

## Guide for a Queen Candidate

- The points are broke out as follows:

Application/Essay	15 Points
Interview	40 Points
Photo Book	10 Points
Herdsmen Quiz	10 Points
<u>Poise/Personality</u>	<u>25 Points</u>
Total Points	100 Points
- Application/Essay
  - Candidates are to complete an online Application by May 15
  - Candidates are to provide two (2) letters of recommendation to be submitted with the application. One letter is to be from a fellow breeder. One letter is to be from an advisor, 4-H Leader, FFA Advisor, or any other adult advisor.
  - Candidates are to provide a 5x7 Head and Shoulders photo to be submitted with the application.
  - Candidates are to write a 750-1,000 word essay within the application on why the candidate would like to be NAJRAE Queen and how the candidate would promote the Red Angus Breed.
- Interview
  - Candidates will be interviewed by a panel of judges. Utilize former royalty for preparation on the interview.
  - Candidate attire for the interview will be their barn attire due to the time of day.
    - Keep in mind candidates will be judged on what kind of barn attire is worn due to if crowned, the candidate will be representing NAJRAE at other shows while working in the barn.
- Photo Book
  - Candidates are to provide a 24-32 page 8 ½ " x 11" hard back digital photo book to be turned in at Check in. Examples of digital photo book resources are Snapfish, Shutterfly or Wal-Mart.
  - Photo books are to tell the candidate's story about themselves. This is not just the candidate's Red Angus story, but the candidate's entire story.
  - An introduction page must be the first page giving basic information about the candidate such as name, age, grade in school, where the candidate is from, extra-curricular activities, etc.
  - Captions throughout the book are optional
- Herdsmen Quiz
  - The candidate's herdsman quiz score will be figured in the total points available. The candidate's percentage correct will be used to give percentage of the ten (10) points available. For example, if the candidate scored 25 out of 30 on the quiz, their percentage will be 83.3%. The candidate's score for Queen will then be 8.33 points.
- Personality and Poise
  - A panel of judges will be observing each candidate throughout the entire week of NAJRAE. This includes but is not limited to the Meet & Greet, Shows, Barn Activity, Volunteer work, Satellite Contests, etc.
  - Judges will be observing the following:
    - Personal conduct
    - Interaction with the other exhibitors
    - Interaction with the other candidates for royalty
    - If the candidates actively helped throughout the week
    - If the candidate went above and beyond what was required

## Dress Code for Candidates

- For the Meet and Greet, candidate is to wear proper western attire or business casual in which a candidate would be wearing to pass out ribbons at a show or speak in a casual setting.
- For the interview, candidate is to wear barn attire.
- For the banquet, candidate is to wear a nice dress that fits the dress code guidelines.
- All other times during the NAJRAE, candidate is to wear what is required by the NAJRAE.
- Outside the NAJRAE week, candidates are to wear proper western attire or business casual when representing the NAJRAE such as passing out ribbons, parades, talks at local Ag gatherings, etc. ALWAYS dress nice as the candidate is representing not only the NAJRAE, but the Red Angus breed and the candidate's family.
- Dress Code Guidelines:
  - Appropriate Dressing
    - Shirts or dresses should pass the palm pilot test. With the candidates thumb hooked on the collar bone, the shirt or dress should not be lower than the palm of the hand.
    - Dresses are not to be shorter than the fingertips when the candidate's arms are hanging at the side.
    - Shirts should be able to pass the stretch test. If the candidate stretches the arms above the head, the shirt should not expose any skin at the waste.
  - Business Casual
    - Nice shirt such as a button down and nice pants, jeans, or skirts.
    - No holes, no stains, and no t-shirts.
  - Western Attire
    - Nice shirt such as a button down, nice blue jeans, a belt, and boots
    - No holes, no stains, and no t-shirts.