

2020 MISS CURWOOD FESTIVAL
QUEEN'S PAGEANT APPLICATION

DEADLINE: March 2, 2020

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 member(s) 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 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 member(s) 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 Member(s) 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 dwycrc@owosso.k12.mi.us 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 **\$100.00**. 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 Bridgit at spielman@owosso.k12.mi.us or on the Curwood Festival website, www.curwoodfestival.com.

Entries must be mailed to Cathy Dwyer, 135 Clover Brook Dr., Owosso, MI 48867. Applications are due NO LATER than March 2, 2020 (postmarked by February 28th). No exceptions to this rule will be made.

Important Information

The Pageant-The Miss Curwood Festival pageant will be held on Saturday, March 14, 2020 at the Lebowsky Theater.

A structured timeline will be provided the week prior to the pageant at the email address given in your application. Please be sure to keep a look out for the email.

A confirmation email will be sent to all contestants/parents by March 3rd.

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.

If you need additional information or have specific wardrobe needs, please contact Bridgit Spielman at (989) 666-2981 or emailed at spielman@owosso.k12.mi.us.

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, 2020.
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 4-7, 2020.
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 2020 pageant to the moment the 2021 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. The winners will be expected to provide/purchase a limited amount of professional outfits that match to be worn to every speaking engagement and event as designated by the chaperone/schedule coordinator.
14. The winners will be expected to own or purchase appropriate white bottoms and shoes at their own expense to wear with their red "Curwood Official" shirt and sweatshirt. Both the shirt and sweatshirt will be provided.
15. The Curwood Festival (or any of its designees) is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged clothing or personal items during the pageant process.
16. **At any 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.
17. 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 the Curwood Festival Queen or Court member(s) is unable to fulfill their duties, accommodations, up to and including loss of title, will be determined by the Royalty Committee, Coordinators and Curwood Executive Board.

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 is 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: _____

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.

Applicant's Signature

Date _____

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

Date _____

Sponsor's name/business

Contact Person

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

City _____ Zip _____

Please make \$100.00 entry fee checks out to the Curwood Festival, Inc.

In addition, \$10.00 T-shirt cost can be check or cash. Please make a separate check out to the Curwood Festival.

**Checks returned for non-sufficient funds will be charged a \$30 fee in addition to the sponsor amount of \$100.00*

Before mailing, don't forget! Deadline is March 2!

___ *Completed Application (signed and dated)* ___ *Essay*

___ *Sponsor Check* ___ *\$10 T-Shirt for Opening Number**

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

**Unless you are planning on participating in our Pageant Workshop coming up on February 16th, your Workshop fee includes the same shirt we will be using for our Opening Number in the Pageant.*

Please list your T-shirt size, if one is needed: Child Small through Adult XXL available.
