waiver:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the undersigned LIW/MRSD 2026, do hereby release Miss Rodeo South Dakota, Inc., its officers, agents and employees from any liability or claim of whatever kind or nature due to injury to my person or property while I am engaged in any activity related to my duties as reigning queen. This release shall extend to all sponsors of the pageant and members of Miss Rodeo South Dakota, Inc. This release is intended to be complete and comprehensive and shall be binding upon my heirs, executors, administrators, and my agents. I hereby release title, claim and rights to photographs and/or public relations materials involving me to Miss Rodeo South Dakota, Inc.

I agree to complete the tenure of my title in accordance with the aforesaid regulations and in the best interest of MRSD and the MRSD pageant program and will relinquish all claims relating to the title upon naming my successor.

By my signature on this contract, I hereby certify that I have read this agreement. My conduct as LIW/MRSD 2026 will be in strict accordance with the terms of this agreement. I acknowledge that this agreement applies to all pageant programs, activities, and functions. I will maintain a consistent line of communications with the MRSD National Director/MRSD Board throughout my reign.

That I hereby affix by signature attesting my agreement to the above without reserve.

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Date

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Lady in Waiting – Miss Rodeo South Dakota 2026

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Date

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MRSD National Director

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