

# Highland Co. 4-H Horse Queen/King rules:

1. The competition is open to any female or male 4-H members 14-18 years of age.
2. The contestant must be enrolled in a Horse Project(s) for the 2024 year and one-year prior enrollment in Highland County 4-H.

## All contestants must:

- A. Dress appropriately; Business casual. (See below for business casual definition)
- B. Appropriate language must be used at all times. No abusive language or behavior will be Tolerated.
- C. Moral conduct will be scrutinized and evaluated at all times, including social media. Outlets. Inappropriate behavior or conduct will result in disqualification.
- D. Not appear in pictures which include/depict nudity, underage alcohol consumption, abuse of a human or animal, or other illegal activity.
- E. Each contestant may not be married, not have been married, not have a child.
- F. Must continue to uphold the Code of Conduct.

## Scoring of the competition will be as follows:

### July 26<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m.

Location Alternatives to Violence Center 135 North High Street Suite #1. Hillsboro (Hillsboro Orpheum Building)

**General horse and 4-H knowledge test=30%**

**Personal interview 30%**

**Horse handling/riding video=40%** *Must be submitted by July 26th*

- A. Personal interview, all contestants will have a personal interview. **July 26th 6:00 p.m.** Two judges will independently score each contestant, taking into consideration poise, personality, appearance, attitude, participation, and citizenship from the application form. Contestants should dress “business casual” as for a job interview (see below for business casual definition) **the interview will account for 30% of the final score.**
- B. Written 4-H knowledge test, **July 26th** the contestants will take a written test based on Horse and 4-H knowledge. **The test will account for 30% of the final score.**

C. Contestants will be asked to Submit a video. Contestants will need to show proficiency in all skills handling/riding their horse project. **Must be submitted by July 26th. 40% of the scoring will be based on horsemanship and general horse handling.**

D. The Highland County 4-H Horse Queen/King will be the contestant with the highest total percentage over all categories. If a tie remains, it will then be broken a bonus question asked after the interview.

**The new Highland County 4-H Queen/King will be announced on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the fair August 31.** time and location will be determined.

5. All contestants and phases of the competition will be governed by the 4-H rules.

6. All Participants entering the competition must have the signatures of their parent or guardian.

7. As 4-H Horse Queen/King, you will be asked to be available to represent Highland County. (Example: Annual Hillsboro Holiday parade, Festival of the Leaves parade Bainbridge, Ohio. And Highland Co. Fair, Ohio State Fair, etc.) Must be dressed appropriately at any time that you are wearing your royalty sash.

**If you have any questions, please contact Jeanine Mullenix (937) 205-2764 or Mullenix5192@aol.com**

**\*Appropriate business casual dress slacks or khakis, dress shirt or blouse, open-collar or polo shirt, optional tie or seasonal sport-coat, a dress or skirt at knee-length or below, a tailored blazer, knit shirt or sweater, and loafers or dress shoes that cover all or most of the foot. Boots are fine if clean.**

# 4-H HORSE QUEEN/KING LETTER OF COMMITMENT

If selected as Highland County 4-H Horse Queen/King, I fully understand that I have the following responsibilities. I am making a commitment for the year to represent Highland County 4 -H participants.

Events that I will need to attend:

4-H Horse Show Junior Fair Day (Monday of fair week – pass out ribbons) when you are not showing.

Any horse event that you are available i.e. (not showing)

Any junior fair activities/shows that Junior fair board needs help (always go to junior fair office and ask).

Participate in at least 2 parades: Hillsboro Christmas parade, Festival of the leaves Bainbridge and or any other.

Any other duties as assigned I understand that if I am showing or can't participate because of illness or family commitment, it is my responsibility to let my advisor know.

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Name of 4-H Member

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Parent/Gaurdian

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Signature

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Signature

# HORSE ROYALTY APPLICATION

Applicants must be 14-18 years of age as of January 1 of 2024 and an active member in Highland County horse 4-H project. Applicant must have completed two (2) years of 4-H and be currently enrolled in 4-H.

The winner will be selected on General Horse Knowledge, Horse Handling/Riding Video, and Personal Interview. Royalty will take the leadership to represent 4-H at the Highland County Junior Fair. Help other Highland and surrounding Counties community parades/festivals are optional.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age (as of 1/1/24) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

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

High School Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in school \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicants: Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability.**

1. Explain your participation in 4-H. (Responsibilities, offices held, etc.)

2. Indicate any awards or honors received while in 4-H.

3. List community/school activities.

Why did you choose to run for Highland County 4-H Horse Queen/King?

# Skills Video

4-H MEMBER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

HORSE'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

The 4-H'er must show proficiency in all skills listed below to pass the Skills test. NOTE: The entire handling portion must be done with a single horse or pony and can be ridden with one or two hands on the reins.

## Virtual Rules and Guidelines

Video Specifications: Each video must show a continuous shot, and clips may not be edited together. At the beginning of each video a sheet of paper needs to be held up in the camera view stating the riders name, and date.

