

2025 MISS CURWOOD FESTIVAL
QUEEN'S PAGEANT APPLICATION

DEADLINE: January 13, 2025

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 her other Royalty 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 ONLY BE A QUEEN SELECTED, NO ATTENDANTS.

There will be no bathing suit or talent competition. Miss Curwood Festival will be chosen on her communication skills, intelligence, poise, personality, appearance, and overall enthusiasm for the Curwood Festival and community. Scholarships will be awarded to the winner towards the college of her choice at the end of her reign. (See rule 7).

Since Miss Curwood Festival is an official ambassador, she 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 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 her Royalty are also regularly invited to speaking engagements throughout their reign. The coordinator will give as much prior notice to the Curwood Festival Royalty 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 curwoodpageant@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 **\$100.00**. Any checks returned for non-sufficient funds will be charged a \$30.00 fee. Each sponsor will be acknowledged in the Argus-Press, in the pageant programs, social media and multiple times during the pageant.

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

Entries must be mailed to Brandy Kenny, 520 Bockee Street, Oakley, MI 48649 or dropped off at the Curwood Office, 212 S. Washington, Owosso, MI 48867. Applications are due NO LATER than January 13, 2025. No exceptions to this rule will be made.

Important Information

Personal Interview- Your personal interview will be held on the morning of the pageant, Sunday, February 2nd. During this time, the candidates will meet with a panel of judges for approximately 10 minutes. Dress as you would for a job interview.

The Pageant -The Miss Curwood Festival pageant will be held on **Sunday, February 2, 2025 at the OHS Performing Arts Theater at 4:00pm**. On Sunday morning, candidates will gather at 9:00am at the Performing Arts Theater main lobby and be assigned their dressing room. Princess interviews will start promptly at 10am, followed by Teen & Miss candidates. The candidates will practice onstage walks during and after interviews. Candidates will be served lunch at 1:30pm. The pageant will start promptly at 4:00pm.

During the pageant, cell phone usage must be kept to a minimum. Please be aware of your surroundings when taking pictures backstage, especially in the dressing rooms. Each dressing room will have a Room Attendant to help girls get ready and monitor cell phone usage.

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.

Also, many parades do not need a formal dress to participate.

After submitting your application, please check your email for any changes to our tentative itineraries.

Thank you for your interest in the Curwood Festival Pageant. 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 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. Miss Applicants must be between 17-21 years of age by January 1, 2025. Teen applicants must be between 12-16 years of age by January 1, 2025. Princess applicants must be between 8-11 years of age by January 1, 2025.
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 5-8, 2025.
6. Miss Curwood Festival may not hold or run for any other title during their reign. The reign is defined as from the moment chosen in the 2025 pageant to the moment the 2026 Miss Curwood Festival is chosen.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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. Information is listed in the contract the winner signs upon winning.
12. The Curwood Festival (or any of its designees) is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged clothing or personal items during the pageant process.
13. Applicants may withdraw from the competition as late as Friday evening (January 24, 2025) 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 Brandy Kenny to

officially withdraw from the competition.

14. The Curwood 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.

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.

Attendance is mandatory at events scheduled. Excessive missed events may result in loss of title. 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.

A Curwood Festival Queen's Contract will be covered with the winner and their parents after the pageant.

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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 your answers addressing the following questions:

Candidate Background

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

2. What do you think you would gain out of the year if chosen as Miss Curwood?

3. How would you explain James Oliver Curwood to someone not familiar with him?

4. Why do you think you would make a good queen?

5. What's your favorite quote and why?

6. What is something unique about yourself?

7. Is someone special encouraging your participation? Who?

8. 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.*)

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 \$100.00 entry fee checks out to: Curwood Festival, Inc.

*****Sponsor checks will be refunded ONLY if the candidate withdraws prior to Friday, January 24, 2025. 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 \$100.00**

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
- Answer Sheet
- Sponsor Check