

Milton-Freewater Pioneer Posse 2025 Royalty Application

Tryouts will be 2:00pm Sunday, Sept. 29, 2024
at the Milton-Freewater Pioneer Posse Grounds

Name: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Candidate's Cellphone (if she has one): _____

Candidate's Email (if she uses one): _____

Name of School: _____ Grade in School: _____

Parents' or Legal Guardians' Information

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's Telephone: _____

Parent's Email: _____

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Parent's Email: _____

How many years have you been a Milton-Freewater Pioneer Posse member? _____

Do you have or have access to a horse that will do parades? _____

Do you have or have access to a horse that will do fast run-ins at a rodeo? _____

Do you have or have access to a horse that will do a slow jog in a rodeo? _____

Do you have or have access to a horse that can pack a flag? _____

**Please email this application and your photo to mfpioneerposseroyalty@gmail.com
before Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2024 at 11:59pm**

*Photo should be facing forward head and shoulders with no hat. Photo will only be used for face recognition purposes for tryouts.

Milton-Freewater Pioneer Posse (MFPP) Royalty Contract

MISSION STATEMENT: The Milton-Freewater Pioneer Posse (MFPP) Royalty is a junior court focused on promoting the MFPP membership and events. The MFPP Royalty will prepare Court Members for future courts.

CONTESTANT ELIGIBILITY

1. Contestants must be a natural born female, who will be between 13 and 17 years of age on the day of tryouts.
2. If the contestant is selected as a Court Member, parents must buy a family membership.
3. Contestant's family must have or have access to a reliable horse and a backup horse if needed.
4. Contestant's family is responsible for the transportation for her and her horse.
5. Contestants must never have been: disqualified from the MFPP tryouts or any pageant, nor resigned or have had their title removed from/by MFPP or another royalty program; nor previously held the title of Queen of the Posse Court.
6. Contestants must not have another title during her MFPP reign.
7. Contestants must be single, never have been married, pregnant, or given birth to a child and must agree to remain so for the duration of her MFPP reign.
8. Contestants must not have engaged in any act, which if made public, would be reasonably likely to cause harm or damage to the contestant's reputation or to the goodwill and reputation of the MFPP.
9. Contestants shall never have committed a crime, or been convicted of a felony crime (or equivalent, while a juvenile). Contestants shall not have pending criminal charges or have adjudicated criminal sentences pending against her.
10. Contestants must be honest and reliable with good moral standards and integrity.

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Court Member must conduct herself in a proper lady-like manner and portray high moral standards. She will not be permitted to drink alcoholic beverages, use illegal substances or paraphernalia, use tobacco or marijuana products, or use inappropriate language or profanity. She shall not participate in public displays of affection. She shall not travel with a significant other to and from royalty events. She shall not attend or frequent places of questionable reputation. She shall not participate in inappropriate internet or social networking behavior at any time while representing the MFPP.

The Court Member will not display tattoos or body piercings on any visible part of her body, tongue, nose, eyebrow, etc., excluding earrings that are part of the official Royalty attire.

The Court Member must attend selected rodeos, appear in parades and participate in civic and social activities. The Court Chaperone will prepare an itinerary. Great care will be taken in providing as much advance notice as possible for all events; however, please keep in mind that some invitations are received by the Court Chaperone with short notice. The Court Member is never to attend an event representing the MFPP without prior Court Chaperone authorization.

EXPECTATIONS

I understand that if I earn the position on the Posse court, I will be an official representative and be responsible to represent the MFPP in a professional manner. I will strive to represent sportsmanship, high moral and ethical character and humane treatment of animals.

I understand that the Posse court tryout is not a beauty contest. Rather, it is a competition that recognizes a number of attributes (i.e., knowledge, horsemanship, public speaking, personality, and appearance). Therefore, it is my responsibility, as a MFPP official representative to act, speak and dress according to the esteem my title deserves any time I am in the public eye.

Public speaking is an essential part of the position and, as such, I will continue to grow in my public speaking abilities so as to professionally represent the MFPP.

Riding and horsemanship skills are essential to the promotion of the sport of rodeo and the western way of life. Therefore, I will strive to improve my riding and horsemanship skills in order to better promote the MFPP.

I understand that during official Posse Court activities, an official Chaperone will be designated for me and that I will abide by that Chaperone.

I agree that during the term of my reign as a Posse Court Member, I shall observe a high standard of moral and ethical behavior befitting my title and set a good example to the public, to future competitors, and the MFPP Royalty Program.

I agree to live with my parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) throughout the year of my reign. I will not cohabitate with a significant other (male/female) and will not be involved in a domestic partnership or similar intimate living relationship.