Videos made with a mobile device need to be in "landscape mode."

Sound: All videos must have the sound turned on so that the examiner can hear the normal sounds.

Youth may **NOT** have the camera person, or another adult read the pattern to them during the video.

Videos without sound will not be accepted.

Videos may **NOT** have background music.

No coaching or unauthorized assistance is allowed. Any coaching or unauthorized assistance detected on a video will not be accepted.

Earphones and any kind of electronic communication devices are **NOT ALLOWED**. Use of any electronic communication will not be accepted.

Patterns: Patterns can be altered to fit the size of the area

## Video 1:

Video 1: The video should show the youth explaining and demonstrating the following skills in the order listed below:

1. Explain and demonstrate the correct procedures to approach a horse.
2. Haltering and tying up their horse.
3. Lead their horse with a halter (lead their horse in a straight line 20 feet and then in a small circle).

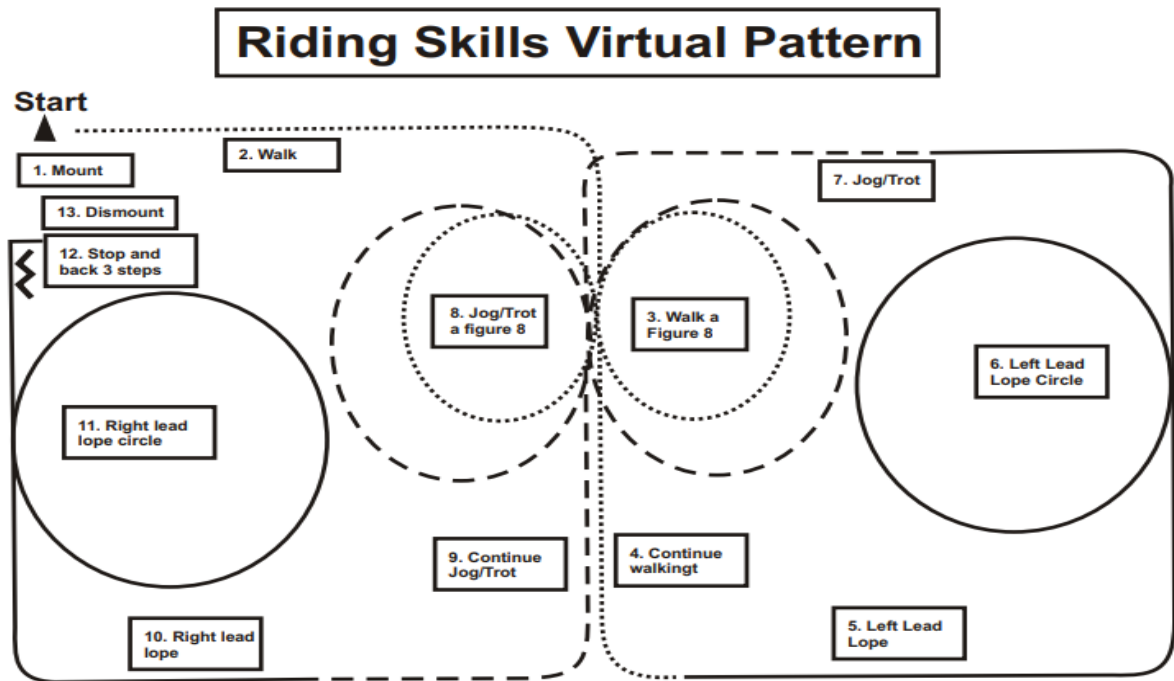
4. Explain the typical daily grooming routine of their horse and demonstrate proper use of grooming equipment and moving from one side of the horse to the next.
5. Name two benefits achieved from grooming your horse.
6. Saddle horse.
7. Bridle horse (Need to show a close up of the bridle on the horses' head and the bit in the horse's mouth)

\*The video should be filmed from within 10 feet of the youth and then a close up should be shown of the placement of the saddle on the horses back and the bridle on the horses face to determine fit

## **Video 2:**

Video 2: The video should show the youth demonstrating the following pattern demonstrating required riding skills.

1. Safely mount (use of a mounting block is optional)
2. Walk and turn right down the middle of the arena.
3. Walk a figure 8.
4. Continue walking straight and then turn left.
5. Left lead lope straight and then around the corner.
6. Lope a circle to the left and continue around the corner.
7. Jog/trot and turn left up the middle of the arena.
8. Jog/trot a figure 8.
9. Continue jog/trot and turn right.
10. Right lead lope straight and then around the corner
11. Lope a circle to the right and continue straight.
12. Stop and back.
13. Safely dismount.



\*\*The rider should be filmed from the profile approximately 40 ft away for the full length of the pattern

## Submitting your Video

ALL videos must be sent in at the same time.

Use whichever file share service/ upload service (also known as Cloud Drive) that you prefer and email a SHAREABLE link. **mullenix5192@aol.com**

Please be sure to save your videos and/or make the title of your videos with the riders (first & last) name.