

The rodeo arena will be open Sunday, February 26th at 10:00 a.m. and March 4th at 10:00 a.m. for structured practice in the arena.

Queens of each division are required to represent Columbia County Resources and the Florida Gateway Pro Rodeo by appearing at different events throughout the year. Appearances may include, but are not limited to, Opening Ceremony at the Columbia County Fair, Livestock Barn during the Columbia County Fair, Olustee Parade, Christmas Parade, Homecoming Parade, and Tough Enough to Wear Pink events. You will be contacted in advance for requested appearances.

**IMPORTANT:**

A Hold Harmless Agreement must be attached to the notarized entry form before contestant is eligible to compete in the Florida Gateway Pro Rodeo Queen Pageant.

Notary available at the fair office.

For more information, call 386-752-8822

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2016 Little Miss FGPR Meredyth Crews  
2016 Junior Miss FGPR Lillian Lee  
2016 Miss FGPR Mikayla Matthews

Young ladies in the Florida Gateway Pro Rodeo Pageant will be judged on their horsemanship skills (lead lines acceptable in Tiny and Little Miss divisions only), poise, and public speaking ability. All contestants are expected to exhibit exceptional sportsmanship, adhere to the humane treatment of animals, and comport with high moral and ethical standards (act in an appropriate manner, no behavior or electronic communication that may reflect negatively on the Florida Gateway Pro Rodeo or Columbia County Resources).

<b>Divisions:</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Entry Fee</b>
Miss. Florida Gateway Pro Rodeo	15-18	\$50
Jr. Miss. Florida Gateway Pro Rodeo	11-14	\$45
Little Miss. Florida Gateway Pro Rodeo	7-10	\$35
Tiny Miss Florida Gateway Pro Rodeo	4-6	\$25

**Miss Photogenic Contest:**

All contestants may enter the Miss Photogenic competition. Contestants wishing to participate must submit an **5x7 photo (color or black and white) with a \$10 entry fee. No glamour or professional shots allowed.**

**Awards:**

***Miss Florida Gateway Pro Rodeo.***

The winner of the Miss Florida Gateway Pro Rodeo receives a \$300 educational scholarship, tiara, buckle, and sash. First runner up receives a \$150 educational scholarship and a recognition award.

***Jr. Miss, Little Miss, and Tiny Miss Florida Gateway Pro Rodeo***

The winners of each division receive a tiara, buckle & sash. The first runner up in each division up receives a recognition award.

***Miss Photogenic***

The winner receives a special award. (Please note: More than one winner may be selected depending on number of entries.)

**Pageant Rules:**

- Contestants must be Florida residents.
- Entry deadline is Feb. 24th 2017 at 5:00 p.m.
- Photo deadline is Feb. 24th, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.
- Western attire must be worn at all times during competition and Rodeo.
- Contestants must be currently enrolled in school (with the exception of 4-5 year olds) or be in receipt of a high school diploma or equivalent.
- Miss FGPR is required to ride a horse all three days at the Florida Gateway Pro Rodeo. All contestants age 11 & up are required to ride a horse during the grand entry on March 17th. Little Miss and Tiny Miss will be announced and are not required to ride.
- Contestants must be single, have never been married or divorced, must not be pregnant or become pregnant during the coming year, and may not be the mother of a child conceived out of wedlock.
- Reigning Queens cannot compete for a crown in the same division in which they currently hold their title. A reigning Queen may only participate in the Queen competition if they meet the age requirements for a different division. Otherwise, the reigning Queen must sit out one year before they are eligible to compete again in the same division.
- Contestants are responsible to have a horse available to them for all practices and all performances.
- Both Miss and Jr. Miss division contestants are required to perform a flag drill and a queen run during the competition.
- All contestants are required to give a short statement introducing their horse and answer an impromptu question drafted by the committee.
- Each contestant must obtain a minimum of \$200 in sponsorships.
- Columbia County Resources and the Judges reserve the right to modify any rules, patterns or drills before or during this competition.
- All contestants are required to complete a Horsemanship pattern. Miss contestants will be required to complete both a Horsemanship pattern and a freestyle pattern.
- Miss and Jr. Miss division contestants may bring and ride multiple during the competition.

**Florida Gateway Pro Rodeo Pageant Schedule:**

**Sat. March 11th, 1:00 pm** Competition to begin in the Reception Hall at the Columbia County Fairgrounds with the horsemanship component immediately following at the Rodeo Arena.

**Fri., March 17, 8:00 pm** -All Contestants at Rodeo Arena

**Fri., March 17, T.B.D.,** Crowning of 2017 Queens

**Sat., March 18, 8:00 pm** - Introduction of 2017 Queens

**Sun. March 20, 2:00 pm** - Introduction of 2017Queens