

DEAR APPLICANTS

Thank you for expressing your interest in participating in the 2026 Miss Ponoka Stampede Selections Day. We are excited about hosting you and will do our best to make this a very special and unforgettable experience for all applicants.

We encourage all applicants to read through the Application Package thoroughly, fill out each section in full, and familiarize yourself with the information within the package. The list below serves as a checklist for the documentation required with your application.

A complete application package must include:

1. Point Form Resume on plain white paper
2. Driver's Abstract
3. Criminal Record Check
4. Photographs with Photographer's Release
5. Complete Application Form
6. Complete Medical Information
7. Background Form
8. Signed Statutory Declaration
9. Signed Waiver of Liability From
10. Signed Acknowledgement and Release
11. References

Your completed package must be received (Not Postmarked) by April 1st, 2026. Please leave sufficient time to have the packages delivered by this date. Packages received after this date will not be accepted and will be returned unopened.

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The Board of Directors is looking forward to welcoming you to the 2026 Miss Ponoka Stampede Selection Day. Please direct all questions to Kyla Lightfoot at ponokastampedequeen@gmail.com.

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WELCOME TO THE 2026 MISS PONOKA STAMPEDE SELECTION DAY

The rewards for competing in the Miss Ponoka Stampede Selection Day are substantial. Each participant has the opportunity to garner one of the richest experiences of her life and at the same time create a solid foundation for her future endeavors. Lifelong friendships are made and many doors are opened to participants.

During the competition, pageant participants are judged but not restricted to the following categories:

- Horsemanship (horses will be provided for competition day)
- Personal interview
- Modeling
- Overall personality, poise and maturity
- Professional social media presence
- 2-3 minute prepared speech on the topic of your choice

Intelligence and common sense are a big factor in the personality division. Education and conversational ability in such topics are professional rodeo, current events and other areas are vital. The applicant should radiate self-confidence and display maturity, high moral standards, sincerity and integrity. Miss Ponoka Stampede participants should have the ability to project their personality, whether it is from horseback in an arena, on television promoting rodeo and our western heritage, or before an audience. Also considered are a sense of humor, showmanship, ambition, desire, enthusiasm, commitment, professionalism, and a happy outlook on life in general.

For appearance, participants should be aware of what constitutes fashionable western dress and knowledgeable on current trends in the western wear industry. Attractiveness includes neatness and cleanliness in every detail. Meticulous care in general grooming is essential for a participant to be considered for the title of Miss Ponoka Stampede. Participants are responsible for supplying their own personal western attire for all events.

Outfits:

- **Horsemanship:** Please wear jeans and an acceptable western top for horsemanship. Long sleeves are required.
- **Personal Interview:** Business-Western Casual outfits required. Jeans are acceptable for personal interview but please dress in a clean, professional, business manner.

The horsemanship competition is a vital part of the Miss Ponoka Stampede and reign. Miss Ponoka Stampede is introduced during professional rodeo performances, rides in parades and makes countless other appearances where she is expected to ride a horse. Being able to handle a horse is essential.

Your personal initiative is welcomed and may the completion of your application be rewarded with the opportunity to participate in this year's Miss Ponoka Stampede. On behalf of the Ponoka Stampede. **GOOD LUCK!**

MISS PONOKA STAMPEDE APPLICANT PROVISIONS

Entry Closing Date: Completed applications must be received on or before April 1st, 2026.

Eligibility: In order to be eligible to participate in the competition, the applicant must:

1. Be a female who is a minimum of 18 years of age as of December 31st of her application submission year and not over the age of 26 as of the concluding December 31st of her reign;
2. Never have been married or lived common-law, been pregnant, had a child or pleaded guilty to or found guilty of a criminal offense;
3. Be a Canadian Citizen;
4. Have a valid drivers license which has never been suspended;
5. Never have held a Miss Ponoka Stampede title.
6. All applicants must have an Alberta Equestrian Federation Membership

Note: An application elimination process may be held at the discretion of the Ponoka Stampede Association Board.

Point Form Resume: A point form resume no longer than two pages is required. The document is to be typed, double-spaced and organized in the chronologically, functionally or a combined thereof, and in the applicant's personal style. Handwritten resumes will not be accepted. Resumes must be on plain white paper.

Driver's Abstract: The original and one photocopy of the contestant's current, valid driver's abstract are required with the entry application package. Miss Ponoka Stampede is responsible for insurance covering a clean driver's abstract. Additional costs of alternative or additional insurance will be the responsibility of the applicant.

Photographs: Photographs are required for marketing materials including media promotions and programs. Please include one color and one black and white headshot on USB in high and low-resolution format. One 8" x 10" photo of your choice is also required.

Note: Photographer's release must accompany the photographs or they cannot be used.

MISS PONOKA STAMPEDE APPLICATION FORM

Please provide the following information.

Personal Biography for Marketing purposes, approximately 120 words. Attach separately if not enough space provided.

Name _____

Date of Birth _____

Address _____

Town/City _____ Province _____

Phone () _____ **Mobile** () _____

Email _____

Emergency Contact Name _____

Contact Phone Number _____

Contact Phone Number () _____

Known allergies (*food, drugs, insects, other*) _____

Explanation of reaction and indicate treatment/medicine used: (*please bring medication with you*) _____

Describe any past operations, serious injuries, or chronic illnesses that may affect your participation in Miss Ponoka Stampede Pageant:

BACKGROUND

Note: In the following section please concisely describe your response. Specific dates should also be included in order to define the time frame in which your accomplishments were achieved.

