

2019 MISS CURWOOD FESTIVAL
QUEEN'S PAGEANT APPLICATION

DEADLINE: February 23, 2019

Introduction:

Miss Curwood Festival is selected for the purpose of representing the Shiawassee County area as well as the Curwood Festival at speaking engagements, events, and festivals throughout the state of Michigan. Miss Curwood Festival and the Queen's Court members will participate and promote the festival at several parades, activities and speaking engagements, as well as join festival officials at receptions, dinners, and similar activities.

THERE WILL BE TWO COURT MEMBERS SELECTED TO SERVE WITH THE QUEEN.

There will be no bathing suit or talent competition. Miss Curwood Festival will be chosen on her communication skills, intelligences, poise, personality, appearance, and overall enthusiasm for the Curwood Festival and community. Scholarships will be awarded to the three winners towards the colleges of their choice at the end of their reign. (See rule 8).

Since Miss Curwood Festival and the Queen's Court members are official ambassadors, they will be chaperoned at all times by a festival official and are not permitted to act within the title without a chaperone present. All travel arrangements, parades, events, and scheduling will be done by the Queen/Court coordinator and at the expense of the festival. **All arrangements are subject to change at any time at the discretion of the coordinator and will differ from year to year.**

Purpose

The purpose of the MISS CURWOOD FESTIVAL program is to promote the Curwood Festival and educate about the life and efforts of James Oliver Curwood. It is also a goal to invite members of other communities to Owosso to attend the Curwood Festival.

The Queen and Court Members are also regularly invited to speaking engagements throughout their reign. The coordinator will give as much prior notice to the Queen and Court Members as possible.

Pageant Registration

Each applicant must submit either ONE photograph (3" X 5" head and shoulders only) **VIA EMAIL AS A JPEG** to the chairman at luvs2golf929@gmail.com OR FOUR identical hard copy photographs (head and shoulders only), no larger than 3" X 5", with your official Miss Curwood Festival entry form. These photographs may be color, black and white, or you may scan and print them at home. They must be of good quality as they are used for judging and press releases. Although either method of photo submissions is acceptable, email is preferred. Please refrain from sending photos taken with a cell phone or any format other than JPEG. **Please note: If emailing the photo, please add your name to the subject line of the email.**

Applicants are asked to obtain a sponsorship of a Shiawassee County business or civic organization. The sponsor should accept the expense of the entry fee of **\$70.00**. Any checks returned for non-sufficient funds will be charged a \$30.00 fee. Each sponsor will be acknowledged in the Independent and Argus-Press, in the pageant programs, and multiple times during the pageant.

Additional applications are available by emailing Tracey at luvs2golf929@gmail.com or on the Curwood Festival website.

Entries must be mailed to Tracey Minarik, 697 Pasadena, Owosso, MI 48867. Applications are due NO LATER than February 23, 2019. No exceptions to this rule will be made.

Important Information

Information Session- An informational session will be held as an informal chance for all candidates to get to know each other and understand exactly how much responsibility comes with this title. Dress will be casual; come ready to learn and ask questions. We will also tour Curwood Castle and each candidate will meet her pageant mentor (a past queen or court member) on this day. Pageant format will not be discussed at this meeting extensively, however **this informational session is required for all candidates**. Failure to attend this session may result in a candidate's disqualification from the pageant process. Light refreshments will be served. This will be held on **Friday, March 8, 2019**.

Preliminary Judging- Preliminary judging will be held on the morning of the pageant, Saturday, March 9. During this time, the candidates will meet with a panel of judges for approximately 5 minutes. Dress as you would for a job interview. During this time we will also discuss the format of the pageant and answer any pageant related questions that you may have.

The Pageant-The Miss Curwood Festival pageant will be held on Saturday, March 9, 2019 at the Lebowsky Studio Theater at 4:00pm. On Saturday morning, candidates will gather at 7:45am at the Lebowsky Theater main lobby for breakfast and the morning judging activities. Dress as you would for a job interview. At this time, you will meet formally with the judges for the first round of interviews. The candidates will proceed from judging and breakfast to the Studio Theater for practice at approximately 10:45am. Candidates will be finished for the morning by 12:30pm and return for the pageant by 3:00pm.