No significant other (male/female), who I am in a relationship with, shall attend events that I am attending as a Posse Court Member. I will not travel to any appearances with him/her regardless of the situation.

If I possess a personal website or social media profile (i.e., Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, TikTok, Snapchat, etc.), I agree that all material contained therein will be maintained to reflect a positive image of me, and my position as a Posse Court Member.

I agree that the Posse Court commitment will be my **first** priority over any other activities which I may be involved in (i.e., rodeo, WAHSET/OHSET, barrel racing, showing, school sports, etc.) throughout the year of my reign.

I understand that some type of official attire will be worn at all court appearances, and is not permitted to be worn outside of these official activities. This goes for accessories, jewelry, purses, boots, etc.

I understand that all attire and styling is assigned and coordinated by the Court Chaperone. I will not question or argue with the Court Chaperone about my attire or styling.

I understand that any horse tack or other perpetual items are the property of MFPP. The Court Chaperone will provide a list of all items that must be returned at the end of the year in the same condition they were lent. Damaged items will be replaced at my expense.

If I refuse to carry out the responsibilities of the Court duties, I understand that I will be removed from the Court. If I am removed or decide to not finish my reign for any reason, I will return any clothing, tack, accessories, etc. regardless of who paid for them. Any items asked to be returned by the Court Chaperone or MFPP Board will be done so immediately.

I understand that the MFPP reserves the right to take my title away should I not uphold a respectable image or follow any of the above rules.

If I become a Posse Court Member, I will:

- Attend specific events as requested by the Court Chaperone and be prepared to promote the MFPP.
- Be fully dressed in Royalty attire, as assigned by Court Chaperone.
- Make sure clothing is kept clean and pressed (using dry cleaning services unless otherwise designated) and hat is appropriately shaped and clean, for all appearances.
- Keep my nails at a reasonable length and in a natural shape. No pointed tips. No polish or neutral color polish is appropriate.
- Be careful when choosing attire when not in uniform, remembering I constantly represent the MFPP.
- Keep family/personal matters private and not on display.
- Avoid cell phone use during any event that I am a guest of while representing the MFPP. Phones are not allowed to be carried in jean/pants pockets at an event.
- Not be accompanied by a significant other when traveling to/from an event, making appearances or while wearing crown and banner/badge.
- Not engage in gossip or lying, make defamatory or slanderous comments concerning others, exhibit racial insensitivity, use inappropriate language or participate in other conduct unbecoming of the title of Posse Court Member.
- Maintain a positive attitude.
- Maintain appropriate conversations at all events; no discussion regarding intimate relationships, drugs or alcohol, political topics or gossip.
- Encourage others to participate in future MFPP tryouts.

If, in the sole discretion of the Milton-Freewater Pioneer Posse Board of Directors, your breach of this Contract, or in any way conduct yourself in a way that is inconsistent with the standards and ideals of Milton-Freewater Pioneer Posse, including without limitation removing you as a Milton-Freewater Pioneer Posse Court Member, you understand and agree that if you are removed as a Court Member, you will lose all of the rights and privileges associated with that honor. You also agree to hold harmless Milton-Freewater Pioneer Posse, Board of Directors, and Court Chaperone from any claims you may have as a result of removal, or other disciplinary action.

As a representative of the Milton-Freewater Pioneer Posse, you and your family members will be required to present yourself in a dignified and wholesome manner. You will be required to smile and present yourself openly to the public regardless of personal issues. You will be required to represent the Milton-Freewater Pioneer Posse in grand entries, parades, luncheons, interviews, official openings, and anywhere the Court Chaperone has agreed that you will be available. You will strive to represent yourself in a manner of which you, the Milton-Freewater Pioneer Posse membership and Board of Directors will be proud that you are Milton-Freewater Pioneer Posse Royalty.

Court Member Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Milton-Freewater Pioneer Posse Royalty PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

The MFPP Board has implemented the following Parent Code of Conduct to express and emphasize the importance of the role of parents/guardians in supporting his or her daughter on the Posse Court. Parents are expected to read, understand and sign this form.

At any time during Posse Court activities, parent(s) involved in misconduct, inappropriate or disruptive behavior may be asked to leave. Repeat violations may result in the dismissal of his or her related Court Member.

Remember that as a court parent, the public is watching and looking at you as well as the girls. Be mindful of your posts or comments on social media. You and your daughter are representing the Pioneer Posse and are entitled to personal opinions and content. However, you need to think about what you are posting and filter things that may conflict with the Posse Court Rules and Expectations. Also, avoid things that may negatively affect her reputation, the Pioneer Posse's reputation or the reputation of others. Court members and parents are not to participate in controversial posts or topics.