Educational History

Scholastic Achievements

Rodeo, Horse Show and other horse activities which you participate in or received recognition for

Volunteer work performed within the last year & the benefit you received from this

Career Goals

Applicant's Name (Print)

Signature of Applicant

Date

STATUTORY DECLARATION

I, _____ solemnly declare that:

- a. I have read and understand the questions, information and instructions in this form and attachments and the answers I have given to the questions in this form and in any attachments to it are true and correct; and
- b. I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true and knowing it is of the same legal force and effect as if made under oath and by virtue of the Canada Evidence Act; and

DECLARED before me at the City of _____ in the
Province of _____ this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Signature of Applicant

Signature of Notary Public or Commissioner for Oaths in and for the Province of
Alberta (if declared in Alberta)

Appointment Expiration Date

This form must be declared before a person who is a notary public in and for the jurisdiction in which it is declared. It may be declared before a Commissioner for Oaths for Alberta if declared in Alberta.

WAIVER OF LIABILITY

In consideration of my application being accepted, I hereby for myself and my executors, administrators and assigns agree to abide by all rules and regulations pertaining to the Miss Ponoka Stampede and I assume no responsibility of liability for any loss, accident or injury, whether as to property or person, arising in any way out of the operation or activities of the committee or management in any event or part of any performance or while in, on or about the premises of the Miss Ponoka Stampede in Ponoka, Alberta. As for the consideration aforesaid I further agree to indemnify the committee and management from and against loss or damage sustained by it by reason of any claims made by and of my executors, administrators and assigns. Further, I hereby release the right, title and claim to any photographs that may be taken by the management for their use. I certify that I know the rules of the aforementioned competition and agree to abide by those rules. I have read the foregoing Waiver of Liability carefully and I fully understand the meaning and effect of same.

Province of _____, Canada

Signature of Witness

Signature of Applicant

Name of Witness (Print)

Name of Applicant (Print)

Date

Date

MISS PONOKA STAMPEDE ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND RELEASE

This is an assumption of risk and release of liability. By becoming Miss Ponoka Stampede, you (Applicant) are agreeing to assume certain risks and to release the Ponoka Stampede Association and other parties from liability.

PLEASE READ THIS PROVISION CAREFULLY.

Applicant acknowledges and agrees that if she is selected as Miss Ponoka Stampede, she will be bound by the Rules and Regulations governing the provisions of the Miss Ponoka Stampede Agreement and by the following assumptions of risk and release of liability.

Applicant acknowledges that rodeos generally are dangerous activities by their inherent nature and that participants in a rodeo in areas to which access to the general public is restricted (including, without limitation, the rodeo arena, chutes, pens and other areas reserved an intending for use or access by the rodeo participants or otherwise restricted to the general public) exposes the participant to substantial and serious hazards and risk of property damage, personal injury and/or death. Applicant acknowledges that her participation in C.P.R.A sanctioned rodeos and in other activities as Miss Ponoka Stampede, such as (but not limited to) parades and public appearances, (collectively the "Activities") likewise involved and may expose property damage, personal injury and / or death. Applicant, in consideration of being permitted to participate in the activities in any capacity, does by such participation agree to assume such hazards and risk does hereby discharge, waive, and release the Ponoka Stampede Association and any other organization conducting, sponsoring or in any manner involving itself with the subject rodeo (and such persons' or entities' affiliated, related or subsidiary companies and their respective officers, directors, employees and agents) from all claims, demands, and liabilities for any and all property damage, personal injury and/or death occasioned the Applicant's participation in or involvement with the risks and hazards aforesaid. The Applicant shall not now or any time in the future, directly or indirectly, commence or prosecute any action, suit or other proceeding against the parties so released arising out of, or related to, the claims, demands, liabilities and other responsibilities so discharged, waived and released by such Applicant. The undertakings and covenants of the foregoing provisions shall be binding upon each Applicant, her spouse, heirs, legal representatives, successors, and assigns. The Applicant acknowledges that being selected as Miss Ponoka Stampede constitutes valuable and binding consideration in exchange for which, the Applicant has entered into this Acknowledgement and Release.

Signature of Witness

Signature of Applicant

Name of Witness (Print)

Name of Applicant (Print)

Date

Date

CRIMINAL OFFENSE DEFINITIONS

Definitions: For the purpose of the Eligibility Rules, the following definitions of a criminal offense apply: "guilty" in relation to a plea or a finding, includes an absolute or conditional discharge; "offense" means:

- a. A summary of conviction or indictable offense under the Criminal Code (Canada);
- b. A misdemeanor or felony under the criminal legislation of the United States of America or of any state or territory of the United States of America;
- c. An offense under the criminal legislation of any other jurisdiction;
- d. A quasi-criminal offense, for example under the Income Tax Act (Canada) or the tax legislation of any jurisdiction; or the securities legislation of any jurisdiction;

And excludes:

- e. An offense for which a pardon has been granted and has not been revoked under the Criminal Record Act (Canada) or the comparable legislation or any other jurisdiction, and;
- f. An offense which is an offense only under the motor vehicles legislation of any jurisdiction.

NOTE: With the exception of offenses under the Young Offender Act (RS 1985 ch. Y-1) or its predecessor, the granting of a Pardon with respect to an offense is not automatic, but must be formally applied for and granted to the offender pursuant to the Criminal Records Act (Canada). Therefore, it is not considered appropriate to omit reference to an offense under any statute other than the Young Offenders Act (Canada) or its predecessor on the basis of an assumption that a Pardon of the offense is automatic after a given period of time.