Wardrobe Please do not feel as though a dress must be purchased solely for this event. Almost all of the past candidates have worn their homecoming or prom dresses, a dress worn in a wedding, or a dress they simply borrowed from a friend.

Candidates must attend the informational session, preliminary judging, and Saturday morning's practice/judging to be considered an eligible contestant for the title of Miss Curwood 2019. After submitting your application, please check your email for any changes to our tentative itineraries.

Thank you for your interest in the Curwood Festival. We look forward to meeting you!

We expect commitment and dedication from Miss Curwood Festival and her Court, just as we are all volunteers within the festival and take our own commitment seriously.

All applications, essays, checks and photographs become property of the Curwood Festival, Inc. and will not be returned unless the Miss Curwood Festival Queen & Princess Pageant Committee has deemed an applicant as ineligible to participate in the pageant.

Guidelines

1. Applicants must reside in Shiawassee County. Proof of permanent residency must be provided upon request.
2. Applicants must be between 17-23 years of age by March 1, 2019.
3. Applicants must never have been married, may not be pregnant nor ever have been pregnant, may not be engaged, and may not be cohabitating with a boyfriend.
4. Applicants must never have been a previous Miss Curwood or Court member.
5. Candidates, if chosen, must be able to attend many functions throughout the year, especially between May and September. This year's Curwood Festival will be June 6-9, 2019.
6. Miss Curwood Festival and Court may not hold or run for any other title during their reign. The reign is defined as from the moment chosen in the 2019 pageant to the moment the 2020 Miss Curwood Festival and Court are chosen.
7. Miss Curwood Festival and Court may not alter their appearance once chosen. Failure to adhere to this rule will result in a loss of scholarship and immediate removal from the court. This includes any visible body piercing tattoos or drastic hair coloring or styling. Highlights are acceptable. Any visible body jewelry other than earrings must be removed if chosen, even if you have the piercing prior to or during judging.
8. Scholarship monies will be distributed at the conclusion of reign (approximately one year after being chosen) and monies must be used within one year of reign expiring. All checks will be written to winner AND school of choice.
9. Applicants must be in good academic standing as determined by the queen's pageant committee. Circumstances surrounding a candidate being on academic probation must be discussed with the committee co-chairmen.
10. The chosen Queen and Court official festival photos are not permitted for any use without express written consent of the Curwood Festival Queen's Committee.
11. The winners will be required to sign a contract stating that they understand the rules and obligations and that they agree to abide by them. In addition, a parent will be required to sign to acknowledge his/her understanding of the commitment as well.

12. If a candidate has charges brought against her in a court of law while participating in the pageant process, she will be dismissed from participation. This includes but is not limited to felonies, misdemeanors, and truancy. Traffic violations do not count.
13. If the winners take summer classes, it will be expected that they live in Shiawassee County for the summer, or that they will be available to attend every event, regardless of how much advance notice is provided. They will travel to and from parades with the chaperones regardless of where they live for the summer and will not be allowed to meet at the parade if they are living outside of the Shiawassee County area.
14. The winners will be provided professional outfits that match to be worn to every speaking engagement and event as designated by the chaperone/schedule coordinator.
15. The winners will be expected to own or purchase appropriate white shorts and shoes at their own expense to wear with their red "Curwood Official" shirt and sweatshirt. Both the shirt and sweatshirt will be provided.
16. The Curwood Festival (or any of its designees) is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged clothing or personal items during the pageant process.
17. Applicants may withdraw from the competition as late as Sunday evening (March 3, 2019) for a full refund of their sponsor check. Any candidate that chooses to withdraw after that date will forfeit their sponsor check. Candidates must call Tracey Minarik to officially withdraw from the competition.
18. At the Information Session, Preliminary Judging, and Saturday Pageant events, **there are no cell phones allowed**. Cell phones must be kept in purses and turned off. At the pageant itself, phones should be left with parents or someone in the audience. Unless there is an emergency, anyone witnessed texting or using their phone will have ten points deducted from their overall score. This is to ensure fairness during interviews. If there is an emergency, please speak with the nearest committee member first.
19. The Queen & Princess Pageant Committee will review all applications to determine that these guidelines have been met. The Committee reserves the right to reject any application that does not meet the guidelines as stated. All decisions of the Committee are final. If your application is rejected, you will be notified within one week.

