

**2014 CURWOOD FESTIVAL  
PRINCESS PAGEANT APPLICATION**

**Must be Postmarked by: February 6, 2014**

## Purpose

CURWOOD FESTIVAL PRINCESS is selected for the purpose of representing the Shiawassee County area as well as the Curwood Festival at festivals around the greater Shiawassee County area. The Curwood Festival Princess and Court member will participate in parades; join with festival officials at receptions, dinners and similar activities. **New for 2014 there will only be ONE court member selected to serve with the Princess.**

There will be no bathing suit or talent competition. The Curwood Festival Princess will be chosen on her appearance, poise, personality, intelligence, and communication skills.

Since, the Curwood Festival Princess and Court member 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, and scheduling will be done by the Princess 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.

Candidates for the Curwood Festival Princess 2014 may not have served as Princess or a member of the Court during any previous Curwood Festival Princess Pageants.

## Pageant Registration

Each applicant must submit either an electronic photograph (3" x 5", head and shoulders only and it must be in a .jpg format) VIA EMAIL to the chairman at [msujaz@hotmail.com](mailto:msujaz@hotmail.com) OR THREE identical hard copy photographs (**head and shoulders only**, otherwise when they are cropped for the programs and papers they look distorted), no larger than 3" X 5", with an official Curwood Festival Princess entry form. The photos may be color or black & white copies of one original or you may scan and print them at home, but they must be of good quality as they are used for the programs and press releases. Although either method of submitting the photo(s) is acceptable, the preferred method is electronic photo. **Please note that the photos must be received the same day or prior to when we receive your application packet. When emailing the photo, please note the princess candidate's full name in the subject and body of the email with the photo attached.**

Applicants are required to pay an entry fee of \$40.00, checks may be made payable to Curwood Festival Inc. (*Any checks returned for non-sufficient funds will be charged a \$30 fee*)

Requests for additional applications and questions may be directed to Jamie Zmitko-Somers at (989) 277-1411 or [msujaz@hotmail.com](mailto:msujaz@hotmail.com).

**Entries must be mailed to Jamie Zmitko-Somers, 18272 W. Ridge Rd., Henderson, MI 48841.** Applications must be postmarked by February 6, 2014. No exceptions to this rule will be made. All applications and photographs become property of the Curwood Festival, Inc. and cannot be returned.

## Guidelines

1. Contestants must reside in Shiawassee County.
2. Contestants must be between 8 & 9 years of age by January 1, 2014
3. Contestants must never have been a previous Curwood Festival Princess or Court member
4. Contestants, if chosen, must be able to attend festivals/functions throughout the year, especially between May and September and the Curwood Festival held June 5-8, 2014.
5. The Curwood Festival Princess and Court member may not hold or run for any other title during their reign.

If the Curwood Festival Princess is unable to attend any two festivals/functions or for some reason must forfeit the title, the Court member will assume her title. If the Court member assumes the title of Curwood Festival Princess, she will become subject to the same guidelines as established above. The Court member cannot miss more than two festivals/functions.

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. Plan for a full day's outing when an event is scheduled.

Curwood Festival Princess and Court member will at all times be chaperoned by the chaperone/schedule coordinator. Curwood Festival Princess and Court member will participate in approximately 5 parades throughout the summer, which includes the Curwood Children's and Heritage Parades. The chaperone/schedule coordinator will determine what parades and events the Curwood Festival Princess and Court member will attend. The chaperone will schedule any and all events that you are to attend, and will accompany you at all times. The chaperone/schedule coordinator reserves the right to amend existing schedules at any time. **THE CHAPERONE/SCHEDULE COORDINATOR'S DECISIONS ARE FINAL ON ALL MATTERS.**

## **Important Information**

**The Pageant**--The Curwood Festival Queen/Princess pageant will be held on Saturday, March 1, 2014. The pageant will be held at the Baker College Welcome Center, 1301 S. Shiawasse St., (M-52) Owosso, beginning at 6:30 pm.

On Saturday morning, contestants will gather at 9:00 a.m. (tentative) for practice. At this time you will meet formally with the evening judges for judging. Contestants should wear a dress appropriate for school or church for practice. After meeting with the judges, the contestants will be given a question for the evening judging. Contestants will leave for the afternoon and plan on returning by 5:45 p.m. to allow plenty of time before the pageant's start at 6:30 p.m. During the evening judges will judge the contestants on appearance, poise, personality, and communication skills when answering the question given during the morning judging.

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

**2014  
Curwood Festival Princess  
Pageant Application**

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

**Applicant's Statement**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) Name and Address \_\_\_\_\_

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**Education**

School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

**Hobbies & Special Interests**

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**What is your favorite school subject, and why?**

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**If you could travel anywhere in the world where would it be, and why?**

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**What is your favorite thing about the Curwood Festival?**

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Applications cannot be returned to a candidate once they become property of the Curwood Festival, Inc. Parent or Legal Guardian by signing this entry form; you acknowledge your understanding of the Curwood Festival Princess rules and regulations, regarding both the pageant and the title itself. Parent or Legal Guardian also acknowledges they have read through the application and understand the obligations of their daughter becoming a candidate. Parents that share joint custody of the candidate must both sign the entry form for the candidate to be eligible to run for the Curwood Festival Princess.

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

I \_\_\_\_\_(please print) am the parent or legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ and am giving my consent for her to participate in the Curwood Festival Princess Pageant.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent sharing Joint Custody

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make \$40.00 entry fee checks out to the Curwood Festival, Inc.**

**Before mailing, don't forget:**

- \_\_\_ **Completed Application (pages 5 and 6 only)**
- \_\_\_ **Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian on pg. 6**
- \_\_\_ **Three (3) good quality, identical photographs or one e-mailed photo**
- \_\_\_ **Application Fee - \$40.00**