As a Court Member Parent, I therefore agree to:

1. Make the Posse Court duties a priority for the duration of my daughter's reign. (Parents need to ensure that Court Members make their Posse Court related activities a priority.)
2. Inform the Chaperone right away, of any physical/mental disability, ailment or condition that may affect the safety of my daughter or the safety of others and/or my daughter's participation in her Court duties.
3. Learn the Rules and Expectations located within my daughter's Posse Court Contract and to step back into a supportive role allowing her to experience the program by building on her own independent discovery and responsibility.
4. Refrain from disrespectful or disruptive conduct during events and ensure that my guests act appropriately.
5. Discourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health or well-being of any Court Member and immediately **report any misconduct to the Posse Court Chaperone in private**. I vow that myself and my daughter will treat other Court Members and their families, the Court Chaperone and the public with respect regardless of race, ability, religion, sex, status or sexual orientation. ***Bullying or gossip of any kind by a parent or Court Member, will not be tolerated.**
6. Refrain from introducing any substances (alcohol, drugs, etc.) to my body that may affect my behavior or actions at Posse Court events throughout the year.

Remember that this is your daughter's time to shine. The Posse Court is designed for participating youth and not for the parents.

As a parent of a MFPP Court Member, I understand that any dialogue between myself and the Posse Court Chaperone should be expressed in good taste and at a time that won't interfere with the Court/Chaperone duties or events.

Read and accepted by:

Printed Parent/Guardian Name

Signature

Date

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Signature

Date

2025 Milton-Freewater Pioneer Posse Royalty

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What to wear:

- Western long-sleeve shirt
- Nice pair of jeans
- Cowboy boots
- Hat or helmet
- Belt
- Natural make-up
- Straight or curly hair left down
- Small/minimum jewelry
- *You only need one outfit, but it might be a good idea to bring a backup in case something rips, spills, etc.*
- *Outfits **do not** need to be monochromatic.*

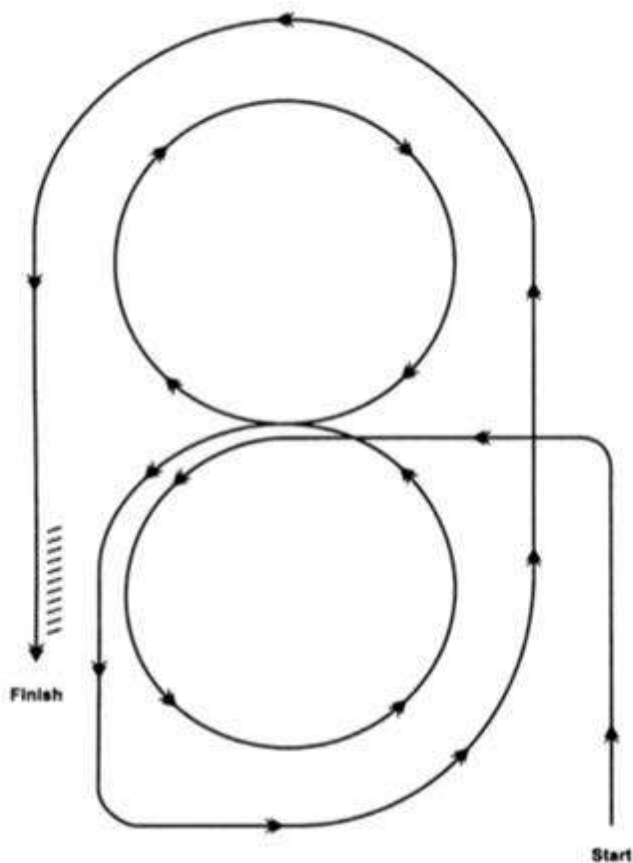
Have horses warmed up and ready to start the riding pattern at 2:00pm. We will draw names for order.

After everyone has done the riding pattern, speeches will be in the grandstands.

Speeches will be 2-3 minutes about you! The following is not a comprehensive list nor are you limited to this list. These are just ideas.

- Your family members
- Your horse(s) and other pets
- Horse activities, gaming, showing, 4-H, FFA, etc.
- Hobbies
- Sports
- School activities, clubs, band, choir, etc.
- Posse activities
- Community involvement

Pattern



1. Extended jog along side of arena, then turn to the center of arena
2. At center of arena, lope left circle on left lead
3. Change leads at center of arena and lope right circle on right lead
4. Change leads at the center of arena and start waving
5. Continue loping around end of arena
6. Once on the straight, increase speed and continue around end of arena
7. Stop and back
8. Acknowledge judges to show end of pattern