If Miss Curwood Festival does not attend any one festival/function without prior approval, her title will be assumed by the court member with the next highest score. If the Court member assumes the title of Miss Curwood, she will be subject to the same guidelines as above. The **Court members cannot miss more than two festivals/functions**. In the event that the Queen or Court members forfeits their titles, no scholarships will be awarded. **Arriving late for any event is unacceptable. Being late to events two (2) times will constitute as one (1) of the absences. Please keep in mind that being late two (2) times as a queen or four (4) times as a court member means that you will forfeit your title and scholarship.**

Attending an event at a festival or function should be treated as an all day commitment, unless otherwise specified. No return time guarantees will be given, as travel time, parade time, and line-up numbers, etc, are too difficult to determine ahead of time. The winners must travel to and from events with the chaperone/coordinator unless prior arrangements are approved.

The chosen winners are not allowed to miss certain events unless there are extenuating circumstances. High school graduation would be considered an extenuating circumstance, while having plans already with a friend, would not.

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(please type or print, and mail only this and the next two pages with other materials)

Applicants Statement

Name ----- Age -----

Address ----- Date of Birth -----

City ----- Phone Number ----- (home/cell)

Email Address -----

Do you check your email at least once daily? YES NO

Parent(s) Name(s) -----

Education

High School attended/attending -----
(Circle one if still attending) Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Yr. Grad -----

College ----- (Circle One) Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Degree Received / Working Towards -----

Employment (If applicable)

Current place of employment: -----

Position: -----

Special Training: (dance, cheer, music, speech, modeling, theater, etc.)

Hobbies and Special Interests: (reading, painting, etc.) ***please list no more than five***

Please attach a 250 word (or more) word essay addressing the following:

"Crowns are not made of rhinestones. They are made of discipline, determination, consistency and a rare trait called courage."

Which of the traits described above do you think would help you through your reign if chosen as Miss Curwood 2019?

Candidate Background (you may continue writing on the back if you need more space)

Please list any volunteer/community activities you have participated in that were not school related.

In your opinion, how do you think the duties of the queen differentiate from the duties of a court member?

What do you think you would gain out of the year if chosen as Miss Curwood or a court member?

Why do you think you would make a good queen?

What's your favorite quote and why?

How did you hear about this program?

Is someone special encouraging your participation? Who?

Do you personally know any prior Queens or Court members? Please list her/their name(s) here. *(We ask this in case someone you know is involved in our committee. In your best interest, we will make sure that the committee member is not placed in a position where other candidates feel you have an unfair advantage.)*

If you have competed in the past and would like the same mentor, please write your prior mentor's name here, otherwise your mentor will be randomly assigned.

Applications cannot be returned to a candidate once they become property of the Curwood Festival, Inc. Applicants, by signing this entry form, acknowledge their understanding of the Miss Curwood Festival rules and guidelines, regarding both the pageant and the title itself. Applicants also acknowledge they have read through the application and understand the obligations of becoming a candidate.

I, the undersigned, have read and understand the rules governing Miss Curwood Festival.

----- Date -----
Applicant's Signature

----- Date -----
Parent or Legal Guardian (if under 18 years of age)

Sponsor's name/business

Contact Person

----- City ----- Zip -----
Sponsor's address (required to verify Shiawassee County Address as well as sponsor mailings)

Please make \$70.00 entry fee checks out to: Curwood Festival, Inc.

***Sponsor checks will be refunded ONLY if the candidate withdraws prior to Sunday, March 3, 2019. The checks are non-refundable after that date.

***Checks returned for non-sufficient funds will be charged a \$30 fee in addition to the sponsor amount of \$70.00

Before mailing, don't forget!

--- Completed Application (signed and dated)

--- Four (4) good quality, identical photographs with your packet or ONE (1) sent via email

--- Essay

--- Sponsor Check