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Dear Contestant:

Congratulations on your decision to compete in the Miss Rodeo Wyoming Pageant August 13th through August 16th, 2019, at the Wyoming State Fair in Douglas. **Please note that the deadline for submitting applications is June 20th.** Please make sure that you read all documentation given thoroughly to insure no mistakes on applications. We wish you all the best and hope it will be a rewarding experience for each of you.

Please read through the enclosed materials carefully so you will be fully prepared for events to come:

- MRW Pageant Itinerary-subject to change
- Pageant Rules and Regulations Book which includes: judging guidelines, clothing guide, point distribution, expectations and becoming MRW, horsemanship patterns, etc.
- Pageant Application and Information/Auction item sheet
- MRW Pageant Contestant Release
- MRW Pageant Authorization for Release of Information
- Background Questionnaire
- Background check-done by the Sheriff's Office (may take up to 1 month to process)
- Publicity contact information sheet
- MRW Sample Contract
- Map of Wyoming State Fair

Contestants need to have horses stalled on Tuesday, August 13th, by 8:00 a.m. Your credentials and feed pass will be given to you at orientation. A stall has been reserved for you in the red indoor barn. Please check in at the stall office. If you are bringing more than one horse, you need to contact Crystal in advance to confirm stall availability. You will be responsible for providing your own shavings during the pageant. Make sure you have a health certificate and brand inspection for your horse. Out of state horses also need a cogens. Current vaccinations are recommended. Please see the Wyoming State Fair website for more information regarding animal requirements.

Check in at the Bonneville dorm on the Wyoming State Fairgrounds will take place between 8:00-9:00 am and will include moving your belongings in. You should wear comfortable western attire with your hat and banner and be prepared for the day's events. You will need to be changed and ready for pageant orientation by 9:45 am. Orientation will begin promptly at 10 am. Parents and sponsors are encouraged to attend. Please see the schedule for more details.

Please complete the pageant application by typing in the information and returning it with a check for \$275 (payable to "MRWA"), the requested photo, CD/jump drive, and signed and notarized consent forms to Crystal Myers at the above address by **June 20th**. Please include your name, address and phone number on the back of the photo. **Applications received after June 20 will be subject to a \$50.00 late fee and may miss publicity opportunities. No applications will be accepted after July 5. Applications must be complete and include all information.**

A criminal background check is required and the MRWA must receive the results by **June 20**. You will need to go the Sheriff's Office to complete the check in accordance with the MRWA requirements. You will need to complete the background check by **June 1** to ensure the MRWA receives the results by June 20. Please contact the MRWA for questions and more information.

Contestants will need to supply a flag boot for the grand entries and have a suitable horse. Studs are not allowed. You will need to supply your own toiletries for the dorm including bedding, towels, and washcloths. **Please note for this year's pageant girls will only be allowed a white banner with black lettering (no colored banners).**

Due to recent changes to The Wyoming State fair **we anticipate there will be changes to The Miss Rodeo Wyoming Pageant Schedule.** We are working to insure a smooth pageant and will inform you of any changes asap. If you have any questions regarding the pageant, please don't hesitate to contact me. I will be sending out another letter and final itinerary at the beginning of August to confirm your participation and provide any final instructions. More information on the Wyoming State Fair can be accessed at www.wystatefair.com. We are looking forward to seeing each of you.

Sincerely,

Crystal Myers
Wyoming National Director and Pageant Chair